

## **CITY OF DODGE CENTER**

# **NEWSLETTER**



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All city offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018 for the Labor Day holiday.

Have a safe and restful Labor Day!

Dodge Center Fire Department



Volunteer Firefighters
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, October 7, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Community Center/City Hall

## **GET INVOLVED!**

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Are you interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission? We are in need of more volunteers! Call City Hall if you or anyone you know are interested.

\*Must be a Dodge Center resident\*









## **Dodge Center Library**

The library will be closed Saturday, Sept 1st and Monday, Sept 3rd for the Labor Day holiday.

The Friends of the Library's Fall Book & DVD Sale is September 29 - October 5. All items are \$1.00 or less, and proceeds benefit the library!

## **September Library Programs:**

#### **WWI War Correspondents**

September 25th 6:00pm-7:00pm Mike Eckers discusses the stories of those who reported on the events of World War II.

#### **Book Club**

September 25th 2:00pm This month's book discussion is on *Orphan #8* by Kim van Alkemade.

#### 52 Hike Challenge Kickoff

September 13th 6:00pm September 15th 1:00pm

Want to take on a life-changing journey? Learn about the challenge of taking 1 hike every week for a year, then take a short walk with fellow challengers from the library to North Park and back.

#### Crafternoon

September 24th 3-5pm

All ages can join us to work on a different craft each month! September's activity is kumihimo - Japanese decorative braiding.

#### **Memoir Writing 101**

Check with library for exact dates and times. Learn tips and techniques for putting your own stories down on paper, for yourself or for posterity.

#### **Storytime**

Every Monday 10:00 am Books, music, and crafts for young kids.

#### **Music & Movement**

Every Tuesday 10:00 am

Move, shake, and sing with preschoolers at the library.

<u>Cold Weather Rule</u>. A municipal utility must not disconnect a residential customer during the period between October 15 and April 15 if the disconnection affects the *primary heat source* for the residential unit. To prevent disconnection, contact your provider for a Disconnect Protection Application, as you can be disconnected if you don't contact them. However, water disconnects will continue throughout the winter for non-payment of the utility bills if the water does not affect the primary heat source for the home.

### **Message from SE MN Toward Zero Deaths:**



School will be back in session soon. Remember:

- In Minnesota, motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights or a stop arm when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.
  - Red flashing lights on buses indicates students are either entering or exiting the bus.
  - Amber lights on a bus is an alert to motorists that a bus is about to make a stop.
- Motorists should slow down, pay attention and anticipate school children, especially in a school bus "danger zone" – the area around a bus where most school children injuries or deaths occur.
- Parents play a vital role teaching their children what to do around buses:
  - o How to cross safely.
  - The importance to stay back from the road while waiting for the bus.
  - The importance of making eye contact with the driver before crossing the street to ensure the driver sees them.

Blocked by train traffic??

By calling 800-766-7912, the Community
Connect number, area residents can call when
there are issues with blocked crossings.
Residents can register the incident, which allows
Canadian Pacific to determine if there's a
pattern indicating that something needs
attention.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dodge Center Emergency Services Picnic



To show our thanks for all you do for our community, we are holding a picnic in your honor.

When: Sunday September 23, 2018 Where: Grace Lutheran Church, Dodge Center

> 404 Central Ave North Time: 5-8pm

\*Please bring your families, too!

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**Dodge Center** has adopted a Special Assessment Deferral Policy. Letters will be going out to those who have assessments. Please read the guidelines to see if you qualify for a deferment. Stop by City Hall for more information.

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SCHOOL is back in session! Please be aware of stopped busses and children crossing streets!

## **BRUSH DUMP**

Just a reminder that the brush dump is open through October! Stop at City Hall to get your permit for \$20. Hours will change in October and the schedule is posted on the City website under the FAQ tab.

https://www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us/