



# CITY OF DODGE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR From Dodge Center City Staff!

*All Dodge Center City Offices will be closed  
Monday, January 1st for New Year's and  
Monday, January 15th for the  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday*

### Winter Reminders:

**Winter Parking.** During a snow removal period, from the beginning of snowfall to 48 hours after that snowfall, parking a vehicle on any street or public alley between the hours of 1:00 am and 4:00 pm is prohibited (exception: Main Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East).

**Vehicle Impound.** Any law enforcement officer has the authority to move, or have moved, any *unattended vehicle* parked on any street, alley, or municipally owned parking lot. In the event that a law enforcement officer impounds an unattended vehicle, any charges or costs of impoundment will be paid by the party claiming such vehicle.

**Garbage Cans.** Please do not place garbage containers in the street! Garbage cans in the street make it difficult for the City Maintenance Department Crew to plow the street curb to curb. Your cooperation is appreciated!

**Fire Hydrants.** The DC Fire Department, along with the Maintenance Department, would like to stress the importance of keeping fire hydrants clear of snow through the winter months. Not only should snow be shoveled away from the hydrant, but a path should be shoveled from the hydrant to the street. Doing this will save valuable time in case of a fire or water main break. Also, please do not blow or push the snow on the fire hydrant causing it to be buried and not visible to emergency services. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

**Utility Meters.** Please keep *utility meters* clear of snow through winter months to avoid estimated readings.



### Lions Club Christmas Tree Pickup

To have your tree or wreath picked up, call 507-696-3280 between **8:30 AM & 11 AM** on **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** or email in advance to [klcoop77@gmail.com](mailto:klcoop77@gmail.com). Please remove all lights, ornaments, and stands, and leave your tree or wreath at curbside for pickup. No artificial trees or wreaths will be accepted.

The Lion's will be accepting donations for this service and the proceeds will be applied to the Community Project Funds. Donations can be attached to the tree in an envelope or mailed to DC Lion's Club, 65572 200 Ave. Dodge Center, MN 55927.

If you're interested in joining the Dodge Center Lions Club please call 507-259-8179.

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While summer months are the deadliest on Minnesota roads, wintertime leads to the most crashes and poses safety risks and hazards.

Tips to stay safe while on the road in the winter:

- Avoid unnecessary travel if conditions are poor.
- Buckle up, be sure child restraints are secured tightly.
- Drive at safe speeds according to road conditions, and provide for plenty of travel time.
- Increase safe stopping distance between vehicles.
- Keep at least five car-lengths behind snowplows.
- If skidding, remain calm, ease foot off the gas, and turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go.
- If vehicle has anti-lock braking system, apply steady firm pressure to the brake pedal. Never pump ABS brakes.
- Clear snow and ice from vehicle windows, hood, headlights, brake lights and directional signals; headlights must be on when snowing or sleeting.
- Do not use cruise control on snow/icy/wet roads.
- For road condition information, call 511 or visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org).

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## DODGE CENTER LIBRARY

**The library will be closed January 2 and January 15.**



Special events at the library this month:

### **For Adults & Teens:**

#### **Appalachian Trail Virtual Hike Kickoff**

January 9, 5:30 pm

Have you made a New Year's Resolution to get fit? Join the library's team as we embark on a virtual hike of the Appalachian Trail throughout 2018. Stop in to pick up your step log and register for prizes!

#### **Memoir Writing 101**

January 6, 10:00 am

January 13, 10:00 am

Learn tips and techniques for putting your own stories down on paper, for yourself or for posterity.

#### **Craft Group**

January 12, 3-5 pm

Bring your unfinished knitting, crocheting, or other project to work on at the library.

#### **Book Club**

January 23, 2 pm

This month's book discussion is on Rainwater by Sandra Brown.

#### **Friends of the Library Volunteer Celebration**

January 20, noon-2 pm

Have you volunteered with the Friends of the Library in the past year? Are you interested in helping out in the future? Bring a dish and join us for our pot-luck volunteer celebration.

### **For Kids:**

#### **Storytime**

Mondays 10:00 am

Books, music, and crafts for young kids.

#### **Music & Movement**

Tuesdays 10:00 am

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

#### **No School, No Problem!**

Lego Club January 26, 1-3 pm

**Special program:** Magician Jim Jayes will perform a fun show for all ages!

January 26, 10:30 am

### **For Everyone:**

#### **Interactive Movie: Frozen**

January 2, noon

January 23, 6 pm

Chomp carrots, throw snowballs, and sing along in this interactive viewing of Frozen!

#### **Game Day**

January 20, 9 am - noon

Join us for some family-friendly tabletop games, both new and classic!

#### **Trivia Thursday**

January 25, 6 pm

Bring your smartphone to buzz in and win prizes at our monthly trivia night.