

City of Dodge Center Newsletter



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August 2023



All City Offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, 2023, for Labor Day.

Free Swim Day
August 8

The Aquatic Center will be closing for the season Sunday, August 20 at 7 PM. Thank you for another great season!

Join us for Dollar Nights Saturdays in August 5-7 PM!

\$1 Admission

City Hall Hours

Monday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Building Permits



Planning a project this summer? Call, check the website, or stop by City Hall to see if you need a building permit.

THINK before you dig!

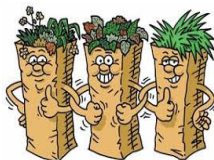
Contact Gopher State One Call to locate underground lines.

800-252-1166 or www.gopherstateonecall.org



2023 Brush Dump

The brush dump is free to Dodge Center residents Tuesday-Saturday 8AM-7PM, weather permitting.



Dodge Center Public Library
13 1st Ave NW
507-374-2275

Dodge Center Library Message Center



The library will be closed Saturday, September 2 & Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

Library Programs:

- Outdoor Storytime** - every Wednesday at Lions Park at 10 AM
- Knitting and Crocheting Group** every Monday from 1-3pm & Thursday 10am-Noon
- Aug 2nd—Taste Test Tuesday**—Taste different colors of carrots and rank your favorite.
- Aug 3rd—Mystery Book Club**— at the Library, Thursday at 5:30pm.
- Aug 5th—Sticker Swap**—at the Library from 9am to 12 N.
- Aug 17th—History Book Club** at the Library at 5:30 pm
- Aug 19th—Resume Workshop** at the Library at 10am
- Aug 22nd—Fiction Book Club** at the Library at 2pm
- Aug 30—Sept 1—Obstacle Course**

Metal Detector Workshop - Aug 8th - 6:30pm

Have you ever wanted to find hidden treasure? Join Minnesota historian Doug Ohman on a fun and exciting adventure in metal detecting. Metal detectors and digging tools will be provided, but if you have your own equipment please bring it! FREE and open to everyone.

Library Hours: M—10-5; T—10-7; W—10-5; TH—10-7; F—10-5; Sat—9-12



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Dodge Center Community Center
Sept 20, 2023 ~ 9a to 3p
Call: 1-800-733-2767



“Whatever you do,
always give 100%.
Unless you're
donating blood.”

BILL MURRAY

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RECREATIONAL FIRES

(Governed by State Fire Code)

- ◆ Cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter
- ◆ Flames cannot exceed 3 feet in height
- ◆ Must be enclosed by a ring
- ◆ Must be 25 feet from all buildings and combustible materials
- ◆ Must be constantly attended
- ◆ Must have a minimum of one fire extinguisher (minimum 4-A rating) or have dirt, sand, or garden hose available
- ◆ Only burn untreated or unprepared wood or charcoal.
- ◆ Do not burn lumber, leaves, grass, paper, garbage, plastics, or other refuse!!
- ◆ Must be immediately extinguished when directed by a police officer, firefighter, fire warden or DNR officer



Children Heading Back to School? Some Thoughts:



Emergency action plan

Does your child know how to contact you in the event of an emergency? Who should they call if they're unable to reach you? Review important phone numbers and make sure your child is comfortable with the action plan.

Home alone readiness

How do you know if your child is ready to be home alone after school? This depends on a number of factors including age, maturity, nearby support networks, comfort level and preparation.

If your child will be going home after school without an adult, be sure they have a way to reach an adult caregiver in the event of an emergency or issue. Then, set some ground rules. Consider rules about:

- Food – What types of snacks can they have? Are cooking and/or sharp utensils off limits?
- TV and internet – What is and is not allowed? How much time can they spend on these activities?
- Friends – Are friends allowed in the home when adults aren't there?
- Communication – Should the child call or text to let parents know they've made it home safely?
- Answering the door – What should the child do if someone knocks or rings the doorbell?

If trusted neighbors will be home you could ask them to keep an eye on the house, especially in the beginning as your child gets used to this new freedom and responsibility. This is also a good time to do a safety check of your home and remove or secure anything that could pose a risk, including medications, alcohol, lighters/matches and guns.

Bus and pedestrian precautions

Riding the school bus is a rite of passage for many children. Make sure your child understands that school bus safety includes waiting for, riding and getting off the bus. Safety instructions may include:

- Stand away from the road/curb while waiting for the bus.
- Wait until the bus comes to a stop before approaching.
- Stay in your seat and keep hands, feet and head inside the windows while the bus is moving.
- Always obey the bus driver.
- If you have to cross the street, make sure the driver can see you at all times, wait for the driver's signal and cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus.

Get on and off the bus at the same stop every day.

Children who walk to school should follow the same route each day, using sidewalks as much as possible. When sidewalks aren't available, walk on the side of the street facing traffic and be alert to vehicles and other surroundings. It's helpful to practice the route several times before the first day of school. Review looking both ways – left, right, left – and not darting out into the street. Extra precautions need to be taken when children are out in the dark as drivers may have more difficulty seeing them. It's a good idea to remind them of this when daylight savings time ends in the fall.

