

# City of Dodge Center Newsletter



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## BREAKING NEWS

### EXTREME DROUGHT – RESTRICTIVE PHASE

The City is asking that you voluntarily limit your water usage.

We are in a restrictive phase as notified by the MN DNR due to extreme drought. Our area is not yet in a water use ban phase, however, MN Statutes 103G.291, provides authorization for the following water conservation measures by all citizens and businesses until further notice:

**Restrict & limit all non-essential outdoor water use: Lawn irrigation, outside hose use and vehicle washing.**

### Dodge Center Fire Department

#### 47th Annual Volunteer Firefighters Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, October 8, 2023  
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Dodge Center Fire Hall**

**National Fire Prevention Week  
October 8-14, 2023**

Cooking Safety Starts with YOU!  
Pay Attention to Fire Prevention.

- Always keep a close eye on what you're cooking. For foods with longer cook times, such as those that are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully.
- Clear the cooking area of combustible items and keep anything that can burn, such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels away from the stove.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Create a "kid and pet free zone" of at least three feet (one meter) around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

### INTERESTED IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY. . . ?

**Dodge Center Ambulance Service (DCA)** is a part-time ALS ambulance in Dodge County, MN. DCA is staffed by a combination of full-time, part-time and paid on call staff. Do you have an interest in becoming certified? Please contact us for more information.

**Contact:** [agengler@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us](mailto:agengler@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us) or at 507-374-2600. Applications available at: [www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us/165/Ambulance-](http://www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us/165/Ambulance-)



### 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Offers Hope

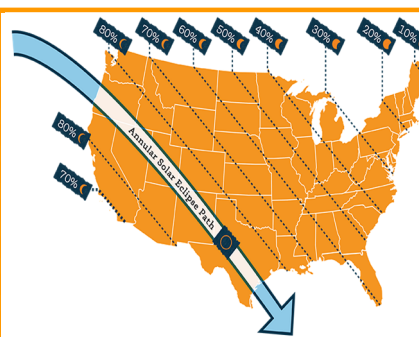
Too many people experience suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need. However, help is readily available:

By calling or texting 988, a person can connect directly with a mental health professional via the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

**Veterans** can press "1" after dialing 988 to connect directly to the veterans crisis Lifeline which serves our nation's Veterans, service members, National Guard & Reserve Members and those who support them. For texts, Veterans should continue to text the Veterans Crisis Lifeline short code: 838255.

**LGBTQI+** people under 25 can access 24/7 support on both 988 Crisis Chat or Text. You'll be asked if you want to opt-in to this support before you're connected to a crisis counselor.

**Deaf & hard of hearing** people can access 24/7 988 videophone, which is operated by Vibrant Emotional Health.



### SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY AT THE LIBRARY!

**October 14, 2023  
9:00a—2:00p**

**Oct 14: 9a—2p SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY!** A partial eclipse of the sun is happening and we're excited! Join us at the library for activities, snacks and a place to watch the moon's shadow partially block the sun. We'll be handing out free solar eclipse glasses too so you can safely see the whole event. Free and open to everyone! In Dodge Center, the moon will cover about 47% of the sun during the eclipse. It will start at 10:29a and end at 1:13p. It is never safe to look directly at the sun even during an eclipse.



## October—Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**Know Your Risk:** Knowing your family history is lifesaving. Talk to a doctor about your family history and see how that history impacts your risk of breast cancer.

**Get Screened:** For those at average risk, have a mammogram every year starting at age 40. If you have any signs of breast cancer, finding it early and treating it early may save your life.

**Know Your Normal:** It is important to know what's normal for you so you can talk with your health care provider if something doesn't look or feel right.

## Trick-or-Treat at City Hall



Before heading out for a night of Halloween trick-or-treating, we invite you to stop by City Hall to show off your kids costumes and leave with some treats!

**Tuesday, October 31**  
**9 am—4:30 pm**

## RECREATIONAL FIRES

(Governed by State Fire Code)

- ◆ Cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter
- ◆ Flames cannot exceed 2 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.
- ◆ No fires are allowed when wind speeds exceed 15 mph



## DRIVE SOBER. DRIVE SMART!

The only thing scarier than zombies and witches loose on the streets is a drunk driver. If you plan to drive, plan to refrain from alcohol. If you plan to enjoy some witch's brew, be sure to arrange a sober ride home in advance. Stay safe on Halloween night, and every night.



## Dodge Center Library Message Center

### Library Programs:

**Oct 4: 12-3p Intermediate Basket Weaving** Register online for the 2nd class in our basket weaving series!

**Oct 19: 2p No School, No Problem!** Slime making at the library!

**Oct 19: 5:30p History Book Club** at the library

**Oct 14 - 2p Fiction Book Club** at the library

**Knitting & Crocheting Group** - Mondays from 1-3p; and Thursdays from 10a til noon.

**Taste Test Tuesday**—First Tuesday of every month. Stop by and do a tasting of different treats!

**Outdoor Storytime** - Every Wednesday at Lions Park at 10a— weather permitting.

### Library hours:

Monday: 10-5	Thursday: 10-7
Tuesday: 10-7	Friday: 10-5
Wednesday: 10-5	Saturday: 9-12

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



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## Public Works Department Reminders:



\* **Park Bathrooms** will be closed for the season on November 1

\* **Hydrant Flushing:** The DC Public Works Maintenance Dept will be flushing fire hydrants in various areas the month of October. This may cause some water discoloration and low water pressure for a short period of time. If you have discolored water, run cold water for several minutes to allow clear water to work its way through the pipes.



Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour on November 5, 2023. Check the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors at the same time.