

# DAKOTA CITY NEWS

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## Upcoming Events in November



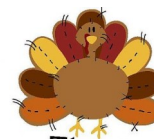
Dakota City Fire Department  
Homestyle Breakfast  
November 3rd  
7:00am-12:30pm  
@Dakota City Fire Hall



Thanksgiving Dinner  
November 16th  
5pm-7pm @DC United  
Methodist Church  
Free Will Offering



Food Pantry  
November 26th  
Dakota City Fire Hall  
208 S. 21st Street  
5pm-7pm



Happy Thanksgiving

City Offices  
will be closed  
November 28th & 29th!  
Happy Thanksgiving!

## Community Events/City Meetings/Notices

**\*If you would like to receive this newsletter in a monthly email or have events you would like to be posted, please stop in at city hall, email [customerservice2@dakotacity.net](mailto:customerservice2@dakotacity.net) or call at 402-987-3448 by November 26th!\***

Cemetery Board– November 4th @ 6:00pm-Dakota City Hall

Planning & Zoning Board– November 4th @ 7:00pm-Dakota City Hall

American Legion Breakfast –Nov 10 @ 8am-1pm 117 S 21st St.

City Council-November 7th & 21st @ 6pm-Dakota City Hall

Library Board– November 25th @ 7pm– Dakota City Public Library

## A word from the City Administrator-

Each month I will review major projects, policies, and discussion items being addressed by the City. For this month's newsletter, I will discuss what occurred in October and what I anticipate will occur in November.

### **October Council Action Items**

On October 3, the Mayor and Council approved Ordinance 959, which regulates the use of storage containers in all zoning districts. Those wanting to use a storage container must first obtain a conditional use permit, which is valid for six months. The issuance of a conditional use permit and any subsequent renewals does require the Planning and Zoning Board's review and the City Council's approval. Each permit application requires a \$100 nonrefundable filing fee. In mid-October, notices were sent to four property owners with storage containers on their property.

### **Upcoming Council Action Items**

The 2018 Street Improvement Project reached final completion in October. Currently, total project costs are being reviewed by the city engineer so that paving assessments can be calculated. The City is also working with Piper Jaffray to secure permanent financing.

The City has received a few questions about the timing of assessment payments. Assessments must first be reviewed by the Council during a public hearing. Notices will be sent to property owners in advance of the assessment hearing date. This notice will include the hearing notice and the anticipated assessment amount. After the assessment hearing, a second notice will be sent to property owners. This notice will include a payment due date, the minimum amount owed for the first payment, the interest rate, and the total assessment owed. Please note that the first payment is due fifty (50) days after the assessment hearing.

The 2017 paving project followed the following schedule: (1) total costs were finalized in November 2017 (2) the assessment hearing notice was sent to affected property owners in December 2017 (3) the assessment hearing was held in January 2018 (4) assessments were due in early March 2018. At this time, I anticipate the current project will adhere to a similar schedule.

**Alyssa Silhacek**

**Public Library-**The library now has Overdrive available! OverDrive is a program where you can access books on smartphones, kindles, tablets, Chromebooks, and devices that run on Windows 8 & up. To set up your OverDrive account, come to the library and Kathy or Diann will be able to help you! Activities happening this month are: Book Club, Tuesday, Nov 5 at 1:30 p.m. "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison, Story Hour will be Thursday, Nov 21 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Lego League meets every Monday afternoon from 3:30-5:30.

**Fire Department-** If you are interested in joining the Dakota City Fire Department, please call 987-3326 or stop at City Hall to fill out an application! We will be having our Annual Homestyle breakfast November 3rd, from 7:00am-12:30pm. We will be serving homestyle hash browns, eggs, sausage, and cinnamon rolls. The cost is \$6 and kids 10 & under eat for free! Like Dakota City Fire Department on Facebook to keep up on all events and information to be shared!

**Dakota City Elementary-** Gabby Preciado, who is a paraeducator at Dakota City Elementary has been selected to receive recognition as a Nebraska Paraeducator of the Year for 2019. She will be honored at the 30th annual Nebraska Paraeducator Conference on November 19th! Also, the school will be having a celebration assembly on Friday November 15th at 2:30pm in the school gym. All are welcomed to attend.

**Adopt a Street-** If you or someone you know is looking for a community service project or making the town look better, stop by the City Hall to find out more information on adopting a street.

**Facts about Dakota City-** Dakota City was platted in 1856. It was named for the Dakota people. Dakota City was incorporated as a city in 1858.

**Get To Know A City Staff Member-** Kurt Peterson. Kurt has been employed with the city for 7 years. He is the Maintenance Supervisor, which means he oversees the streets, parks, and cemetery. Kurt said that his favorite thing about his job is how diverse it is! "Depending on the particular project that we are working on, the diversity of the job. You can be working on something one day and the next it is something completely different," he also stated. With summer season coming to an end, and fall season kicking in high force, some of the projects he will be working on in the next months are redesigning the center sign area, re-setting markers in the cemetery, and replacing some of the old and worn out equipment with new and modern equipment!

**Staff Birthdays-** Justin Claassen– November 13th

**Community Improvements-** A huge thanks to Autumn Custom Seeding for donating Hydro Mulch for the center sign area! Also, to MidAmerican Energy for donating to help fund this project!

**Water Waste Water Department–** Conserving water means saving money. By using less water you are decreasing both your water and sewer bill. Look for water leaks around your home. The toilet is the biggest culprit of unknown water leaks. Place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet's water tank. If colored water appears in the toilet bowl, this indicates a worn toilet tank flapper that can be easily replaced.

## **Preview of Events in December**

Food Pantry– December 26th 5:00pm-7:00pm @Dakota City Fire Hall

City Offices Closed December 24th & 25th due to Christmas

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