

City of Dubuque CITY NEWS

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Everyone 18+ is now encouraged to get a COVID-19 booster shot

According to the latest CDC guidance, everyone over 18 should get a booster either when they are six months after their initial Pfizer or Moderna series or two months after initial J&J vaccine.



Booster information is available:
Visit www.dubuquecounty.org/SleevesUp, call 563-690-6253, or contact your healthcare provider for more details.

January/February 2022

Mayor-Elect Brad Cavanagh

Dubuque will have its first new mayor in 16 years when Mayor-Elect Brad Cavanagh is sworn into office on Jan. 3, 2022.

Cavanagh was elected in November and will replace Mayor Roy D. Buol who chose not to seek reelection and leaves office as the longest-serving mayor in Dubuque's history. Buol was first elected to city council as the Ward Two representative in 1996 and was first elected mayor in 2005.

Cavanagh was first elected as Ward Four representative on the city council in 2019. He will vacate that position when he becomes mayor. The city council will choose whether to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term (Dec. 31, 2023) by appointment or special election.

"I am incredibly honored to have this opportunity to serve Dubuque as our next mayor," said Cavanagh. "I look forward to leading our efforts in the next year to move forward with the goals and priorities we set as a city council, like improving our infrastructure, strengthening our local childcare resources, and implementing important community master plans."

"At the same time, it will be essential for me as mayor to lead efforts to build an even stronger sense of community, togetherness, and trust throughout the city. We face so many challenges right now as a society, and I know we can succeed if we unite to face them together."

Cavanagh is a Dubuque native and resides at 565 Fenelon Place with his wife, Jennifer, and their two sons. He has served his hometown in several ways since returning to



Dubuque in 2008. Prior to his election to city council, Cavanagh was a member of the Dubuque Housing Commission, served as vice chairperson of the Dubuque County Food Policy Council, was a board member for the Fountain of Youth, served as chairperson of the Guiding Coalition for the city's Circles Initiative, and is a co-founder of Resources Unite.

He is a social worker with over 20 years of experience working in a variety of practice settings with diverse populations. He spent the last decade at Loras College as an associate professor of social work. Cavanagh holds a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in social work from St. Louis University.

Incumbents Reelected

At-Large Representative Ric Jones, Ward One Representative Susan Farber, and Ward Three Representative Danny Sprank were all reelected to four-year terms on the council. The terms of At-Large Representative David Resnick and Ward Two Representative Laura Roussel will expire on Dec. 31, 2023. •

City Unveils Volunteer Portal in Partnership with United Way

The City of Dubuque, in partnership with United Way of the Dubuque Area Tri-States, has launched VolunteerDBQ.com, an online portal to connect residents with volunteer opportunities in the community.

The website allows users to browse available volunteer opportunities and connect with area non-profits. Volunteers can easily view opportunities that match their skills, interests, and abilities. Additionally, non-profits can upload their organization's volunteer needs to seek community help. The site is an updated version of United Way's "Get Connected" platform designed to be a hub for community change for volunteers and non-profits alike.

A Volunteer Generation Fund grant totaling \$29,799 annually from Volunteer Iowa will allow the City of Dubuque AmeriCorps program to strategically enhance and

implement the platform, strengthening the Dubuque's volunteer network. Volunteer DBQ will support organizations by providing resources to retain existing volunteers, implementing new volunteer management strategies, and connecting new volunteers with community opportunities.

The initiative will also work to build relationships between residents, local nonprofits, schools, local governments, and businesses to achieve organizational goals and community-wide success, changing the way the community looks at service and volunteering and broadening what it means to serve in our community. These various partnerships will help diversify Dubuque's volunteer community, advancing equity and inclusion in our community. [●](#)

Find out more:

www.volunteerDBQ.com or 563-580-6942



Winter Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer DBQ is seeking volunteers to help residents who are not physically able to remove snow and ice from city sidewalks and do not have other resources to remove snow such as neighbors, friends, or a hired service. If you're interested in helping, please sign up at VolunteerDBQ.com.



Remember to sign up for Odd/Even Snow Route notifications at cityofdubuque.org/snow and additional emergency alerts at Alert.Iowa.gov



WINTER REMINDERS

Holiday Curbside Collection Schedule:

- New Year's Eve (Fri., Dec. 31): No change
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (Mon., Jan. 17): Collected on Sat., Jan. 15

Merry Mulch Program:

Christmas trees (maximum of 8' high), yard waste bags, bundles, and containers (up to 35 lbs.) and unscheduled food scraps in carts will be picked up Jan. 3 - 14 on regular collection days. A City brush tie or yard waste sticker is required.

Find out more:

www.cityofdubuque.org/publicworks or 563-589-4250



Drop off locations to recycle unwanted holiday lights through January 14:

- City of Dubuque Municipal Services Center - 925 Kerper Court
- Carnegie-Stout Public Library - 360 W. 11th St.
- Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency (DMASWA) - 101 Airborne Road

Program Helps Older Adults Stay in Their Home

Many older adults want to "age in place" and continue to stay in their home as they grow older. However, there may be concerns about mobility, safety, and other daily activities.

The City of Dubuque is offering grants for low-income Dubuque residents, age 62 and older, to modify their homes so they can age at home safely rather than move to a nursing home or another assisted care facility. Inspections, supplies, and modifications are all included in the grant.

Examples of these home modifications include:

- Installing grab bars in a bathroom.
- Replacing doorknobs with lever style handles.
- Installing hand rails on steps to enter/exit the home.
- Repair flooring and transitions to remove trip hazards.
- Moving switches and outlets where they are more accessible.
- Converting a bathtub to a step-in shower
- And more!



MORE INFORMATION & HOW TO APPLY

www.cityofdubuque.org/ageinplace
or 563-690-6110



Staying connected is important.

You may be eligible for

DISCOUNTED OR FREE INTERNET

ebb.cityofdubuque.org

Reduce the amount of mail on the pile!

Sign up to receive your utility bill (and this newsletter!) via email at cityofdubuque.org/watersmart.



New Faces & Retirements

New City Employees

Richard Asbell	Transit
Mitchell Ashline	Airport
Arius Burns	Library
Stacey Carpenter	Housing & Comm Development
Jason Clasen	Finance & Budget
Rick Grothe	Water
Rand Harris	Transit
Jacob Hoffman	Info Services
Justin Hogan	Engineering
Ryan Knuckey	Transportation Services
Adam Lauritsen	Library
David Lindecker	Public Works
Holly Lynch	Transit
Nicole Lytle	Housing & Comm Development
Trish Munson	Info Services
Kenneth Palm	Transit
Benjamin Pancratz	Water
Richard Rath	Transit
Kimberly Stedwell	Leisure Services
Christopher Vallee	Finance & Budget

New Board/Commission Members

Molly Valaskey	Investment Oversight Advisory Commission
Greg Orwoll	Transit Advisory Board
Katharine Connolly	Resilient Community Advisory Commission

Recent City Retirees

Tom Freund	Engineering
Randy Ludowitz	Public Works
Mark Blocklinger	Public Works

Stay active this winter!

- Dubuque's trails are cleared over the winter for walkers and runners.
- Cross-country skiing, sledding, and snowshoeing are welcome at Bunker Hill.
- Indoor walking and running passes are available for \$1 per day or \$75 for the whole year at Mystique Community Ice Center.

Find out more:

www.cityofdubuque.org/trails or 563-589-4263
www.mystiqueicecenter.com or 563-583-4949

Calendar

January

3 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building
17 City facilities closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
18 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building

February

7 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building
10-13 Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival, Washington Park
21 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building

The public has the option to view and participate in City Council meetings in person at City Council Chambers or virtually (see agenda for details.) To comply with social distancing, capacity limits are in place in City Council Chambers and will require specific guidelines if maximum capacity is reached. Meetings are aired live on CityChannel Dubuque (Mediacom cable channels 8 and 117.2), streamed live and archived on the City's website at www.cityofdubuque.org/media, and streamed live on the City's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityofdubuque.

This calendar does not include all events and is subject to change. Sign up for Dubuque's "Notify Me" e-mail/text alert system at www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme to receive agendas, news releases, event notifications, and other timely news.

Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival - Feb. 10-13



Mark your calendars for Dubuque's annual Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival and Competition brought to you by the Dubuque Museum of Art, in partnership with the City of Dubuque and Winterfun, Inc. Sculpting will take place Feb. 10-13 in Washington Park with teams competing to win the Iowa title and the opportunity to move onto the 2023 U.S. National Snow Sculpting Competition in Lake Geneva, WI.

The public is invited to visit Washington Park Wednesday through noon on Saturday as each team transforms their block of 288 cubic feet of snow into a work of art. On Sunday, Feb. 13 from noon - 4 p.m., free family-friendly outdoor activities will be held in the park including online and in-person People's Choice. For more information including volunteering and snow sculpting opportunities, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/winterarts.

Find out more:

www.cityofdubuque.org/winterarts or 563-690-6059



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