

City of Dubuque CITY NEWS

Inside This Issue

- 2 | Your City, Your Voice**
 - Regular Yard Waste/Food Scraps Collection Resumes
 - Energy Bill Assistance Available
 - AmeriCorps is Hiring!
- 3 | CDC Updated Isolation & Quarantine Guidelines**
 - New Mask Guidance
 - Free At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits
 - Lead & Healthy Homes
- 4 | New Faces & Retirements**
 - Events Calendar
 - Celebrate Africa & The Diaspora
 - Sustainable Dubuque Grant Applications Due March 15

LET'S BE SOCIAL!



www.cityofdubuque.org

Get news and info by email or text:
Check out all the options at
www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme

Your vote counts

LEARN MORE AT:
www.dubuquecounty.org/elections
563-589-4457

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Public Meetings

The City's annual budget public input meetings are additional opportunities for residents and stakeholders to learn more about the recommended budget and share their input.

For details on participating in these meetings, whether virtually or in person at City Council Chambers (350 W. 6th), visit cityofdubuque.org/agendas or call 563-589-4120. City Council meetings are aired live on CityChannel Dubuque (Mediacom channels 8 and 117.2) and 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.

Prior to budget public meetings, the following budget-related items will be addressed at regular City Council meetings:

Mon., Feb. 7 - 6:30 p.m.	City Council Sets Maximum Property Tax Rate
Mon., Feb. 21 - 6:30 p.m.	City Manager's Recommended FY2023 Budget Presentation

Budget Public Meetings - public input accepted after each department's presentation:

Wed., March 2 - 6:30 p.m.	City Attorney's Office, City Clerk, Public Information Office, Human Resources, , City Manager's Office, City Council
Thurs., March 3 - 6:30 p.m.	Health Services, Library, Airport, Office of Shared Prosperity and Neighborhood Support, Office of Equity & Human Rights, Finance/Budget
Wed., March 9 - 6:30 p.m.	Housing & Community Development, Purchase of Services, Planning Services, Economic Development
Thurs., March 10 - 6:30 p.m.	Parks, Multicultural Family Center, AmeriCorps, Recreation
Tues., March 22 - 6:30 p.m.	Emergency Management, Emergency Communications, Police, Fire
Wed., March 23 - 6:30 p.m.	Information Services, Water, Water & Resource Recovery Center, Public Works
Thurs., March 24 - 6:30 p.m.	Five Flags Center, Grand River Center, Mystique Community Ice Center, Transportation Services, Engineering
Tues., March 29 - 6:30 p.m.	Public Hearing to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

The recommended budget materials will be placed on the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget webpage at www.cityofdubuque.org/FY2023budget on Feb. 22, and will be available at the Reference Desk at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library at 360 W. 11th St. For additional information, call 563-589-4398. ●

Special Election for Ward Four City Council Vacancy

Only Ward Four residents can vote in this election. Polls open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. All absentee ballots must be received by 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1: Primary Election Day
Tuesday, March 29: Election Day

YOUR CITY, YOUR VOICE.

The consideration of resident input is highly regarded in decisions of the City Council. Public input is an opportunity for residents and stakeholders in the city of Dubuque to formally and publicly share their voice with Council members, city staff, and the community.

Agendas available at www.cityofdubuque.org/agendas or by calling 563-589-4100

3 Ways to Provide Public Input

1. Live - in person at a City Council meeting
2. Live - Online as a participant in the virtual meeting by phone or computer. See agenda for connection details.
3. Written communication via letter or email to the City Council or City Clerk

3 Items to Include

1. Name
2. Residing address
3. Your input regarding a specific agenda item

3 Items to Consider

1. Live Public input is limited to 5 minutes per-person and 30 minutes in total
2. Public input is limited to issues or actionable items that are under the control of the City Council.
3. Address the Mayor and Council Members by their title followed by their surname (i.e. Mayor Cavanagh)

More specific information on providing public input is available at www.cityofdubuque.org/publicinput

Regular Yard Waste/Food Scraps Collection Resumes

Regular yard waste and food scraps collection for current subscribers starts Monday, April 4.

Customers have the following options for curbside collection of yard waste and food scraps (these items can be combined):

- City-issued 65-gallon Yard Waste Tipper Cart - \$11/month
- Annual Yard Waste Decal - \$35. Available by calling 563.589.4144.
- Single-use yellow stickers for cans, bags, or bundles - \$1.30 each (or sold on sheets of five for \$6.50.) Sold at most discount and hardware stores in Dubuque.

MORE INFORMATION

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

Energy Bill Assistance Available

Colder temperatures can cause energy bills to rise during the winter months. Individuals who have received a disconnection notice or who have difficulty paying a utility bill can apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that can help pay a portion of an eligible household's utility bill. Keep the heat on this winter.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

www.hacap.org/energy or 563-556-5130



CHECK OUT OUR VARIETY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

- Teen Municipal Career Specialist
- Youth Creative Literacy Specialist
- Teen Creative Engagement Specialist
- Multicultural Family Center STEP
- Leisure Services Playground Program
- St. Mark's Youth Enrichment
- Carnegie Stout Public Library

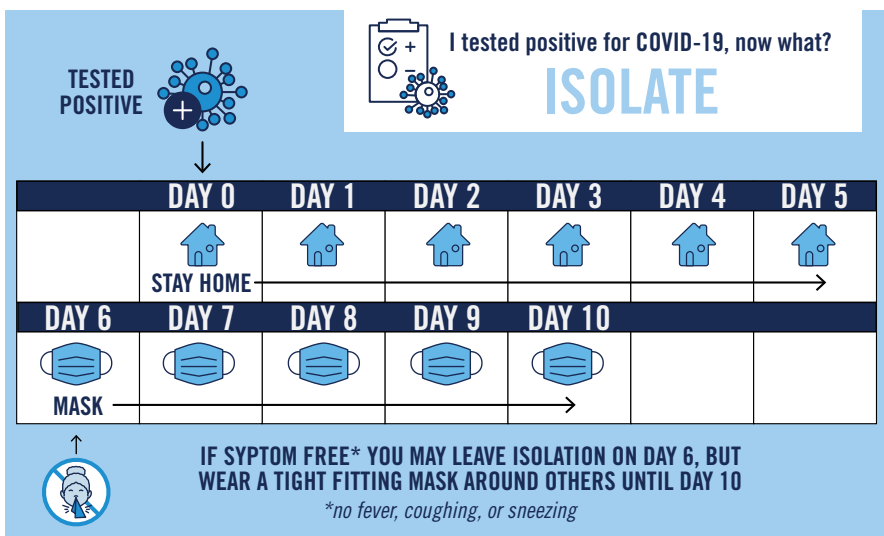


LEARN MORE + APPLY
cityofdubuque.org/ameriCorps

CDC Updated Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines

This information is the latest CDC guidance at time of publication

If you test positive for COVID-19, below is the timeline for isolation:



NOTE: Day 0 is the first day of symptoms OR the day you test positive, whichever is first.

Quarantine Guidelines for Those Exposed to Someone with COVID-19

If you: Are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines (boosted) **OR** completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months (fully vaccinated) **OR** completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months (fully vaccinated)

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days
- Test on day 5, if possible.

If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.

If you: Are unvaccinated **OR** completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine **over 6 months ago** and are **not** boosted **OR** completed the primary series of J&J vaccine **over 2 months ago** and are **not** boosted

- Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days
- If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.

If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.

For more information: 563-556-6200 or www.cityofdubuque.org/covid19

Wear a mask, help stop the spread.

Wear the most protective mask you can



Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests Available

Every home in the U.S. is now eligible for free rapid at-home COVID-19 tests. Households can order up to four rapid antigen at-home tests that are completely free, regardless of insurance. Orders can be made at www.covidtests.gov or 1-800-232-0233, and will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

LOCAL TESTING

If you need a COVID-19 test now, visit www.dubuquecounty.org/covidtesting for other local testing options.

TEST KITS COVERED BY INSURANCE

Insurance companies and health plans are also now required to cover eight free at-home tests (per covered individual) each month. Tests will either be free upon purchase, or you will be reimbursed if you submit the receipt as a claim to your insurer. Contact your insurance provider for more details.

Did you know?

When lead paint gets old, it can start to peel or come off in pieces and become a hazard to children. Many homes built before 1978 contain lead paint, including homes here in Dubuque. The City has helped many residents make their homes safe, and funds are still available for your home!

LEARN MORE AT WWW.CITYOFDUBUQUE.ORG/LEAD OR 563-589-1724

New Faces & Retirements

New City Employees

Ryan Cole	Police
Eugene Hingtgen	Police
Alyssa Klawitter	Police
Kendall Morrow	Airport
Olivia Scheetz	Emergency Communications
Haily Wahlgren	Emergency Communications

New Board/Commission Members

Brenda Christner	Civic Center Advisory Commission
Janice Esser	Historic Preservation Commission
Joshua Merritt	Investment Oversight Advisory Commission

Recent City Retirees

John Gotto	Public Works
Juanita Hilkin	City Manager's Office
Gerald Lange	Recreation Division
Scott Engleman	Police

Sustainable Dubuque Grant Applications Due March 15

Sustainable Dubuque Community Grant applications are being accepted until March 15. Grants for up to \$2,500 are available to assist non-profits, businesses, clubs, organizations, and groups of passionate residents in implementing their ideas to make Dubuque a more sustainable place and to support community leadership in the Sustainable Dubuque initiative.

Grants may be awarded to any group or individuals to implement a project that helps to achieve the Sustainable Dubuque vision and includes a component of community education and/or engagement.

We encourage new groups or individuals to use this funding! Review the grant guidelines, application form, and scoring rubric at www.cityofdubuque.org/sustainability or call 563.690.6038. ●



City News is produced by the City of Dubuque Public Information Office. Comments are welcome at publicinfo@cityofdubuque.org or 563.589.4151.

Calendar

March

- 2 FY2023 Budget Public Hearing #1, 6:30 p.m.
- 3 FY2023 Budget Public Hearing #2, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 FY2023 Budget Public Hearing #3, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 FY2023 Budget Public Hearing #4, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 FY2023 Budget Public Hearing #5, 6:30 p.m.
- 23 FY2023 Budget Public Hearing #6, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 FY2023 Budget Public Hearing #7, 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Final Hearing to Adopt FY2023 Budget, 6:30 p.m.

April

- 4 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Celebrate Africa & The Diaspora, 6-8 p.m, FREE for all ages, Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave.
- 18 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Successful Rental Property Management Program training, NICC Town Clock Center. Register at www.nicc.edu/solutions or call 563-557-8271, ext. 380

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.

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.) 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.

CELEBRATE AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA

Friday, April 8 6-8 p.m. GAMES FOOD EXHIBITS
CULTURE DANCE
Multicultural Family Center
1157 Central Ave.
Free! Fun for all ages!