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Fire Prevention Week October 9-15

Follow the Dubuque Fire Department on Facebook for tips for preventing fires and details on activities and tours planned throughout the community.

City Life Allows Residents to Discover Dubuque Like Never Before

Discover Dubuque like never before with this informational and interactive look at your city government and community! City Life is the City of Dubuque's fun, free, and interactive course on local government that answers your questions on what it takes to keep our city running.

City Life participants have the opportunity to learn more about City operations and services that make Dubuque a great place to live, work, and play. Through presentations, tours, and conversations with neighbors you'll see taxpayer investments at work and be able to share your thoughts.

The City Life program consists of six in-person sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings this fall (October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20) from 6-9 p.m. Dinner is provided and accommodations can be made.



LEARN MORE & APPLY

www.cityofdubuque.org/citylife or 563-589-4190

Former Mayor Buol Named 'All-America Leader'

The National Civic League has named former Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol one of two inaugural 2022 All-America Leaders as part of the league's annual presentation of All-America City awards.



Launched in 2022, the All-America Leader Award was created to celebrate the work of civically engaged community members. The award recognizes individuals who have successfully spearheaded civic engagement efforts in their community. The award supports the idea that anyone can be a difference maker in their community, whether it be an engaged resident, a business or faith leader, or an elected official.

The National Civic League said Buol's inclusive and pioneering leadership is perhaps best epitomized by Dubuque's recognition as an All-America City an unprecedented five time in twelve years, each coming during his tenure which spanned from 2006 to 2021.

Buol had this to say about his time serving the City of Dubuque, "Serving as mayor and city council member for the city that gave so much to me and my family was a tremendous privilege. I am thankful for the experience to bring together citizens and partner organizations, here and beyond, to define a sustainable path forward and turn meaningful ideas into reality. It is a true honor to be an inaugural recipient of the AAC Leader Award."

Fire Department Nationally Recognized for Commitment to Quality Care for Heart Attacks

The Dubuque Fire Department has received the American Heart Association's 2022 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Award for its commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing the most severe form of heart attack, ultimately saving lives.

Each year, more than 250,000 people experience a type of heart attack known as an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it is critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible by either mechanically opening the blocked vessel or using clot-busting medication.

The Mission: Lifeline achievement award is earned by agencies that demonstrate a commitment to treating patients according to the most up-to-date research-based practices as outlined by the American Heart Association.

The Dubuque Fire Department has proudly provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service in the Dubuque community since 1914.

LEARN MORE

www.cityofdubuque.org/fire or 563-589-4160



Aitken-Shadle Named Chief of Equity & Human Rights

City Manager Mike Van Milligen has named Gisella Aitken-Shadle as the City's new chief of equity and human rights. She began her employment with the City in early August.

"Gisella has made equity a focus of her education and her work and she will make a tremendous contribution to our organization and our community," said Van Milligen.



Aitken-Shadle previously served as the district director of adult education and literacy at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) since 2015 and leads the college's High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs. She also served as the chairperson of NICC's Diversity Equity, and Inclusion Committee. From 2009 to 2015, Aitken-Shadle was an instructor in NICC's Adult Education and Literacy Academy, ESOL, and Spanish GED programs.

Aitken-Shadle holds a master's degree in public administration (MPA) from the University of Dayton where she also earned a bachelor's degree in international studies with a human rights concentration and a minor in political science. She received her doctor of education degree in leadership for organizations from the University of Dayton in July. She is fluent in English, Spanish, French, and Italian.

Grants Available to Support Dubuque Neighborhoods

The City of Dubuque Office of Shared Prosperity and Neighborhood Support is now accepting applications for the Neighborhood Support Grant Program.

The Neighborhood Support Grant assists neighborhood associations and other non-profit community organizations in Dubuque with improving the quality of life for residents. Grants are available to groups for up to \$750 for eligible events, projects, and other community initiatives that enhance livability and strengthen neighborhood pride. Previously, neighborhood associations have used funds for projects such as bike racks, a neighborhood newsletter, beautification efforts, youth and family programs, park improvements, and community gardens.

Applications will be accepted throughout the year and be reviewed on the first of every month. If funding will be utilized for a special event, groups are encouraged to apply for the grant well in advance.

Complete grant information and application materials can be found at www.cityofdubuque.org/neighborhoods. For additional information, contact Director of the Office of Shared Prosperity & Neighborhood Support Anderson Sainci at 563-589-4326 or asainci@cityofdubuque.org.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

The National Civic League recently announced what many people have known for a long time: Former Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol is an All-America Leader. He is one of two inaugural recipients of this national award created to celebrate leaders who led civic engagement efforts in their communities.

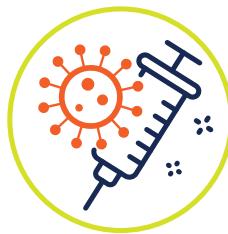
The National Civic League was founded in 1894 (by a group of civic leaders that included Theodore Roosevelt) and its mission is to advance civic engagement to create equitable, thriving communities by inspiring, supporting, and recognizing inclusive approaches to community decision-making. In addition to offering community assistance programs and research and publications, the league sponsors the All-America City Awards.

Under the leadership of Mayor Buol, Dubuque was named an All-America City FIVE TIMES in just 12 years, the only community in the country to ever do so. Community engagement and public/private partnerships, which were the hallmarks of Mayor Buol's tenure as the longest-serving mayor in Dubuque's history, both played prominent roles each time Dubuque earned that distinction. The award recognizes communities that leverage civic engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness, and innovation to successfully address local issues.

In addition to serving on the City Council as mayor from 2006-2021 and as Ward Two representative from 1996-2005, Mayor Buol was also a member of the Long Range Planning Commission. This was a transformational time for Dubuque under his leadership. Congratulations to Former Mayor Buol for this well-deserved recognition!

COVID-19 Vaccinations & Boosters Recommended

Vaccines and boosters are effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death from the latest COVID-19 Omicron subvariants.



The CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone 6 months and older and boosters for everyone 5 years and older, if eligible. Adults ages 50 years and older and people ages 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should get 2 boosters.

Visit www.cityofdubuque.org/sleevesup or contact your healthcare provider for more information.

If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat 988Lifeline.org. 988 connects you with a trained crisis counselor who can help.



GROWING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 17-18, 2022  GRAND RIVER CENTER

The Growing Sustainable Communities Conference offers innovation, education, inspiration, and collaboration on growing sustainable communities. Residents are invited to attend the two-day conference or just choose sessions or community tours that interest them.

Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit
WWW.GSCDUBUQUE.COM

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Iowa Medicaid
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**DON'T RISK A GAP IN YOUR MEDICAID OR CHIP COVERAGE.
GET READY TO RENEW NOW.**

Following these steps will help determine if you still qualify

- Make sure your contact information is up to date
- Check your mail for a letter
- Complete your renewal form (if you get one)

**For questions or assistance, contact Angela
at Crescent Community Health Center
563-552-8080**



New Faces & Retirements

New City Employees

Jayne Bahl	Park Division
Allison Bailey	Police
Umaru Balde	Recreation
Emerald Barnes-Seger	Library
Harlie Durr	Police
Grace Friederick	Library
Michelle Gensrick	Emergency Communications
Jason Hardtke	Transit
Crystal Hill	Transit
Jordan Lamey	Public Works
Thomas Linkenheld	Police
Ginny Manemann	Library
Nicco Mazzanti	Police
Morgan McDowell	Police
Luke Meadows	Water
Raymond Nicks	Transit
Leah Norton	Library
Connie Palm	Human Resources
Abhishek Rai	City Manager's Office
Luke Rupp	Engineering
Amy Scheller	Fire
Ryan Zierden	Public Works

New Board/Commission Members

Shirley Davis-Orwoll	Arts & Cultural Affairs
Doug Donald	Advisory Commission
Andrew Bland	Board of Library Trustees
A. Alanda Gregory	
Carla Anderson	Equity & Human Rights
Janelle Branch	Commission
Yindra Dixon	
Aaliyah Herrion	
Gilbert Baca	Park & Recreation Advisory
Lori Ollendick	Commission
Jacob Kohlhaas	Resilient Community Advisory
	Commission

Recent City Retirees

Daniel Chapman	Public Works
Cindy Schroeder	Finance

Calendar

September

5 City offices closed for Labor Day (Trash and recycling collection on Saturday, Sept. 3)
6 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
19 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

October

3 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
17 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
17-18 Growing Sustainable Communities Conference, Grand River Center. Details and registration at www.gscdubuque.com.

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.

2022 Water Quality Reports Available

The City of Dubuque Water Department has published the annual water quality reports for the Dubuque water supply. The drinking water met all state and federal water quality requirements and had no drinking water violations in 2021.



The complete report is available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/2022waterquality and printed copies are available by request. For more information, call 563.589.4291 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/water



Locally, the City of Dubuque's AmeriCorps Program is designed to support the community's needs around K-5 literacy and community engagement with middle and high school students. Our AmeriCorps members serve in a variety of positions across local schools, nonprofits and government departments to address critical needs for our future generations!



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