



# CITY NEWS



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## Community-Wide Picnic on Sept. 21 Celebrates 175 Years

The City of Dubuque's 175th Anniversary planning committee and John Deere Dubuque Works are coordinating a community-wide picnic day to celebrate Dubuque's 175th anniversary.

Residents are invited to visit Comiskey, Eagle Point, Flora, or Louis Murphy Park on **Sunday, Sept. 21, from 1 - 6 p.m.** (The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 28.)

The exact locations at each park are as follows:

- Comiskey Park, Comiskey Building
- Eagle Point Park, Open-Air Pavilion
- Flora Park, Brick Open-Air Pavilion

- Louis Murphy Park, Open-Air Pavilion

Final arrangements are being made but plans include free musical entertainment and children's activities at each park. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Free anniversary cupcakes will be served beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Arrangements have also been made for Keyline Transit to provide free shuttle service to and from the four parks from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Additional details on pick-up/drop-off locations will be announced at a later date.

"This will be a great opportunity for Dubuquers to gather with friends, family, and neighbors and celebrate this milestone for our community," said Mayor Roy D. Buol. "The committee is grateful to John Deere Dubuque Works for their sponsorship and involvement in offering this event."

For more information, visit [www.dubuque175.org](http://www.dubuque175.org) or call (563)589-4151. The website also has information on other anniversary-related events and commemorative items available for purchase. ■

## DuRide: Getting Seniors Where They Want to Go

by Sue Balsamo, DuRide Director

Beginning in late September, local senior citizens will have another transit option that more closely duplicates owning one's own car – DuRide.

For \$40/year, plus pick-up fees, local seniors can use DuRide for transportation in Dubuque, East Dubuque, and Asbury 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They will be driven by a licensed and insured volunteer, for a pick-up fee of between \$3 and \$5 each way. Rides can be shared with a friend for further savings. No money exchanges hands – members will have an account and will be billed for rides taken.

Also, seniors who have a vehicle they no longer drive can turn that valuable asset into available transportation by exchanging it with DuRide for rides. An agreed-upon value will be credited to the member's account for their use.

Family members can give their seniors the gift of independence by contributing to their transportation account. With DuRide, families can be assured their loved ones are getting to their appointments and social engagements with reliable and safe drivers.

Volunteers for DuRide can sign up for four-hour shifts per month. Those donating their time to serve the community can be reimbursed for mileage, "bank" their miles into their own account for when they can no longer drive, or donate their miles driven to someone who cannot afford the service on their own.

If you are interested in becoming a member, volunteer, or business partner with DuRide, call (563) 451-4999 for more information and to receive a brochure. ■



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Masterpiece on the Mississippi

## Art on the River 2008 Sculptures Installed

The opening of Art on the River 2008 was celebrated in late July with an opening reception and tours in the Port of Dubuque.

This is the third year of Art on the River. Ten works of sculpture have been selected by a blind jury process. The artists featured in this year's exhibit are:

- Andrew Arvanetes, Colleyville, Texas;
- Gillian Christy, Providence, R.I.;
- Jerry Cowger, Waterloo, Iowa;
- Marc Moulton, Statesboro, Ga.;
- Stephanie Sailer, Iowa City, Iowa;
- Bobby Joe Scribner, Woodstock, Ill.;
- Bounnak Thammavong, Iowa City, Iowa;
- Scott Wallace, Hendricks, Minn.;
- Glenn Williams, Ankeny, Iowa; and
- Chris Wubbena, Jackson, Mo.

The call for entries received an outstanding response from artists from around the country. A three-member jury panel selected the work from 67 submissions which were received from 38 different artists. The selected artists have exhibited all over the country including Navy Pier in Chicago and the International Invitational Exhibition in Sarasota, Fla. The artists have been the recipients of a number of prestigious public and private art commissions.

Art on the River is part of the Dubuque City Council's Arts and Culture initiative and is coordinated

by a subcommittee of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission which includes representatives from the Dubuque Museum of Art, local artists, educators, and City staff. The selected sculptures will be on display in the Port of Dubuque until June 2009. Artwork is available for purchase by the general public. A portion of the sales will be used to fund future public arts projects. Each artist receives a stipend for loaning their work to the City of Dubuque for a year.



For more information, please contact Jerelyn O'Connor, Neighborhood Development Specialist, at (563)589-4110 or [joconnor@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:joconnor@cityofdubuque.org). ■



## Expanded Flight Service at Dubuque Regional Airport

Northwest Airlines has returned to the Dubuque Regional Airport. They join American in providing air service to the tri-states.

Northwest Airlines began providing two, daily, non-stop departures from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Dubuque in late June.

"We're really happy to offer this service to our passengers," said Robert Grierson, Dubuque Regional Airport Manager. "With the City of Dubuque, Dubuque County, Dubuque Chamber, and the business community all placing air service as a top priority, it's a

pleasure to have Northwest back after a five-year hiatus."



Northwest is operating two departures a day to Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. Northwest Airlines is one of the world's largest airlines with hubs at Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, Tokyo and Amsterdam, and approximately 1,400 daily departures.

American Eagle will continue operating three departures a day to Chicago O'Hare International Airport. American Airlines is the world's largest airline.

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# City Manager's Message

Michael C. Van Milligen

On June 16, Mayor Roy Buol and representatives from Dubuque County and other local organizations including the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce held a press conference to address the natural disasters that have affected our friends and neighbors across the state.

"Dubuque has been spared the worst of this disaster and its consequences," he stated, "and we stand ready, willing and able to help in the recovery efforts."

Since that time, Mayor Roy Buol, the Dubuque City Council, City staff, the non-profit and business community, and Dubuque residents have joined forces to provide support in a variety of ways to our neighbors affected by this spring's tornado and floods.

I am proud to share with you the details of some of those efforts. As flood waters rose, members of our staff who are active members of the Iowa National Guard were called to duty to assist in sandbagging and other emergency management activities. At the height of the flood waters, Interstate 80 was detoured through Dubuque. The Police Department provided extra officers during this time to ensure safe travel for all motorists in the area. Our Water Department provided a water tanker to Waterloo during the time when that community's water system was compromised, and both the Water Pollution Control Plant and

the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency expanded their service to communities affected by the floods.

In the days and weeks following the disasters, there was an immediate need for building inspections to ensure that residents and business owners could return safely to their neighborhoods. Several Dubuque staff traveled to the communities of Parkersburg, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Elkader, and New Hartford to assist staff in those communities in completing inspections as quickly and safely as possible.

As flood waters receded, disaster recovery and long-term planning began to take place. Staff from the City Manager's Office and the Planning, Building, Fire, Health, and Housing Departments have all traveled to New Hartford, a community that was affected by both the April tornado and May flooding. Staff and Dubuque community leaders continue to provide their support to this community in a variety of ways. The community has identified the need for long-range community planning to mitigate future disasters from occurring, and City of Dubuque and East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) staff are assisting in this process. City staff and participants of Dubuque's HEART program are also traveling to New Hartford to assist in rebuilding the community's library, which was gutted by flood waters. John Gronen of the Four Mounds Foundation has personally shared his expertise.

In addition to professional assistance, the City of Dubuque has partnered with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and area businesses to assist communities in the overwhelming process of cleaning up what floods left behind. I want to recognize the special coordination of Assistant City Manager Teri Goodmann and Management Intern Cori Burbach.

A volunteer bus sponsored by Dubuque Bank & Trust, and including many of their employees -- led by DB&T President Doug Horstmann, traveled to Cedar Rapids on August 1 to assist in gutting and cleaning homes. The team of 40 spent the day removing debris and tearing down walls in four homes that sustained significant water damage on their first floors. The volunteers worked hard and were rewarded by meeting the homeowners, who were extremely thankful for their efforts. Volunteer coordinators indicate there are still several months of clean-up ahead before rebuilding can begin in some areas.

On a recent trip to Dubuque, Governor Chet Culver encouraged Dubuquers and Iowans to remain engaged, as recovery from this spring's disasters will be a long process. The City of Dubuque will continue to pledge our support to our neighbors as they identify their recovery needs. ■

## Dubuque Named Most Livable Small City in U.S.

Dubuque was awarded first-place honors in the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) 2008 Livability Awards Program. The award was presented to Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol at the USCM Annual Meeting in June.

The USCM City Livability Program, sponsored by Waste Management, Inc., honors mayors and their city governments for developing programs that enhance the quality

of life in urban areas. Established in 1979, the City Livability Awards are given annually to 10 mayors and their cities -- a first-place award and four Outstanding Achievement Awards for cities under 100,000 population, and a first-place and four Outstanding Achievement Awards for cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants.

Dubuque is this year's winner in the small city category and Louisville,

Ky., won the large city category. Dubuque's application featured the America's River project and the public/private partnerships and community involvement that transformed the Port of Dubuque into a destination that captures the historical, environmental, educational and recreational majesty of the Mississippi River.

For more information on this award program, visit [www.usmayors.org](http://www.usmayors.org). ■

## Dubuque Lapel Pins for Sale

A limited supply of three unique lapel pins celebrating Dubuque are now available for purchase at City Hall. One lapel pin celebrates Dubuque's 175th anniversary, another the 2007 All-America City award, and the third design bears the "Masterpiece on the Mississippi" slogan.



The lapel pins are being sold for \$2 per pin and can be purchased during business hours (8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday) at the Utility Billing counter on the first floor of City Hall at 50 West 13th Street. ■

## New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

**Jeffrey Ahlers**  
Park Division

**David March**  
Library

**Lori Brillhart**  
Police Department

**Steven Sabers**  
Finance Department

**Paul Gruber**  
Airport

**Ella Soppe**  
City Manager's Office

## Retirements

Congratulations to this employee who recently retired from the City of Dubuque:

**Michael McDermott**  
Water Department

**William Meyers**  
Engineering Department

**Karen Sisler**  
Transit Division

### Contact Information

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## Calendar

### September

- 5 Volunteer Bus Trip to Assist in Flood Recovery. Call (563)564-0343 for more information.
- 6 Hike with a Naturist: Nature Center Trails (1 1/2 miles), 2:30 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 13 Hike with a Naturist: Horseshoe Bluff Trail (3/4 miles), 2:30 p.m., Horseshoe Bluff Interpretive Area's Parking Lot. FREE
- 18 Registration deadline for adult basketball leagues
- 20 Hike with a Naturist: Catfish Creek Trail (2 miles), 2:30 p.m., Catfish Creek Canoe Access. FREE
- 21 175th Anniversary Commemorative Event: Dubuque Community-Wide Picnic at Comiskey, Eagle Point, Flora and Louis Murphy Parks, 1-6 p.m. Free entertainment, children's activities and dessert.
- 25 Registration deadline for adult volleyball leagues
- 26 Registration deadline for adult dodge ball leagues
- 27 Hike with a Naturist: Nature Center Trails (1 1/2 mi), 2:30 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE

### October

- 13 Scheduled Leaf Rake-Outs start Oct. 13 and end Nov. 26 (weather permitting) for a minimum fee of \$15.00. Call (563)589-4250 to schedule an appointment
- 18 Bob and Tom Comedy All Star, performances at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Five Flags

*This calendar is subject to change.*

- Leisure Services: 589-4263, [cityofdubuque.org](http://cityofdubuque.org)
- Five Flags: 589-4258, [fiveflagscenter.com](http://fiveflagscenter.com)
- E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center, Mines of Spain: 556-0620, [minesofspain.org](http://minesofspain.org)