

# City of Dubuque CITY NEWS

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## FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Leisure Services Department provides up to 200 qualifying low-income families with \$125 in scholarship credits which can be used for recreation programs, swimming lessons, pavilion rentals, park passes, and more!

Learn more at:  
[www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation)  
 or call 563-589-4263



## Seasonal Positions Still Available

With the help of the community, the Leisure Services Department has made great strides in hiring for the 2023 summer season! There is a bit more work to be done. Some seasonal positions are still available and residents looking for seasonal work are encouraged to consider the following:

- Playground leaders
- Ballfield laborers
- MFC Teen Night Supervisor
- Tennis instructors
- Bunker Hill concessions
- MFC Summer Teen Empowerment Program (STEP) Supervisor
- Marina attendants
- AmeriCorps members

Check out the complete list of remaining seasonal positions at [www.cityofdubuque.org/seasonaljobs](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/seasonaljobs) or call 563-589-4263

### Interested in being a lifeguard?

Learn more and fill out a lifeguard interest form at  
[cityofdubuque.org/lifeguarding](http://cityofdubuque.org/lifeguarding)





**Flora & Sutton Pools**  
 Tentative Opening Date:  
**May 30**

### WebTrac Account Setup



Before the hustle and bustle of summer, get your WebTrac account created or updated to save time when registering for swimming lessons, purchasing pool or park passes, and more. Visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/letsgo](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/letsgo) to create your account today!

Stay up-to-date on news and information from Leisure Services!

 [dbqlsureservices](https://www.instagram.com/dbqlsureservices)  
 [CityofDubuqueLeisureServices](https://www.facebook.com/CityofDubuqueLeisureServices)

[www.cityofdubuque.org/LeisureServices](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/LeisureServices)

# Northwest Arterial State of Good Repair Project Phase Two Begins

The Northwest Arterial State of Good Repair Project began its second year of construction in March. The project is expected to be substantially completed before school starts in August 2023.

This year, the remaining segments of the northbound lanes from the Catfish Creek Bridge (north of HWY 20) to John F. Kennedy Rd. will be completely reconstructed. This will involve completely removing and replacing the existing pavement. During the project, normal traffic flow will be maintained through the Pennsylvania Ave. and Asbury Rd. intersections while northbound and southbound traffic on the Northwest Arterial will be shifted to head-to-head in the southbound lanes.

Minor traffic impacts are expected at the Asbury Rd. intersection while the curbed median on the south side of the intersection is replaced and three ADA sidewalk ramps are reconstructed.

Please note, the following construction schedule may change due to weather conditions.

## Late March – Mid-June

In late March, reconstruction began concurrently on two sections of the northbound lanes:

- From the Catfish Creek bridge to just north of Chavenelle Rd.
- Just north of Asbury Rd. to just south of John F. Kennedy Rd.

During this phase, traffic will be shifted head-to-head in the southbound lanes. Access will be maintained at the Chavenelle Rd. and Plaza Dr. intersections. However, the right-in, right-out access to Associates Dr. and the right-in, right-out access road to Sam's Club will be temporarily closed. Reconstruction of these two sections of the arterial is expected to be finished in mid-June.

## Mid-June – Mid-August

The northbound lanes, from just north of Pennsylvania Ave. to just south of Asbury Rd., will be the last section reconstructed. Traffic will again be shifted to head-to-head in the southbound lanes for this phase. In addition, access at the Holiday Dr. intersection will be limited to right-in, right-out only. Northbound arterial traffic will need to access Holiday Dr. from Asbury Rd.

Please drive with caution in the project area and obey all traffic detours and posted speed limits during this time.

## Receive text and email updates on project and traffic impacts:

[www.cityofdubuque.org/nwarterialupdates](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/nwarterialupdates)

## Additional project details:

[www.cityofdubuque.org/nwarterial](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/nwarterial)



## Dubuque Pride Family Picnic & Block Party

Free Event \* Lunch Provided (*while it lasts*)  
Music \* Bounce Houses \* Games

**Sat., June 3, 12 – 3 p.m.**

Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave.

## June is Healthy Homes Month

Each June, healthy housing advocates across the U.S. come together in recognition of National Healthy Homes Month to increase awareness of housing-related health hazards, lead poisoning prevention and the overall principles of a safe and healthy home.

The City of Dubuque Housing & Community Development Department offers financial assistance programs to assist residents in maintaining a healthy, safe, and livable home.

- **Aging in Place Program** for older adults who wish to stay in their home with the help of some home modifications such as handrails, flooring, and step-in showers.
- **Healthy Homes Program** addressing hazards including: mold, water intrusion, lead, allergens, asthma, carbon monoxide, home safety, pesticides, and radon.



## Partnership Promotes Better Rental Housing in Dubuque

The City of Dubuque has partnered with RentLab to promote energy efficiency, affordability, and sustainability in Dubuque's rental housing sector. The partnership aims to reduce the overall energy cost burden on Dubuque renter households, as lower-income households can pay upwards of 9% of their total income in annual energy costs. Increasing sustainability in local rental units will also be essential in enabling the City to meet its sustainability goals under the 50% by 2030 Community Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. Renters can explore data to help them choose a property at [www.rentlab.org/dubuque-ia](http://www.rentlab.org/dubuque-ia).



## For Landlords and Property Managers

RentLab helps landlords and property managers maximize return on major investments by making sure tenants know how they affect living costs and comfort. Landlords and property managers are encouraged to visit RentLab's website, submit data, and help showcase the benefits of their property. Public data gives a basic picture of every rental property, but that information can miss key details. Low scores may reflect missing – not negative – information. Claiming your property and sharing data helps your score and showcases your property to potential renters. Input your data at [www.rentlab.org/dubuque-ia](http://www.rentlab.org/dubuque-ia).

## Find out more and apply:

[www.cityofdubuque.org/healthyhomes](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/healthyhomes) or call 563-589-1724



## Grants Available to Support Dubuque Neighborhoods

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

The Neighborhood Grant Program assists neighborhood associations and community groups 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.

### Find out more and apply:

[www.cityofdubuque.org/neighborhoodsupport](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/neighborhoodsupport) or call 563-589-4326



**NEED A RIDE TO WORK?  
WE'VE GOT YOU  
COVERED.**

### The Jule Commuter Shuttle Routes

In January, The Jule added new routes in an effort to remove transportation barriers for Dubuque's workforce, with the routes being free to ride for the first six months of service.

Routes run in the morning and afternoon, making frequent stops in residential and business districts, for a reliable ride to get Dubuque's workforce to and from work on time.

Riders can view routes, find bus stops, plan a trip at [MyRide.cityofdubuque.org](http://MyRide.cityofdubuque.org) or in the MyJule mobile app, available in Google Play and Apple App Store

**For more information:**  
563-589-4196

## 'Right-Size' Your Trash Collection Service NOW

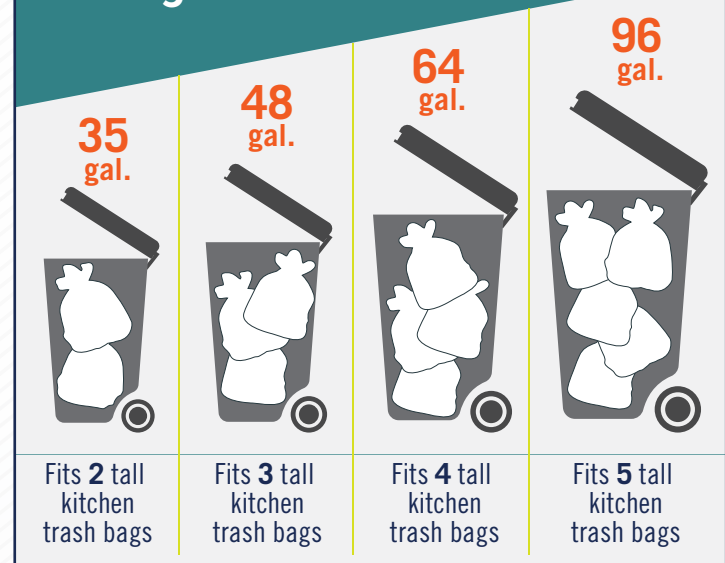
In preparation for the implementation of citywide tipper cart trash collection, the City of Dubuque is encouraging all solid waste collection customers who don't currently have a City-issued cart to consider what size cart they need. **No action is needed by residents who wish to continue with the "basic" 35-gallon service, but those who would like a larger cart should "right-size" their service now.**

The City began delivering the 35-gallon carts in early April customers who do not currently have a city-issued tipper cart. Customers who wish to have a cart larger than the standard 35-gallon cart are encouraged to choose the appropriate size for their needs NOW so they do not receive a 35-gallon cart when those deliveries begin to their neighborhood. Other cart options are: 48-gallon, 64-gallon, and 96-gallon.

To "right-size" your trash cart, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/trashcollection](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/trashcollection) to complete a short form that includes details for each cart size. Residents without internet access can also call 563-589-4250 to request a larger cart. Those who request a cart larger than 35 gallons will receive it after July 1 when supplies become available. They can continue to use their current trash can until the new cart is delivered.

The City is switching to tipper carts to improve efficiency in curbside collections and enhance the safety for staff. Customers will not be charged for the carts beyond their monthly collection fee.

**Choose your cart size based on your normal weekly trash generation.**



## New Faces & Retirements

### New City Employees

Damion Brooks	Emergency Communications
Robert Childers	Water
Anthony Dudek	Fire
Brian Ehlers	Public Works
Brian Ernst	Transit
Cooper Kay	Fire
Zachary Kersten	Fire
Andrew Koetz	Fire
Ryan Kramer	Fire
Benjamin Lawrence	Fire
Nicky Metz	Fire
Bryant Null	Fire
Colton Petersen	Fire
Seth Rodriguez Whalen	Fire
Melinda Vize	Human Resources
Jenna Weber	Library
Geoffrey Weinschenk	Airport
Latavia Williams	Recreation

### New Board/Commission Members

Jesse Gavin	Civic Center Advisory Commission
Ross Janes Calvin Jones	Housing Commission
Rena Stierman	Zoning Board of Adjustments

### Recent City Retirees

Jane Glennon	Planning
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## Calendar

### May

- 1 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 City parks open for the season
- 15 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 29 City offices closed for Memorial Day (Trash and recycling collection on Saturday, May 27)

### June

- 5 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 City offices closed for Juneteenth (No change in trash and recycling collection)
- 20 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/media), and streamed live on the City's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityofdubuque](http://www.facebook.com/cityofdubuque).

## National Health & Nutrition Examination Survey Coming to Dubuque County

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) is a program of studies designed to assess the health and nutritional status of adults and children in the United States.

The survey examines a nationally representative sample of about 5,000 persons in 15 counties across the U.S. each year and Dubuque County is one of the counties selected for 2023. NHANES staff will arrive in early May and begin contacting residents throughout the county seeking volunteers to participate in this important program.

The NHANES interview includes demographic, socioeconomic, dietary, and health-related questions. The examination component consists of medical and physiological measurements, as well as laboratory tests administered by highly trained medical personnel.

Findings from this survey are used to determine the prevalence of major diseases and risk factors for diseases. Information will be used to assess nutritional status and its association with health promotion and disease prevention.

### For more information:

[www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes) or call 1-855-958-0631



The Dubuque Police Department is now accepting applications year round!

