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CITY OF DUBUQUE
FIND THE PERFECT
LEISURE SERVICES
SUMMER
JOB!

NOW HIRING
SEASONAL POSITIONS FOR AGES 15 & UP!

Make \$14 to \$20/hour!



Flora & Sutton Pools



Playground Programs



Parks Crew



Midwesty Concessions

Now is the time to find your summer job! The City of Dubuque offers more than 250 summer and seasonal positions with the Recreation Division, Parks Division, City pools, Bunker Hill Golf Course, Port of Dubuque Marina, AmeriCorps, and Multicultural Family Center.

A seasonal job with the City can be a great fit for many people:

- For high school students age 15 and up or college students on summer break, a seasonal job can provide on-the-job experience as well as the opportunity to make money.
- If you have little to no job experience, a summer job can help boost your resume for future employers.
- Seasonal jobs can also be a good way for retirees and other professionals or former professionals to earn extra income.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS INCLUDE:

• Lifeguard	• Concessions worker	• Park ranger
• Playground leader	• AmeriCorps member	• Forestry laborer
• Marina attendant	• Bunker Hill clubhouse staff	• Landscape crew member
• Pool manager	• Groundskeeper	• Park fee collector
• Pool cashier	• Equipment operator	• Tennis instructor
• Pool laborer		

See job descriptions, hourly pay rates, and apply at
www.cityofdubuque.org/seasonaljobs

Leisure Services Department

News & Updates

Are you looking for something new to encourage your child's learning?

The Leisure Services Smart Start program is for preschoolers ages 3 - 5. We introduce curriculum such as math, reading, and writing through art, music, and play. We also work on letter/name recognition, socialization/interaction, listening, and following instructions in a group environment.

This is a parent drop-off class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming sessions:

Session 4: March 19 - April 4

Session 5: April 9 - 25

Register online at www.bit.ly/smartstartwinter24 or call Leisure Services at 563.589.4263.

Recreation Classes and Programs for All Ages

The Leisure Services Department offers a variety of programming for all ages, including youth programs such as Sport Launch, Spring Has Sprung, Little Sprouts Nature Art, and A Little Dirt Never Hurt, as well as adult athletics!

Check out all the amazing offerings at www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation



Summer program registration begins April 19!

Custom Banner Advertising Program



Leisure Services is excited to announce a new advertising program launching in 2024. Opportunities include custom banner advertising on the outfield fences at both McAleece Park & Recreation Complex on Chaplain Schmitt Island and at the two ballfields and pickleball courts at Veterans Memorial Park.

The mission of the Leisure Services Department is to provide this community with equitable, high-quality, and inclusive opportunities that will create impactful experiences. A major factor within this mission is to find ways to remove barriers by keeping program and service fees low. Your business or organization is invited to be part of that mission!

For more information, contact:

Haley Francke, Parks & Recreation Business Development Manager
hfrancke@cityofdubuque.org
563.589.4385



Smart Start Preschool Program

Regular Yard Waste/Food Scraps Collection Resumes

Regular yard waste and food scraps collection for current subscribers starts Monday, April 1.

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

- City-issued 64-gallon Yard Waste Tipper Cart - \$10/month
- Annual Yard Waste Decal - \$40.
- Single-use yellow stickers for cans, bags, or bundles - \$1.50 each (or sold on sheets of five for \$7.50) Sold at most discount and hardware stores in Dubuque. A complete list of retailers is available at www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste or by calling 563.589.4250.

MORE INFORMATION

www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste
563.589.4250 or publicworks@cityofdubuque.org



Fiscal Year 2025 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.

The city council will set a maximum property tax rate before the recommended FY2025 Budget is presented by the city manager to the city council.

Budget Public Meeting Schedule

Public input is accepted after each department's presentation.

Residents can also provide input at www.cityofdubuque.org/FY2025budget

Mon., March 25 - 6:30 p.m.	Public Hearing to establish maximum FY2025 Property Tax Levy
Tues., March 26 - 6:30 p.m.	City Attorney's Office, City Clerk, Public Information Office, Human Resources, City Manager's Office, City Council
Wed., March 27 - 6:30 p.m.	Health Services, Library, Airport, Office of Shared Prosperity and Neighborhood Support, Office of Equity & Human Rights, Finance/Budget
Thurs., March 28 - 6:30 p.m.	Housing & Community Development, Purchase of Services, Planning Services, Economic Development
Tues., April 2 - 6:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation, Office of Community Impact, Multicultural Family Center
Thurs., April 4 - 6:30 p.m.	Emergency Management, Emergency Communications, Police, Fire
Mon., April 8 - 6:30 p.m.	Information Services, Water, Water & Resource Recovery Center, Public Works
Tues., April 9 - 6:30 p.m.	Five Flags Center, Grand River Center, ImOn Ice Arena, Transportation Services, Engineering
Thurs., April 11 - 6:30 p.m.	Public Hearing to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

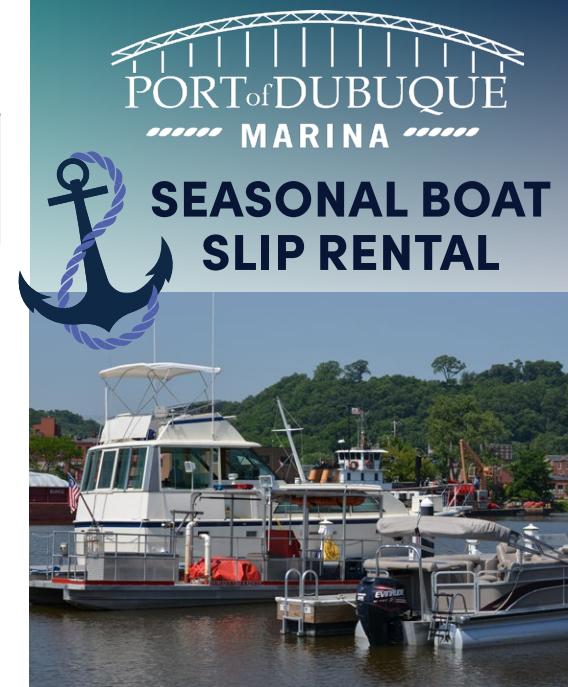
For details on participating in these meetings, whether virtually or in person at the City Council Chambers (350 W. 6th St.), visit www.cityofdubuque.org/agendas or call 563.589.4120. City council meetings are aired live on CityChannel Dubuque (Mediacom channels 8 and 117.2 and ImOn channel 5) and streamed 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.

The recommended budget materials will be placed on the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget webpage at www.cityofdubuque.org/FY2025budget in March, before budget meetings begin, 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.

Branching Out Dubuque Tree Canopy Initiative

The City, in partnership with Dubuque Trees Forever, was awarded a U.S. Forest Service grant for \$1.5 million to be used to plant thousands of trees over the next five years. Residents who have interest in the initiative, including the opportunity to request a free tree*, learn more details, or to volunteer, are invited to fill out an interest form at www.cityofdubuque.org/BranchingOut or call 563.690.6038.

**Eligibility for free trees is limited to specific areas of the city.*



Seasonal slip rentals are now available at the Port of Dubuque Marina!

Details and Pricing:

- 32 ft. uncovered slips with 30 & 50 amp power
- Full season rental - \$1,960
- Price is prorated as season progresses
- Locked docks under 24/7 video surveillance
- Access to amenities such as gas, convenience store, showers, and laundry facilities.

Learn more:

**www.portofdubuquemarina.com
or call 563.589.4385**

Discounted Utilities for Income-Qualified Residents

The City offers income-qualified residential customers a reduction in monthly fees for all four City utilities (water, sanitary sewer, refuse collection, and storm water) of up to 50% of the base rate.

Customers must submit an application for consideration and applications are renewed on an annual basis.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

**www.cityofdubuque.org/utilitiesdiscount
or call 563.589.4144**

New Faces & Retirements

New City Employees

Nathaniel Beach	Public Works
Dawson Biermann	Public Works
Samantha Brooks	Leisure Services
Anne Marie Greenwood	Leisure Services
Deidre Hively	Library
Jill Kalb	Emergency Communications
Christopher Kerf	Water
Charles Lehman	Transit
Maggie Lorence	Emergency Communications
Wilbert Pearsall	Transit
Steven Puls	Information Services
Irish Shumaker	Transit
Stacey Smith	Housing & Community Development
Keith Strey	Finance
Genesis Taylor	Leisure Services
John Wiley	Water & Resource Recovery

Recent City Retiree

Jeremy Slight	Police
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Age in place
comfortably, safely,
and close to friends
and family.

Older Adults Home Modification Grant

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!



Inspections, supplies, and modifications are all included in the grant. Examples include:

- ▶ Installing grab bars, lever style handles, and hand rails
- ▶ Repair flooring and transitions to remove trip hazards
- ▶ Moving switches and outlets
- ▶ Converting a bathtub to a step-in shower



To apply or for more information, contact the Housing & Community Development Department

Call 563.589.1724 or visit
www.cityofdubuque.org/ageinplace



Calendar

March

4 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
18 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
25 Public Hearing to establish maximum FY2025 Property Tax Levy, 6:30 p.m.
26 FY2025 Budget Public Hearing #1, 6:30 p.m.
27 FY2025 Budget Public Hearing #2, 6:30 p.m.
28 FY2025 Budget Public Hearing #3, 6:30 p.m.

April

1 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
2 FY2025 Budget Public Hearing #4, 6:30 p.m.
4 FY2025 Budget Public Hearing #5, 6:30 p.m.
8 FY2025 Budget Public Hearing #6, 6:30 p.m.
9 FY2025 Budget Public Hearing #7, 6:30 p.m.
11 Final hearing to adopt FY2025 Budget, 6:30 p.m.
11 City Life Spring Session Begins (Register at www.cityofdubuque.org/citylife)
15 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 and ImOn channel 5), 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.

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 Thursday evenings this spring (April 11, 18, 25, and May 2, 9, and 16) from 6-9 p.m. at a variety of Dubuque locations. Dinner is provided and accommodations may be made.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

www.cityofdubuque.org/citylife or 563.690.6054



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