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Mark your calendars for Dubuque's annual Winter Arts Festival sponsored by the Dubuque Museum of Art in partnership with the City of Dubuque.

From Thursday, Feb. 6, through Sunday, Feb. 9, teams of professional, amateur, and collegiate snow sculptors will compete for a \$1,000 prize by transforming 288 cubic feet of snow into inspiring creations. All teams will

have the chance to be crowned the People's Choice Award-winner, which comes with a \$300 cash prize.

The public is encouraged to visit Washington Park throughout the week as snow sculpting teams transform their blocks of snow. Stop by on Sunday, Feb. 9, from 12 - 4 p.m. for free hands-on activities including a community snow sculpting area, food vendors, and People's Choice voting.

Learn more at www.cityofdubuque.org/winterarts.



Get Involved!

Unified Development Code Update

The City of Dubuque is updating its Unified Development Code (UDC), which governs zoning, subdivision, and historic preservation regulations. Originally adopted in 2009, the UDC is being thoroughly reviewed and updated to better support the City's evolving goals and priorities, align with other City plans, and to ensure it is not a barrier to development in the community. Public engagement plays a crucial role in this multi-phased, 16-month process, and the City is inviting all residents, property and business owners, and development professionals to share their thoughts and feedback. Visit www.cityofdubuque.org/UDCupdate to take a short online survey and learn more about how to stay informed throughout the process.



TAKE THE SURVEY!

To learn more and take the survey, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/UDCupdate.



Merry Mulch

Christmas Tree Collection & Composting

January 6 - 17, 2025

City crews will pick up natural Christmas trees (maximum of 8' high) with a City brush tie or one yellow yard waste sticker attached and visible from the street or alley on your regular collection day.

For questions, call 563-589-4250.



WINTER FOOD SCRAPS COLLECTION

December - March

Residents who would like to have yard waste and food scraps collected during the winter months (December - March) can schedule an appointment for their normal trash and recycling day by either submitting a request through the City's website at www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste, or calling the Public Works Department at 563-589-4250.

To learn more about acceptable yard waste and food scrap items, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste.

PROPERTY CODE CHANGES

The City of Dubuque has recently updated its property maintenance code for electrical receptacles and smoke alarms to enhance safety.

GFCI Outlets

All receptacle outlets within 6 ft. of any water source, in all properties including existing buildings, must have ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection. This safety feature is designed to prevent severe or fatal electric shocks and are required in kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms, and any other locations near water sources.

Smoke Alarms

New construction and any remodel that opens walls and/or ceilings requires hardwired smoke alarms. For all other properties, smoke alarms must be either hardwired or permanently sealed, battery-operated models by the following dates:

- **Dec. 23, 2024:** Federally assisted housing units
- **Jan. 1, 2025:** All new and replacement smoke alarms in residential units
- **Jan. 1, 2030:** All properties

For questions, contact Inspection and Construction Services at 563-589-4231.

Equitable Community Grants Program

The Office of Equity and Human Rights is accepting applications for the Dubuque Equitable Community Grants Program. Two grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to eligible non-profit organizations, businesses, clubs, individuals, or groups of passionate residents to support programs, activities, or services which help promote equity in the Dubuque community. Proposals aimed at serving traditionally underrepresented or underserved populations are encouraged. Grant applications must include an education and/or engagement component. Applications are due Jan. 31. Awarded projects must be completed by April 30, 2025.

For additional information, including eligibility requirements, and to apply, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/equitygrant or call 563-589-4190.

Need Help Paying Your HEATING BILLS

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program designed to assist low-income families meet the cost of home heating by providing a one-time payment to the heating utility. Assistance levels depend on income, family size, type of fuel used to heat the home, and other factors.

Details at www.hacap.org/energy or call 563-556-5130.





A Message from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

Fly Dubuque

Season's greetings! As we enter the new year, one of the things I am most grateful for is the return of commercial air service to the Dubuque Regional Airport. In early November, the airport began offering daily jet service to and from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

These flights are operated by Denver Air Connection and offer same-day connections to over 200 destinations from O'Hare.



The daily flight originates at O'Hare, departing for Dubuque at 2:30 p.m. Once on the ground in Dubuque by 3:25 p.m., the plane will be cleared and readied for the flight back to O'Hare, which departs at 3:55 p.m. and lands in Chicago by 4:50 p.m.

The afternoon flight times from the airport allow you to have lunch in Dubuque and still be at your destination the same evening or night. That can mean an extra half day of work or other activities before leaving Dubuque, instead of leaving early in the morning to drive an hour and a half or farther to another airport where you'll have to pay to park. On the way back, you won't have to leave your destination super early to make the afternoon flight from O'Hare to Dubuque, and you'll have a short drive home from the airport.

Thanks to Denver Air's ticketing and baggage agreements with American and United (and soon Delta), the connections at O'Hare are seamless. You only need to make one booking, will receive a single ticket, and won't need to do any additional security or luggage check-ins. All of that can be taken care of at our Dubuque Regional Airport, where the parking is free and the lines are short. You can book flights and get more information at www.flydbq.com.

I also have a personal reason for appreciating the new air service provided by Denver Air Connection. My wife, Nancy, travels quite frequently for business and pleasure. She has been leaving the house at 2 a.m., arriving home at 11 p.m., and staying at hotels in Chicago, Cedar Rapids, and the Quad Cities -- being away from home for an extra day due to flight times. Now, she can go to the Dubuque Regional Airport, park for free, relax, and enjoy the trip.

Whether for business or leisure, please consider using the Dubuque Regional Airport. Strong support of this daily service to Chicago and beyond will strengthen our case to add more flights, carriers, and destinations.



DBQ SHOVEL CREW

HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED THIS WINTER

DBQ Shovel Crew is a program that pairs volunteers with residents who are not physically able to remove snow and ice from their city sidewalk and do not have other resources to remove the snow and ice, such as neighbors, friends, or a hired service. The City is currently seeking volunteers who can help throughout the winter season. The commitment is caring for one address all winter.

To volunteer, scan the QR code, visit cityofdubuque.org/snowassistance, or call 563-589-4159.



ODD/EVEN SNOW ROUTE Policy and Notifications

After significant snowfalls, the City's Odd/Even Snow Route Parking Policy may be enacted. When in effect, parking is prohibited on "even-numbered" sides of streets on even days of the month and on "odd-numbered" sides of streets on odd days of the month.

Sign up for Odd/Even Snow Route notifications at cityofdubuque.org/snow or simply text DBQSNOW to 67283.

New Faces & Retirements

New City Employees

Nicholas Kunde	Water
Madison Hoppman	Health
Daniel Huseman	Public Works
Kassidy Litton	Library
Caitlyn Massey	Library
Cayden Long	Fire
Nathan Phelan	Fire
Alex Hudson	Fire
Benjamin Dugger	Fire
Tyler Vorwald	Fire
David Canfield	Transit
Margery Gaylord	Transit
Thomas Kearney	Water
Brianna Bronell	Emergency Communications
Laura Borgerding	Emergency Communications

Recent Retirees

Rose Hoerner	Utility Billing
Jeff Petty	Airport
Jeff Breitbach	Fire

New Board/Commission Members

Nolan Bielinski	Resilient Community Advisory Commission
Rachel Schmidt Boeke	Resilient Community Advisory Commission
Troy Froistad	Zoning Advisory Commission

Holiday Lights Recycling Drop-Off Locations



What do you do with holiday lights that are no longer merry and bright? Recycle them of course! Make a quick and convenient drop-off at any of the following locations through Jan. 10.

- City of Dubuque Municipal Services Center
925 Kerper Court (next to the public entrance)
- Carnegie-Stout Public Library, 360 W. 11th St.
- Dubuque County Library, Asbury Branch
5290 Grand Meadow Dr.
- Dubuque Metro Landfill (by appointment only)
101 Airborne Rd. Call (563) 557-8220.

Calendar

January

- 6 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 City facilities closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
(No change in curbside collection.)
- 21 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February

- 3 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 6-9 Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival
- 17 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 1172 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.

Citizen's Police Academy

Applications Due Friday, Jan. 10

The Dubuque Police Department will hold the 28th annual Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) on Thursdays from 6 - 9:30 p.m. from Jan. 30 through April 3.



The CPA is a 10-week program and participants are strongly encouraged to commit to attending all sessions. CPA sessions are taught by local law enforcement professionals and other members of the criminal justice system. Each session covers a variety of topics, including arrest procedures, search and seizure, use of force, laws and policies, police procedures, domestic abuse cases, sexual abuse cases, drug enforcement, OWIs, officer safety, and prevention programs.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age with no felony convictions and no significant arrest history. Space is limited. Applications are due Friday, Jan. 10, and can be found at cityofdubuque.org/cpa. Paper applications are available at the Dubuque Police Department, 770 Iowa St.

Preference will be given to Dubuque residents. The CPA does not certify participants as law enforcement officers.

For more information, contact Lieutenant Luke Bock at 563-589-4473 or Captain Steve Radloff at 563-587-3807.