

City of Dubuque

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POOLS OPENING MAY 27

Flora and Sutton Pools are scheduled to open on Tuesday, May 27, depending on weather. Pre-season and regular pool hours are listed at cityofdubuque.org/pools.

The annual swim pass fee for Dubuque residents is \$42 for youth (4 - 17), \$74 for adults (18 and older), and \$53 for seniors (55 and older). Children age 3 and under are free. Purchase swim passes at cityofdubuque.org/pools or at the Parks & Recreation office, 1157 Central Ave.

First-time buyers may purchase swim passes online and then visit the Parks and Recreation office to have their photo taken and pick up the pass. Swim pass renewals do not require a visit to the office. Please note, swim passes will not be sold at the pools. For questions about annual swim passes, call 563-589-4263.

FLORA & SUTTON POOLS



Parks & Recreation \$150 Scholarships

The Parks and Recreation Department provides up to 300 qualifying low-income families with \$150 in scholarship credits for program registration and other services including annual swim passes and swim lessons. Note, scholarship credits may not be used for pool daily admissions. To learn more and apply, visit cityofdubuque.org/recreation or visit the Parks and Recreation office.

Swim passes are half-price for low-income individuals who do not have scholarship credits available. For questions, call 563-589-4263.

LET'S GO!



Summer Activities Guide Online on Friday, April 25

Turn to the Let's Go! Summer Activities Guide to discover a variety of recreation classes for youth and adults including summer camps, sports, martial arts, yoga, swim lessons, and more! Registration for recreation programs and swim lessons opens at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 7.



The guide will be published online on Friday, April 25, at cityofdubuque.org/recreation.



COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Dubuque Fire Department is asking residents to participate in an online survey as the department develops its latest strategic plan. The survey asks respondents to answer a total of ten questions on topics ranging from response time to service importance and effectiveness.

The survey is available through May 31 at cityofdubuque.org/DFDsurvey

Spring & Summer

Hydrant Flushing



The Water Department will conduct fire hydrant flushing throughout the spring and summer months. Flushing is essential for preserving the water system's integrity and maintaining an adequate water supply for Dubuque households and firefighting.

Hydrant flushing may cause temporary inconveniences such as reduced water pressure and water discoloration. Discolored water, although harmless to public health, could potentially stain laundry.

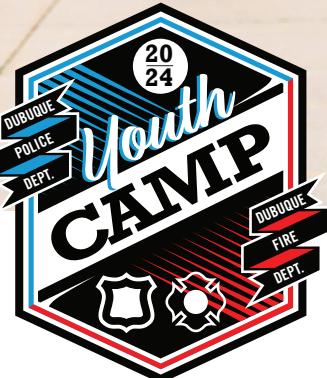
Residents are advised to ensure that all discolored water is flushed out of their home's plumbing and hot water heater before doing laundry.

If you notice discolored water from your fixtures, please flush the water for approximately five minutes or until the water returns to its normal color.

For questions, contact the Water Department at 563-589-4291.



DUBUQUE POLICE & FIRE YOUTH CAMP



The Dubuque Police and Fire Youth Camp is a FREE two-day camp for local middle school and high school youth ages 11-18. Camp for ages 11-13 will be June 16 - 17 and camp for ages 14-18 will be June 19 - 20. Register online at cityofdubuque.org/youthcamp or pick up a registration form at one of the following locations:

- Carnegie-Stout Public Library, 360 W. 11th. St.
- Fire Headquarters, 11 W. 9th St.
- Dubuque Law Enforcement Center, 770 Iowa St.

PLEASE NOTE: Submitting a registration form does not guarantee admittance to the camp. Due to the large number of interested applicants, the participants admitted to this camp will be determined via a lottery system.

Historic Preservation Ken Kringle Awards

Tuesday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the Historic Preservation Commission's 23rd Annual Ken Kringle Historic Preservation Awards ceremony and public reception at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, at St. Raphael's Cathedral. The following people and organizations will be presented awards in recognition of their outstanding preservation achievements:

- Archdiocese of Dubuque
- Duane Hagerty Posthumous Award
- First Congregational United Church of Christ
- Forward Investments Group
- Lloyd Singletary

For more about the event, call the Planning Services Department at 563-589-4210.



Now Accepting Dairy & Meat Food Scraps

Dairy products, bones, meat, poultry, fish, and shellfish are now acceptable items for regular weekly curbside composting (yard waste and food scrap collection). Customers may put their food scraps in their composting (food scrap) carts or in their yard waste carts, cans, and bags.

For more information, visit cityofdubuque.org/composting or call Public Works at 563-589-4250

Iowa DOT Construction Project Impacting Traffic



US 61/151 Bridge Deck Overlay

Phase 2 of the Iowa Department of Transportation US 61/151 Bridge Deck Overlay Project over the Peosta Channel is expected to begin in May. Construction will require closure of the southbound lanes, with northbound and southbound traffic being merged into two-way traffic in the northbound lanes.



- The US 61/151 southbound exit ramp to 9th/11th St. and the Kerper Blvd. entrance ramp to southbound US 61/151 will be closed.
- Northbound US 61/151 traffic will be able to access Kerper Blvd. and Schmitt Island by exiting US 61/151 at the 7th St. exit ramp.

The estimated project completion date is August 2025. For questions, contact the Iowa DOT at 563-927-2397.



City Launches Report2DBQ

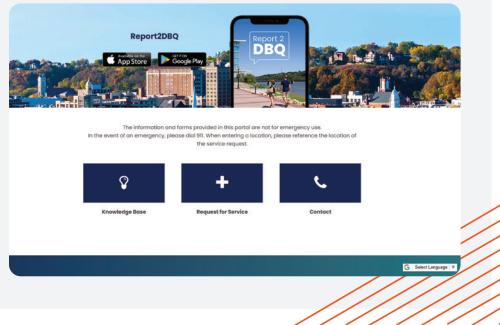
New Citizen Support Center & Mobile App

The City of Dubuque has launched Report2DBQ, a new Citizen Support Center and mobile app designed to make it easier for residents to report concerns and request non-emergency services.

The app, available now in the App Store and Google Play, allows users to submit concerns such as potholes, garbage complaints, improper vehicle storage, and park maintenance requests. Residents can also upload photos to provide additional details.

Report 2 DBQ

The Report2DBQ app replaces the City's previous MyDBQ app. Residents may also submit concerns and request non-emergency services at cityofdubuque.org/Report2DBQ or by choosing "Report A Concern" on the City's website.



Summer Reading

Level up your reading and sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at Carnegie-Stout Public Library. The concept is simple (and fun): read books to earn prizes! Registration opens June 2. Youth can sign up at the Children's Help Desk or online. Adults can sign up at the Reference Desk or through the BeanStack app.

Go to carnegiestout.org for details.

Join or Start A Neighborhood Association

Joining or starting a neighborhood association and getting to know your neighbors through meetings, projects, and events offers many benefits:

- You make friends. Seeing familiar faces on your walk and chatting with a neighbor over the fence creates happiness and long-lasting friendships.
- You have someone who has your back. Your neighbor may be able to lend you a tool for your yardwork, and you may be able to bring them some vegetables harvested from your garden.
- You get access to information and resources. You can find out what's happening on your street and in your city.
- Many hands make light work when planning a block party or cleaning up trash in your neighborhood. Neighbors can have a shared interest in an idea you have to make the neighborhood even better.

Interested in joining or starting an association? Visit cityofdubuque.org/neighborhoodsupport to view a map of current/active neighborhood associations or fill out an interest form and view the neighborhood association toolkit!

New Faces & Retirements

New City Employees

Alana Splinter	Recreation
Peggy Driscoll	Library
Alex Stein	Engineering
Autumn Haley	Public Works
Aidan McSperrin	Library
Thomas Sheldon	Parks
Stephen Green	Housing

Recent Retirees

Cheryl Sheldon	Airport
Robert Klass	Fire

New Board/Commission Members

Cable Television Commission:

Tom Eckermann

Catfish Creek Watershed Management Authority:

Rachel Boeke

Civic Center Advisory Commission:

Colleen Myers
Alan Schumacher
Sara Tandy

Historic Preservation Commission:

Adam Schwendinger
Chad Witthoeft



National Bike Week

May 12 - 18

Dubuque is participating in National Bike Week, from May 12-18. Ride your bike to work, school, the store, the park, to visit a friend, or anywhere! During National Bike Week people taking public transportation with their bike may ride The Jule for FREE!

Visit bikeweekdbq.com to learn about group bike rides, special offers at local business, and to sign up for prize drawings!



Dubuque Pride Festival

Saturday, June 7, 12 - 5 p.m.

Town Clock Plaza, 680 Main St.

Free family friendly event hosted by DBQ Pride! Enjoy local vendors, music and entertainment, non-profit resource booths, free food (while it lasts), and food trucks. All are welcome!

The Dubuque Pride Festival and Annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration are sponsored by the Multicultural Family Center. Learn more at mfcdbq.org.

Calendar

May

3	City parks open for the season
5	City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
6	Ken Kringle Awards, St. Raphael Cathedral, 5:30 p.m.
12-18	National Bike Week
19	City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
26	City offices closed for Memorial Day (Trash and recycling collection on Saturday, May 24)

June

2	City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
7	Dubuque Pride Festival, 12 - 5 p.m.
13-15	15th Annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration
16	City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
19	City offices closed for Juneteenth (No change in trash and recycling collection)

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.



15th Annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration

Free events! June 13 - 15

Friday, June 13, 5 - 8 p.m.

History Retold event at the Multicultural Family Center will include the history of Black culture through art, performances, a fashion show, and food.

Saturday, June 14, 12 - 4 p.m.

Picnic in Jackson Park

Will include games and activities for all ages, community booths, local business vendors, door prizes, free food (while it lasts), and food trucks.

Sunday, June 15, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Community Prayer and Praise in Jackson Park

