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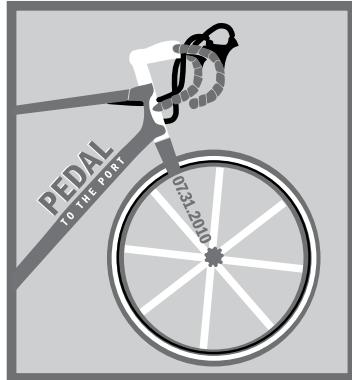
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## RAGBRAI Pedals to the Port on July 31

On Saturday, July 31, Dubuque will host 20,000 visitors as RAGBRAI® XXXVIII ends its week-long bike ride in the Port of Dubuque. Dubuque last hosted RAGBRAI in 1993.

A Dubuque RAGBRAI Advisory Board and Executive Committee, including Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce Convention & Visitors Bureau, City of Dubuque, and Dubuque County staff, has been working closely with RAGBRAI officials since January to prepare and select a safe route that showcases Dubuque. The complete RAGBRAI route from Dyersville to the Port of Dubuque on Saturday, July 31, can be found on the Dubuque RAGBRAI website at [www.dubuqueragbrai.com](http://www.dubuqueragbrai.com). This website is the centralized source for Dubuque information for the bicyclists, support crews, and residents and will be updated on a regular basis. RAGBRAI's official website is [www.ragbrai.com](http://www.ragbrai.com).



A map of the route through Dubuque is provided on page 2 of this newsletter.

Riders will enter Dubuque from the west on Middle Road, then go south on Seippel Road to Chavanelle Road then west to Radford Road before heading east on Pennsylvania Avenue to Chaney Road. The route continues on Hillcrest Road to Clarke Drive then enters downtown via Madison/North Main Street. Riders will then ride south on Main Street to Third Street before taking the overpass into the Port of Dubuque and the dipsite at the American Trust River's Edge Plaza. After dipping their tires, riders will ride up the Mississippi RiverWalk past the Dubuque Star Brewery area to conclude their ride.

Traffic and parking along the route will be impacted on Saturday, July 31. The "peak" hours for RAGBRAI riders are expected to be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with support vehicle traffic present before and after the peak. Most intersections along the route will be closed or staffed by public safety staff.

### RAGBRAI® Facts

RAGBRAI, The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa®, is an annual seven-day bicycle ride across the state. Heading into its 38th year, RAGBRAI is the oldest, largest and longest bicycle touring event in the world, and is held annually the last full week of July. Riders start by dipping their back tire in the Missouri River and end with dipping their front tire in the Mississippi River. This year's ride ends in Dubuque on Saturday, July 31, in the Port of Dubuque.

- Participants come from all 50 states and many foreign countries
- Started in 1973 as a six-day ride across the state by two Des Moines Register columnists
- The ride averages 472 miles per year
- RAGBRAI has visited 780 Iowa towns and all 99 counties in its 37-year existence
- It is estimated there will be 15,000 – 20,000 riders on RAGBRAI XXXVIII

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Plans are being developed to maintain access to Dubuque businesses along the route. Residents are encouraged to avoid unnecessary travel along the route during peak RAGBRAI hours.

Food and beverage vendors, entertainment, restrooms, showers, and other amenities will be available that day in the Port of Dubuque. The public is invited to join in the festivities. RAGBRAI vehicle traffic in and out of the Port will be heavy and limited to 5th Street, so RAGBRAI spectators are encouraged to park in the City's nearby parking ramps (4th Street, 5th Street, and Iowa Street) and walk to the Port. Event organizers are working with Port of Dubuque businesses to reserve parking for their patrons the day of the event.

Volunteers and overnight hosts are needed. For more information, please contact Julie Kronlage with the Dubuque Convention & Visitors Bureau at 563.690.9207 or [jkronlage@dubuquechamber.com](mailto:jkronlage@dubuquechamber.com). §

THE CITY OF  
**DUBUQUE**  
Masterpiece on the Mississippi

# New Hike/Bike Trails and Expansions

Dubuque's trail network continues to grow throughout the city. Summer is a great time to explore new trails that have just opened for use. Enjoy them with your family and friends.

## Trolley Line Trail

A ribbon cutting was recently held for the Trolley Line Trail that connects the Mathias Ham House to the Eagle Point Park welcome center, along the historic Trolley Line. The 0.52 mile trail is complemented by a wayside resting station and public art completed by Eagle Scout Ian Carstens and many volunteers. The trail project was funded in part by the State of Iowa's Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant program.

## Bergfeld Recreation Area

Bergfeld Recreation Area was originally developed with a 0.78 mile walking path around the pond in the Dubuque Industrial Center West. A 1.71 mile bicycle and walking trail, funded through the city's capital improvement budget, has now been completed and is ready for use. A trail head parking lot is being constructed along Pennsylvania Avenue.

## Iowa 32 Hike/Bike Trail-Phase 2

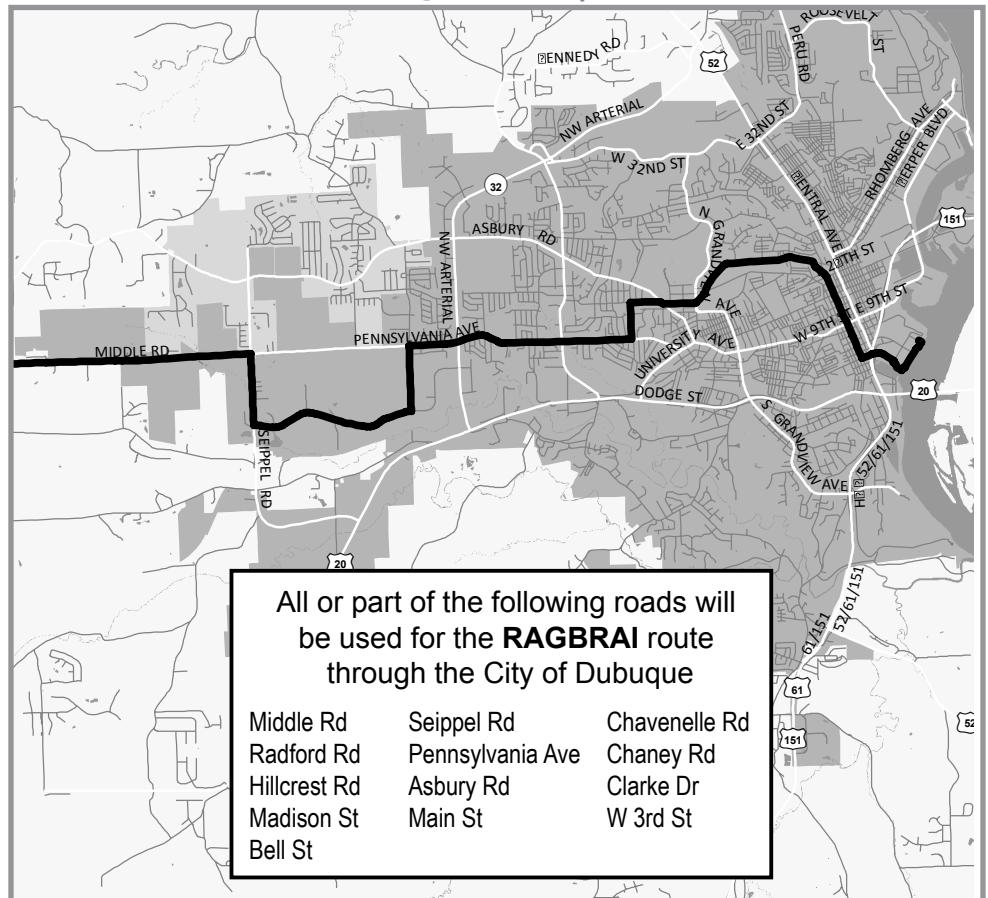
A one-mile trail segment paralleling the Northwest Arterial from JFK to Plaza Drive, near Red Robin, is currently under construction. Watch for announcements this summer of the Phase 2 trail opening. Phase 2 is also being funded by the State of Iowa REAP grant program.

For more information, and a map of Dubuque's trails, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/parks](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/parks).

## Trail Etiquette

- Pedestrians stay to the right and bicyclists always pass on the left.
- Respect the rights of property owners.
- Keep dogs on a leash and pick up after them.
- Bicyclists give audible warning when passing pedestrians or other bicyclists.
- Listen for audible signals and allow faster trail users (runners and bicyclists) to pass safely.

# RAGBRAI Route through Dubuque



## 'Rack & Ride' Program Offers Bicycle/Bus Option



The City of Dubuque's Keyline Transit Division, in partnership with Tri-State Trail Vision, has installed bicycle racks on the fronts of all Keyline fixed-route buses. The new Dubuque "Rack & Ride" Program allows Keyline passengers to use the bicycle racks free of charge with the purchase of a regular bus fare ticket.

Dubuque's hills may have seemed ominous to some in the past, but with the addition of the bike racks, Dubuque residents can combine two modes of transportation, bicycling and public transit, to make non-car travel a more reasonable endeavor for a greater number of residents. Combining bicycling and public transit can be part of a healthier lifestyle, decrease traffic congestion, lessen parking constraints, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This project also helps meet Dubuque's sustainability principle of Reasonable Mobility.

The Rack & Ride Program allows residents to bike to a bus stop, utilize public transit for part of their trip, and finish the remainder on their bicycle. Using the bike racks is simple and brochures outlining the process are available for download at [www.cityofdubuque.org/keyline](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/keyline) and can be picked up at City Hall, Keyline Transit at 2401 Central Ave., and the Carnegie-Stout Public Library. An instructional video can also be viewed at [www.cityofdubuque.org/keyline](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/keyline).



The Rack & Ride Program was made possible, in part, through donations made to Tri-State Trail Vision. Tri-State Trail Vision was formed from the Envision 2010 (Ten Community Projects by 2010) effort with a mission of developing an integrated trail system to enhance the life of the residents in the Tri-State region. §



# A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

— Michael C. Van Milligen

Mayor Roy D. Buol and the Dubuque City Council have made sustainability a top priority for our community since 2006. "Sustainable Dubuque" is the name of the City of Dubuque initiative to pursue that goal. Upon recommendation of a citizen task force, the City Council defined sustainability as "a community's ability to meet the environmental, economic, and social equity needs of today without reducing the ability of future generations to meet their needs." The Sustainable Dubuque model integrates a three-part approach that addresses environmental and ecological integrity, economic prosperity, and social and cultural vibrancy. The ultimate goal is to make Dubuque a livable, viable, and equitable community.

## What is 'Smarter' Sustainable Dubuque?

Smarter Sustainable Dubuque is a unique public/private partnership between the City of Dubuque and IBM Research, the division of IBM responsible for its Smarter Planet campaign. It is a combination of the Sustainable Dubuque Project initiated by the City and IBM's Smarter Planet/Smarter Cities initiative that features a research focus. It is integrating the values of Sustainable Dubuque and the technology of IBM's Smarter Planet/Smarter Cities to create a new level of customer awareness and empowerment. Smarter Sustainable Dubuque is an element of the Sustainable Dubuque initiative and seeks to give Dubuque residents the information

and tools they need to make smarter choices about their resource consumption habits. The initiative is engaging Dubuque residents and businesses who, through advanced technology, will be able to voluntarily better manage their use of resources like water, electricity, oil, and natural gas. The focus is to develop decision-support tools for individuals and businesses to help them reduce their costs and environmental impact. Individual wellness is also being considered as a component.

## What is Dubuque's Smarter Water Pilot Study?

Dubuque's Smarter Water Pilot Study is a Smarter Sustainable Dubuque project being conducted as part of the City's community-wide water meter replacement project. Dubuque is enhancing its infrastructure with technology to help residents make more informed decisions about how they use water and the associated costs to their bank accounts and the environment. Approximately 350 Dubuque households have volunteered to participate in this 12-month pilot study. Eligibility to participate in the study was defined by property location and technology requirements. IBM technology is interfacing with the City's system to process anonymous water consumption data and provide near real-time visibility into the overall city water consumption. IBM Research is also building a new citizen interface system that will provide details for consumers which will translate into better water utilization and energy savings.

## What is Dubuque's Smarter Electricity Project?

The City was recently awarded a \$1.4 million grant from the State of Iowa's Office of Energy Independence for the implementation of the electricity portion of the Smarter Sustainable Dubuque Initiative, a partnership between the City and Alliant Energy. This grant will allow IBM to analyze anonymous electricity usage data on a near-real time basis, track the impact of utilization changes, and provide participating residents with the information they need to reduce their costs, conserve electricity, and reduce carbon emissions. The City is currently recruiting volunteers from a targeted area for this pilot project.

## What's next?

The City and IBM are currently planning or conducting pilot studies for water, electricity, natural gas, transportation, wellness, and waste material. As the pilot studies are completed, the processes and findings will be reviewed and future plans for possible city-wide implementation will be considered.

## What makes this unique?

The public/private partnership makes this unique. Dubuque 2.0, a partnership of the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce and the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, is conducting a community dialogue on sustainability. Dubuque 2.0 is a venue where sustainable ideas are presented, best practices are shared, and results from the community's efforts are measured. The process will engage businesses, schools, non-profits, and neighborhoods in a comprehensive process so all may learn and choose to take action to save money and resources, open new markets, reduce our impact on the planet, and improve the competitiveness of the community.

## Art on the River 2010 Exhibit Chosen

The City of Dubuque has announced the selection of 10 works of outdoor sculpture for the 2010 Art on the River Exhibition, located in the Port of Dubuque. In its fifth year, the temporary public art exhibit drew 100 entries from 58 artists in 18 states, plus an entry from Thailand! The outstanding pool of entries included many submissions from Iowa artists. The works will be installed along the Mississippi RiverWalk at the Port

of Dubuque in July 2010 with an opening event set for Thursday, July 15, at 5:00 p.m. at the Grand River Center.

Art on the River is part of the Dubuque City Council's Arts and Culture initiative, in conjunction with the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, the Dubuque Museum of Art, and a volunteer committee made up of artists, educators, and city staff. For additional information, please contact Jan Stoffel, Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator, at 589-4110 or [janstoff@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:janstoff@cityofdubuque.org) or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver). §

## Pools Available for Rent

Schedule your birthday party, employee outing or youth group activity at the pool this summer! Flora Pool is available for rental on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7-9 p.m. for \$325. Sutton Pool is available for rental on Saturday and Sunday evenings from 7-9 p.m. for \$250. The Flora and/or Sutton water playground areas are available for rental on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$80. For further information, contact Leisure Services at 589-4263. §

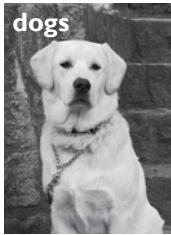
# Got Conflict? ~~~ Use Mediation!

## What is Mediation?

A meeting between people in conflict with a trained, neutral citizen who volunteers to listen, problem solve, and reach an agreement both can live with. It's free of charge!

## Summer is here ○ ○ ○

● ● ● and that can mean more conflicts



If you've got a dispute that needs settling, call the **DUBUQUE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER** at 589-4395.

## Contact Information

The City of Dubuque welcomes comments and suggestions about your city government or news appearing in this newsletter.

Please contact:

City Manager's Office  
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## Editorial Information

City News is published by the Public Information Office and is inserted in the City of Dubuque utility bills six times per year. For the most up-to-date City news and events, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org).

## New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

### Rick Jochum

Police

### Joseph Vondran

Public Works

### Brian Kelley

Police

### Luke Steger

Public Works

### Joshua Trowbridge

Police

## Retirements

Congratulations to these employees who recently retired from the City of Dubuque:

### Douglas Schlickman

Transit

### Tom Callahan

Police

## City Boards and Commissions Seek New Members

Applications are being accepted for current and upcoming vacancies on the various City of Dubuque boards and commissions. To find out which boards and commissions are seeking applicants, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/boardslisting](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/boardslisting).

Those interested in applying for a vacancy on a board or commission, may pick up an application in the City Clerk's Office at 50 W. 13th St., complete an online application, or download a printable application from the City Clerk's section of the City website, [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org). For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 589-4120 or [cityclerk@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofdubuque.org). §

## Dog Waste Ordinance

A reminder that a dog owner can be fined up to \$750 plus court costs for failure to clean up dog waste. The waste needs to be cleaned up regularly on the dog owner's own property and immediately on public property or property other than the dog owner's. Remember to be respectful of others, and be a responsible pet owner by cleaning up after your dog. To report a violation, call 589-4181 or submit a service request on [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org). §

## CALENDAR

### July

2	Independence Day Kid's Parade, 10:30 a.m., Comiskey Park. FREE
5	City Offices closed for Independence Day.
7	Tot Olympics, 6 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park. FREE
8	Transit Board of Trustees, 4:15 p.m., Municipal Services Center Conf. Rm., 925 Kerper Ct.
11	Family Pool Party, 7-10 p.m., Sutton Pool. \$10 per family.
12	Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Conf. Rm. II, City Hall Annex, 1300 Main St.
13	Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course
13	Skate-Dance, 7-11 p.m., Skate Country, a fee will be charged upon entry
14	Citywide Dodgeball Tournament, 2 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park. FREE
14	Big Wheel 500, 6:30 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park. FREE
15	Art on the River Opening, 5 p.m., Grand River Center. FREE
20	Housing Code Appeals Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.
21	Water Carnival, 6:30 p.m., Flora Pool. FREE
22	Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 4 p.m., Library Auditorium, 360 W. 11th St.
26	Airport Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., 11000 Airport Rd., Dubuque Jet Center
27	Housing Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.
28	Investment Oversight Advisory Commission Meeting, 3 p.m., Conf. Rm. A, City Hall
28	Citywide Playground Carnival, 6-8 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park. FREE

### August

4	Citywide Amateur Entertainment Night, 6:30 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park, upper patio. FREE
6	Multicultural Family Center Summer Street Jam, 1 p.m. - 9 p.m., Town Clock Plaza.
9	Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Conf. Rm. II, City Hall Annex, 1300 Main St.
10	Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course
15	Youth/Family Triathlon, Sutton Pool, 8 a.m. Entry fee \$10 per person or \$15 per family.
19	Carnegie-Stout Public Library closed for staff development
23	Airport Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., 11000 Airport Rd., Dubuque Jet Center
24	Housing Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.
26	Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 4 p.m., Library auditorium, 360 W. 11th St.

*This calendar is subject to change.*

- *Boards and Commissions: 589-4120, [cityofdubuque.org](http://cityofdubuque.org)*
- *Carnegie-Stout Public Library: 589-4225, [dubuque.lib.ia.us](http://dubuque.lib.ia.us)*
- *Leisure Services: 589-4263, [cityofdubuque.org](http://cityofdubuque.org)*
- *Multi-Cultural Family Center: 582-3681, [mfcdbq.org](http://mfcdbq.org)*