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## Three Major Improvement Projects Underway

### 10th Street Parking Ramp

The City of Dubuque's Parking Division has long maintained a waiting list for parking spots at most downtown ramps. To address current and future needs, a 477-space, seven-level ramp is being built at 10th Street and Central Avenue. The project also includes the addition of three truck bays to the Fire Department headquarters next door.

The City was awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration toward the \$10.1 million project cost. The City also sold \$9 million in urban renewal general obligation bonds (to be repaid with tax increment financing receipts) to fully fund the project. Construction will be completed in 2011.

### Water Pollution Control Plant

The City's Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) treatment facilities on Julien Dubuque Drive were designed and built over 40 years ago. Construction of the new WPCP facilities requires four major components: four anaerobic digesters (each approximately 70 feet in diameter and 30 feet tall) and a central control building; conversion from chlorine disinfection to ultra violet light; modification of

existing structures for flow equalization; and overall upgrades and repairs. A small structure will also be constructed to temporarily store bio-solids before they are transported to an off-site storage facility and ultimately applied to agricultural



10th & Central Parking Ramp Construction

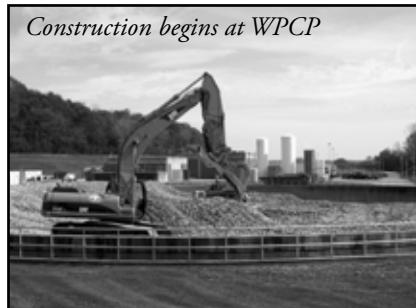
land. The project is estimated to cost \$64 million and is expected to be completed by December 2013. The project is being funded by state revolving loan funds repaid with sanitary sewer user fees.

### Bee Branch Creek Restoration

The Bee Branch Creek Restoration project will protect more than 1,100 properties currently at risk of flood damage during heavy rains. It involves the construction of a 4,500-foot long open waterway from the 16th Street Detention Basin to Comiskey Park. The project

required the deconstruction of 65 residential and 10 commercial structures. Construction of the first phase has begun and involves the excavation and handling of approximately 265,000 cubic yards of soil. Phase one also includes the dredging of the 16th Street Detention

Basin, construction of two bridges, reconstruction of the Couler Valley sanitary sewer interceptor, and water main improvements along 14th Street and along 16th Street. Phase two will begin next fall. The entire \$41.3 million Bee Branch



Construction begins at WPCP

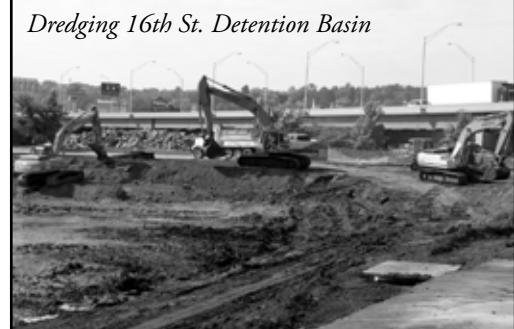
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Creek Restoration Project is scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2013.

The City was recently awarded a \$3.9 million I-JOBS grant from the State of Iowa for this project and continues to apply for additional federal and state assistance. The remainder will be funded using general obligation bonds and state revolving loan funds to be repaid with revenue generated through the City's monthly stormwater utility fee.

Dredging 16th St. Detention Basin



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# Winter in Dubuque

Whether you're new to Dubuque, or have lived here a lifetime, this information can help you as we approach winter.

## Trash and Recycling

### Fall/Winter Reminders

**Leaf Rake-Outs** (\$18 minimum fee) can be scheduled for collection October 11 through November 24, weather permitting.

### Holiday Collection

*Thanksgiving Day collection: Sat., Nov. 27*

*Christmas Eve Day collection: Fri., Dec. 24*

*New Year's Eve Day collection: Fri., Dec. 31*

### Merry Mulch Program

Christmas trees, yard waste and unscheduled food scraps in carts will be picked up during the first two full weeks in January on regular collection days. Please attach a City brush tie or yard waste sticker.

### Holiday Tag Distribution

City refuse customers may present the bottom half of their November 2010 City Utility Bill to the City Utility Billing Office, Municipal Services Center, Housing & Community Development Office, or Leisure Services Office before Dec. 10, 2010, to receive one complimentary green "extra garbage" tag.

**Annual 2011 Yard Waste decals** will be sold at the City Hall Utility Billing Office starting January 3rd.

### Solid Waste Winter Set-Out Tips

- Do not use white plastic bags in the winter. They blend in with snow and can get missed by crews.
- Use a lid and keep the inside of your can clean and dry so the contents won't freeze to the can.
- Place smaller bags inside the can at the top.
- Make sure your containers are easily accessible for crew collection.

For more information, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/publicworks](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/publicworks) or call 589-4250.

## Sidewalk Snow/Ice Removal

According to City Code, Dubuque property owners are responsible for snow and ice removal on sidewalks in front of homes and/or businesses.

- Remove snow and ice immediately after the snow fall ends and no longer than 48 hours after the snow event.
- Pile snow in front yard or in the park lawn (area between the sidewalk and curb)--not on adjacent property or in the street, alley, or sidewalk.
- Clear entire width of sidewalk, from edge to edge, and keep access ramps on corner lots open.
- Don't bury fire hydrants; expose the hydrant if it is not visible.
- To confidentially report a public sidewalk property needing snow/ice removal, call 589-4270, submit a service request through the City website ([www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org)) or email [engineer@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:engineer@cityofdubuque.org).
- Report unsafe conditions on rental property to the landlord and/or the property management company. Alternatively, the City's Housing Department can provide confidential assistance by calling 589-4231 or emailing [housing@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:housing@cityofdubuque.org).

For additional information on Dubuque's snow/ice removal policy, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/sidewalks](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/sidewalks) or call 589-4270.

Remember, it's your responsibility to protect your plumbing and the water meter in your home or business from freezing. Check and make sure that your basement/utility room windows are tightly sealed from summer use and that there is proper heating provided to these areas. If you use heat tapes, make sure they are properly installed and are working safely. If your water meter freezes, you are responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement for a damaged water meter. Please take time now, before winter hits, to inspect to make sure that the plumbing and water meter in your home or business is properly protected.



## Snow Route Parking Policy

When Dubuque's snow route policy is declared, the program requires "odd/even" parking along the City's designated snow routes, which are marked by signage. When in effect, parking is prohibited on the "even numbered" side of the streets on the even days of the month and on the "odd numbered" side of the streets on the odd days of the month. The parking

restrictions are in effect from noon to 5:00 p.m. OR 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., depending upon the street.



Enforcement of the snow route parking policy is announced in advance through area news media, including CityChannel 8 and the City website, as well as the City's "CodeRED" emergency notification system. Residents may also sign up for the Odd/Even Snow Route Parking "Notify Me" at [www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme). An email will be sent to subscribers each time the odd/even snow route parking policy goes into effect.

To add a phone number to the Code RED database, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org) and click on the "CodeRED" logo.

For more information on Dubuque's odd/even snow route parking policy, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/snow&icecontrol](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/snow&icecontrol) or call 589-4250. §





# A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

The efforts of community leaders and volunteers to improve the quality of life in Dubuque were acknowledged nationally and regionally in September. For the third consecutive time, the nation's largest partnership organization dedicated to youth and children, the America's Promise Alliance, announced that Dubuque is one of its 100 Best Communities for Young People. Additionally, the Iowa League of Cities named Dubuque a 2010 All-Star Community for the Sustainable Dubuque initiative. This is the most prestigious award presented to cities by the league, which includes 947 Iowa communities. Congratulations to all involved in these two important initiatives.

The City Council completed its annual goal-setting sessions in late August. They affirmed the City's mission statement and developed a 2025 vision statement, five-year goals, 2010-2012 policy agenda, and a management agenda.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The City's mission is to deliver excellent municipal services that support urban living, and contribute to a sustainable city. The City plans for the community's future, and facilitates access to critical human services. The result is a financially sound city government and citizens getting services and value for their tax dollar.

## DUBUQUE VISION 2025

- The city of Dubuque is a progressive, sustainable city with a strong diversified economy and expanding global

- connections;
- the Dubuque community is an inclusive community celebrating culture and heritage and has actively preserved our Masterpiece on the Mississippi;
- Dubuque citizens experience healthy living and active retirement through quality, livable neighborhoods and an abundance of fun things to do and they are engaged in the community, achieving goals through partnerships; and
- Dubuque City government is financially sound and providing services with citizens getting value for their tax dollars.

## FIVE-YEAR GOALS

- Diverse, strong Dubuque economy
- Sustainable city – economic prosperity, social/cultural vibrancy, environmental integrity
- Planned and managed growth
- Partnering for a better Dubuque
- Improved connectivity – transportation and telecommunications

## POLICY AGENDA 2010 – 2012

### Top Priority

- Develop a master plan for the South Port and Chaplain Schmitt Island
- Develop a human relations strategy
- Continue work on the City's Sustainability Plan
- Provide direction for the IBM/Smarter City Partnership
- Historic Millwork District Plan
- Continue work with the Safe Community Task Force
- Pursue Southwest Arterial funding

### High Priority

- FEMA flood plain maps
- Every Child | Every Promise
- Partnering with Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque
- Collaboration between the Leisure Services Department and the school district
- Expand air service
- Project HOPE (Helping Our People Excel)

## MANAGEMENT AGENDA 2010-2012

These issues represent short-term projects for City staff. Included in the Management Agenda are items that are considered major projects that involve significant city resources and may span more than one year for completion:

### Top Priority

- Workforce Housing
- DubuqueWorks Programs
- Washington Neighborhood
- Intermodal Facility
- Street Improvement Program
- Bee Branch Creek Reconstruction

### High Priority

- West End Fire Station
- Riverfront Leases
- Destination for Opportunity
- Dubuque 2.0
- Passenger Rail

These goals and priorities are the foundation of the City's work plan. They also guide the development of the City budget for the next fiscal year. If you would like to know more about the budget process or offer input, I invite you to attend the Public Budget Input Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2011 budget on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 5:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Historic Federal Building or provide input through the City website at [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org).

## Dubuque Creates Sustainable Development Code

Adopted in 2009, the City of Dubuque's new Unified Development Code (UDC) updates and consolidates zoning, subdivision, site development, historic preservation, and sign regulations. The UDC incorporates text, photographs, drawings, charts and diagrams for ease of use in an online illustrated version.

Sustainable design is now the expectation for development in Dubuque. Subdivision and site development regulations were extensively revised to promote

sustainable design and smart growth, such as conservation design, solar access, and low-impact development. Access for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transit as well as design guidelines for historic districts, the downtown, and older neighborhoods are now part of the UDC.

The UDC was created with help from citizen advisory committees and an interdisciplinary task force of City staff working with JEO Consulting. City planners sought input from developers, engineers,

architects, neighborhood and business associations, sign contractors, City Boards and Commissions, and the general public prior to City Council work sessions and public hearings.

The City of Dubuque hopes the UDC will serve as a model for other sustainable land development codes in Iowa. For more information on the Dubuque UDC, contact the Planning Services Department at [planning@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:planning@cityofdubuque.org) or check it out online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/udc](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/udc). §

# Office Space Available in Historic Federal Building

The City of Dubuque seeks tenants to lease office space in the Historic Federal Building in the heart of downtown Dubuque at 350 W. 6th Street.

Twelve spaces are currently available and range in size from 147 square feet to 969 and lease rates range from \$8 - \$12 per square foot per year. The City offers pro-rated property taxes to tenants and is willing to negotiate modifications to the spaces to meet individual tenant needs. Reserved parking is also available.

For additional information, please contact the City of Dubuque Economic Development Department at 563-589-4393 or e-mail [econdev@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:econdev@cityofdubuque.org). §

## Keyline Offers Route Extension to Dubuque Industrial Center West

The Keyline Transit Division, in partnership with the Regional Transit Authority (RTA), is pleased to announce an extension of Keyline's Red Line, offering additional West-end destinations for persons working in the Dubuque Industrial Center West area. Riders can use this shuttle to get back and forth to work at any business along Chavenelle Dr.

Riders can access Keyline routes and schedules by calling Keyline at 563-589-4196 or visiting [www.cityofdubuque.org/transit](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/transit). For specific times and route stops for the Redline Extension, please call the RTA at 1-800-839-5005. §

## New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Jodi Johnson</b><br>Transit      | <b>Laura Feyen</b><br>Library    | <b>Jennifer Long</b><br>Library   |
| <b>Kristine Blakeman</b><br>Transit | <b>Kurtis Hiatt</b><br>Library   | <b>Matthew Resnick</b><br>Library |
| <b>Lindsey Derby</b><br>Police      | <b>Jennifer Kasel</b><br>Library | <b>Irish Sandridge</b><br>Library |
| <b>Vanessa Bivins</b><br>Library    | <b>Hugh Lenane</b><br>Library    | <b>Deborah Waddick</b><br>Library |

## Contact Information

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

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## Retirements

Congratulations to the employee who recently retired from the City of Dubuque:

**Joe Vogt**  
Police

## Recycle Plastic Bags Locally!

These local retailers are among many in Dubuque that have bins where you can recycle your plastic bags.

- All Hy-Vee locations
- Eagle Country Market
- Target
- Lowe's
- Walmart
- Best Buy



# CALENDAR

## November

|        |  |
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| 1      | City Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building                             |
| 2      | Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5:00p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex                     |
| 8      | Human Rights Commission, 4:15 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex   |
| 9      | Park & Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course snack bar                                 |
| 11     | City offices closed for Veterans Day   |
| 11     | Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Building                                     |
| 15     | City Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building                                  |
| 16     | Housing Code Appeals Board, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building                                |
| 18     | Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Carnegie-Stout Library, 3rd floor Lacy Board Room |
| 22     | Airport Commission, 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center   |
| 23     | Housing Commission, 4 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building   |
| 23     | FY2011 Budget Public Input Mtg., 5:15p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building                |
| 23     | Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission, 4:30p.m., Carnegie-Stout Library auditorium                            |
| 25, 26 | City offices closed for Thanksgiving   |

## December

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| 6      | City Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building                                  |
| 7      | Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5:00p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex,                    |
| 9      | Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Building                                     |
| 13     | Human Rights Commission 4:15 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex  |
| 14     | Park & Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course snack bar                                 |
| 15     | Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Carnegie-Stout Library, 3rd floor Lacy Board Room |
| 20     | City Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building                                  |
| 21     | Housing Code Appeals Board, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building                                |
| 25, 26 | City offices closed for Christmas  |
| 27     | Airport Commission, 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center   |
| 28     | Housing Commission, 4 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building   |
| 30, 31 | City offices closed for New Year's Eve   |

*This calendar does not include all events, and is subject to change. Are you using Dubuque's "Notify Me" e-mail alert system? If not, please sign up today at [www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme) to receive agendas, news releases, event notifications, and other timely news.*

*City Hall: 50 W. 13th St.*

*City Hall Annex: 1300 Main St.*

*Historic Federal Building: 350 W. 6th St.*

*Carnegie-Stout Public Library: 360 W. 11th St.*

*Bunker Hill Snack Bar:*

*Dubuque Jet Center: 11000 Airport Road*