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## Dubuque Awarded \$4 Million for Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Programs

The City of Dubuque Health Services and Housing and Community Development Departments have been awarded a major Lead Hazard Control grant and a Healthy Homes Production Program grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A \$3,099,948 grant will be administered jointly by the two departments over a 36-month timeframe. The City's lead-based paint hazard reduction program will provide \$840,270 in matching contributions. The grant will fund several lead control initiatives including inspection of and lead-based paint hazard reduction in 185 Dubuque housing units.



It will provide a comprehensive public education campaign aimed at teaching property owners, tenants, and maintenance and remodeling contractors how to provide and maintain lead-safe dwellings.

Additionally, area contractors will be certified, trained and provided economic incentives to increase businesses and improve skills in lead hazard reduction.

HUD also awarded the City's health services and housing and community development departments \$999,973 to develop and promote the Healthy Homes Production Program in conjunction with the lead hazard activities.

This initiative will identify and remediate housing-related health and safety hazards in 100 low-income housing units throughout Dubuque.

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The City's lead-hazard abatement program has used more than \$9 million in federal grants since its inception in 1997 to make 966 housing units safe through a lead-hazard reduction strategy of abating lead-painted surfaces most accessible to children.

For more information on these programs, call the Housing and Community Development Department at 563-589-4239 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/housing](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/housing). §

## FEMA Accepts Dubuque Flood Map Revisions

In December 2010, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) agreed to accept flood maps revised by the City of Dubuque to determine which North End areas lie within the 100 year flood plain.

In 2009, City of Dubuque staff found inaccuracies in the preliminary flood maps that FEMA had prepared for the community. The City of Dubuque retained an engineering consultant to conduct a detailed analysis of the North End.

FEMA's decision to use the new maps will save nearly 1,600 Dubuque households from being required to pay for flood insurance at the high risk rates.

There is some good news for the remaining 200 North End properties in the new flood plain. The City of Dubuque is committed to completion of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project by 2013. With this stormwater management project in place, the City will ask FEMA to remove these properties from the flood plain.

A map and list of addresses is available on the City website at [www.cityofdubuque.org/FEMAfloodplain](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/FEMAfloodplain). For more information, contact the Planning Services Department at 563-589-4210 or [planning@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:planning@cityofdubuque.org). §



## Planning a Basement Remodel?

Dubuque residents and business owners who have not yet received a new water meter and are planning remodeling projects in their basements or areas where their water meter is located are asked to first contact the City of Dubuque Water Department Meter Division. Doing so before a remodel project may help avoid future difficulties when the property's existing water meter must be replaced.

Please call 563-589-4304 to schedule an appointment for City staff to reroute or replace the existing wire from your water meter to the registration device on the exterior of your home or business. There is no charge for this service. §

## Applications Available for Reduced Monthly Refuse and Stormwater Fees

The City of Dubuque has recently updated the 2011 Application for Refuse and Stormwater 50 Percent Reduction of Monthly Fee. Low-income customers who qualify are able to receive a 50 percent reduction in refuse and stormwater fees. The credit does not apply to water and sewer fees.

A copy of the application is available in the Utility Billing Department at City Hall or at [www.cityofdubuque.org/utilitybilling](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/utilitybilling), or by calling 563-589-4144. §

## Yard Debris Collection Resumes April 4th

Seasonal yard debris and food scrap collection for current subscribers starts Monday, April 4. For more information, call Public Works at 563-589-4250 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/publicworks](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/publicworks).

## New Look for the Transit System Coming Soon



## America's River III: Bee Branch Creek Restoration & Gateway

A public support campaign for the "America's River III: Bee Branch Creek Restoration and Gateway" project was announced in December by the City of Dubuque and the America's River Corporation. The campaign will support the amenities portion of the \$47 million Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project to protect more than 1,150 residential and non-residential properties on the city's North End from storm water flooding during major rain events, daylighting a creek and creating a mile-long linear park from Chaplain Schmitt Island to Comiskey Park.

America's River III provides the general public and the private sector an opportunity to support the \$12.1 million amenities portion of the project which includes hike/bike trails, bridges, gazebos, overlooks, an amphitheater, benches, lighting, and 1,000 new trees.

"This next phase of the America's River Project continues our tradition of engaging the community and partnering to improve our riverfront," said Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol. "This project will not only protect North End properties from storm water flooding, but will also improve quality of life and property values."

Honorary co-chairs for the campaign are Norma Denlinger and Gary Dolphin. "This is a great day for the North End and Wisconsin Gateway to Iowa," said Denlinger. "As a 25-year veteran of the Dubuque Racing Association Board of Directors, we know that if you involve a community and you get people excited about what you're doing, it's bound to be a success..." Dolphin added, "No question, in a few years' time, we'll look

back on America's River III with a lot of great pride. The next phase to me is the very backbone of our community which is the North End. Those are the families, those are the people, that started this wonderful story that is Dubuque." §

This campaign is expected to help the City leverage up to \$2.5 million in Vision Iowa funding. The City has already received a \$3.95 million state I-JOBS grant and is being recommended for up to a \$4.3 million Green Project forgivable loan from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency. The campaign has received commitments from the Dubuque Racing Association (\$50,000), Dubuque County (\$20,000), Dubuque Bank & Trust (\$10,000), Dupaco Community Credit Union (\$10,000), Premier Bank (\$10,000), U.S. Bank (\$10,000), and American Trust (\$5,000). For more information, or to donate, call 563-589-4110 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/americasriver3](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/americasriver3). §

### America's River III Naming Opportunities and Gift Levels

<b>\$50,000</b>	Bee Branch Creek Keystone Overlook - Dubuque Racing Association
<b>\$10,000</b>	Eagle's Watch Audubon Overlook - U.S. Bank
<b>\$10,000</b>	Sycamore Gazebo Overlook - Dupaco Community Credit Union
<b>\$10,000</b>	Creekside Amphitheatre - Available
<b>\$10,000</b>	Mississippi River Trail Connection - Available
<b>\$2,000 each</b>	Memorial Benches
<b>\$500 each</b>	Trees
<b>\$100 each</b>	Brick Pavers

Groups and individuals interested in participating in the campaign can call the City Manager's Office at 563-589-4110.



### Save the Date - City Expo 2011

The 2011 City Expo will be held on Tuesday, April 12, from 5-8 p.m. at Five Flags Arena.



# A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

The Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies (NIU/CGS) completed its 2010 Quantitative Research Study on Crime and Poverty in Dubuque in mid January. The study was commissioned last spring by the City of Dubuque after being recommended to the Dubuque City Council by the Safe Community Task Force.

The Safe Community Task Force is a diverse group of 25 volunteers appointed by the City Council to look at both the causes of, and solutions to, crime in Dubuque and recommend goals and objectives to the leadership of Dubuque. Beyond the 25 appointed members, the task force utilized sub-committees and work groups to get all interested parties involved. The sub-committees included: neighborhood engagement/social capital, enforcement, management of physical environment, and research and facts.

The study was designed to compare community perceptions of crime in Dubuque to actual crime data and included: a public opinion survey; an analysis of

Dubuque's crime rates and trends over time; comparisons to similarly sized communities in Iowa; the extent to which Section 8 housing recipients are connected to crime; a review of research studies related to poverty, Section 8 housing assistance, crime, fear of crime, and crime prevention; and recommendations based on the research and evidence.

The study provides a wealth of objective data that will enable the Safe Community Task Force, City Council, and staff to develop recommendations, policies, and practices based on facts about our community, not assumptions. It also provides a snapshot of the perceptions held by residents. As the saying goes, "perception is reality," and we must address those perceptions, particularly residents who do not feel safe. However, reality is also reality, and the study's analysis of crime in Dubuque indicates we are a safe community and our crime rate is average when compared to the nine other cities in Iowa with populations over 50,000. However, Dubuque is an above-average community, and does not find average

acceptable. Public safety is a top priority of the Dubuque City Council.

A formal presentation of the study results was made at a public meeting of the Safe Community Task Force on Tuesday, Jan. 25. This presentation is being aired on City Cable Channel 8 on the Mediacom cable system and can also be viewed online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/media](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/media). A complete copy of the report is available online [www.cityofdubuque.org/safecommunity](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/safecommunity). Printed copies can be checked out from the Carnegie-Stout Public Library Reference Desk at 360 West 11th Street. Copies can also be viewed at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 50 West 13th Street, the Human Rights Department in City Hall Annex at 1300 Main Street, and the Dubuque Police Department at 770 Iowa Street. The recommendations that were previously made by the Safe Community Task Force are also available.

Please get involved! Help with formulating recommendations and implementing recommendations.

The Safe Community Advisory Committee will continue to review the study and use the information to formulate recommendations to submit to the City Council for their consideration. Residents and stakeholders can provide input to the Safe Community Task Force and City staff online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/safecommunity](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/safecommunity). Feedback can also be

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## "Part I" Crimes for Calendar Years 2003-2010 Compiled by the Dubuque Police Department

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	CY03	CY04	CY05	CY06	CY07	CY08	CY09	CY10	AVG.	CY10% Over/Under Average	CY10% Over/Under Peak Year
<b>Number of Crimes Against Persons</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>-14.7%</b>	<b>-33.6%</b>
Murder	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0.0%	-50.0%
Sexual Assault	52	41	48	61	72	54	43	38	51	-25.5%	-47.2%
Robbery	20	12	14	19	40	31	35	36	26	38.5%	-10.0%
Aggravated Assault*	36	41	55	41	36	37	38	24	39	-38.5%	-56.4%
<b>Number of Crimes Against Property</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>1,996</b>	<b>2,084</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>2,284</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>-12.4%</b>
Burglary	422	464	437	501	669	526	519	503	505	-0.4%	-24.8%
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	308	389	276	370	366	510	420	399	380	5.0%	-21.8%
Theft	1,185	1,176	1,239	1,151	1,229	1,185	1,072	1,102	1,167	-5.6%	-11.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	84	90	44	62	63	63	56	34	62	-45.2%	-62.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>2,406</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>	<b>-13.7%</b>

  Highlight indicates Peak Year

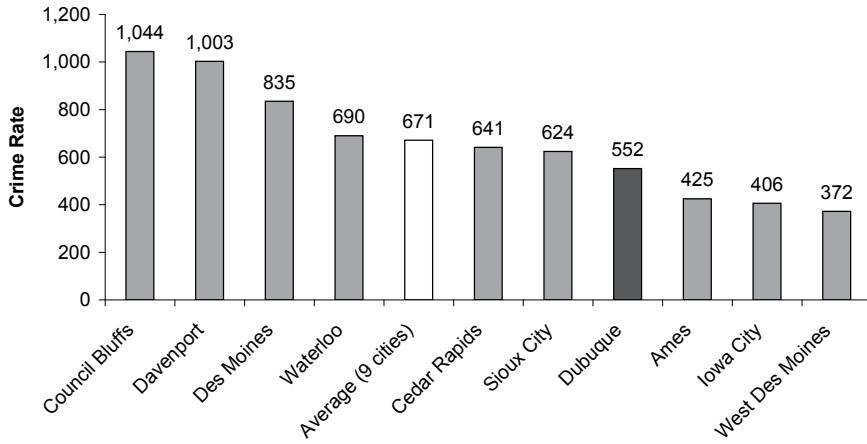
\*For aggravated assaults, calendar year 2010 incorporates a correction in the method for reporting Aggravated Assaults to the Uniform Crime Reports to comply with the Federal UCR rules. The former reporting method would have shown 53 aggravated assaults. The 29 assault difference are now classified as simple assaults. Correction of this error was not done for the years prior to 2010, so those numbers are overstated.

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submitted to the City Manager's Office by phone at 563-589-4110; by mail at 50 West 13th Street, Dubuque, Iowa, 52001; or by email at [prussell@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:prussell@cityofdubuque.org). Those who provide feedback and would like a response will need to provide their name, address, and phone number. Respondents who just want the task force to consider their comment or question and do not expect a response may submit anonymously. §

## 2004-2009 Average UCR Part I Crimes (plus Simple Assaults): Rates per 10,000 Population

UCR = Uniform Crime Report



## Retirements

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

**Rachel Gerber**      **Jeff Pillard**  
Library                      Police

**Steve Neyens**      **Bob McCarron**  
Building Services              Public Works

## New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

**Darrin Homb**  
Water

**Vincent Lara**  
Police

**James Melloy**  
Transit

**Jeffrey Mills**  
Finance

**Amy Muchmore**  
Library

**Brian Niemann**  
Water

**Nathan Steffen**  
Engineering

## Contact Information

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

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# CALENDAR

## March

- 1 FY2012 Budget Public Hearing #5, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 3 FY2012 Budget Public Hearing #6, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 7 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 8 Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course snack bar
- 8 Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 10 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Building
- 10 Public Hearing to Adopt FY2012 Budget, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 14 Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex
- 15 Housing Code Appeals Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 21 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 22 Housing Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 22 Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Carnegie-Stout Public Library Auditorium
- 24 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 4 p.m., Carnegie-Stout Library auditorium
- 28 Airport Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center

## April

- 4 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 4 Yard Debris Collection Resumes
- 5 Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 11 Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex
- 12 Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course snack bar
- 12 City Expo, 5-8 p.m., Five Flags Arena, FREE
- 14 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Building
- 18 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 19 Housing Code Appeals Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 25 Airport Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center
- 26 Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Carnegie-Stout Public Library Auditorium
- 26 Housing Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 28 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Carnegie-Stout Public Library auditorium

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: 2200 Bunker Hill Rd.

Dubuque Jet Center: 11000 Airport Road