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2011 Road and Street Construction Projects

The 2011 construction season is well underway in Dubuque. The City has a number of street construction projects already in progress or planned that may affect traffic as they are completed.

Historic Millwork District Complete Streets Project

This project is currently underway and consists of street reconstruction on portions of 10th, Washington, and Jackson Streets. It also includes utility upgrades on 11th Street from Jackson to Elm, and new lighting and sidewalks on portions of 9th and 10th Streets. Anticipated completion: November 2011.

Sunset Ridge

This project is also underway and includes the reconstruction of Sunset Ridge from Wartburg Place to the end of the cul-de-sac, providing for a 21-foot wide concrete street with integral curb and gutter, a four-foot sidewalk on the west side of the street, and reconstruction of all underground utilities. New street lighting will also be installed. Anticipated completion: July 2011.

Central Avenue Resurfacing Project

This project entails the milling and resurfacing of the existing pavement from 21st Street to 32nd Street. The project also includes the upgrade of the existing pedestrian ramps at the intersecting side streets so that they are ADA compliant. Traffic control will be

setup so through traffic on Central Avenue will be detoured onto Jackson Street for the duration of the project. The project is scheduled begin in early May and be completed in early September.

Kaufmann Avenue Utility Project and Reconstruction/Resurfacing Project

Two upcoming projects on Kaufmann Avenue, from J.F. Kennedy Road to Chaney Road, are planned. The first project, the Kaufmann Avenue Utility Project, will begin in mid-May. The City will conduct spot repair on the water main as well as sanitary and storm sewers. A lining project for the existing sanitary sewer on Kaufmann is also scheduled during this period. Anticipated completion: July 29.

The second project, the Kaufmann Avenue HMA Reconstruction/Resurfacing Project, has a scheduled start date of August 1. The City will replace the curb and gutter, and pavement area from J.F. Kennedy

Road to Martin Drive. Milling/resurfacing with pavement spot repair will be done from Martin Drive to Carter Road. Anticipated completion: November 18.

Traffic will be detoured around the construction zone for both projects.



Kaufmann Avenue Resurfacing Project

After the completion of the Kaufmann Avenue Utility Project, the Public Works Department will mill and resurface the pavement on Kaufmann from Carter Road to Chaney Road.

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Southwest Arterial

Work on the \$3 million North Cascade Road Reconstruction Project will continue throughout the summer. Following the completion of the bridge work, Stage II Grading and Paving will resume and is anticipated to be completed by early Fall 2011. Both the English Mill and Military Road reconstruction projects are scheduled to start construction this fall and will include the construction of new bridges which will allow the future Southwest Arterial to cross under each of those side roads.

US 151/61 Capacity Improvements

The US 151/61 capacity improvements include reconstruction of two signals along 151/61 at Maquoketa Drive and at US 52. The US 52 intersection will include additional turn lanes and geometric improvements including dedicated

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protected-only left-, through- and right-turn movements for the side streets. These two signals will be connected via fiber optics and will be tied to the Traffic Operations Center at City Hall allowing remote observation and management.

Annual Asphalt Overlay Program

The Public Works Department will again pave over ten miles of city streets this summer. The street surfaces will first be ground down or "milled", with the asphalt grindings recycled and blended into the new asphalt. For a list of streets, call 563-589-4250 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/asphaltoverlay.

Electronics Recycling and Disposal Program Changes

Effective July 1, 2011 the burying of any electronics will not be allowed at the Dubuque Metro Landfill. As of that date, all unwanted electronics accepted at this location must be recycled. New fees will apply to larger electronics (see chart). A onetime amnesty for recycling electronics will be offered from June 11- 25 at the Landfill. Electronics can be dropped off at no charge from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on these dates.

The Electronics Recycling Program provides an environmentally sound and economically feasible disposal option for electronic scrap. Electronics are defined as anything with a circuit board and/or cathode ray tube (CRT or "picture tube"). Examples include: computer monitors and CPUs, cell phones, televisions, printers, DVD players and VCRs. All recycled electronics are demanufactured into salvageable components at a regional secure demanufacturing facility. To ensure data security, computers are not refurbished or reused.

The Dubuque Metropolitan Solid Waste Agency (DMASWA) changed its electronics disposal program because it is not only concerned about the space used electronics take up in the landfill, but

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also the hazardous materials they contain. These electronics also contain many materials made from natural resources, some of which are not renewable. By recycling electronics, those valuable natural resources are used again to make new products, water pollution is prevented, and energy is saved in the extraction and manufacturing processes. For more information, contact DMASWA Administrator Chuck Goddard at 563-589-4250 or visit www.dmaswa.org.

Electronics Recycling Fees Effective July 1, 2011

\$5.00 each	Monitors, small televisions, laptop computers (under 27")
\$10.00 each	Larger televisions and monitors (over 27")
\$15.00 each	Console televisions
No Charge	All other electronics and accessories

Home Improvement Projects Permits



It's home improvement season in Dubuque! As a reminder, many home improvement projects require building permits. Roofing, siding,

window replacements, retaining walls, decks and storage sheds are examples of projects that require a permit.

For more information about whether a project you are planning needs a permit, please contact the Building Services Department at 563-589-4150 or by email at building@cityofdubuque.org. All permits are available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/constructionpermits.



A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

On April 1, 2011, Main Street Iowa held its 25th anniversary celebration dinner in Des Moines hosted by Governor Terry Branstad and Iowa Department of Economic Development Director Debi Durham.

What a night for Dubuque Main Street and its Executive Director Dan LoBianco! Imagine the Academy Awards if over one third of the awards were won by one person! Out of 24 awards from Main Street Iowa, Dubuque was either first or first runner up nine times!

The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce received the top award for "Green Sustainable Practices" for Dubuque 2.0, inspiring sustainability through a community dialogue. As you will remember, the City of Dubuque was

recently selected by the Iowa League of Cities for the All-Star Community Award for Sustainable Dubuque and has received other national and international recognition for sustainability.

The Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Avenue, received the top award for a "Diversity Initiative."

Bill Callahan, chairperson of Dubuque Initiatives, was recognized by Governor Branstad as the Dubuque Main Street Volunteer of the Year.

The City of Dubuque Green Alley Pilot Program was first runner up for "Energy Saving Practices."

Cathedral Square Lofts, 205 Bluff Street, owned by B&C Cathedral Development, won for "Upper Floor Rehabilitation."

Ken Lin, owner of the building housing The Food Store at 1109 Iowa Street, and the Breitbart family won for "Façade Improvement - \$15,000 and Under."

The Roshek Building, a project of Dubuque Initiatives by Gronen Restoration, with Architect Jeffrey Morton and Construction Manager Jim Urell, won for "Total Building Rehabilitation over 5,000 Square Feet."

The City of Dubuque Downtown Housing Incentive Program won for "Business Financial Incentives."

The Carnegie-Stout Public Library won for "Community-Initiated Development Project."

Then, to top off the evening, Governor Branstad recognized the level of private investment in downtowns since 1990. Dubuque was recognized for over \$500 million in private investment! The next closest community was \$50 million.

Congratulations Dubuque Main Street and all downtown stakeholders! §

Water Meter Replacement Project Wins EPA Award

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized City of Dubuque with its 2010 Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Award for Sustainable Public Health Protection for EPA Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and nine tribal nations). Dubuque is one of just two communities in Region 7 to receive the award.

Approximately 80 percent of the nearly 23,000 water meters in Dubuque have been replaced with new meters featuring automated meter reading (AMR) and advanced leak indication technology. The initial installations of the mandatory water meter replacement project began in March 2010 and have gradually been ramped up to the current rate of approximately 400 meter installations per week. The project remains on schedule for its completion by the end of this summer. §

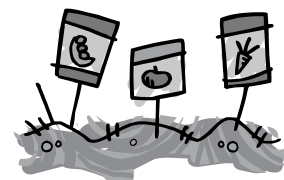
Pet Licenses Required

Dubuque pet owners are reminded that all dogs and cats over the age of four months are required by law to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies.

Dubuque's annual license fees are:

- Spayed/neutered dog or cat: \$12
- Non-spayed/non-neutered dog or cat: \$30
- Delinquent fee for dogs and cats: \$10

The license tag should be securely attached to the pets collar at all times. Licenses can only be issued with proof of current rabies vaccination so this must be provided at time of application. For more information, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/petlicensing or contact the Health Services Department at 589-4181. §



Community Garden Plots Available

In-ground and raised bed plots are available for a rental fee of \$30 or \$40, respectively, at the Dubuque Jaycees Community Gardens located in Veterans Memorial Park. A \$25 deposit is also required, which will be returned if the plot is cleared after harvest season. The program is available to all Dubuque residents, and fee waivers are available for residents who qualify based on income. To reserve a plot, please contact the Dubuque Jaycees at 563-583-5555 or dubuquejaycees@gmail.com. For more information on this and other gardening opportunities in Dubuque, call 563-690-6063 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/communitygardens. §

May is National Preservation Month

Communities throughout the U.S. celebrate their heritage with National Preservation Month each year in May. This year's theme is "Celebrating America's Treasures." Preservation Month is coordinated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (www.preservationnation.org) and is designed to raise awareness about the power historic preservation has to protect and enhance our homes, neighborhoods, and communities.

The City of Dubuque is fortunate to possess a long, rich historical and cultural heritage as one of the early, prosperous communities that developed along the Mississippi River valley in the early 19th century. While the historical figures and events are long gone, their stories and lessons are preserved in the architecture and landscapes constructed during those times. As such, they serve as one of the most powerful and enduring tools for the education of future generations. Preserving Dubuque's historic buildings and sites is also an effective tool for sustainable development, revitalizing our neighborhoods and Main Street, fostering local pride and enhancing the community's livability and character.

Help celebrate Dubuque's treasures during National Preservation Month. Consider participating in a preservation activity or organization. §



America's River Festival June 10-12, 2011

Musical entertainment includes:
Foghat, Chicago, K.C. and the
Sunshine Band, and Starship
featuring Mickey Thomas.

For more information, visit www.americasriverfestival.com
or call 563-557-9200.

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New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

Kenneth Decker
Transit

Garry Lucas
Transit

Julia Hampson
City Manager's Office

Jerome Knasinski
Transit

Anthony Elskamp
Recreation

Ericka Lessears
Housing

Retirements

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

James Calhoun
Fire

Robert Flannery
Police

CALENDAR

May

- 2 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 3 Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 7 City parks officially open
- 9 Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex
- 10 Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course snack bar
- 12 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Building
- 16 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 17 Housing Code Appeals Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 23 Airport Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center
- 24 Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library
- 24 Housing Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 26 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room
- 28 Flora and Sutton Pools officially open
- 30 City offices closed for Memorial Day (Trash & recycling collection on Saturday, May 28)

June

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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 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*