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## Library Awarded Prestigious LEED® Green Building Certification

The Carnegie-Stout Public Library has been awarded LEED® Silver certification in the Existing Building category, established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED is the preeminent program for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings. The library is the first City-owned building to achieve this distinction, and the only public library in the nation to achieve this status while also being on the National Register of Historic Places.



Carnegie-Stout Public Library achieved LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water, and material use, as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED-certified buildings save money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers, and the community at large.

### New Library Notification Services

You can now receive notification of a reserved library item waiting for you via text message. To enroll in this service, call the library at 563-589-4225 and ask for Circulation, or stop at the Circulation or New Cards Desk next time you are in the library.

Want to beat the waiting list to read (or listen to) the latest work from your favorite author? Register for the library's "Author Alert" service. You can select multiple authors and receive an email notification when new titles are ordered and then place a reserve on the title to be one of the first to receive it when it arrives. To register for this service, visit [www.dubuque.lib.ia.us/authoralerts](http://www.dubuque.lib.ia.us/authoralerts). §

### Help us improve City Expo

We want to hear from you!

The annual City Expo is moving from April to September and is undergoing a makeover! How can we make the event more informative and engaging for all residents? Please share your ideas at [www.cityofdubuque.org/ExpoIdeas](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/ExpoIdeas) or by calling 563-589-4151.

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### Merry Mulch and Winter Yard Debris Collection Schedule

The City will provide a "Merry Mulch" collection of natural Christmas trees, food scraps, and yard debris on regular collection days for two weeks from Monday, Jan. 7, through Friday, Jan. 18. Trees must be free of decorations and have an attached City brush tie or yellow yard waste sticker.

Before and after "Merry Mulch" and through March 28, appointments must be made to have yard debris and food scraps collected. Collections will be on Thursdays only and appointments must be made no later than 3 p.m. on Wednesdays for next-day collection. Customers can schedule a collection by calling the Public Works Department at 563-589-4250 or by submitting a service request online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste). Current, annual yard waste decals or yellow single-use yard waste stickers are required.

For additional information, please call the Public Works Department at 563-589-4250.

# Dornbirn Named Dubuque Sister City

A Dubuque delegation, including Mayor Roy Buol and City Clerk Kevin Firnstahl, traveled to Europe in late October to formally establish a sister city relationship with Dornbirn, Austria. A sister city relationship is an officially approved, long-term partnership between two municipalities in two countries, with the purpose of establishing mutually beneficial connections and addressing issues relevant to both locations.

Located in the Upper Rhine Valley, Dornbirn is the largest city in the Austrian state of Vorarlberg and has a population of nearly 46,000. The city is located among diverse cultural and natural settings in the four-country area of Austria, Germany, the Principality of Liechtenstein, and Switzerland.

The visiting Dubuque delegation also included Dick Landis, chairperson of Dubuque's Sister City Relationships Advisory Commission, and several members of the Rhomberg family of Dubuque. Early Dubuque settlers L.A., Joseph, and Francis Rhomberg were born in Dornbirn before coming to Dubuque

and finding success in the distilling/brewing, wholesale liquors, railroad, and tanning/fur industries.

In the 1990s, Austrian author Meinrad Pichler traveled to Dubuque to research the history the two cities share. In 2009, the City of Dubuque was contacted by Dornbirn's Public Relations Director Ralf Hammerle about a visit to Dubuque to further explore the connection and establish a sister city relationship. Since then, Dubuque has hosted delegations from Dornbirn in 2010 and 2011. The City of Dubuque was then invited to visit the City of Dornbirn, and a reciprocal visit was planned for October 2012.

The recent visit to Dornbirn included tours of the Dornbirn City Museum and Archives, the Dornbirn Town Hall, farmer's market, area historical sights, and medieval villages. Proclamations (one in English and one in German) officially designating Dubuque and Dornbirn as sister cities were signed by Mayor Buol and Dornbirn Mayor Wolfgang Rummel at a formal ceremony on Oct. 24 at the Dornbirn Town Hall.



Dornbirn Mayor Wolfgang Rummel & Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol

Additional copies of Pichler's book were provided by the City of Dornbirn and are available for reading at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library, the Dubuque County Historical Society, and the Center for Dubuque History at Loras College.

In addition to Dornbirn, Dubuque also has sister city relationships with Handan, China, and Pyatigorsk, Russia. For more information on the City of Dubuque sister city program, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/sistercities](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/sistercities) or Sister Cities International at [www.sister-cities.org](http://www.sister-cities.org). §

## Reminder for Rental Property Owners

The City of Dubuque is sponsoring an educational program for property owners and managers on all aspects of managing property with a special emphasis on how to reduce crime in rental property. According to the City Code of Ordinances, as recommended by the Safe Community Task Force, all Dubuque property owners or their property managers must attend this or a similar program of continuing education approved by the City Manager. Licensed real estate professionals or those who have already completed this program are exempt.

The next training sessions are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, and Thursday, March 7, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at NICC Town Clock Center, 680 Main Street. Additional information about the program, registration details, and training manual are available at [www.cityofdubuque.org/dcfmhp](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/dcfmhp). To register by phone, contact NICC at 563-557-8271, ext 380. §

## Every Single Day We Engage

Submitted by Nikola Pavelić, City of Dubuque Community Engagement Coordinator

Whether we realize it or not, we "engage" every day in a variety of ways. She goes in to work every day knowing the many needs she will have to take care of, yet none of them are her own needs. He wakes up every day to provide a meal, housing, and perspective to people in situations he cannot even imagine. A group of people recognize the challenges facing our community and yet live their lives every day thinking of ways they can use their entrepreneurial spirit to make a difference and meet a need.

Over the last several months, dozens of individuals have made time for me and shared what they do in and for our community. They told me how they engage with others and for what purpose.

While the choices people make differ, the string that ties all of these conversations together is passion and hope -- passion and hope for the people of Dubuque and the communities we choose to create.

As the new community engagement coordinator for the City, I'd like to take this opportunity to find out what the word "engagement" means to you. Please take a few moments to think about what it means to be engaged in the community for you and consider sharing that with someone new. If you would like to talk to me about what engagement means to you, what you are proud of and what more you wish for, please feel free to contact me. My e-mail is: [npavelic@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:npavelic@cityofdubuque.org) and my phone number is: 563-589-4182. §



# A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

## ACCOLADES FOR COMPLETE STREETS

Since its completion in May 2012, Dubuque's Historic Millwork District Complete Streets Project has been recognized, not only for its sustainable design of safe travel and access to all users, but also for its role in the revitalization of the district.

In September, the project was named "Project of the Year in Transportation" in the "Greater than \$5 Million, Less than \$25 Million" category from the Iowa Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Around the same time, it was named a "Top 10 Road" of 2012 by Roads & Bridges magazine.

Locally, Dubuque Main Street named the Complete Streets Project the "Best Public Improvement Project" at its annual awards banquet held in October. Preservation Iowa recognized the historic preservation aspect of the project with an award in the "Sustainability in Preservation" category at the 2012 Preservation at Its Best Awards ceremony.

The project garnered recognition at two conferences in Ames in early November; one for excellence in planning and the other for excellence in concrete. The

Complete Streets received an Iowa Award for Implementation by the American Planning Association (APA) at the annual APA-Iowa conference. The other award, a 2012 Excellence in Concrete award for sustainable practices, was received at the Iowa Better Concrete Conference.

Most recently, the 1000 Friends of Iowa group named the project "Best Development—New Civic Project" for its adherence to Smart Growth Principles. The Best Development Awards recognize development projects and programs across the state of Iowa that best reflect the principles of smart growth and sustainable development.

However, the highest award the project has received has been the local banks and developers investing tens of millions of dollars of their hard-earned capital in redeveloping the buildings in the Historic Millwork District. Special thanks to Gronen Restoration and American Trust and Savings Bank upon completion of the CARADCO Building.

## FY2014 BUDGET PROCESS

The City organization is entering the busiest season of our annual budget cycle. I will present my recommended budget for Fiscal

Year (FY) 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014) to the City Council at their regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 4, 2013. Over the course of seven public meetings in February, City staff from each department and division will present budget information to the City Council. The final public meeting will be to adopt the budget.

## BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE:

**Tuesday, Feb. 5:** Airport, Planning, Library, Finance, Information Services, Human Rights

**Tuesday, Feb. 19:** Water, Water & Resource Recovery Center, Public Works, Transit

**Thursday, Feb. 21:** Housing, Economic Development, Parking, Engineering

**Monday, Feb. 25:** Purchase of Services, Five Flags, Conference Center, Recreation, Parks

**Tuesday, Feb. 26:** Emergency Communications, Emergency Management, Fire, Police, Building Services

**Wednesday, Feb. 27:** Health, City Attorney, City Manager, City Council, City Clerk, Cable TV

**Thursday, Feb. 28:** Public Hearing to Adopt

The public is invited to attend and provide input at each meeting. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the City Council Chambers in the Historic Federal Building at 350 W. Sixth Street. The meetings are broadcast live on CityChannel Dubuque (analog channel 8 and digital channel 97.2 on the Mediacom cable system) and streamed live and archived online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/media](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/media). For additional details on the City budget process, or to offer input, please visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/budget](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/budget) or call 563-589-4110. §

## Water Meter Wire and Transmitter Relocation Assistance

If a water meter, wire, or meter interface unit (outside transmitter) needs to be relocated or detached from your home or business, (for painting or residing, for example) please contact the Water Department at 589-4304 and a staff person will disconnect and reconnect it free of charge. Tampering with any part of the meter reading system may result in a \$50 fine plus repair costs and a service fee. §



## Dr. King Tribute Days -- January 20-21

The Dubuque Human Rights Commission, along with Faces & Voices, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, and the Dubuque Branch of the NAACP, cordially invite you to attend the following events as part of the Dr. King Tribute Days, Jan. 20-21, 2013:

**Sunday, Jan. 20** - 2 p.m., NAACP March, from Jackson Park to Prescott School, where the student winners of the Dr. King Multimedia Contest will present their work.

**Monday, Jan. 21** - 21st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday breakfast, Grand River Center, 550 Bell St. 7 a.m. check-in., program at 7:30 a.m. \$15 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 12 and under. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 11 by calling 563-588-2700 or emailing [office@dbqfoundation.org](mailto:office@dbqfoundation.org). Keynote speaker: Ms. Cammie Dean - Coming Home to the "Beloved Community," one (Black) woman's perspective on race, diversity, and making a home in Dubuque.

Additionally, Day of Service workshops will be held to help parents and college-bound students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). §

# Free Smoke Detectors Available

Thanks to a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association, the Washington Neighborhood Development Corporation (WNDC) is offering free smoke detectors to Dubuque residents. The WNDC has partnered with the Dubuque Fire Department to distribute the 438 detectors on a first-come, first-served basis. Firefighters will also install the smoke detectors free of charge. If interested in smoke detectors for your home, call 563-589-4103 with your name, address, and phone number and a call will be returned to schedule an installation. §

## New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

**Annette Arnold** - Finance

**Denise Blakeley Ihrig** - Engineering

**Shane Borgstahl** - Library

**Eugene Hohmann** - Transit

**Christy Kelley** - Economic Development

**Emily Kruse** - Library

**Howard Riedel** - Parking

**Tyler Rottinghaus** - Airport

**Kate Schwager** - Parking

**Christine Selchert** - Finance

**Jake Thomas** - Airport

**Tyler Young** - Airport

**Save the Date!**  
Taste of the World  
Sat., March 16  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Five Flags Center

## Retirements

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

**Rick Bankson**  
Fire Department

**Bob Park**  
Fire Department

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# CALENDAR

## January

1 City Offices closed for New Year's Day

2 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex

2 Zoning Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.

2 Leisure Services winter activities registration begins, 8 a.m.

6-27 Hempstead Pool public open swimming Sundays 1-4 p.m., adult lap swim/water-walking 4-5 p.m.

7-18 Merry Mulch Christmas Tree Recycling Program and Yard Waste Collection. Call 589-4250 for details.

7 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.

8 Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course snack bar

9 Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.

10 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Building

14 Human Rights Commission Meeting 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex

15 Housing Code Appeals Board, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.

16 Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.

17 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.

19 Bald Eagle Watch, 9 a.m., Grand River Center, 500 Bell St.

21 City Offices closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No change in curbside collection schedule.

21 Summer 2013 adult softball leagues registration information available

22 Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.

22 Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library

22 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.

23 Investment Oversight Advisory Commission, 3 p.m., Conf. Rm. A, City Hall

24 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Library auditorium

24 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 p.m., Historic Federal Building

21 Summer 2013 adult volleyball leagues registration information available

28 Airport Commission 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center

28 Five Flags Advisory Commission, 4 p.m., Five Flags Center, 405 Main St.

## February

3-24 Hempstead Pool public open swimming, Sundays 1-4 p.m., adult lap swim/water-walking 4-5 p.m.

4 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.

5 Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex

6 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I City Hall Annex

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28 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 p.m., Historic Federal Building

28 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room

*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.*