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Food Scrap Recycling Now Open to All Curbside Collection Customers

The Dubuque City Council recently approved the expansion of Dubuque's curbside collection of food scraps for composting program.

The expansion represents a value-added service as part of the City's existing curbside collection of yard debris. It allows City customers to include food scraps and compostable paper in their yard waste cans, bags, and carts. These additional materials will be processed for beneficial use as compost and at the same time also reduce greenhouse gas pollution. Under a contract with Full Circle Organics, LLC (FCO), the City will deliver its co-collected "organics" (grass, leaves, brush, food scraps, and compostable paper) to FCO's commercial composting facility near Farley.

City collection customers may now combine food scraps and compostable paper in with their grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris in their current yard waste cans, carts, and paper bags. These containers include 65-gallon City yard waste tipper carts, customers' 35-gallon cans with annual yard debris decals, and customers' 35-gallon cans or paper yard waste bags with attached single-use yellow stickers. As a result, many City customers will be able to divert their



food scraps from landfilling at little or no additional cost by adding these materials to their yard waste containers. Commercial and residential customers may also subscribe to food scrap collection carts (13, 48, or 64 gallons) for additional fees.

This program expansion is projected to result in the following benefits over the next year: 155 additional tons of food scraps composted, 1,500 new households and businesses participating through these program options, and net collection system savings of \$33,000.

This expanded City service enables more Dubuquers to help our community achieve its sustainability goals. The increased diversion of these materials from landfill disposal also reduces polluting methane emissions, which are major greenhouse gases.

In addition to compostable paper bags, the program will also allow the use of certified bio-plastic compostable "kitchen catcher" bags to reduce the "yuck" factor of managing food scraps for weekly collection. These bags display the US Composting Council logo and are available at retail stores and online.

Dubuque adopted and implemented Iowa's first curbside food scrap collection program seven years ago. Within three years, collected tonnage reached the maximum capacity of two tons per week allowed

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by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be processed at the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency's (DMASWA) composting facility. This initial "Green Cart" collection program currently serves 220 residential customers, 14 schools, and seven businesses and community groups.

The DMASWA's Board of Directors has been supportive of the new FCO facility and expanded City food scrap collection program. The DMASWA's composting facility will continue to operate through 2013, with its future to be determined by its board of directors by year end.

For more information and tips on food scrap recycling, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/foodscraps or call the Public Works Department at 563-589-4250. §

Acceptable Compostable Materials in Yard Debris/Organics Co-Collection:

- All food scraps (including meat and bones)
- Coffee filters and tea bags
- All food-soiled paper products
- Paper cups and plates
- Paper towels, placemats, napkins
- Paper bags

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National Night Out A good night to get to know your neighbors

Help build a stronger, safer community by attending the annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, from 6-8 p.m. at Comiskey Park - 24th & Jackson streets



Join us for this FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT with games, food, and fun!

Stay for a free movie (The Lorax) at 8:30 p.m.

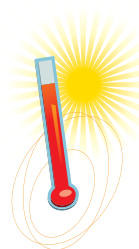
For more information, contact Lt. Scott Baxter at 563-589-4473
Brought to you by the City of Dubuque, Target, and neighborhood groups

Free Tool Kit for Smarter Discards Volunteers

The City of Dubuque is seeking volunteers to authorize the collection



of their household's weekly setout data (trash, recycling, and organics weights) in anonymized form for the second phase of the Smarter Discards pilot study. As an incentive, volunteers will receive an "organics recycling tool kit," including a one and a half gallon "kitchen-catcher" container for food scraps, a box of compostable kitchen catcher bags, a sheet of five yard debris decals, and one yard debris bag. This kit will assist in diverting food scraps from the landfill. Volunteers will also be able to access a website/portal that will offer diversion tips, household goal challenges, visualization of personalized data over a period of time, insights into household discard patterns, and analytics that compare discard generation with other households with similar profiles. There is no cost to volunteers to participate in this research. To volunteer, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/smarterdiscards or call 563-690-6111. §



Summer Energy Audits Available

Air conditioner always running? Cooling bills too high? Many of us think about weatherizing our homes in the winter, but forget about the impact summer has on our energy bills. Green Iowa Americorps offers free certified energy audits to all residents and free weatherizations to residents that qualify. Call 563-690-6032 or visit www.greeniowaamericorps.org to learn more or request an audit. §



News from The Jule

Downtown Free Trolley Service Resumes for Summer

Effective now through Sept. 2, the Downtown Summer Trolley provides free public transit service to the general public throughout the downtown area, Historic Millwork District, and Port of Dubuque. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nightrider Summer Hours

The Jule's Nightrider will operate on Friday and Saturday evenings throughout the summer months on an abbreviated schedule from 6 to 11 p.m. The Nightrider provides public transit service between the downtown area, Delhi St. Transfer, and businesses and entertainment venues located on the west side of town. Standard fares apply for the Nightrider. Students from Clarke University, University of Dubuque, and Loras College ride free.

Free Way to Fun City Returns

The Jule, in coordination with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, East Central Intergovernmental Association, Every Child Every Promise, DuPaco Community Credit Union, and OnMedia Advertising, is again offering FREE bus transportation to students K-12 to regular stops on any bus route this summer. Students K-12 are encouraged to use public transit when attending Recreation Division and Carnegie-Stout Public Library activities. By showing their 2012-2013 student ID or "Free Way to Fun City" bracelet to the bus driver, students receive free bus transportation. "Free Way to Fun City" bracelets can be picked up at the Leisure Services office at 2200 Bunker Hill Rd. or at The Jule Transit office at 2401 Central Ave. During the school year, students with a current school ID can also ride The Jule for free to any destination along the bus routes. The "Free Way to Fun City" program aims to provide opportunities for all youth in Dubuque to participate in out-of-school activities. For additional information, contact Leisure Services at 563-589-4263 or The Jule at 563-589-4196.

For more information and route maps, visit www.juletransit.org or call 563-589-4196.





A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

In May, Mayor Roy D. Buol was profiled in a special supplement of the PA Times, a publication of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), the largest and most prominent professional association for public administration. The publication was produced to profile outstanding local, city, state, and federal public servants. Of the eight individuals profiled in the publication, Mayor Buol was the only elected official. PA Times editor Melissa Williams said the publication is published to highlight the role of public service in promoting the public good and the delivery of public goods and services and she chose to profile Mayor Buol, "... because I thought his perspective, and focus on sustainability, towards building the Dubuque community, was unique."

The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University recently named

Smarter Sustainable Dubuque as one of the Top 25 programs in this year's Innovations in American Government Award competition. Smarter Sustainable Dubuque is the research function of the Sustainable Dubuque initiative, which seeks to make Dubuque a community that meets the environmental, economic, and social equity needs of its residents today without reducing the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Smarter Sustainable Dubuque is a unique partnership of the Sustainable Dubuque, IBM Research, and a variety of public and private sector partners designed to give people what they need (reliable information specific to them) so they can do what they want (save money and resources, and improve the quality of life and the economy).

Additionally, the National League of Cities will soon publish a case study focused on Sustainable Dubuque entitled, "The Critical Role of Partnerships in Catalyzing

Sustainability." It explains that partnerships are often an untapped, or undertapped, asset in most communities and underscores the fact that we are fortunate that Dubuque is not like "most communities."

On the international level, a future issue of the International City/County Management Association's (ICMA) Public Management magazine will include an article on Dubuque's Smarter Water Pilot Study and how this innovative project served as the catalyst for a similar project in Townsville, Australia, which went on to win their national infrastructure award. Also, ICMA will be featuring the social equity aspects of Sustainable Dubuque in a future case study of the top 10 initiatives in the country.

As Mayor Buol recently said in response to Smarter Sustainable Dubuque being named to the Top 25 Innovations in Government list, Dubuque's efforts related to sustainability have been successful because of support from public and private partners and the real heroes -- the volunteers who participated in the pilot studies. Please consider being one of those heroes by volunteering for the Smarter Discards Pilot Study mentioned on page two of this newsletter. §

New Rates Take Effect July 1

The City's 2014 fiscal year begins July 1, 2013, and with it, new utility user fees and rates go into effect. Utility bills for water, sanitary sewer, and refuse collection received in August will reflect the new rates approved in March as part of the budget process.

FY2014 Average Residential Rates

| Service | Monthly Rate |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Water | \$23.16 |
| Property Tax | \$11.02 per \$1,000 |
| Refuse Collection | \$12.74 |
| Sanitary Sewer | \$31.89 |
| Stormwater | \$5.60 |

Based on the average Dubuque residential utility customer, the average combined total increase in these monthly utility costs will be approximately \$7.52 per month.

For more information, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/utilitybilling or contact Utility Billing at 563-589-4144 or utilityb@cityofdubuque.org. §

WWII Planes Return to Dubuque Skies July 25-28

The Dubuque Regional Airport is happy to announce that members of the North American Trainer Association (NATA) and over 40 WWII AT-6 Texans airplanes will return to fill the skies over Dubuque with historical aircraft July 25-28. NATA will celebrate the 75th anniversary of these classic WWII training aircraft. The AT-6 pilots are gathering in Dubuque for the yearly pre-Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture formation practice and qualification.

During the practice, the public is invited to the EAA observation area adjacent to the airport entryway. Veterans are welcome to visit with the pilots at the Dubuque Jet Center. Interested volunteers should contact the Dubuque Jet Center at 563-589-4127. §

Public Works Announcements

There will be **no refuse collection** on Thursday, July 4.
Thursday routes will instead be collected on Saturday, July 6.

Annual yard waste decals will be half price beginning July 1, for a cost of \$17.50. Decals are available from the City's Utility Billing Service Center by walk-up, mail-in coupon, or by phone at 563-589-4144. §

New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

Tony Breitbach - Finance

Marlena Cady - Health Services

Kevin Edwards - Water

Abeni El-Amin - Recreation

Alexis Gunderson - Airport

Brenda Henry - Housing & Community Development

Nate Kieffer - Engineering



Retirements

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

Richard Hillard - Water

David Heiar - Economic Development

Ron Turner - Engineering

Aggie Tauke - Housing & Community Development



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CALENDAR

July

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| 1 | City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 2 | Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission Meeting, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex |
| 3 | Cable TV Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex |
| 3 | Zoning Advisory Commission Meeting, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 4 | City offices closed for Independence Day (Refuse collection on Sat. July 6) |
| 8 | Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex |
| 9 | Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course |
| 11 | Transit Advisory Board Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 11 | Art on the River Opening Reception, 5 p.m., Grand River Center; public welcome |
| 15 | City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 16 | Housing Code Appeals Board, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 17 | Long-Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 17 | Community Development Advisory Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 18 | Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 22 | Airport Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center |
| 23 | Housing Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 23 | Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library |
| 24 | Investment Oversight Advisory Committee Meeting, 3 p.m., City Hall Annex, Conf. Room A |
| 25 | Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room |
| 25 | Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting, 4 p.m., Historic Federal Building |
| 29 | Five Flags Advisory Commission Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Five Flags Civic Center |

August

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| 5 | City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 6 | Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission Meeting, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex |
| 6 | National Night Out, 6-8 p.m., Comiskey Park |
| 7 | Cable TV Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex |
| 7 | Zoning Advisory Commission Meeting, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 8 | Transit Advisory Board Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Building |
| 11 | Final day for swimming at Sutton Pool |
| 12 | Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex |
| 13 | Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course |
| 15 | Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg. |
| 18 | Final day for swimming at Flora Pool |
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| 27 | Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library |

This calendar does not include all events, and is subject to change. Are you using Dubuque's "Notify Me" e-mail/text 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.