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Bicycle Safety: Share the Road, Share the Rules

Warmer weather is upon us and with that comes the presence of bicycles on the roadways. To ensure the safety of all who share the roads, the following are highlights from the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances regarding bicycles (Title 7, Chapter 7, available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/cityclerk):

- Every person riding a bicycle upon a street shall have all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as modified by Chapter 7.
- A bicycle can only be ridden by the number of people it was designed for.
- No bicyclist shall operate a bicycle recklessly or at a speed faster than is reasonably proper or in a manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of the bicyclist or of any other person.
- Every bicycle owned or ridden within the city shall be registered pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 7.



- Ride on the right hand side of the road, with traffic
- Yield and thoroughly survey the area before entering traffic or crossing an intersection

Rack & Ride

The City's Jule Transit Division, in partnership with Tri-State Trail Vision, has bicycle racks on the fronts of all Jule fixed-route buses. This program allows Jule passengers to use the bicycle racks free of charge with the purchase of a regular bus fare ticket. For more information on the Rack & Ride Program, visit www.juletransit.org.

Bicycle License/Registration

- License/registration forms are available at the City Clerk's office (City Hall, 50 W. 13th Street) and in the Bicycle Owner's Guide (available at www.cityofdubuque.org/bicycles, in the City Clerk's Office, and at bicycle shops in the Dubuque area).
- The fee is \$5 for the length of time you own the bicycle. The license is not transferrable to another bicycle.

Bicycle Safety Reminders

- Always wear an appropriately fitted helmet
- Use appropriate lighting and reflectors
- Wear comfortable (bright) clothing that will not interfere with the operation or mechanics of the bicycle
- Use hand signals



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SPRING CLEANING?



Did you know that the City of Dubuque offers curbside collection of large items?

Items include, but are not limited to:

Microwaves - Stoves
Dishwashers - Freezers
Refrigerators - Furnaces
Air Conditioners
Water Heaters
Washing Machines - Dryers
Dehumidifiers - Chillers



*No TVs, computers or other electronics

Call 563.589.4250 for pricing and to schedule a collection. For a full list of acceptable and unacceptable items, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/LIPU

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop Open to the Public

The Dubuque Circles® Initiative will present “Bridges Out of Poverty” on Thursday June 11, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown. The workshop is based on the book of the same title by Dr. Ruby Payne and provides insight for middle and upper class individuals about the “hidden rules” of each socio-economic class, and how these unspoken rules can serve as barriers to effective communication.

This workshop designed to help attendees more effectively serve those clients who live or have lived in poverty. It gives a deeper understanding of their challenges, strengths, and barriers to change. The training will be presented by Jim Ott, a nationally certified trainer for Bridges out of Poverty and Ermina Soler, Circles Coach for the Circles Initiative. Register online at www.cityofdubuque.org/bridgesoutofpoverty or call 563-690-6109. §

City Boards and Commissions Seeking Applicants

The following City boards and commissions are currently seeking volunteers for vacancies: Building Code Board of Appeals, Community Development Advisory Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and Plumbing Board. To fill out an application and to view a complete list of boards and commissions, descriptions, terms and meeting information, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/boards or call 563-589-4120. §

The Jule: Access for Everyone

All Jule fixed-route buses are outfitted with accessible ramps or lifts to accommodate wheelchairs and other mobility devices. Reduced fare options are available for individuals carrying a Medicare Card or those who are over 65, including half-fare (\$0.75) at boarding or half-fare monthly passes and punch cards.



The Jule also offers door-to-door mini-bus service for residents whose disabilities require a more direct service. An application and doctor verification are required to access this service. Elderly residents are also eligible for this service or can utilize the services of The Jule's community partner, DuRide. The cost for mini-bus service will be increase to \$3 per one-way ride for all passengers starting July 1, 2015.

The Jule's mini-bus application is available online for download in English and Spanish by visiting www.juletransit.org and clicking on “ADA Paratransit - MiniBus.” For more information, call 563-589-4196. §

Going, Going, Almost Gone!

Vote for your favorite 2014 Art on the River sculpture for the People's Choice Award before the current exhibit is removed in early June. Visit the exhibit at the Port of Dubuque's Riverwalk or look at the selections online at www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver.

Did you know that all the sculptures are also available for purchase? Outdoor sculptures are a tremendous addition to yards, gardens, and commercial properties. Sales of these sculptures not only benefit the artists, but a portion supports the Art on the River program as well.

Ten new works of outdoor sculpture have been selected for the 2015 Art on the River exhibit. The exhibit opening reception is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, at 5 p.m. at the Grand River Center. Mark your calendars – the public is invited to attend! For additional information, call 563-589-4393 or email econdev@cityofdubuque.org. §



2015 POOL PRICES

Daily Admission:

3 & under	FREE
Age 4 - 17	\$2
Age 18 +	\$4
Senior (62+retired)	\$2

Season Passes:

Dubuque Resident Household*	\$120
Non-Dubuque Resident Household	\$144
Youth Pass, resident	\$44
Youth Pass, non-resident	\$52
Adult Pass, resident	\$76
Adult Pass, non-resident	\$91

*Household defined at www.cityofdubuque.org/pools

Passes are available for purchase beginning May 1 at 8 a.m. Apply online at www.cityofdubuque.org/pools or visit the office at 2200 Bunker Hill Road. For more information, call 563.589.4263.



A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

As we do each spring, City staff are beginning and preparing to begin a number of construction projects to create and maintain our community infrastructure and amenities. While these projects may create some short-term inconveniences while they are being completed, the end result will be long-term improvements.

Annual Street Repaving Program

The Public Works Department's annual asphalt overlay program will again repave the streets in most need of improvement. Approximately six miles of streets will be repaved this year. Old asphalt is ground off the streets to be repaved and is recycled into new asphalt. Not only are streets made safer and smoother, but property owners are not assessed for any of the costs, unlike street reconstruction projects. This program is funded instead with monies from Iowa's Road Use Tax Fund (gas and diesel fuel tax). The Public Works Department has repaved over 190 centerline miles, almost two-thirds of Dubuque's 310 miles of streets, over the past 20 years through this program.

Utilities Extension to Dubuque Regional Airport

The City is extending utilities to the Dubuque Regional Airport to not only serve the airport itself, but to give the City the ability to provide future service to more than 5,500 acres identified in the City's Annexation Study and Comprehensive Plan for possible expansion. The \$9.7 million project includes the extension of almost 19,000 feet of water main, 15,000 feet of sanitary sewer, and 23,000 feet of fiber optic communications along highways 151/61, as well as the construction of two water pump stations and a 500,000 gallon water reservoir. Construction is expected to begin in June this summer and be completed in early 2016.

Asbury Road Pavement Rehab Project

The Engineering Department will coordinate a pavement rehabilitation project on the section of Asbury Road between Matthew John Drive east to John F. Kennedy Road. This \$425,000 project will include joint

reinforcement and resealing, concrete panel replacement where needed, and surface grinding for a smoother ride. This project is scheduled to begin in early May and be completed by late August.

Bee Branch Creek Watershed Project

This will be a busy summer in the Bee Branch Watershed as construction begins on the second phase of the restoration/daylighting of the Bee Branch Creek and more alleys in the watershed are converted to pervious surfaces (green alleys).

This summer's creek restoration work is expected to begin in June. Garfield Avenue will be the first street impacted by the project and will be closed for up to 12 weeks as a culvert is installed under the roadway. To maintain access, Rhomberg Avenue will remain open while Garfield is closed. After Garfield Avenue is reopened for traffic, work will begin on the Rhomberg Avenue bridge, which will require the closure of Rhomberg for up to eight months. Over the course of this summer, the main channel of the creek will be excavated. Residents can expect significant truck traffic in the neighborhood this construction season.

Work is already underway this spring on green alley conversions in the watershed. Twenty-three alleys were converted to green alleys last year and more than 50 alleys are scheduled to be converted this construction season. For additional details on these projects and the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/beebranch or call 563-690-6068.

Park Improvements

The Leisure Services Department's planning for a new skatepark facility and amenities will be completed over the next six months, with projections of construction in 2016. The Northwest Arterial Trail will see an addition this summer and fall to the trail starting at Holliday Drive and going to Chavenelle with an on-street connection to Bergfeld Recreation Area. Planning will begin for renovation work at Comiskey Park. The

public will be engaged in to the planning process to help determine upgrades to the park. A new park will also be developed on Creek Wood Drive in the Timber-Hyrst subdivision on the city's south side. Work is set to be completed at the E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center Area Addition mid-summer. Additionally, as they do every year, Parks Division staff will complete a variety of general maintenance improvements to playgrounds, sidewalks, trails, and parking lots at a number of parks.

Private Investment

There will be a significant amount of private investment in our community as well, including Kunkel & Associates' expansion, the Rockfarm Supply Chain Solutions building, Tri-State Quality Metals completion of their new building, a multi-million dollar investment in research and development and new product lines at John Deere Dubuque Works Construction and Forestry Division, and the addition of 90 jobs through the expansion of Cottingham and Butler in the former Alliant Energy Building on Main Street. Construction in the Historic Millwork District continues as Novelty Iron Works, Linseed Oil Building, and the former Kretschmer-Tredway Building are all renovated, creating over 100 new apartments and thousands of square-feet of commercial space. The Schmid Innovation Center continues to add tenants while the City completes the Intermodal Transportation Center in the Millwork District, including a 292-space parking ramp. All this private investment is creating hundreds of permanent jobs and many construction jobs. §

Reduced City Service Fees

The City of Dubuque offers a 50 percent reduction program for curbside collection and stormwater fees for qualified low-income customers. The credit does not apply to water and sewer fees.

To apply, visit or contact the Utility Billing Department at City Hall, 50 W. 13th St., 563-589-4144. The application is also available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/utilitybilling. Annual renewal applications have been mailed to customers who currently receive these credits. §

Need Health Insurance?

Not sure what healthcare options you may have? Please contact a Certified Application Counselor at Crescent Community Health Center for free assistance in reviewing your options. A new limited enrollment program is available until April 15 for persons not currently enrolled in coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. This option is available for those who were subject to a fee on their 2014 federal income tax return for not having health coverage in 2014. This special enrollment period ends April 30, 2015. Call Angela with the Crescent Community Health Center today at 563-552-8080. §

New Faces & Retirements

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

Debra Gillies - Transit
John Lau - Public Works
Kevondae McCullough-Blackmon - Airport
Anderson Ott - Airport
David Schaul - Public Works
Michael Sullivan - Recreation
Paul Teixeira - Transit
John Thomas - Transit

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

Mirdza Berzins - Library
Dwayne Prine - Police
Richard Miller - Health Services

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CALENDAR

May

1	2015 pool passes available for purchase through Leisure Services Department
2	City parks officially open for 2015 season
4	City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
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
6	Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Building
11-17	Bike to Work Week. Register at www.tinyurl.com/DBQBikeTWW2015
11	Human Rights Commission, 3:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex
12	Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course Snack Bar
14	Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Building
16	National Kids to Parks Day
18	City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
19	Housing Code Appeals Board, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
20	Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
20	Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building
21	Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building
23	Tentative opening date for Flora and Sutton Pools
25	City offices closed for Memorial Day (Trash and recycling collection on Saturday, May 23)
26	Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
26	Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library
28	Zoning Board of Adjustment, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Building
28	Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room

June

1	City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
2	Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
3	Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
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12-13	America's River Festival, Port of Dubuque
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17	Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building
18	Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building
22	Airport Commission 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center
23	Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
23	Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library
23	Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room
25	Zoning Board of Adjustment, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Building

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.*



Severe weather season is here. No one plans to dial 911, but in the event of an emergency, have your safety profile created and up-to-date. Visit **Smart911.com** today!