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Intermodal Transportation Center Nears Completion



Public transit usage in Dubuque continues to increase with The Jule completing its sixth consecutive year of growth with 548,794 rides in fiscal year 2015. The Dubuque Intermodal Transportation Center project is designed to improve access to The Jule and other transportation services in and around Dubuque. The project consists of three main components: an intermodal transportation terminal, a three-level parking facility, and a bus storage and maintenance facility. The intermodal terminal and parking ramp, located on Ninth Street between Washington and Elm streets in the Historic Millwork District, are nearing completion and are scheduled to be operational in late August. Construction of the bus storage and maintenance facility is scheduled to begin in 2017.

The intermodal terminal and downtown transfer is located along Elm Street and features public restrooms, indoor and outdoor seating areas, bike parking, electronic signage

showing next bus arrival times as well as ticket windows for The Jule, Burlington Trailways and Lamers bus services. The terminal is scheduled to open to Jule bus traffic on Aug. 17, with office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Burlington Trailways and Lamers are scheduled to begin operating from the terminal on Sept. 1.

The new three-level parking structure will accommodate 292 parking spaces and will also include bicycle storage to support commuter travel and recreational bicycle use. A pedestrian bridge connects the parking structure and terminal.

While both facilities will be operational in August, some elements of the structure façades will be delayed. For additional information on this project, visit www.cityofdubqu.org/ditc. For

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information on parking in the new ramp, call 563-589-4266 or visit www.cityofdubqu.org/parking. For Jule Transit information, call 563-589-4196 or visit www.cityofdubqu.org/juletransit. §

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"U" make Dubuque.

Connected and informed residents are critical to local government.

CityLife is a free program in which participants meet one evening per week for six weeks to tour city facilities, meet with staff, and learn more about city services and programs and ways to stay engaged with local government. Refreshments provided and assistance with transportation, translation, and childcare may be arranged. Next session begins Sept. 15. Register today!

www.cityofdubqu.org/citylife
563-589-4182



Crescent Community Health Center continues to assist residents with health insurance options. Open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace for the next period will start on November 1, 2015, and end January 31, 2016. Assistance to apply for the Iowa Health and Wellness (Medicaid) plans can be done year round. Please contact Angela at (563) 552-8080 or Laura at (563) 690-2856 to schedule your appointment today.

Bikes, Kayaks, Stand-up Paddleboards Available for Rent at Port of Dubuque Marina

The Port of Dubuque Marina is offering a variety of rentals to be enjoyed on water and on land, including bicycles, stand-up paddleboards, and kayaks.

Bicycles can be reserved in advance or by walk-up at the marina located at 450 East 3rd Street. Rates are as follows: \$14 (up to 2 hours), \$16 (up to 4 hours), \$24 (over 4 hours).



The Port of Dubuque Marina has also partnered with Fever River Outfitters (Galena, IL) to offer Stand-up Paddleboard (SUP) rentals, Kayak rentals and SUP/Kayak and Yoga classes. Rentals and classes are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Port of Dubuque.

Fever River Outfitters will also be offering Dubuque Water Trail paddling along the Mississippi River on select weekend dates.

For more information on reserving your Stand-up Paddleboard (SUP), Kayak rentals and/or classes online, visit www.feverriveroutfitters.com or call 815-776-9425. For more information on bicycle rentals, please call the Port of Dubuque Marina at 563-582-5524 or email info@portofdubuquemarina.com. §

Bee Branch Construction Update



Construction on the Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration began in early June. Over the past three months Portzen Construction, Tricon General Construction, and their sub-contractors have been busy shoring, dewatering, relocating utilities, and constructing the box culverts at Garfield Avenue. Crews have also been working to remove tree stumps throughout the entire project corridor.

In July there was also construction near the back of Audubon

Elementary School's property. The work included re-grading the soil, setting the school's new fence line, and restoring the landscape so that it is ready for the new school year.

Garfield Avenue is scheduled to reopen in late September or October. Construction will then begin on Rhomberg Avenue. Residents can expect Rhomberg Avenue to be closed for up to eight months while the new bridge is constructed.

To stay up-to-date on road closures, detours, and project progress, "like" the Bee Branch Project on Facebook at www.facebook.com/beebranchdbq, follow it on Twitter at www.twitter.com/beebranchdbq, or subscribe to Bee Branch Project Notify Me email and/or text alerts at www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme. §

AmeriCorps Program Celebrates Success in Local Schools

More than 360 elementary school students who worked with AmeriCorps members during the 2014-2015 school year improved their DIBELS Reading Composite Score between the fall and spring semesters.

AmeriCorps members were trained by Dubuque Community School District staff on specific reading interventions and strategies that aligned with the classroom teacher's curriculum. AmeriCorps members were then placed in the elementary schools to work with struggling readers. AmeriCorps members provided one-on-one or small group tutoring sessions to assist students in reading.

AmeriCorps is gearing up for the 2015-2016 school year and will have 30 academic reading tutors placed in Dubuque Community School District elementary schools. If you are interested in becoming an academic reading tutor, contact Mary Bridget at 563-584-8644 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/ameriCorps. §

Dubuque Regional Airport Open House

Fun for the whole family!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.

✕ Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast
(Serving 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

Adults - \$7 Kids (5-12) - \$4 Under 5 - Free

✕ Variety of aircraft/equipment on display

✕ Airplane Rides - \$25

Helicopter Rides - \$40

More info:

563-589-4128 | www.flydbq.com.

growing
sustainable communities

October 6-7, 2015

Grand River Center

Register now for this two-day conference packed with **education, inspiration** and **collaboration** on topics of interest to anyone who cares about the convergence of **economic prosperity, ecological integrity** and **social/cultural vibrancy** in community design and development.

www.gscdubuque.com | 563.690.6038



A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

In 1995, the Mayor and City Council adopted the first Comprehensive Plan for the City of Dubuque since the previously adopted 1936 Comprehensive Plan. This was the culmination of five years of work by the newly formed Long Range Planning Commission chaired by Dave Rusk. The process began in 1990 with the Vision 2000 document, adopted in 1993, and culminated in the adoption of the 1995 Comprehensive Plan. Thousands of citizens participated in this process. The 1995 Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2002, 2008, and 2012. The plan includes important goals related to job creation and industrial park development.

Acquisition of additional industrial park land is consistent with the Mayor and City Council 5-year goals, which includes Planned and Managed Growth, and Sustainability. One of the three pillars of Sustainability is Economic Prosperity. Included by the City Council in the annual Management Agenda is industrial park expansion, including acquisition and infrastructure.

The City of Dubuque has had tremendous success with economic development receiving multiple national recognitions for job creation. This is in no small part to the City's decision in the mid 1990s to acquire and develop over 900 acres of property to provide a 20-year supply of industrial park land.

These 900 acres are now called Dubuque Technology Park, Dubuque Industrial Center West, Dubuque Industrial Center North and Dubuque Industrial Center South. It should not be forgotten that preceding the City's efforts was the development in the 1980s of the Dubuque Industrial Center by Dubuque Initiatives (then called Dubuque Infuturo). These industrial parks are now home to 49 businesses employing over 4,400 people. These businesses have constructed 4 million square feet of buildings and invested well over \$200 million. The majority of these are local companies that needed space to expand.

In May 2015, there were 60,400 people working in Dubuque County with a 3.2% unemployment rate. This is 800 net new jobs over May 2014.

Compare this with the lows of the 1980s: over 24% unemployment and just 38,600 people working in Dubuque County. With just 3% of Iowa's population, Dubuque County achieved 8.1% of the state's job growth from 2009-2013.

The average hourly wage in Dubuque County rose from \$18.00 in 2007 to \$23.38 in 2013, an increase of 30% that exceeded inflation by 17.5%.

Between 2000 and 2013, Dubuque's per capita income rose by 40%, exceeding the national growth by 3.5%.

In 2000, Dubuque's Median Household Income (MHI) (\$39,582) was 6% below the national MHI (\$41,994). In 2012, Dubuque's MHI (\$50,885) was just 1% below the national MHI (\$51,017).

The City previously issued debt using Dubuque Industrial Center Urban Renewal District Tax Increment Financing revenues to fund this purchase. By state law, these funds can only be used for economic development purposes in that urban renewal district.

The City recently purchased the 166-acre Graf Farm for \$12,500 per acre. The total cost per developable acre when fully developed is estimated at \$120,000. The City recently purchased the 125-acre McFadden Family Partnership farm for \$17,000 per acre. The total cost per developable acre when fully developed is estimated at \$97,000. The City recently purchased the McFadden Properties LLP 36.5 acre farm for \$37,000 per acre. The total cost per developable acre when fully developed is estimated at \$101,000. The McFadden Properties LLP property is worth more money per acre because of the close proximity to the City's current industrial park, having easy access to utilities and abuts Chavenelle Road. The fact that 88% of the property (32 of 36.5 acres is developable) provides a better developable acres yield than the other recently purchased properties, with McFadden Family Partnership at 67% (84 of 125 acres) and the Graf farm at 48% (80 of 166 acres).

Property	Total Acres	Total Price	Price per Acre	Developable Acres	Yield %	Purchase Price per Developable Acre	Development Costs	Combined Purchase Price and Development Costs	Purchase Price and Development Cost per Developable Acre
Graf Farm	166.3	\$2,078,570	\$12,500	80	48%	\$25,982	\$7,400,000	\$9,478,570	\$118,482
McFadden Family Partnership	124.72	\$2,120,240	\$17,000	84	67%	\$25,241	\$6,000,000	\$8,120,240	\$96,670
McFadden Family Properties, LLP	36.5	\$1,350,500	\$37,000	32	88%	\$42,188	\$1,900,000	\$3,250,000	\$101,563

These 200 acres of developable land, when teamed up with the 150 acres remaining from the purchases in the 1990s, will provide a 5-15 year supply of industrial park property. The Greater Dubuque Development Corporation commissioned the latest industrial park study and handled all land acquisition negotiations under City oversight. §

Successful Rental Property Management Program

The City of Dubuque is sponsoring an educational program for property owners and managers on all aspects of managing rental property. According to the City Code of Ordinances, all Dubuque rental property owners or their property managers **must** attend this program. *Licensed real estate professionals or those who have already completed this program are exempt.* The next sessions are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at NICC Town Clock Center, 680 Main St. Register online at www.nicc.edu/solutions and enter "Successful Rental Property Management" in the search box or call Northeast Iowa Community College at 563-557-8271, ext. 380. Additional information about the program, registration details, and training manual are available at www.cityofdubuque.org/srpm. §

ANDREW CONNOLLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

OCTOBER 24, 2015

PAY IT FORWARD



Do you need a helping hand or would you like to lend a helping hand? Projects will focus on assisting senior citizens, disabled, veterans, and others. Services may include both light- and heavy-duty chores around the home, curb appeal and yard work projects outside, socializing and playing games with homebound seniors, simple repairs, and weatherization activities. Volunteer or submit a request for assistance by Sept. 14 at www.thonline.com/makeadifferenceday or by calling Operation New View at 563-556-5130 x14.

New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

Dorothy Anderson - Library

Candace Eudaley-Loebach - Transit

Amber Huntington - Emergency Communications

Marquett Jackson - Transit

Jodi Johnson - Transit

Cory Kramschuster - Airport

James McIntyre - Airport

Latisha McNight - Transit

Kathryn Mehlretter - Library

Abigail Ryan - Emergency Communications

Ragan Schumacher - Emergency Communications

Richard Sisler - Airport

Lynne Stevens - Library

Peter Yoches - Transit



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CALENDAR

September

- 1 Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 2 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 2 Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Building
- 7 City offices closed for Labor Day (curbside collection on Sat., Sept. 5)
- 8 Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course Snack Bar
- 8 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 10 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Intermodal Conf. Rm., 950 Elm. St.
- 14 Human Rights Commission, 3:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex
- 15 Housing Code Appeals Board, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 16 Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 16 Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 17 Assisted Housing Resident Advisory Board, 11:30 a.m., Historic Federal Building
- 17 Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building
- 21 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 22 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room
- 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
- 24 Successful Rental Property Management Program training, NICC Town Clock Center. Register at www.nicc.edu/solutions or call 563-557-8271, ext. 380.
- 24 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Building
- 28 Airport Commission 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center

October

- 5 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 6 Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 6-7 Growing Sustainable Communities Conference, Grand River Center. Visit www.gscdubuque.com to register.
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- 26 Five Flags Advisory Commission, 3:30 p.m., Five Flags Civic Center
- 26 Airport Commission 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center
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- 27 Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 27 Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library
- 28 Investment Oversight Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall Annex, Conf. Rm A

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.
Dubuque Jet Center: 11000 Airport Rd.