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Register for Emergency Notifications

In the case of an emergency, what's the best way to reach you? Phone? Text? Email? Social media? Traditional media? All the above?

In early May, a water boil advisory was issued for a portion of Dubuque. The City tried to alert residents and businesses as quickly as possible by utilizing every communication channel available by issuing a news release to all media and Notify Me subscribers, posting alerts to the City's webpage and television channel (85.2 on Mediacom) and the City's Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor.com accounts. The CodeRED telephone notification system was also used to target water customers in the advisory area.

How can you help your local government get emergency information to you in a timely manner? Please review these free options and register or make sure the City has your current contact information.

CodeRED

CodeRED is a telephone notification system used by the City to alert a select group in a geographical region of important information. City staff are able to send a message to a telephone number specified on that resident's CodeRED account. The

system can be used for instances such as water boil advisories, unexpected road closures, or even emergency information following a natural disaster. The CodeRED phone database already includes all landlines. Residents and businesses who would like to add a cell phone number, or those without landlines, are encouraged to register with CodeRED directly. Register or update your phone number at www.cityofdubuque.org/CodeRED.

Utility Billing Contact Information

The City may have to get important information to residents and businesses and may use telephone numbers listed on utility bill accounts. If your phone number and/or email address (if applicable) has recently changed, please let the City know by visiting www.cityofdubuque.org/contactinfo or by calling to verify your phone number at 563-589-4144.

Notify Me

Residents are encouraged to sign up for email and/or text message notifications from City departments and divisions. Visit www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme to sign up for timely news, announcements, calendar event notifications, and bid notifications. §

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Help Imagine Dubuque!

Dubuque's Comprehensive Plan is a roadmap for the community's physical, social and economic development. Cities develop plans for the same reason people plan a vacation, a home improvement project, or a household budget. Planning creates orderly, efficient, and informed steps toward achieving and implementing goals.



It's time to update the Comprehensive Plan with imagination, ideas, and input from city residents. Get involved early by applying for membership on the City's Long Range Planning Advisory Commission. Apply online at www.cityofdubuque.org/boards or contact the City Clerk's Office at 563-589-4120. §

Smart 911

This service helps emergency responders better assist you in an emergency by allowing them access to information specific to you and your family. The information is kept confidential and can only be accessed by dispatchers and emergency responders in the event that you dial 911. Does someone in your home have allergies? Are there pets inside the home? Does a child have special needs? This information can all be listed on your Smart911 account. Visit [www.smart911.com](http://smart911.com) to create or update your profile today. §

News from Public Works

Due to the Independence Day holiday on July 4, refuse, yard debris, and curbside recycling will be collected on Saturday, July 2, and should be set out by 6 a.m. The Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency (landfill) will be closed all day on Monday, July 4.

New Refuse Rates Take Effect July 1

Monthly rate -
35-gallon (40 lbs. max): \$14.77

Cart subscriptions -
64-gallon (224 lbs. max): \$20.65
96-gallon (324 lbs. max): \$29.00

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 563-589-4250 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/publicworks.

Annual Asphalt Overlay Program

The Public Works Department will pave over seven miles of city streets this summer. As part of the project, ADA curb ramps will be reconstructed as needed to meet the new federal guidelines. Street surfaces will then be ground down or "milled," with the asphalt grindings recycled and blended into the new asphalt. For a list of streets scheduled for repaving this construction season, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/asphaltoverlay or call 563-589-4250. §



FREE DENTAL CLINIC

Sept. 23-24 - Five Flags Center

Doors open at 6 a.m. - arrive early and expect lines

- Quality dental care by dental professionals
- No appointments - first-come, first-served basis
- No income limitations
- Services include fillings, extractions, cleanings, (no dentures, crowns, or bridges)
- Childcare provided

All details available at
www.iowamom.org
800-828-2181



Rehab Programs for Owner-Occupied Properties

The City of Dubuque offers a variety of programs for owner-occupied properties, including:

- Homeowner Rehabilitation Loans
- Home Repairs
- Historic Preservation Grants
- Historic Preservation Revolving Loans
- Washington Neighborhood Homeowner Rehabilitation

Homebuyer programs include:

- First-time Homebuyer Program
- Washington Neighborhood Homebuyer Program
- Section 8 Homeownership Voucher Program

For information on any of the programs listed above, call the Housing and Community Development Department at 563-589-4239 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/housing. §

Dozens of WWII-Era Aircraft Returning to Dubuque

The Commemorative Air Force AirPower History Tour, featuring the iconic Boeing B-29 Superfortress FIFI, will make a stop at the Dubuque Regional Airport July 18 – 21, 2016. Other aircraft traveling with the tour include the P-51 Mustang, C-45 Expeditor, T-6 Texan, and a Boeing Stearman. For the complete description of aircraft, tour, and rides, please visit www.flydbq.com or call 563-589-4128.

The North American Trainer Association will return for the eleventh year to fill the skies over Dubuque with historical aircraft from July 21-24. During this period, over 45 WWII AT-6 Texans as well as other WWII era military training aircraft including P-51 Mustangs will operate from the ramp at Dubuque Regional Airport. §

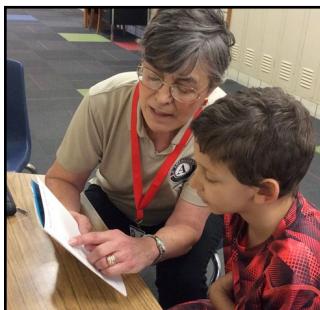
Building Services Department Reminders

The Building Services Department reminds residents and contractors to remember to request building permits as required. This allows the department to support your project from the plan review process all the way to final inspection to ensure code-compliant work is being done.

The Building Services Department provides:

- **Design Review Team:** Multiple City departments available to support during the planning stages of residential subdivisions and commercial developments.
- **Plan Review Process:** City departments review plans ensuring all work is code-compliant prior to issuing permits to avoid costly change orders or work delays during the project.
- **Permits:** Issue permits for deconstruction, temporary heat, building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, permanent and temporary signs, and solar.
- **Licenses:** Vacant/abandoned building, solar thermal contractor, sign contractor, electrical/industrial maintenance
- **Permit/Field Inspection Card Location:** Issued permits and field inspection cards are to be posted on the building. Field inspection cards are used by inspectors to enter inspection comments and approval throughout the project and may be kept by the owner of the building upon completion.
- **Certificates of Occupancy:** Upon final inspection of new construction or occupancy change of use, a certificate of occupancy will be issued to the owner.

For more information, contact the Building Services Department at 563-589-4150 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/buildingservices. §



Looking for a *meaningful* part-time job? Become an Academic Reading Tutor!

- Earn money AND receive an education award (you can transfer this award to your kids or grandkids to use!)
- Choose your schedule and work 12-15 hours or 25-30 hours per week from September to May.
- Great hours! Work only during school hours. No nights or weekends required.
- No formal training necessary to apply. (Experience working with kids preferred.)

Learn more and apply at www.cityofdubuque.org/american or call 563.584.8644





A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

In addition to the Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project and more than 50 more Green Alley projects, you will notice lots of City construction projects this summer. These maintenance and improvements projects, like the annual asphalt overlay program mentioned on the previous page, are investments in infrastructure that are needed to maintain safe and efficient roads and ensure the delivery of important utility services including water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater management.

The conversion of the Grandview/Delhi/Grace intersection into a single-lane roundabout is underway and is expected to be completed before school resumes later this summer. City staff have been focusing on outreach and education efforts related to roundabouts. A brochure was included in last month's utility bill mailing and additional information is available on the City's website at www.cityofdubuque.org/roundabouts. This project will result in a safer and more efficient intersection for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Another project that will impact traffic this summer involves repairs and maintenance work to the Fremont Avenue Bridge, Cedar Cross Road Bridge, and Old Mill Road Bridge. All three projects will involve bridge deck repairs to extend the life of the bridge and sidewalk settlement repairs. The Old Mill Road Bridge project also includes utility

service work. The work will require that each bridge be closed and traffic detoured. Only one bridge will be closed at a time in an effort to minimize traffic disruptions. Work on all three bridges is expected to be completed before school resumes in late August. For more information on these projects, please contact the City of Dubuque Engineering Department at 563-589-4270 or engineer@cityofdubuque.org.

If you are interested in receiving email and/or text notifications of street closures and detours, please visit www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme to subscribe to the City's "Street Detour & Construction Alerts" Notify Me. All detour maps will be posted to www.cityofdubuque.org/detours.

W&RRC Upgrade Earns 'Best in State' Award
The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Wisconsin recognized Dubuque's Water and Resource Recovery Center (W&RRC) facility upgrade project as a 2016 "Best in State" Engineering Excellence Award recipient. The award honors projects representing the highest degree of technical innovation, client satisfaction, and contribution to the engineering profession. According to the ACEC, an Engineering Excellence Award is a tribute to not only the winning project and firm submitting the entry, but also to the owners, sub-consultants, contractors and everyone else who played a role in making this project a reality. The W&RRC's \$70 million upgrade

project, completed in 2013, represents collaborative civil engineering by the City of Dubuque, its citizens, and Wisconsin-based engineering consultant Strand Associates, Inc., who completed the design and construction management of the W&RRC upgrades and submitted the project entry. Strand partnered on this effort with Dubuque-headquartered IIW Engineers, Architects, Surveyors. Miron Construction, headquartered in Neenah, Wis., was the general contractor and responsible for the successful execution of the project which also involved nearly 70 subcontractors and vendors, including many local Dubuque companies.

O'Brien Appointed W&RRC Manager



William O'Brien was appointed as the City's new Water and Resource Recovery Center manager in April after serving as the acting manager of the facility since late February following Jonathan Brown's retirement. O'Brien began employment with the City of Dubuque in 2007, first as a contract laboratory technician at the then-named Water Pollution Control Plant and eventually as a wastewater operator at the facility, responsible for daily operations including observation and adjustment of plant processes. He was promoted to laboratory technician in 2009 and industrial pre-treatment coordinator in 2011 and was responsible for managing the industrial pretreatment program, maintaining sample collection equipment, revising laboratory operating procedures, maintaining laboratory certification, and analyzing wastewater and drinking water samples. In August 2014, he was named assistant plant manager, a position he held until assuming acting manager responsibilities in February. §

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/bicycles):

- 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.

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. §



National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.
JOIN US! TUESDAY, AUGUST 2
6-8 P.M. - COMISKEY PARK
Fun for all ages!

New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

Robert Blake - Water

Robert Reed - Fire

Lisa Boedeker - Parking

Kyle Reinert - Fire

Nelson Howe - Airport

Alex Rogan - Housing &

Molly Kuhn - Emergency
Communications

Community Development

Sharon Langel - Library

Gavyn Samuelson - Airport

Brandon Miner - Recreation

Laura Sauser - Library

Retirements

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

Russell Stecklein - Police

Charlie Klein - Parks

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Contact Information

The City of Dubuque welcomes comments and suggestions about your city government or news appearing in this newsletter. Please contact:

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Editorial Information

City News is published by the Public Information Office and is inserted in the City of Dubuque utility bills six times per year. For the most up-to-date City news and events, visit www.cityofdubuque.org.

CALENDAR

July

- 4 City offices closed for Independence Day (Curbside collection on Sat., July 2)
- 5 City Council, 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
- 10 Music in the Park, Jackson Park, 6-8 p.m.
- 11 Human Rights Commission, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex
- 12 Park & Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Slattery Center, 2605 Pennsylvania Ave.
- 12 Movie in Comiskey Park, approx. 8:30 p.m.
- 13 City-wide Playground Carnival, 6-8 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park
- 14 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Intermodal Conference Room
- 18 City Council, 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 Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 20 Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 20 Water Carnival, ages 5-14, Flora Pool, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Assisted Housing Resident Advisory Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Historic Federal Building
- 21 Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building
- 25 Civic Center Commission, 3:30 p.m., Five Flags Civic Center
- 25 Airport Commission 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center
- 26 Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 26 Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library
- 27 Investment Oversight Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., Conf. Rm. A, City Hall
- 27 City-wide Dodgeball Tournament, ages 8-14, 6:30 - 9 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park
- 28 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room
- 28 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Building

August

- 1 City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 2 Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 2 National Night Out, Comiskey Park, 6-8 p.m.
- 2 Movie in Comiskey Park, approx. 8:30 p.m.
- 3 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
- 3 Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Building
- 6 Lighted Boat Parade, Port of Dubuque Marina, approx. 9 p.m.
- 8 Human Rights Commission, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex
- 9 Park & Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Murphy Park, Open-Air Pavilion
- 11 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Intermodal Conference Room
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