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## Bee Branch Healthy Homes Program Launched

The City of Dubuque has officially launched the Bee Branch Healthy Homes (BBHH) Resiliency Program, as part of the Comprehensive Housing Activities for Neighborhood Growth and Enrichment (CHANGE) program. The BBHH program includes \$8.4 million to improve 320 housing units, including owner-occupied homes, single-unit rentals, and small, multi-family residential units.

Funds will be awarded to properties in targeted areas of the Bee Branch Watershed where low- to moderate-income residents reside, and used to make repairs and implement onsite stormwater management principles to decrease environmental health and safety issues from flooding. A map of the eligibility areas and program details are available at [www.cityofdubuque.org/bbhh](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/bbhh).

Many residents in the Bee Branch Watershed have experienced repeated flash flooding from stormwater during heavy rain events, including six Presidential Disaster Declarations since 1999. As a result, they are living with residual structural issues, electrical hazards, and chronic mold and mildew problems.

The BBHH Resiliency Program is designed

to help residents and property owners meet unmet structural needs and empower individuals to be a part of the creation of more resilient housing. A variety of repairs and renovations will improve housing conditions and make homes more resilient to future flooding.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- foundation repairs
- water and sewer service improvements
- basement window repairs
- mold and mildew remediation
- sidewalk improvements
- sump pump repairs and installations
- property drainage improvements

### Funding

In January 2016, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the City of Dubuque \$31.5 million in disaster resiliency funds for the Bee Branch Healthy Homes Resiliency Program and stormwater infrastructure improvements including the Bee Branch Creek Railroad Culverts and West Locust Street and Kaufmann Avenue storm sewer projects. The City of Dubuque partnered



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with the State of Iowa to apply for the federal funds through the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC), which invited communities that experienced natural disasters in 2011, 2012, or 2013 to compete for funds to help them rebuild and increase their resilience to future disasters.

### More Information

Additional details and application information are available at [www.cityofdubuque.org/bbhh](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/bbhh). For questions, contact BBHH Resiliency Coordinator Sharon Gaul at (563) 690-6168 or [bbhh@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:bbhh@cityofdubuque.org).

## Have you shared your ideas on the future of Dubuque?

Join the hundreds of residents who have — see what they're saying and add your own thoughts to the mix! Imagine Dubuque is the next step in creating a sustainable, resilient, inclusive and equitable legacy for generations to come and we need your help!

From focus groups with high school students and senior citizens, to idea-sharing booths at events including the Farmers Market and Dubuque... And All That Jazz!, to discussion sessions with Inclusive Dubuque, Circles Initiative, and the community-wide Economic Prosperity Workshop that took place on October 25, 2016 — we have been actively listening and learning about ways to improve Dubuque from the people who know it best! And we are just getting started!

To learn about Imagine Dubuque, share ideas, and receive project updates, visit and follow the project website at [www.imaginedubuque.com](http://www.imaginedubuque.com) or download the free project app by searching "Imagine Dubuque" in the App Store or Google Play.



Watch the 2-minute kick-off video -  
Streaming now at  
[imaginedubuque.com!](http://imaginedubuque.com)

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## Sustainable Dubuque Community Grants Available

Sustainable Dubuque is seeking applicants for its quarterly Sustainable Dubuque Community Grant. Community project grants up to \$2,500 are available to residents, businesses, non-profits, churches, and schools. Approved projects will incorporate Sustainable Dubuque principles and include an element of community engagement and/or education. The application deadline is Jan. 1, 2017. Applications are available at [www.cityofdubuque.org/sustainability](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/sustainability). For additional information, call 563-690-6038. §



### **Holiday Collections:**

There will be no change in collection for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (Monday, Jan. 16) collection will be Saturday, Jan. 14, instead.

### **Winter Yard Debris/Food Scraps:**

Now through March 31, 2017, yard debris/food scrap collection will be on Thursdays, by appointment only. Call 563-589-4250 or submit a winter yard waste/food scraps collection appointment at [www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste).

**Merry Mulch Program:** Christmas trees, yard waste and unscheduled food scraps in carts will be picked up Jan. 2 - 13 on regular collection days. Please attach a City brush tie or yard waste sticker.

**2017 Annual Yard Waste Decals** are now on sale at the City Hall Utility Billing window.

**Reminder:** Please do not place foil-lined envelopes, holiday cards, gift wrap, styrofoam, bubble wrap, plastic wrap, foam peanuts, or plastic bags in recycling bins. These items are not recyclable and should be disposed of in your regular garbage. §



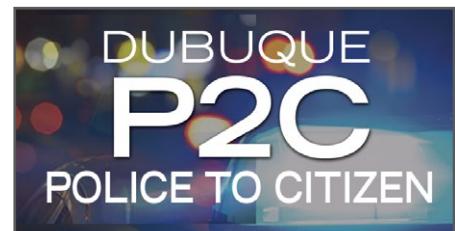
## Library Announces Opening of Maker Space

The Carnegie-Stout Public Library has announced the opening of a 600-square-foot "Maker Space" on the second floor of the library. A Maker Space is an area dedicated to creativity and making things in a collaborative, learning environment. Equipment available for public use in the Maker Space includes iPads, MacBook Pros, 3D scanners, a 3D printer, microphones, negative/slide-to-DVD converter, digital camera, green screen, Ozobots, sewing machines, die-cut machines, Makey Makey, laminator, video camera, Go-Pro, and more!

This project has been made possible through the generosity of donors to the Carnegie-Stout Library Foundation, a grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, the Henry Family Foundation, and the Dubuque Racing Association. §

## Health Insurance Assistance Available

Crescent Community Health Center will continue to assist residents with health insurance options. Open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace runs through January 31, 2017. Assistance to apply for the Iowa Health and Wellness (Medicaid) plans can be done year round. Please contact Angela at (563) 552-8080 or Alisha at (563) 690-2856 to schedule your appointment today. §



**DUBUQUE**  
**P2C**  
**POLICE TO CITIZEN**

[p2c.cityofdubuque.org](http://p2c.cityofdubuque.org)

P2C is an online resource for quick access to general information on calls for service, police reports, recent arrests, and wanted individuals. Available data is presented upon call completion or when other internal restrictions allow. Protected information of a medical nature, most juvenile information, and/or other sensitive information may be restricted in accordance with open record laws.



**RIDE GREEN IN 2017!**

Start the new year off right with a Jule bus pass for yourself or a loved one!

Monthly Unlimited-Ride Bus Passes and 11-Ride Punch Cards are available now at the Intermodal Transportation Center.

950 Elm Street | (563) 589-4196 | [www.JuleTransit.org](http://www.JuleTransit.org)

## Bunker Hill Golf Course

- Gift cards available
- Clubhouse rentals for winter season parties
- Purchase 2017 season pass thru Dec. 30, receive \$50 discount
- Pro Shop open - discounts on all remaining merchandise
- Hitting net open all winter

Call 563-589-4263 for details



# A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

## CHANGE

Last month's utility bill mailing included a brochure introducing the City's new Comprehensive Housing Activities for Neighborhood Growth and Enrichment (CHANGE) program, a Dubuque campaign of neighborhood revitalization and an extension of sustainability to specifically address marginal properties, affordable housing, and homeownership.

In addition to improving 320 housing units through the Bee Branch Healthy Homes Program outlined on the cover of this publication, the five-year plans for CHANGE include the:

- acquisition, rehabilitation, and sale of 100 dilapidated properties;
- addressing lead paint hazards and other health and safety concerns in 129 homes;
- and general rehabilitation of 190 properties.

Over the next five years, CHANGE will work with public- and private-sector partners to implement the program, including private developers and general contractors whose participation will be critical in achieving a project of this magnitude to leverage tens of millions of dollars in private investments to improve 739 housing units. For additional information, contact the housing and community development department at 563-589-4239.

## CITY STAFF NEWS

Water Plant Manager **Denise Ihrig** was appointed to be the City's next water department manager, effective Jan. 1, 2017. As water department manager, she will be responsible for the City's water treatment and water distribution operations. Denise brings with her to this position over 11 years of utility and environmental engineering and management experience. In her four years with the City of Dubuque as water plant

manager and environmental engineer, she has proven herself to be a talented and creative team member. Denise replaces Water Department Manager **Bob Green** who is retiring after more than 24 years with the City of Dubuque Water Department.

Civil Engineer **Jon Dienst** was named president of the Iowa chapter of the American Public Works Association for 2017.

Jon has been with the City's engineering department for 11 years.

Resource Management Coordinator and Supervisor **Anderson Sainci** was recently elected to the Iowa Recycling Association Board of Directors. Anderson has served as resource management coordinator and supervisor in the City's public works department since August 2015.

## Budget Public Meetings

The Mayor and City Council will hold a series of eight public meetings related to the City's operating and capital improvement program budgets for the 2018 fiscal year. These meetings feature presentations by departments and are additional opportunities for residents and stakeholders to learn more about the recommended budget and share their input. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and are held in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of the Historic Federal Building at 350 W. Sixth St. All meetings are broadcast on CityChannel Dubuque on the Mediacom cable system on channels 8 and 117.2 and video streamed live and archived at [www.cityofdubuque.org/media](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/media).

Date	Meeting Topic
Monday, Feb. 6, 2017	Recommended FY2018 Budget Document Presentation to City Council at Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017	Department Presentations: Information Services, City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, City Council, City Clerk's Office, Cable TV
Monday, Feb. 13, 2017	Department Presentations: Library, Planning Services, Finance, Human Rights, Airport, Health Services
Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017	Department Presentations: Housing & Community Development, Parking, The Jule Transit, Economic Development
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017	Department Presentations: Purchase of Services, Parks, Recreation, Five Flags Civic Center, Grand River Center
Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017	Department Presentations: Emergency Management, Emergency Communications, Police, Fire, Building Services
Monday, Feb. 27, 2017	Department Presentations: Water, Water & Resource Recovery Center, Public Works, Engineering
Tuesday, March 7, 2017	Public Hearing to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

The recommended budget materials will be placed on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget webpage at [www.cityofdubuque.org/FY2018budget](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/FY2018budget) on Tuesday, Feb. 7, and will be available at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 50 W. 13th St., and at the Reference Desk at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library at 360 W. 11th St. For additional information, call 563-589-4110.

## New Faces & Retirements

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

**Amy Carley** - Emergency Communications  
**Gerald Cullen** - Transit  
**William Gauley** - Airport  
**Matthew Gauntz** - Transit  
**Anne Kelly** - Library  
**Austin Millius** - Emergency Communications  
**Sarah Nessan** - Library  
**Laura Redding** - Transit  
**John Tharp** - City Manager's Office  
**Chris Weigel** - Emergency Communications

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new\* or re-appointed board or commission members:

**Benjamin Beard\***  
 Building Code and Advisory Appeals Board  
  
**Sara Burley\***  
 Community Development Advisory  
 Commission  
  
**John Walsh**  
 Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee

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

**Pat DeHeck** - Public Works  
**Bob Green** - Water  
**Bill Laban** - Fire  
**Steve Pregler** - Parks  
**Roger Wernimont** - Fire

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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](http://www.cityofdubuque.org).

## January

2 City offices closed for New Year's Day. No change in curbside collection.  
 2-13 Merry Mulch Program: Christmas trees, yard waste and unscheduled food scraps in carts will be picked up on regular collection days. Attach a City brush tie or yard waste sticker.  
 3 In-person, mail, e-mail and/or fax registration begins for Leisure Services Winter/Spring activities  
 3 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building  
 4 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex  
 4 Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Building  
 9 Human Rights Commission, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex  
 10 Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Location TBD  
 12 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Intermodal Center, 950 Elm St.  
 16 City offices closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Curbside collection will be Sat., Jan. 14  
 16 25th Annual Dr. King Breakfast, 7 a.m. Grand River Center. Pre-registration required by Jan. 9 at [www.dbqschools.org/facesandvoices](http://www.dbqschools.org/facesandvoices).  
 17 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building  
 17 Housing Code Appeals Board, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building  
 18 Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.  
 18 Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building  
 19 Assisted Housing Resident Advisory Board, 11:30 a.m., Historic Federal Building  
 19 Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building  
 23 Airport Commission 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center  
 24 Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Building  
 24 Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library  
 25 Investment Oversight Advisory Committee Meeting, 3 p.m., Conf. Room A, City Hall  
 26 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room  
 26 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Building  
 30 Five Flags Civic Center Commission, 3:30 p.m., Five Flags Civic Center

## February

1 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex  
 1 Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Building  
 6 City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building. Includes FY2018 budget document presentation to City Council.  
 9 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Intermodal Center, 950 Elm St.  
 9 FY2018 Budget Hearing #1, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building  
 13 Human Rights Commission, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex  
 13 FY2018 Budget Hearing #2, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building  
 14 Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Location TBD  
 15 Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.  
 15 Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building  
 16 Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building  
 16 FY2018 Budget Hearing #3, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building  
 20 City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building  
 21 Housing Code Appeals Board, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building  
 22 FY2018 Budget Hearing #4, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building  
 23 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room  
 23 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Building  
 23 FY2018 Budget Hearing #5, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building  
 27 Airport Commission 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center  
 27 FY2018 Budget Hearing #6, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building  
 28 Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Building  
 28 Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library

*This calendar does not include all events and is subject to change. Sign up for Dubuque's "Notify Me" e-mail/text alert system at [www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme](http://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.