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Larson and Shaw Elected to City Council

Two new City Council members have been elected and will be sworn into office at the Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, City Council meeting.



Kate Larson of 2535 Traut Terrace was elected as Third Ward representative on the City Council.

A native of Madrid, Iowa, Kate and her husband, Ryan, have lived in Dubuque since 2009. She works as an advertising account manager at Boyd Gaming in Dubuque, and has previously worked as a marketing consultant, marketing coordinator, and advertising sales coordinator. She also served two marketing internships, one with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources through AmeriCorps, and another with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

She has served for four and a half years on the City of Dubuque Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Larson's additional community involvement includes volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club of Dubuque, the Dubuque Regional Humane Society, founding of the FIDO "Market Manners" responsible pet ownership program, and memberships with the Dubuque NAACP and the Dubuque Museum of Art.

Larson graduated from Iowa State University in 2004, where she earned a double major in journalism and environmental science.

She can be reached at 563-495-1393 or kmlarson@cityofdubuque.org.



Brett Shaw of 995 Richards Rd. was elected as First Ward representative on the City Council.

A native of Clinton, Iowa, he has lived in Dubuque County for eight years and the city for four years. Brett and his wife, Jen, are parents to three children. He has been employed for six years at John Deere Dubuque Works where he works as an information technology portfolio and program manager. His previous experience includes work as a commodity specialist for Rockwell Collins and buyer/planner for Boston Scientific.

He has served on the City of Dubuque Housing Commission and the City of Dubuque Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee. Additional community involvement includes participating in the Dubuque Days of Caring, serving as a mentor at Sageville Elementary School, and coaching Special Olympics in Cedar Rapids and Clinton.

Shaw earned a master's of business administration from the University of Iowa and bachelor's degrees in business management and operations and supply chain management from Iowa State University.

He can be reached at 563-583-3109 or bshaw@cityofdubuque.org.

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Free Weatherization Service Available

Are you wondering how you can keep your home warm while also keeping your utility bills low? Green Iowa AmeriCorps offers a FREE home energy audit and weatherization service designed to reduce energy usage, and lower utility costs while increasing the comfort of your home.

Why Weatherize?

- Comfort - Reducing drafts help maintain consistent indoor temperatures.
- Cost - Weatherization can save you \$50 to \$350 annually with improvements lasting from 5 to 25 years.
- Conservation - Conserving energy reduces the demand for fossil fuels.

To sign up for an energy audit, call Green Iowa Dubuque at 563-556-5130 ext. 71 or email greeniowadb@gmail.com.

Text-to-911 Now Available in Dubuque and Dubuque County

As of November 2017, six mobile service providers — AT&T, i-Wireless, Sprint, T-Mobile, U.S. Cellular and Verizon — allow residents to text 911



on their mobile phones with an active text messaging plan. Regular texting rates apply for 911 texting.

Using "Text-to-911" in an emergency can be helpful for residents who have hearing or speech impairments. It can also be helpful in situations in which making a voice call to 911 is dangerous or not possible. However, if it is safe to do so, calling 911 instead of texting is preferable. Voice calls are the

fastest, most efficient way to reach emergency help.

When calling 911, dispatchers receive the caller's location and phone number, giving them a starting point for sending help. However, texting to 911 does not give dispatchers a phone number or location so please provide an accurate address or location as quickly as possible.

To text 911

1. Put 911 in the "to" field and type the message in the "message area."
2. Provide your location, along with a short description of the emergency.
3. Use simple words.

Please do not use abbreviations or emojis, DO NOT text while driving, do not include 911 as part of group text, and do not test to see if texting to 911 works. Calling or texting 911 when there is no emergency is against the law.

If traveling in an area where text to 911 is not available or your phone is in roaming status, and you attempt to text 911, you will receive a bounce-back message informing you that the service is not available in that area.

In an emergency, it is always preferred that you call 911, but if you cannot call, text. §

Household Hazardous Waste Winter Drop-Off

New this year, the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency (DMASWA) will accept household hazardous wastes (HHW) such as oil-based paint, motor oil, lawn chemicals, and other chemicals through the winter season. These materials should be brought to the DMASWA Regional Collection Center (RCC) for safe disposal and should **not** be disposed of in trash cans, floor drains, or storm sewers.

From now through March, materials can be dropped off anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Mondays, Fridays, or Saturdays. Appointments are not needed for residential customers. Any businesses requiring hazardous waste disposal assistance may contact the RCC. The RCC is located at the Dubuque Metro Landfill along U.S. Hwy 20 on Dubuque's west side. For more information, visit www.dmaswa.org or call 563.557.8220. §



Winter Reminders from Public Works

Holiday Curbside Collection Schedule:

- *Christmas Eve: No change*
- *Christmas Day: Collected on Saturday, Dec. 23*
- *Tues., Dec. 26: No change*
- *New Year's Eve: No change*
- *New Year's Day: Collected on Saturday, Dec. 30*
- *Tues., Jan. 2: No change*
- *Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (Mon., Jan. 16): Collected on Saturday, Jan. 13*

Winter Collection of Yard Debris/Food Scraps will be on Thursdays, by appointment only, through March 29. Current food scrap subscribers will automatically receive collections every Thursday and will be charged \$1 per month for the winter service. All other customers must schedule collection by either calling 563-589-4250 or submitting a request at www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste. Yellow yard waste stickers and/or annual decals are required.

Merry Mulch Program: Christmas trees (maximum of 8' high), yard waste bags, bundles, and containers (up to 35 lbs.) and unscheduled food scraps in carts will be picked up Dec. 30 - Jan. 12 on regular collection days. A City brush tie or yard waste sticker is required.

2018 Annual Yard Waste Decals are now on sale at the City Hall Utility Billing window.

Never miss your trash collection day again! Download the ReThink Waste DBQ app for collection reminders, recycling tips, and more at www.cityofdubuque.org/ReThinkWaste. §

PUBLIC NOTICE: The City of Dubuque Housing & Community Development Department will OPEN the waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program from 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14, until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Applications will be available online at cityofdubuque.apply4housing.com; at the Housing & Community Development Department, 350 W 6th St., Suite 312; by calling 563-589-4230; or by emailing housing@cityofdubuque.org.

To complete the application, applicants will need: names (as they appear on the Social Security card), Social Security numbers, and dates of birth for all household members. If you do not have this information, you will not be able to complete the online application. A confirmation number will be provided after completing the online application. Keep this number for your records. All applications must be received prior to 5 p.m. on Feb. 20, 2018. §



A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

— Michael C. Van Milligen



A community's comprehensive plan is an important document. It guides city government efforts but its most notable purpose is to help inform community initiatives and priorities. "Imagine Dubuque 2037: A Call to Action" was adopted by the City Council on September 18, 2017, and is our community's comprehensive plan. It was developed by the community through the active participation of over 6,000 residents who contributed over 12,500 ideas to make Dubuque a more viable, livable, and equitable community. These ideas created the content and recommendations contained in the plan.

This significant level of community engagement in the plan development process is noteworthy. In fact, the Iowa Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) recognized the City of Dubuque and the Imagine Dubuque Community Engagement Plan with its Public Outreach award at the 2017 APA-Iowa Awards during the 2017 Upper Midwest Planning Conference in October. The Public Outreach award honors an individual, project, or program that uses information and education about the value of planning to create greater awareness among citizens or specific segments of the public. The award celebrates how planning improves a community's quality of life.

Imagine Dubuque 2037 offers unique and valuable insight into the consensus of our community's values and priorities. It offers perspective on community goals and objectives that are relevant and meaningful to our residents.

Imagine Dubuque 2037 is not just a plan. It is a call to action that speaks to a variety of economic, social, and environmental opportunities that impact residents' lives every day. It is the responsibility of all Dubuque residents and stakeholders to help develop Imagine Dubuque 2037 action steps, create the strategies for success, be inclusive in our efforts, and make our community sustainable and resilient.

The plan was developed by the community and it will take the community to

implement it. Like many of Dubuque's successes, Imagine Dubuque will require shared vision, collective effort, and strong partnerships to be successful. I encourage you to review the plan and consider what you can do to support the community goals outlined in it. For more information and to view the plan, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/ImagineDubuque. A hard copy is also available for viewing at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library Reference Desk.

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 2019 fiscal year which begins July 1, 2018. 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 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.

Date	Meeting Topic
Monday, Feb. 5, 2018	Recommended FY2019 Budget Document Presentation to City Council at Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018	Department Presentations: Information Services, City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, City Council, City Clerk's Office, Cable TV
Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018	Department Presentations: Library, Planning Services, Finance, Human Rights, Airport, Health Services
Monday, Feb. 12, 2018	Department Presentations: Housing & Community Development, Parking, The Jule Transit, Economic Development
Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018	Department Presentations: Purchase of Services, Parks, Recreation, Five Flags Civic Center, Grand River Center
Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018	Department Presentations: Emergency Management, Emergency Communications, Police, Fire, Building Services
Monday, Feb. 26, 2018	Department Presentations: Water, Water & Resource Recovery Center, Public Works, Engineering
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018	Public Hearing to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

The recommended budget materials will be placed on the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget webpage at www.cityofdubuque.org/FY2019budget on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 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.

Leisure Services Department - New Office Hours

In an effort to be more accessible to the Dubuque community, the City of Dubuque's Leisure Services Department recently changed their office hours to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is located at 2222 Bunker Hill Rd. For more information, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/leisureservices or call 563.589.4263. §

New Faces & Retirements

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

Hannah Eby - Library
Ryan Elliot - Transit
McKinzie Flanagan - Health Services
Efren Fonseca - Airport
Kenneth Kainz - Transit
Steve Kamentz - Transit

Martin Kearney - Water
Ronald Malone - Transit
Nevada Rosteck - Airport
Grant Sanders - Airport
Deborah Waddick - Library
Calvin Harridge - Police

The City of Dubuque congratulates these recent retirees:

Martin Baumgartner - Water
Terry Tobin - Police
Dave Castro - Public Works

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new and reappointed board or commission members:*

Housing Commission **Human Rights Commission**
Amy Eudaley **Nicole Borovic***
 Gerald Hammel, Jr.*

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CALENDAR

January

1-2 City offices closed for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Monday's curbside collection will occur on Saturday, Dec. 30. No change in Tuesday's schedule.

3 In-person, mail, e-mail and/or fax registration begins for Leisure Services Winter/Spring activities

3 City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building

3 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex

3 Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Building

4 Resilient Community Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex

8-19 Merry Mulch Program: Tree Recycling Program and Yard Waste Collection. See page 2 or call 589-4250 for details.

8 Human Rights Commission, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex

9 Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course Snack Bar

11 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Intermodal Center, 950 Elm St.

15 City offices closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Curbside collection will be Sat., Jan. 13

15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Breakfast, 7 a.m. Grand River Center. Pre-registration required by Jan. 9 at www.dbqschools.org/facesandvoices.

16 Housing Board of Appeals, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building

16 Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Hist. Federal Bldg.

16 City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building

17 Assisted Housing Resident Advisory Board, 11:30 a.m., Historic Federal Building

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, Carnegie-Stout Public Library

24 Investment Oversight Advisory Committee Meeting, 3 p.m., Conf. Room A, City Hall

25 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room

25 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Building

29 Five Flags Civic Center Commission, 3:30 p.m., Five Flags Civic Center

February

FY19 Budget Public Meetings schedule is listed on page 3.

1 Resilient Community Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex

5 City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building

7 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex

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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 to receive agendas, news releases, event notifications, and other timely news.