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Roundabout Reminders

As this newsletter is printed, the City of Dubuque is on schedule to substantially complete the conversion of the intersection at University Avenue and N. Grandview Avenue into a single-lane roundabout before the school year resumes. As Dubuque's second roundabout is completed, the City of Dubuque Engineering Department reminds motorists of the basic rules of driving a roundabout:



- As you approach a roundabout, you will see a yellow "roundabout ahead" sign with an advisory speed limit for the roundabout.
- Slow down to the advisory speed as you approach the roundabout and watch for pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Continue toward the roundabout and look to your left as you near the yield sign and dashed yield line at the entrance to the roundabout. You must yield to traffic already in the roundabout as they have the right-of-way.
- Once you see a safe gap in traffic, you may enter the circle. If there is no traffic in the roundabout, you may enter without yielding.
- Proceed to your exit. Remember to watch for pedestrians upon exiting the roundabout.

For more information on safely navigating a roundabout, including videos, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/roundabouts. §

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Bee Branch Healthy Homes Program Well Underway



Since launching the Bee Branch Healthy Homes (BBHH) Resiliency Program in November 2016, the City has received 471 inquiries and more

than 240 applications for assistance. To date, 96 of those applications have been approved and the remainder are in the program's verification process.

Once an application is approved, a BBHH inspector visits the location and assesses the home or property for on-site repairs and renovations that will improve environmental health and safety issues related to flooding.

To date, 42 units have been completed and an additional 19 are awarded and/or in progress. The average cost of improvements per single-family unit is \$22,255. The average cost of improvements per multi-family unit is \$10,427. Approximately \$1,132,825 in contracts for improvements has been awarded to local contractors and

subcontractors. Each structure has presented its own set of challenges and vulnerabilities to water intrusion.

Eligible construction activities include interior drain tile and sump pump installation, foundation waterproofing, gutter and downspout improvements, exterior drain tile, soil and sidewalk modification, furnace and water heater replacement, basement window repairs, ventilation improvements, radon mitigation, and more.

BBHH participants also receive home advocacy services. Through a comprehensive assessment, home advocates provide education and referrals to increase understanding of the resources and services that are available to support development, employment, education, health, and neighborhood revitalization. The BBHH staff has developed a strategic network of local service providers to help families achieve a higher level of resilience to adverse events that may occur. To date, the BBHH home



The existing sidewalk was removed and replaced at an adequate slope to facilitate drainage away from the house.

advocates have assisted over 70 families.

This program is available to owner-occupied homes, single-unit rentals, and small, multi-family residential units located in the BBHH eligibility area and meet the income requirements established by HUD guidelines.

For more information, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/bbhh or call the BBHH Resiliency Program at 563.690.6168. §

Community Partnership Makes a Difference

Working closely with the Dubuque Community School District, AmeriCorps Partners in Learning is making an impact on K-3rd grade students. During the 2017-2018 school year, 97 percent of participants (or 462 students) who completed the AmeriCorps tutoring program improved in their reading assessment by 10 points or more from fall 2017 to spring 2018 FAST assessments.

During the school year, Dubuque Community School District staff trained 38 AmeriCorps members in effective reading interventions and strategies. Using these interventions, these members collaborated closely with elementary school classroom teachers and instructional coaches to provide one-on-one or small-group tutoring sessions to struggling readers.

Mayor Buol observing AmeriCorps in action



In addition to tutoring students, AmeriCorps members also play a significant mentoring role in each child's life. AmeriCorps members are caring, safe adults who give students individual attention and notice students' successes. These positive, encouraging relationships are fundamental for students.

Interested in making our community better? Join today! We're now recruiting for the 2018-2019 school year. Members must be 18 years of age or older and have a high school diploma. Members earn a living allowance and an

education award. Members who are 55 or older when they begin their service may transfer their education award to a child, grandchild, or foster child.

For more information or to learn about joining AmeriCorps, please contact Heather Satterly, AmeriCorps Program Director, at 563.584.8644 or heather.satterly@clarke.edu. Online applications can be found at www.cityofdubuque.org/employment.



City of Dubuque

growing
sustainable
communities

October 2-3, 2018

Grand River Center

Details and registration at
www.gscdubuque.com
563.690.6038



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 session is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 29**, 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. §



Join us for City Expo!

Tuesday, Sept. 18
4 - 7 p.m.

Five Flags Civic Center
405 Main St.

City Expo is an opportunity to engage with City departments, as well as community partners. Learn about new and upcoming projects, experience demonstrations, discover community resources, and more! Event organizers are working hard to create an informative and fun experience for residents of all ages.

Complimentary refreshments • Door prizes • "Touch a Truck" Displays • Fun for all ages

More details at www.cityofdubuque.org/expo



Help Make Our Community Plan a Reality!

Visit www.cityofdubuque.org/imaginedubuque to learn more about Dubuque's new comprehensive plan and to find out how you can be a part of making it a reality!



A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

North End Named an Iowa Great Place

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs recently designated Dubuque's Driftless North End as an "Iowa Great Place" for 2018. The Iowa Great Places program provides designation and supports the development of new and existing infrastructure intended to cultivate the unique and authentic qualities of neighborhoods, communities, and regions in Iowa. "The Iowa Great Places program celebrates communities with a bold vision to develop their communities through innovation, placemaking and integration of arts, history and culture to enrich their residents' overall quality of life," said Chris Kramer, acting director of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Iowa Great Places can apply for funding this fall for projects that are tied to their community's vision plan. The designation for the North End portion of the city is new, but is a redesignation for Dubuque, which was originally recognized as an Iowa Great Place in 2007 and the Steeple Square campus received the designation in 2017.

Bee Branch Receives National Award

The Bee Branch Creek Watershed Flood Mitigation Project continues to be recognized for excellence. It recently received the James Lee Witt Local Award for Excellence in Floodplain Management

from the Association of State Floodplain Managers. Project Manager and City of Dubuque Civil Engineer Deron Muehring accepted the award which recognizes outstanding programs or activities at the front lines of floodplain management -- local programs where "the rubber meets the road" and epitomize the best in floodplain management. The award has been around since 1986 but this marks the first time that it has been awarded to an Iowa community.

Financial Reporting Award

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada recently awarded the City of Dubuque a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. This is the 30th consecutive year the City has received this recognition, which is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was given to City of Dubuque Finance Director Jean Nachtman to recognize her primary role in preparing the award-winning annual report which was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story.

Transit Manager of the Year

City of Dubuque Director of Transportation Services Candace Eudaley-Loebach was awarded "Transit Manager of the Year" by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) for contributions to the improvement of public transit in Iowa. According to Iowa DOT Transit Programs Administrator Ryan Ward, "... In her tenure as The Jule's transit director, she has led several projects to construct modern and efficient transportation facilities that not only aid the riders of The Jule and the Burlington Trailways and Lamers intercity bus services, but also improve the look and functionality of downtown Dubuque."

Special Achievement in GIS

The City of Dubuque was recently recognized for its use of geographic information systems (GIS) with a Special Achievement Award in GIS (SAG) from Esri, the international leader in mapping and spatial data analytics technology. The award was presented to City of Dubuque GIS Coordinator/Analyst Nikki Rosemeyer at the annual Esri International User Conference, an event attended by 18,000 Esri users from all over the world. Selected from over 300,000 eligible candidates, Dubuque received the award for its innovative application of mapping, data analytics, and thought leadership in government. Dubuque was one of over 180 organizations in areas such as commercial industry, defense, transportation, nonprofit work, telecommunications, and government to receive a SAG Award. The City of Dubuque has been an active GIS user since 1996 and there are over 300 individual GIS users within the City organization. §

2018 Water Quality Reports Available

The City of Dubuque Water Department has published the annual water quality reports for the Dubuque water supply. The drinking water met all state and federal water quality requirements and had no drinking water violations in 2017.

The complete report is available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/2018waterquality. Printed copies are available at several locations including City Hall (50 W. 13th St.), the Carnegie-Stout Public Library (360 W.

11th St.), and the Multicultural Family Center (1157 Central Ave.).

The City of Dubuque's Eagle Point Water Plant sources water from aquifers and produces an average 6.5 to 7.2 million gallons of treated water per day. The plant has the capacity to produce up to 18 million gallons per day and the City's current wells have the capacity to pump up to nearly 24 million gallons per day. Dubuque's water distribution system consists of over 325 miles of water

mains, over 8,000 control valves, almost 2,900 fire hydrants, and over 23,500 service connections.

When compared to the other six large cities in Iowa that soften their drinking water, Dubuque has the fourth-lowest rate at \$29.28 (FY19). That monthly rate translates to just 49 cents for 100 gallons of drinking water. For more information, call 563.589.4291 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/water. §

New Faces & Retirements

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

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| Mackenzie Beneventi - Emergency Communications | Robert Krohmer - Parking |
| Richard Butler - Transit | Angel Miranda - Transit |
| Jason Duba - Transit | Travis Schrobilgen - Planning |
| Natalie Harbin - Library | Loren Schromen - Transit |
| | Sophia Zebarth - Library |

The City of Dubuque congratulates these recent retirees:

Dennis Bradley - Fire
Richard Neumann - Water & Resource Recovery Center

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

Arts & Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission
Tyler Daugherty*, **Paula Neuhaus***, **Gina Siegert***

Cable TV Commission
Kathleen McMullen, **Jennifer Tigges**, **Alan Vincent**

Civic Center Advisory Commission
Tyler Daugherty*, **Bryce Parks***

Civil Service Commission
Phil Baskerville*

Electrical Code Board
Tom Townsend*

Historic Preservation Commission
Emily Higendorf, **Kayla Morrison***, **Daniel (Joseph) Rapp**

Investment Oversight Commission
Franz Becker

Library Board of Trustees
Rosemary Kramer, **Patricia Poggemiller**

Long Range Planning Advisory Commission
John Pregler

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Matthew Garrett*, **Jennifer Tigges**

Resilient Community Advisory Commission
Sara Booth, **Benjamin Darr**, **Laura Roussell**

Zoning Advisory Commission
Laura Roussell

September

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| 3 | City offices closed for Labor Day (curbside collection on Sat., Sept. 1 instead) |
| 4 | City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building |
| 5 | Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex |
| 5 | Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Building |
| 6 | Resilient Community Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex |
| 10 | Human Rights Commission, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex |
| 11 | Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Location TBD |
| 13 | Transit Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m., Intermodal Conf. Room |
| 17 | City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building |
| 18 | Housing Board of Appeals, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building |
| 19 | Assisted Housing Resident Advisory Board, 11:30 a.m., Historic Federal Building |
| 19 | Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building |
| 18 | City Expo, FREE event, 4-7 p.m., Five Flags Center |
| 18 | Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building |
| 20 | Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building |
| 24 | Civic Center Commission Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Five Flags Civic Center |
| 24 | Airport Commission 4 p.m., New Terminal Conference Room, 10965 Aviation Dr. |
| 25 | Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Building |
| 25 | Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, Carnegie-Stout Public Library |
| 27 | Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room |
| 27 | Zoning Board of Adjustment, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Building |
| 29 | Successful Rental Property Management Program training, NICC Town Clock Center. Register at www.nicc.edu/solutions or call 563-557-8271, ext. 380. |

October

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| 24 | Investment Oversight Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall Annex, Conf. Rm A |
| 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 |

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.
 Airport Terminal Conf. Room: 10965 Aviation Dr.
 Intermodal Conf. Room: 950 Elm St.

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.

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