

## CITYnews



THE CITY OF  
**DUBUQUE**  
*Masterpiece on the Mississippi*

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## Get Involved in the Big Life Campaign!

We already know Dubuque is a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. Recruiting and welcoming people from outside our area is a great way to help area employers and to grow our community talent pool. Greater Dubuque Development Corporation recently introduced their "Big Life, Small City" campaign which aims to assist local employers with workforce shortages. We are a thriving small city, but we need your help to continue to grow and become a community of choice!

*How Can Current Residents Help the Efforts?*

- Visit [www.BigLifeSmallCity.com](http://www.BigLifeSmallCity.com) and check out all the great materials developed to attract talent to Dubuque.
- Follow Big Life Small City Dubuque on Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube. Share with the friends and family that you'd LOVE to move to Dubuque!
- Are you a newcomer to Dubuque? Did you "boomerang?" (Were you here, you left, and you came back?) Tell us your story! We'd love to share with others why you have chosen to call Dubuque home. Email [hello@biglifessmallcity.com](mailto:hello@biglifessmallcity.com) or call 563-557-9049.



For more information, visit [www.BigLifeSmallCity.com](http://www.BigLifeSmallCity.com).

## City Begins Closed Captioning Council Meetings and Select Programs

As part of the City's efforts to make Dubuque a more inclusive and equitable community, closed captioning will be added to broadcasts of Dubuque City Council meetings and some other CityChannel Dubuque programs beginning in July.



Captioned videos archived online will be designated by a "CC" at the end of the program title. Residents wishing to view the captions should turn them on by clicking on the small "CC" visible when mousing over the lower right-hand corner of the online video player. Residents wishing to view them while watching CityChannel Dubuque (cable channel 8 or digital 117.2) should turn on closed captions the same way they would for any other broadcast television program.

Although captioning will not be done live, Cable TV Division staff will add closed captioning, transcribed by a professional service, to the videos that air on CityChannel Dubuque and to the online archives available on the City's website at [www.cityofdubuque.org/media](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/media). Depending on the length of the meeting, the closed captions should be available on the Thursday following a Monday City Council meeting.

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**Independence Day (Thurs., July 4)**  
*Collection instead on Sat., July 6*

**Labor Day (Mon., Sept. 2)**  
*Collection instead on Sat., Aug. 31*

**Refuse, yard debris, and curbside recycling should be set out by 6 a.m.**

**New Refuse Rate Takes Effect July 1**  
Monthly rate - 35-gallon (40 lbs. max):  
\$15.62  
All other rates remain the same.

## New Changes to Park Pavilion Rentals

The Leisure Services Department is adjusting the rental fees and advance reservation schedule for the department's park pavilions. Most pavilion fees will be increasing due to a new standardization of fees based on seating capacity groupings. Park pavilions have been categorized into four seating capacity groups: 1-25, 26-50, 51-100, and 100+. This is the first increase in pavilion rental fees since the early 1990s.

The maximum advance reservation has been reduced from 23 months in advance of an event to 11 months in advance

for more accurate revenue tracking. Additionally, due to overcrowding issues or lack of reservations, some pavilions will no longer be available to reserve.

Park pavilions are available to rent from the first Saturday in May through the fourth Saturday in October. To reserve a park pavilion, please visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/parks](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/parks), select the park you'd like to visit, and check pavilion capacity and fees. Reservations can be made online or by calling 563-589-4263. §

## Klostermann Named APWA Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year

The American Public Works Association (APWA) has named City of Dubuque Public Works Director John Klostermann as one of the top ten public works leaders of 2019. The APWA Top Ten program seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of public works professionals and officials. Klostermann joined the City of Dubuque Public Works Department in 1975 and has since held a series of positions with progressively more responsibilities. He was appointed public works director in 2016. Over the course of his career, Klostermann has taken on statewide leadership roles in the field of public works, and has been instrumental in the evolution and expansion of the City's public works department. §



## 'Getting Ahead in the Workplace' Class Begins Soon

The City of Dubuque Housing and Community Development Department is now accepting applications for "Getting Ahead™ in the Workplace," a FREE program that explores the instabilities that keep people in poverty. This 15-week, hands-on personal development class meets on Tuesday nights and helps attendees with a personal prosperity plan, while earning a stipend.

The curriculum is designed to assist individuals and families experiencing instabilities in creating a path towards a stable, secure life for themselves and/or their family. Participants will learn the hidden rules of the workplace and how to build the necessary resources, relationships, and skills to get ahead. They are supported by City staff and community volunteers along their journey. Free meals and childcare are provided at every meeting. For more information and to schedule an interview, call 563-589-4230. §



# Art on the River

THE MISSISSIPPI MAGNIFIED

## 2019-20 EXHIBIT OPENING

*Hurry...before they're gone!*  
Vote for your favorite piece from  
the 2018-2019 exhibit at  
[www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver)

**Friday, August 2, 2019**  
Mississippi Riverwalk/Grand River Center



AmeriCorps Partners in Learning  
is hiring

## Academic Reading Tutors for the 2019-20 school year!

- Work 1-on-1 with K-3rd grade students who are struggling readers.
- Pick your schedule and serve with us part-time 10-20 hours per week.
- Living stipends and education awards are available to all members.

Contact us at 563.584.8644 or  
[www.cityofdubuque.org/AmeriCorps](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/AmeriCorps)



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE DUBUQUE REGIONAL AIRPORT

**July 2 - Aircraft Viewing: 4-6 p.m.**  
See aircraft utilized in July 3rd airshow demonstration and fireworks.

**July 3 - Airshow & Fireworks**  
A.Y. McDonald Park - Schedule at  
[www.fireworks.radiodubuque.com](http://www.fireworks.radiodubuque.com)

**July 18-21 - NATA (North American Trainers Assoc.) WWII Aircraft**  
EAA Observation Area, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.







## A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

Community resilience is often defined as the sustained ability of a community to utilize available resources to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations. This allows for the adaptation and growth of a community after disaster strikes.

As this newsletter goes to press in early June, the resilience of communities across the state and throughout the Midwest is being tested as they experience massive flooding problems due to relentless spring rainfall. The 12 months ending in April 2019 were the wettest year-long period in U.S. records going back to 1895, according to the monthly U.S. climate summary issued by the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information.

The Mississippi River in the Quad Cities has been above major flood stage for the longest stretch ever recorded, even surpassing the "Great Flood of 1927." In fact, the river was in major flood stage there for 51 consecutive days, from March 23 through May 12. The previous record was 31 days from mid-April to mid-May 2001, according to the National Weather Service. The City of Davenport reported that its costs for flood-fighting efforts have exceeded \$1 million. That estimate

does not include private sector costs or the costs of damages caused by the flooding and is expected to increase as additional rainfall has caused the river to stay high.

On the other side of the state, the Missouri River and its tributaries have been flooding southwest Iowa as well, breaking levees, closing interstates and other major roadways, and flooding communities and farms. The Des Moines Register reported more than 40 levee breaks in March alone and the Army Corps of Engineers said some repairs could take years.

In central Iowa, Des Moines experienced heavy rains in late May that led to flash flooding, street closures, and many flooded basements and/or backed-up sewers. To prevent new threats from flooding, the City of Des Moines is spending \$300 million to elevate levees along the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers because they are not currently tall enough.

It is very disheartening to see so many communities suffering through these conditions. Dubuque has been spared from similar experiences thanks

to significant public investments in infrastructure. Perhaps the most impactful investment to Dubuque's overall resiliency was the John C. Culver Floodwall (and related retention basins and pump stations), completed in 1973. The floodwall system has prevented hundreds of millions of dollars in flood damages and supported public and private investment. Continual monitoring and maintenance of the floodwall system is critical to flood protection as the river reaches flood stage more frequently.

More recently, Dubuque's investments in its stormwater management system and the adoption of best practices, including but not limited to the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, are another example of increasing Dubuque's resiliency. This certainly was a wise use of city debt. In recent decades, heavy rainfalls like those experienced this spring would have caused flash flooding in numerous streets, flooded basements in multiple neighborhoods, and damaged public infrastructure. While these neighborhoods had six Presidential Disaster Declarations from 1999-2011, they did not have that same experience this time thanks to major investments by the Mayor and City Council to increase the capacity of Dubuque's stormwater system communitywide.

Continued investment in and maintenance of Dubuque's infrastructure is an important part of increasing public safety, promoting community resilience, and protecting public and private investment in the community. §

**Summer Sustainability Fair**  
Saturday, July 13 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dubuque Rescue Mission Garden, 300 Iowa St.  
**FREE FAMILY FUN!**



**SUSTAINABLE DUBUQUE**  
viable • livable • equitable



**JOIN US! TUESDAY, AUGUST 6  
6-8 P.M. - COMISKEY PARK**

**FUN FOR ALL AGES!**



**The Dubuque Police Department invites you to National Night Out!**  
Enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

# New Faces & Retirements

*The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:*

<b>Jennifer Andress</b> - Library	<b>Rebecca Maher</b> - Library
<b>Meggan Bennett</b> - Engineering	<b>Jason McCann</b> - Public Works
<b>Nicole Blum</b> - Police	<b>Zlatko Odobasic</b> - Transit
<b>Richard Butler</b> - Transit	<b>Dreyson Robe</b> - Police
<b>Ronald Cathey</b> - Transit	<b>James Romer</b> - Transit
<b>Titus Fair</b> - Transit	<b>Caleb Scheidel</b> - City Manager's Office
<b>Ryan Feller</b> - Housing & Community Dev.	<b>Robert Schultz</b> - Parks
<b>Andrew Fonck</b> - Water	<b>Michael Waddick</b> - Transit
<b>Crystal Kilgore</b> - Housing & Community Dev.	<b>Kendra Witte</b> - Finance

*The City of Dubuque congratulates these recent retirees:*

<b>John "Jack" Hefel</b> - Police	<b>Jean Nachtman</b> - Finance
<b>Bruce Miller</b> - Fire	<b>Janel Stoffel</b> - Finance

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

Cable Television Commission <b>Richard Baumhover</b>	Community Development Advisory Commission <b>Jeff Lenhart</b>
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## Be Smart About Safety.

No one plans to dial 9-1-1, but now you can plan ahead

*Seconds count in an emergency. Create your free safety profile today.*



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# CALENDAR

## July

- 1 City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 2 Airshow aircraft viewing, Dubuque Regional Airport, 4-6 p.m.
- 3 Airshow and fireworks, A.Y. McDonald Park [www.fireworks.radiodubuque.com](http://www.fireworks.radiodubuque.com)
- 4 City offices closed for Independence Day (Trash and recycling collection on Sat., July 6)
- 15 City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building

## August

- 2 Art on the River: The Mississippi Magnified Opening, Mississippi Riverwalk, 5-7 p.m.
- 3 Lighted Boat Parade, Port of Dubuque Marina. Music: 6-9 p.m., Parade: approx. 9 p.m.
- 5 City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 6 National Night Out, 6-8 p.m. Comiskey Park
- 16 Tentative final day for swimming at Sutton Pool
- 19 City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
- 23 Tentative final day for swimming at Flora Pool

*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.*

## POTHoles ARE BEING FILLED DAILY, BUT HELP US FIND ANY WE MISSED!

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