Community-Wide Picnic on Sept. 21 Celebrates 175 Years

The City of Dubuque’s 175th Anniversary planning committee and John Deere Dubuque Works are coordinating a community-wide picnic day to celebrate Dubuque’s 175th anniversary.

Residents are invited to visit Comiskey, Eagle Point, Flora, or Louis Murphy Park on **Sunday, Sept. 21, from 1 - 6 p.m.** (The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 28.)

The exact locations at each park are as follows:
- Comiskey Park, Comiskey Building
- Eagle Point Park, Open-Air Pavilion
- Flora Park, Brick Open-Air Pavilion
- Louis Murphy Park, Open-Air Pavilion

Final arrangements are being made but plans include free musical entertainment and children’s activities at each park. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Free anniversary cupcakes will be served beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Arrangements have also been made for Keyline Transit to provide free shuttle service to and from the four parks from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Additional details on pick-up/drop-off locations will be announced at a later date.

“This will be a great opportunity for Dubuquers to gather with friends, family, and neighbors and celebrate this milestone for our community,” said Mayor Roy D. Buol. “The committee is grateful to John Deere Dubuque Works for their sponsorship and involvement in offering this event."

For more information, visit www.dubuque175.org or call (563)589-4151. The website also has information on other anniversary-related events and commemorative items available for purchase.

DuRide: Getting Seniors Where They Want to Go

*by Sue Balsamo, DuRide Director*

Beginning in late September, local senior citizens will have another transit option that more closely duplicates owning one’s own car – DuRide.

For $40/year, plus pick-up fees, local seniors can use DuRide for transportation in Dubuque, East Dubuque, and Asbury 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They will be driven by a licensed and insured volunteer, for a pick-up fee of between $3 and $5 each way. Rides can be shared with a friend for further savings. No money exchanges hands – members will have an account and will be billed for rides taken.

Also, seniors who have a vehicle they no longer drive can turn that valuable asset into available transportation by exchanging it with DuRide for rides. An agreed-upon value will be credited to the member’s account for their use.

Family members can give their seniors the gift of independence by contributing to their transportation account. With DuRide, families can be assured their loved ones are getting to their appointments and social engagements with reliable and safe drivers.

Volunteers for DuRide can sign up for four-hour shifts per month. Those donating their time to serve the community can be reimbursed for mileage, “bank” their miles into their own account for when they can no longer drive, or donate their miles driven to someone who cannot afford the service on their own.

If you are interested in becoming a member, volunteer, or business partner with DuRide, call (563) 451-4999 for more information and to receive a brochure.
The opening of Art on the River 2008 was celebrated in late July with an opening reception and tours in the Port of Dubuque.

This is the third year of Art on the River. Ten works of sculpture have been selected by a blind jury process. The artists featured in this year’s exhibit are:
• Andrew Arvanetes, Colleyville, Texas;
• Gillian Christy, Providence, R.I.;
• Jerry Cowger, Waterloo, Iowa;
• Marc Moulton, Statesboro, Ga.;
• Stephanie Sailer, Iowa City, Iowa;
• Bobby Joe Scribner, Woodstock, Ill.;
• Bounnak Thammavong, Iowa City, Iowa;
• Scott Wallace, Hendricks, Minn.;
• Glenn Williams, Ankeny, Iowa; and
• Chris Wubbena, Jackson, Mo.

The call for entries received an outstanding response from artists from around the country. A three-member jury panel selected the work from 67 submissions which were received from 38 different artists. The selected artists have exhibited all over the country including Navy Pier in Chicago and the International Invitational Exhibition in Sarasota, Fla. The artists have been the recipients of a number of prestigious public and private art commissions.

Art on the River is part of the Dubuque City Council’s Arts and Culture initiative and is coordinated by a subcommittee of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission which includes representatives from the Dubuque Museum of Art, local artists, educators, and City staff. The selected sculptures will be on display in the Port of Dubuque until June 2009. Artwork is available for purchase by the general public. A portion of the sales will be used to fund future public arts projects. Each artist receives a stipend for loaning their work to the City of Dubuque for a year.

Northwest Airlines has returned to the Dubuque Regional Airport. They join American in providing air service to the tri-states.

Northwest Airlines began providing two, daily, non-stop departures from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Dubuque in late June.

“We’re really happy to offer this service to our passengers,” said Robert Grierson, Dubuque Regional Airport Manager. “With the City of Dubuque, Dubuque County, Dubuque Chamber, and the business community all placing air service as a top priority, it’s a pleasure to have Northwest back after a five-year hiatus.”

American Eagles will continue operating three departures a day to Chicago O’Hare International Airport. American Airlines is the world’s largest airline.

American, American Eagle and the AmericanConnection® airlines serve 250 cities in over 40 countries with more than 4,000 daily flights.

For more information, visit www.flydbq.com or call the Airport at (563)589-4128.
City Manager’s Message
Michael C. Van Milligen

Dubuque was awarded first-place honors in the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) 2008 Livability Awards Program. The award was presented to Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol at the USCM Annual Meeting in June.

The USCM City Livability Program, sponsored by Waste Management, Inc., honors mayors and their city governments for developing programs that enhance the quality of life in urban areas. Established in 1979, the City Livability Awards are given annually to 10 mayors and their cities -- a first-place award and four Outstanding Achievement Awards for cities under 100,000 population, and a first-place and four Outstanding Achievement Awards for cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants.

Dubuque is this year’s winner in the small city category and Louisville, Ky., won the large city category. Dubuque’s application featured the America’s River project and the public/private partnerships and community involvement that transformed the Port of Dubuque into a destination that captures the historical, environmental, educational and recreational majesty of the Mississippi River.

For more information on this award program, visit www.usmayors.org.
Dubuque Lapel Pins for Sale

A limited supply of three unique lapel pins celebrating Dubuque are now available for purchase at City Hall. One lapel pin celebrates Dubuque’s 175th anniversary, another the 2007 All-America City award, and the third design bears the “Masterpiece on the Mississippi” slogan.

The lapel pins are being sold for $2 per pin and can be purchased during business hours (8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday) at the Utility Billing counter on the first floor of City Hall at 50 West 13th Street.

New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

**Jeffrey Ahlers**
Park Division

**Lori Brillhart**
Police Department

**Paul Gruber**
Airport

**David March**
Library

**Steven Sabers**
Finance Department

**Ella Soppe**
City Manager’s Office

Retirements

Congratulations to this employee who recently retired from the City of Dubuque:

**Michael McDermott**
Water Department

**William Meyers**
Engineering Department

**Karen Sisler**
Transit Division

Calendar

**September**

5 Volunteer Bus Trip to Assist in Flood Recovery. Call (563)564-0343 for more information.

6 Hike with a Naturist: Nature Center Trails (1 1/2 miles), 2:30 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE

13 Hike with a Naturist: Horseshoe Bluff Trail (3/4 miles), 2:30 p.m., Horseshoe Bluff Interpretive Area’s Parking Lot. FREE

18 Registration deadline for adult basketball leagues

20 Hike with a Naturist: Catfish Creek Trail (2 miles), 2:30 p.m., Catfish Creek Canoe Access. FREE

21 175th Anniversary Commemorative Event: Dubuque Community-Wide Picnic at Comiskey, Eagle Point, Flora and Louis Murphy Parks, 1-6 p.m. Free entertainment, children’s activities and dessert.

25 Registration deadline for adult volleyball leagues

26 Registration deadline for adult dodge ball leagues

27 Hike with a Naturist: Nature Center Trails (1 1/2 mi), 2:30 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE

**October**

13 Scheduled Leaf Rake-Outs start Oct. 13 and end Nov. 26 (weather permitting) for a minimum fee of $15.00. Call (563)589-4250 to schedule an appointment.

18 Bob and Tom Comedy All Star, performances at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Five Flags

This calendar is subject to change.

* Leisure Services: 589-4263, cityofdubuque.org
* Five Flags: 589-4258, fiveflagscenter.com
* E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center, Mines of Spain: 556-0620, minesofspain.org