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## Carnegie-Stout Public Library Grand Re-Opening

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The Carnegie-Stout Free Public Library first opened its doors with a three-day public reception on Monday, October 20, 1902. It was described as a “whopping success with every family represented by at least one or more members. The enthusiasm shown toward the new library was tremendous.”

One hundred and eight years later the Carnegie-Stout Public Library will open its historic doors, along with the Main Entrance, to another three-day public reception on Thursday, Sept. 16; Saturday, Sept. 17; and Sunday, Sept. 18. This public reception will celebrate the Library’s Grand Re-Opening after a total renovation of the facility which began in November 2008.

The renovated library introduces five reading areas with comfortable furniture, two re-opened and renovated skylights, and dozens of windows previously hidden behind walls and false ceilings. The original curved marble staircase from the third to the first floor has been returned and design elements throughout the building bring the historic and 1981 addition of the Library together seamlessly.

Plan to visit the Library for a ribbon cutting, a family music-play program, a visit with Edgar Allan Poe, a local authors’ book fair,



and presentations from national best-selling and award-winning authors.

Dennis Lehane, author of nine novels and a collection of short stories, will be at the library on Sept. 16. Three of his novels have been feature films: “Gone Baby Gone,” Academy Award winning “Mystic River,” and “Shutter Island,” which was recently in theaters.

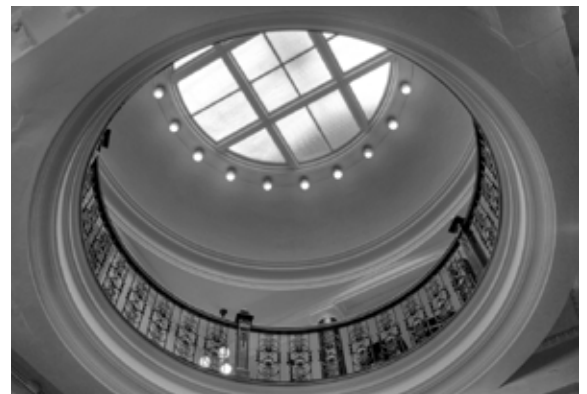
Richard E. Peck, an author, playwright, and retired academic, will be at the library on Sept. 18. He has authored 43 books, from golf to juvenile literature. He was awarded the prestigious Newbery Medal for his novel, “A Year Down Yonder” and a Newbery Honor Medal for his book, “A Long Way From Chicago.”

On Sept. 19, one of America’s most popular writers for young people, Gary Paulsen, will be at the library. Paulsen is a master storyteller who has written more than 175 books and some 200 articles and short stories for children and adults. He is one of the most important writers of young adult literature today and three of his novels — “Hatchet,” “Dogsong,” and “The Winter Room” — were Newbery Honor

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Books. His books frequently appear on the best books lists of the American Library Association.

Many other events are being planned, so save the dates of Sept. 16 – 19 and plan to celebrate the Library’s Grand Opening! For additional information, call 589-4225 or visit [www.dubuque.lib.ia.us](http://www.dubuque.lib.ia.us).



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## Rebranding Keyline Transit

The City of Dubuque recently awarded the management contract for its public transit system to the East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA). The contract went into effect on July 1 and plans to modify Dubuque's fixed route, mini-bus, and trolley services to better meet the needs of residents are being developed. Included in the plans is a rebranding effort, which is well under way. A rebranding committee representing all aspects of the community is busy finalizing the results from a July public meeting where the committee and interested residents brainstormed ideas and concepts. The concepts from this brainstorming session will be narrowed down to the top five, with a public campaign and voting process to vote for the final selection. The final selection will be presented to the City Council in November for consideration. Check local media and the City's website for the October timeframe of the next public voting process on the top five concepts. Places to vote will include:

- Dubuque City Hall –  
50 W. 13th St., Utility Billing
- Carnegie-Stout Public Library –  
360 W. 11th St., 2nd floor Circulation Desk
- Historic Federal Building –  
350 W. 6th St., Main Lobby
- Keyline Management Office –  
2401 Central Ave., main lobby
- [www.cityofdubuque.org/transit](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/transit)

For more information, contact ECIA at 556-4166 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/transit](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/transit). §

## Scheduling Your Water Meter Replacement

The city-wide mandatory water meter replacement project is well under way with nearly 4,500 meters already replaced.

If your meter has not yet been replaced, you will receive a letter at the appropriate time asking you to call Northern Water Works Supply to schedule an installation appointment at your convenience, Monday through Saturday. Some evening appointments are available. Appointments will be scheduled in two-hour "windows" of time, such as 8-10 a.m., for example. Please do not call to schedule an

## CFL Recycling Program Continues to Grow

Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) are among the most efficient light bulbs available today, and it's never been easier to make the switch from a regular light bulb to a CFL! ENERGY STAR-qualified CFLs use 60 percent less electricity than regular bulbs and come in a wide variety of styles and sizes. By reducing your electricity use you save money – up to \$45 over the seven-year average life of the CFL.

### Recycle your CFL when it burns out

This is an important part of saving energy and protecting the environment. The Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency has expanded the number of locations for its FREE program for area residents to recycle used CFLs. Residents should bring their old, unbroken CFLs in sealed zip-lock bags to one of the drop-off locations listed below during their business hours. For more information, contact the locations listed below or the Solid Waste Education Office at 588-7933 or visit [www.dmaswa.org](http://www.dmaswa.org).



### Dubuque Drop-Off Locations

City Hall  
50 W. 13th Street

Leisure Services Office  
2200 Bunker Hill Road

Keyline Transit Office  
2401 Central Avenue

Municipal Services Center  
925 Kerper Court

DMASWA Landfill  
14501 Highway 20 W

Dubuque County Health/Zoning  
Department  
13063 Seippel Road



installation until you receive a letter asking you to do so. Installations will be completed in phases and by geographic zones, with all installations to be completed by late summer 2011.

The new system, an example of the City's ongoing sustainability initiative, will allow

### If you happen to break a CFL lightbulb...

- Increase ventilation and decrease traffic in the area for 15 minutes or more.
- Carefully scoop up the fragments and powder with stiff paper or cardboard and place them in a sealed plastic bag. Use disposable rubber gloves. Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels and place them in a plastic bag. Do not use a vacuum or a broom to clean up the broken bulb on hard surfaces.
- Place all clean-up materials in a sealed plastic bag. Place the first bag in a second sealed plastic bag and put it in the outdoor trash container for normal trash disposal. Wash your hands.
- If a fluorescent bulb breaks on a rug or carpet, remove all materials you can without using a vacuum cleaner. Sticky tape helps! If vacuuming is needed, remove the vacuum bag after the debris has been collected and place in a plastic bag. §

water customers to identify waste and consider corrective measures which will translate into "smarter" water use and increased energy savings. More efficient water use will also reduce the use of both energy and chemicals in treating and delivering water. For more information, call 589-4191 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/watermeters](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/watermeters). §



# A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

As I have in past issues of this newsletter, I am providing an update on the work of the Safe Community Task Force (SCTF), a diverse group of 25 volunteers (who were joined by about 30 community members on subcommittees) appointed by the Mayor and City Council and asked to holistically look at both the causes of, and solutions to, crime in Dubuque. Having a safe community is one of the City Council's top priorities. The task force submitted an initial set of recommendations to the City Council in February for further action. The following is an abbreviated summary of additional recommendations, organized by the subcommittee that developed them, which were submitted to the City Council on July 19.

## ENFORCEMENT

1. Develop and implement a juvenile curfew ordinance to help reduce crime.
2. Provide additional resources for the Community Policing Program.
3. Direct Police Department to more aggressively enforce noise ordinances.
4. Direct Police Department to more aggressively enforce traffic ordinances.
5. Give the SCTF and Police Department the opportunity to respond to the crime study report and recommendations due in October.
6. The SCTF recommends its continued existence and recommends the creation of a Safe Community Commission.
7. Support landlords in evicting problem tenants for cause.
8. Mandate that landlords conduct renter background checks, using the city's free service.
9. Establish threshold number of complaint calls that will place a problem property in priority category.
10. Tie frequency of property inspections to

landlord's history of cooperation with code compliance.

11. Intensify exterior code enforcement.
12. Create a data clearing house limited to verifiable and factual information that landlords and tenants can share and reference when making their rental decisions.
13. Develop and frequently offer a required training program on code enforcement and property management for all landlords.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL CAPITAL

1. Human Relations (A Task Force Priority) - The SCTF believes there needs to be a major citywide human relations effort to increase tolerance and mutual understanding among the diverse segments of the population and that appropriate measures to safeguard the rights and opportunities of all must be implemented.
2. Develop a Neighborhood Watch program.
3. Increase resident participation using such vehicles as clean-up campaigns, neighborhood picnics, new neighbor welcome events and other strategies developed by residents.
4. Cultural Competency Training should be offered periodically to businesses and the community at large.
5. The Human Rights Department should receive continued support and the city should devote resources to a human relations initiative that promotes respect and understanding among residents.
6. Support a welcoming program for all new renters through community-based organizations.

## MANAGEMENT OF PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Install street lights in the middle of the block to brighten up the streets at night and

increase visibility for residents.

2. Improve Dubuque neighborhoods by: a) encouraging home ownership, b) encouraging a mixed income approach to neighborhood development, c) creating (or re-creating) a sense of place through good design.
3. Create an ordinance prohibiting the boarding of windows and doors facing streets.
4. Develop and enforce policies consistent with the "preservation briefs" to maintain historic properties.
5. Increase the number of trash receptacles on the street.
6. Increase the number of neighborhood clean-ups and educate the community on city waste disposal policies.

## RESEARCH AND FACTS

A crime study is being conducted by Northern Illinois University and will be completed in October. Researchers will analyze crime and survey data which will: 1) clarify crime data and crime trends in Dubuque; 2) identify demographic and other characteristics most strongly related to the sorts of crimes that have increased significantly in recent years, and 3) compare these data with the public's perception of the nature of crime and criminals in Dubuque.

This publication is going to press before the City Council's extended work session on Aug. 10 to discuss the SCTF's recommendations. Based on which recommendations the City Council approves, I will submit implementation strategies to the City Council at regular City Council meetings.

For more information or to provide input on these recommendations, please visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/safecommunity](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/safecommunity), call the City Manager's Office at 589-4110, or email me at [cymgr@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:cymgr@cityofdubuque.org). I would like to thank each of the task force members and all residents who have been involved in this important process. §

## E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center Grand Opening

The public is invited the grand opening of the expanded E. B. Lyons Interpretive Center at 8991 Bellevue Heights Road at the Mines of Spain State Recreation Area on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Mines of Spain and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The \$1.8 million expansion doubled the size of the center, adding an auditorium for programs and events, a biology lab for school programs, a library for reference and educational materials, and new exhibits interpreting the science and history of the region. A presentation about the project will be given at 2 p.m. For more information, call 556-0620 or visit [www.minesofspain.org](http://www.minesofspain.org). The center is owned by the City of Dubuque and managed by the IDNR.



## Learn city government from the inside out - Become a board or commission member

Boards and commissions play an important role in governing the City of Dubuque. These volunteer advisory groups assist in the development of policy recommendations to the City Council, provide leadership and support to City staff, and encourage citizen input.

The City Clerk's Office, located in City Hall at 50 West 13th Street, accepts applications for all board and commission vacancies. Applicants must reside within the Dubuque city limits. Completed applications are submitted to the City Council for their review at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Applicants are notified and encouraged to attend that meeting to address the Council in support of their appointment to a particular board or commission, which will be made at a later meeting. Applications remain on file for one year, unless the applicant advises they are no longer interested.

A complete list of the City's boards and commission and current vacancies can be found on the City of Dubuque web site, [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org). You may complete an electronic application form or download a printable application from the City Clerk's section of the City website. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 589-4120 or e-mail [cityclerk@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofdubuque.org). §

### Contact Information

The City of Dubuque welcomes comments and suggestions about your city government or news appearing in this newsletter. Please contact:

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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).

## New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

**Madeline Cairney**  
Recreation

**Kristen Frost**  
Emergency Communications

## Retirements

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

**Dale Harrington**  
Engineering

**Michael Lightfoot**  
Public Works (Landfill)

## Leaf Rake-Out

Citizens may schedule a Leaf Rake-Out for a \$15 fee, beginning Oct. 11. For information or to schedule this service, call 589-4250 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org).



## Free Financial Education Classes

Operation: New View Community Action Agency, along with Health Services Credit Union and Alliant Credit Union, will offer a series of free financial education classes divided into four sessions based on the "Four Cornerstones of Financial Literacy." The first session will start on Tuesday, Sept. 14. All classes will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Prescott Neighborhood Resource Center, 1151 White Street. Sessions include:

- Tuesday, Sept. 14  
Budgeting to Create Savings
- Tuesday, Sept. 21  
Building a Good Credit Rating
- Tuesday, Sept. 28  
Debt Reduction and Asset Building
- Tuesday, Oct. 5  
Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions

Individuals are encouraged to attend all sessions for information on getting their financial situation on track. Please RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 9, to [bjenkins@operationnewview.org](mailto:bjenkins@operationnewview.org) or by calling 563.556.5130 ext. 14. §

## September

6	City offices closed for Labor Day
7	City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.
10-12	Fly-by-Night Productions Presents, "Three Days of Rain," 8 p.m., on Friday & Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, Five Flags Bijou Room
13	Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Conference Room II, City Hall Annex, 1300 Main St.
13	Healthy Meals in a Hurry, 5:30-7 p.m., MFC
14	Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course snack bar
17-19	Fly-by-Night Productions Presents, "Three Days of Rain," 8 p.m., on Friday & Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, Five Flags Bijou Room
20	City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.
21	Housing Code Appeals Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.
23	Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 4 p.m., Library Auditorium, 360 W. 11th St.
27	Airport Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., 11000 Airport Rd., Dubuque Jet Center
28	Housing Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.

## October

2-3	Dubuque Symphony Orchestra Presents: "Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2," 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, Five Flags Theater
4	City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.
9	Dia de la Raza 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Multicultural Family Center (MFC)
11	Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Conference Room II, City Hall Annex, 1300 Main St.
12	Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course
16	Iowa Public Radio presents "Michael Feldman's, Whad'ya Know?," Five Flags Theater
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25	Airport Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., 11000 Airport Rd., Dubuque Jet Center
26	Housing Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.
27	Investment Oversight Advisory Commission Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Conference Room A, City Hall, 50 W. 13th St.
28	Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 4 p.m., Library Auditorium, 360 W. 11th St.

*This calendar is subject to change.*

- Boards and Commissions: 589-4120, [cityofdubuque.org](http://cityofdubuque.org)
- Carnegie-Stout Public Library: 589-4225, [dubuque.lib.ia.us](http://dubuque.lib.ia.us)
- Leisure Services: 589-4263, [cityofdubuque.org](http://cityofdubuque.org)