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Street Improvements Under Way and Planned

Several significant street construction projects in Dubuque will impact local traffic during the 2014 construction season. Motorists and pedestrians are asked to be cautious in these construction zones. As is the case with most construction projects, weather may impact the project schedules. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated as these improvements are made.

Ninth Street and 11th Street One-way to Two-way Conversion

This project resumed in early April is expected to be completed in mid-August. It involves converting 9th Street between Locust St. and Kerper Blvd., 11th Street between Central Ave. and Kerper Blvd., Pine Street between 9th and 11th streets, and 10th Street between Locust St. and Central Ave. from one-way traffic to two-way traffic. The work will primarily involve new traffic signals, pavement striping, and signage. Motorists should experience limited delays during the conversion.

Elm Street Reconstruction

This project involves the full reconstruction of Elm Street between 9th and 12th streets in the Historic Millwork District. This project will be constructed as a "Complete Street," including new concrete pavement with brick accents, sidewalks, bike sharrows (shared bike/vehicle lanes), and street lighting. Construction began in mid-April and is expected to be completed in mid-August. Elm Street will remain closed during construction.

White Street Resurfacing

This is the second of a four-phase, multi-year project in which the City has partnered with the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT). Phase two involves milling and resurfacing 10 blocks of White Street, from



11th Street to 21st Street. Additionally, the project will include some curb, driveway, and sidewalk replacement; storm sewer intake reconstruction; water main improvements; traffic signal improvements; and installation of ADA-compliant pedestrian access curb ramps. This project is expected to begin in June and be completed by November 1.

For additional information on these projects, contact the Engineering Department at 563-589-4270 or engineering@cityofdubuque.org. To receive text and email updates on city street closures and detours and view related maps, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/detours.

Iowa DOT Projects

Two Iowa DOT projects are also currently under way in Dubuque. The westbound **U.S. 20/Dodge Street Catfish Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project** on westbound U.S. 20 (Dodge Street), just west of Century Drive is expected to be completed by early June. The northbound **U.S. 61/151 Catfish Creek Bridge Replacement Project**, the second phase of the Catfish Creek Bridge replacement project that began last spring on U.S. 61/151, is expected to be completed by November. §

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Severe Weather Reminders from Dubuque County Emergency Management

The threat of severe weather often accompanies spring time. Outdoor warning sirens are intended for people outdoors and, unless you are in close proximity to a siren, you may not hear the sirens if you are inside a building. Officials encourage all residents to have a weather radio to receive broadcast warnings and information when indoors. Weather radios are available for purchase at many retail outlets and online.

Sirens may be repeated during the duration of the storm while the threat remains. Therefore, residents may hear the sirens multiple times for the same storm.

An "all clear" siren tone has not been used for decades and will not be used to notify residents the threat has passed.

The sirens are tested monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact the Emergency Management Agency at 563-589-4170. §

Workshop & Conference Focus on 'Bridges Out of Poverty'

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop: May 8

The Dubuque Circles® Initiative will present "Bridges Out of Poverty" on Thursday May 8, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown. The workshop is based on the book, "Bridges Out of Poverty" by Dr. Ruby Payne and provides insight for middle and upper class individuals about the "hidden rules" of each socio-economic class, and how these unspoken rules can serve as barriers to effective communication.

This seminar is designed to help participants more effectively serve clients who live in or have lived in poverty. It gives a deeper understanding of their challenges, strengths, and barriers to change. The training will be presented by Jim Ott, a nationally certified trainer for Bridges Out of Poverty, and Ermina Soler, Circles Coach for the Circles Initiative. Register online at www.cityofdubuque.org/bridgesoutofpoverty or call 563-589-4230.

Upper Mississippi Regional Bridges Conference: June 9-10

The Upper Mississippi Regional Bridges Conference will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 9-10, at the Grand River Center. The event is aimed at groups from across the region who are working to reduce poverty in their communities and to create opportunities

for all. It is sponsored by aha! Process, Inc., Greater Dubuque Development Corporation, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque – Project HOPE and the City of Dubuque Circles Initiative.

The conference is based on the "Bridges Out of Poverty" constructs that help employers, community and faith-based organizations, social service agencies, law enforcement, schools, educators, health providers, and individuals understand poverty and reduce poverty in a comprehensive way. "Bridges" brings people from all sectors and economic classes together to understand the mindsets of economic class and engage with each other to improve job retention rates, build resources, and improve lives. Conference participants will have the opportunity to learn from others who have built successful community-wide partnerships to address poverty issues and to work with Bridges Out of Poverty experts to develop practical strategies for implementing cross-sector poverty reduction initiatives.

For more information or to register, visit www.ahaprocess.com/event/upper-mississippi-bridges-poverty-conference or call (832) 514-3042. §



Going, Going, Almost Gone!

Before the current exhibit ends in early June, vote for your favorite 2013 Art on the River sculpture for this year's "People's Choice Award." Visit the exhibit at the Port of Dubuque's Riverwalk or look at the selections online at www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver. Cast your

ballot now! Did you know that all the sculptures are also available for purchase? Outdoor sculptures are a tremendous addition to yards, gardens, and commercial properties. Sales of these sculptures not only benefit the artists, but a portion supports the Art on the River program as well.

Ten new works of outdoor sculpture have been selected for the 2014 Art on the River exhibit in the Port of Dubuque. In its ninth year, the temporary public art exhibit drew 83 entries from 53 artists from 20 states, from Arizona to New York! The 2014 Art on the River Exhibit will be installed a bit earlier this year, in June, along the Riverwalk with the opening reception scheduled for Thursday, June 19, at 5 p.m. at the Grand River Center. Mark your calendars – the public is invited to attend!

Art on the River is free, open year-round sunrise to sunset, and is accessible. It is part of the Dubuque City Council's Arts and Culture initiative, in conjunction with the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission. For additional information, call Megan Starr at 563-690-6059 or email mstarr@cityofdubuque.org. §



Garage Sale Guidelines

Spring is here and with it comes many wonderful things, including garage sales! In Dubuque, a garage sale traditionally is where items accumulated during the everyday residential use of a dwelling are sold on premise. For the benefit of all residents, the City allows up to three garage sales at any residential dwelling per calendar year in all residential zoning districts. Garage sales that are held from one to three consecutive days are considered one garage sale. For more information, please contact the Planning Services Department at (563) 589-4210 or email planning@cityofdubuque.org. Have a great spring and a successful sale! §

Applications for Reduced Monthly Fees

The City of Dubuque offers a 50 Percent Fee Reduction Program for monthly refuse/trash and stormwater fees to qualified low-income customers. The credit does not apply to water and sewer fees.

Annual renewal applications have been mailed to customers who currently receive these credits. To apply for this program, visit or contact the Utility Billing Department at City Hall, 50 W. 13th St., 563-589-4144. The application is also available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/utilitybilling. §

2014 Leisure Services Summer Activities



Registration open now!

Check out some of the new and exciting programs for children and adults in the Summer 2014 Leisure Services Activities brochure, available now.

Just a few of the new programs include:

For kids:

- Camp Concoction
- Family Splash and Play
- Boot Camp Challenge
- Preschool of Rock
- Sand Castle Art
- Ocean Commotion
- Group Guitar

For adults:

- Co-Ed Kickball League
- Co-Ed Badminton League
- Men's Flag Football League
- Co-Ed Tennis League

Brochure and registration available online at www.cityofdubquere.org/recreation or pick up a brochure at one of the following locations: City Hall (50 W. 13th St.), Leisure Services Department (2200 Bunker Hill Rd.), Multicultural Family Center (1157 Central Ave.) and Carnegie-Stout Public Library (360 W. 11th St.)

Bike to Work Week - May 12-16



Visit www.cityofdubquere.org or check local media for details.



Students Ride Free on The Jule

The Jule offers FREE bus transportation for K-12 students to any regular stop along the bus routes, including Flora and Sutton Pools, and many Recreation Division and Carnegie-Stout Public Library activities. Students in high school must present a student ID (K-8 may ride with no school ID). The Jule aims to provide opportunities for all youth in Dubuque to participate in after-school and summer activities. For additional information, visit www.JuleTransit.org or call The Jule at 563-589-4196. §

Water Safety Message from the Fire Department

Did you know drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of accidental injury death in the United States? Every day, an average of 10 people accidentally drown in the U.S. and, of these, two are children aged 14 or younger.

For every child who drowns, another five receive emergency care for non-fatal submersion injuries that can cause severe brain damage resulting in long-term

disabilities such as memory problems, learning disabilities, and permanent loss of basic functioning.

The main factors that affect drowning risk are lack of swimming ability, lack of barriers to prevent unsupervised water access, lack of close supervision while swimming, failure to wear life jackets, alcohol use, and seizure disorders.

Through education and preparation, your summer water activities can be safe and enjoyable.

Tips to help you stay safe in the water include: learn to swim, supervise children when in or around water, always swim with a buddy, learn CPR, do not use air-filled or foam toys instead of life jackets, avoid alcohol, and know the local weather conditions and forecast before swimming or boating. §

No one plans to dial 911, but if you do, having a Smart911 profile can provide crucial information to first responders.



Create your safety profile for free today at www.smart911.com

State of the City Address Available

Mayor Roy D. Buol delivered the 2014 State of the City address on March 19 at the Grand River Center. The theme of the address was, "Building a Sense of Place – the Dubuque Promise." To watch a video of the address, download the text version, or request a DVD copy, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/sotc. Copies can also be requested from the Public Information Office at 563-589-4151. §

New Faces

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

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| Rachel Boeke - Library | Roger Leib - Transit |
| Celestino Florez - Transit | Roberto Miranda - Transit |
| John Foster - Public Works | Richard Roberts - Transit |
| Robert Grant - Transit | Ann Skemp - Transit |
| Jason Hardtke - Transit | Urmilaben Vachhani - Library |
| Brian Jach - Transit | |

Retirements

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

- Bob Blondin** - Public Works
- Steve Kraft** - Public Works
- William Leibfried** - Public Works
- Mike Horsfall** - Parks
- Neil Weiss** - Police

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Editorial Information

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May

- 1 Swim passes available for purchase from Leisure Services
- 3 City parks officially open
- 5 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 6 Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., City Hall Annex
- 7 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I City Hall Annex
- 7 Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 8 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Building
- 12 Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex
- 13 The Julie 101 Informal Drop-In Session, 4:30-5:30, C-S Public Library
- 13 Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course snack bar
- 15 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 17 National Kids to Parks Day
- 19 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 20 Housing Code Appeals Board, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 21 Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 21 Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 22 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 p.m., Historic Federal Building
- 22 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Library auditorium
- 24 Flora and Sutton Pools officially open
- 26 City offices closed for Memorial Day (Monday trash and recycling collection routes collected on Saturday, May 24)
- 27 Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 27 Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library
- 31 Washington Neighborhood Block Party, 12-6 p.m., Orange Park (18th & Washington Streets)

June

- 2 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 3 Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., City Hall Annex
- 4 Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I City Hall Annex
- 4 Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Building
- 9 Human Rights Commission Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Conf. Room II, City Hall Annex
- 10 Park and Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course snack bar
- 12 Transit Advisory Board, 4:15 p.m., Room 223, Historic Federal Building
- 13-15 America's River Festival, Port of Dubuque
- 16 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 17 Housing Code Appeals Board, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 18 Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
- 18 Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 19 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
- 23 Airport Commission 4 p.m., Dubuque Jet Center
- 24 Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Building
- 26 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room
- 24 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 p.m., Historic Federal Building

This calendar does not include all events, and is subject to change. Are you using Dubuque's "Notify Me" e-mail alert system? If not, please sign up today at www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme to receive agendas, news releases, event notifications, and other timely news.

City Hall: 50 W. 13th St. Carnegie-Stout Public Library: 360 W. 11th St.
City Hall Annex: 1300 Main St. Bunker Hill Snack Bar: 2200 Bunker Hill Rd.
Historic Federal Building: 350 W. 6th St.