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# NEWS RELEASE

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## City Seeking Input on Accessibility Issues

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque is reaching out to residents who may face difficulties getting to and accessing City-owned facilities and properties. The goal is to learn more about their experiences to then prioritize available funding according to need. Accessibility around programs and services will be the focus in 2016.

City staff from the building services, engineering, human rights, leisure services, and transit departments and City Attorney's Office are coordinating efforts to connect with members of the community most likely to face accessibility challenges, especially the elderly, mobility-challenged and disabled, and those dependent on public transportation. Invitations have been sent and other outreach efforts are underway to encourage the public to share their experiences and input. The public is invited to attend a meeting on this topic on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Hills and Dales Community Center, 3505 Stoneman Rd.

Additionally, input can be submitted through questionnaires available at:

- City Hall, Building Services Department, 50 W. 13th St.;
- Carnegie-Stout Public Library Reference Desk, 360 W. 11th St.;
- Hills and Dales Community Center, 3505 Stoneman Rd.;
- Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave.; and the
- Leisure Services Department, 2200 Bunker Hill Rd.

The questionnaire can also be completed or downloaded at [www.cityofdubuque.org/ADA](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/ADA) . Submissions are requested by Oct. 18, 2015.

Information gathered will be used to better understand community needs related to accessibility and to assist the City in planning to address issues and prioritizing available funds. Findings will be published in a report scheduled to be issued in

December. The report will also outline plans for the next phase of the efforts to address accessibility issues.

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