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NEWS RELEASE

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Dubuque Leisure Services Department to Offer Bird Watching at the Lower Bee Branch on Saturday, April 2

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque Leisure Services Department, in partnership with the Dubuque Audubon Society, will present an introduction to bird watching class at the Lower Bee Branch Creek and 16th St. Detention Basin on Saturday, April 2, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The Lower Bee Branch is a prime spot for watching waterfowl such as ducks, gulls and herons, as well as local favorites like the American Goldfinch and Bald Eagles. Dubuque Audubon Society member Charles Winterwood will teach the basics of birding and provide tips for locating and identifying resident and migrating birds.

All ages and birding levels are welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars. The class will meet at the Detention Basin behind the Dairy Queen on E. 16th Street. The program is free. No registration is required.

The birding class is the first of several educational programs that will be offered at the Lower Bee Branch this summer. In partnership with local and regional organizations, the Leisure Services Department will provide nature and ecology based programs including geocaching, fishing, watershed education, nature art, and more. A full listing of activities will be available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation on April 1, 2016.

For questions or for more information, call the City of Dubuque Leisure Services Department at (563) 589-4263.

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