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Recreational Fires Make it a Safe Summer

Gathering around the backyard fire pit on a warm summer's night is an enjoyable summer activity. The City's recreational fire ordinance is designed to make the experience safe and enjoyable for all residents.

In Accordance with the City of Dubuque, Code of Ordinances, Section 19.7, the restrictions on recreational fires are as follows:

- 1) Physical containment of the fire must be used and adequate separation from combustibles and vegetation.
- 2) Burning will be strictly limited to charcoal products or growing form wood, dried, split or sawn to lengths no greater than four feet.
- 3) No processed wood such as 2x4s, plywood, building materials, etc. may be burned.
- 4) Fires are to be kept to a small size with flame height under five feet.
- 5) Burning of paper, garden wastes, rubbish, refuse, grass, leaves or brush is prohibited.
- 6) Atmosphere conditions should be such that allows for smoke and

Flora and Sutton Pools UV Disinfection Systems

The City of Dubuque Leisure Services Department has installed additional ultraviolet (UV) light disinfection systems in both Flora and Sutton Swimming Pools to reduce the risk of recreational waterborne illnesses which may be transmitted through swimming pool water.

The UV systems were installed in the main pools at Flora and Sutton in addition to the UV systems installed in the water playground wading pools last season. These completely contained UV systems are part of the pool recirculation system that will kill parasites such as cryptosporidium (crypto), giardia, and others as the pool water flows through the unit during each cycle. The UV light disinfection systems work in conjunction with renovated chlorine disinfection systems.



Even with this equipment upgrade and change in procedures, the City asks pool patrons to assist in combating the spread of recreational waterborne illnesses by following these guidelines:

- shower before swimming;
- wash hands after visiting the restroom or changing diapers;
- change diapers in the locker rooms, not poolside;
- take children on bathroom breaks and change diapers often;
- individuals with diarrhea, abdominal/stomach cramps, or nausea should not visit the pools;
- do not swallow pool water – the crypto parasite must be ingested to be spread.

These changes in operational and pool patron procedures will help prevent recreation water illnesses from occurring in public pools this summer. For more information, please contact the Park and Recreation Division at 589-4263 or parkrec@cityofdubuque.org.



- gasses to rise up and away. If smoke, gasses, and the fire become a nuisance, the fire must be extinguished.
- 7) Complaints will be directed to the Fire Department through 911 Dispatch. §



Art on the River 2009 Exhibit Chosen

The City of Dubuque has announced the selection of 10 pieces of outdoor sculpture for the 2009 Art on the River Exhibition. In its fourth year, the temporary public art exhibit drew 68 entries from 36 artists in 11 different states. The pieces will be installed along the Mississippi Riverwalk at the Port of Dubuque in July 2009 with an opening event set for Wednesday, July 15, at 5:00 p.m. at the Grand River Center.

Sculptures for the Art on the River exhibit are chosen by a panel of three highly qualified jurists, one from the Dubuque community and two from outside the community. Jurists for the 2009 competition were Jeff Boshart, MFA, Delores Fortuna, MFA, and Douglas Schlesier, MFA.

General information about the exhibit and photos of the newly selected pieces are available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver.

Art on the River is part of the Dubuque City Council's Arts and Culture initiative. Working in conjunction with the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, the Dubuque Museum of Art, and a volunteer committee made up of artists, educators, and city staff, the City has identified 10 highly visible locations at the Port of Dubuque to display selected artwork for a temporary exhibit that changes each year. A map of the exhibit locations is also available at www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver.

For additional information, please contact Jan Stoffel, Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator, at 589-4110 or janstoff@cityofdubuque.org.



red road home

City Cat License Renewals

Be on the lookout for your cat license renewal statement from PetData, the firm handling pet licensing for the City of Dubuque. Pet license payments are accepted via mail or online. After payment is received by PetData, the license tag will be mailed in approximately two weeks. Licenses can no longer be paid in person at the City Clerk's Office. For more information, contact the Health Services Department at 589-4181 or health@cityofdubuque.org.

Vacancies on City Boards and Commissions

Applications are currently being accepted for current and upcoming vacancies on the various City of Dubuque boards and commissions. To find out which boards and commissions are seeking applicants, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/boardslisting.

Boards and commissions play an important role in governing the City of Dubuque. These advisory groups can be valuable community assets and effective partners with the City Council and City staff in guiding the future of the community. Boards and commissions members provide a valuable link to the community and to the various interests that make up the community; assist in the development of policy recommendations to the City Council; provide leadership and support to City staff; promote the City and its programs; and provide expertise in specialized areas. Applicants must reside within the Dubuque city limits.

Those interested in applying for a vacancy on a board or commission, may pick up an application in the City Clerk's Office at 50 W. 13th St., complete an online application, or download a printable application from the City Clerk's section of the City website, www.cityofdubuque.org. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 589-4120 or cityclerk@cityofdubuque.org.

Got Conflict? Use Mediation!

What is Mediation?

A meeting between people in conflict with a trained, neutral, citizen who volunteers to listen, problem solve, and reach an agreement both can live with. It's free of cost!

Summer is here ○ ○ ○

○ ○ ○ and that can mean more conflicts



dogs



kids



music



garbage

If you've got a dispute that needs settling, call the DUBUQUE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER at 589-4395



A MESSAGE from the CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

A locally produced video entitled "Diverse Dubuque: A Focus on National Origin" recently received the Iowa Motion Picture Association's Award of Excellence in the Corporate and Community Marketing category. The video was completed in fall 2008 by Loras College Productions for the National Origin subcommittee of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission. The video explores the modern-day immigrant experience in our community. The film focuses on local residents who have chosen to make Dubuque their home, and is designed to remind us that we are a nation of immigrants sharing common human interests. The video can be viewed on the City website at www.cityofdubuque.org/diversedubuque or the Human Rights Commission is available to facilitate viewings and discussions. Call 589-4190 for more information.

The successes being achieved in Dubuque continue to be recognized regionally and nationally. Most recently,

the U.S. Economic Development Administration awarded Dubuque its Excellence in Economic Development Award for "Excellence in Historic Preservation-Led Strategies" for the IBM/Roshek Building project.

In May, the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance (IHPA) announced its 2009 "Preservation At Its Best" Awards to honor individuals, organizations, projects, and programs whose work demonstrates a commitment to excellence in historic preservation. Of the eight statewide awards, four were awarded to Dubuque projects!

- **Community Effort Category:** Washington Neighborhood Revitalize! Initiative/Washington Neighborhood Association – For the Washington Neighborhood's combined effort to improve historic buildings and revitalize their neighborhood.

- **Small Commercial Category:** Gronen Restoration & Mike Steele – For the rehabilitation of the former German Bank Building, 342 Main Street.
- **Large Commercial Category:** Cottingham & Butler – For the rehabilitation of the Security Building, 800 Main Street.
- **Sustainability in Preservation Category:** The Durrant Group – For the rehabilitation and sustainable reuse of the former Adams Company manufacturing building, 400 Ice Harbor Drive into the company headquarters.

Historic preservation is keystone to Dubuque's approach to sustainability because the most sustainable building is the one that is already built. Congratulations to the organizations and individuals involved in these projects for this well-deserved recognition.

Dubuque is home to many wonderful sites and attractions, but I always tell guests and visitors that no visit to Dubuque is complete without a visit to Eagle Point Park. I hope you will join us in celebrating this beautiful park's 100th birthday on Sunday, Aug. 2, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission will be free this day and complimentary refreshments and activities will be provided. §

Library Announces Summer Hours and New Website

Beginning on May 24 and ending on September 6, 2009, the Carnegie-Stout Public Library will be closed on Sundays.

Regular library hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and, closed Sunday.



and audio/video return boxes located near the Information Desk inside the Dubuque Kennedy Mall, 555 J. F. Kennedy Road.

Visit the Library's newly designed website at www.dubuque.lib.ia.us for access to the Library's online catalog where patrons can renew and reserve materials, or browse the library

catalog. Patrons may also renew materials or check the status of overdue items is through the telephone automated circulation system at 589-0887.

For further information regarding the Library's hours or services call 589-4225.

Eagle Point Park Turns 100!

A 100th birthday celebration will be held on Sunday, Aug. 2, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Eagle Point Park. Admission to the park is free this day. The celebration will include cupcakes and lemonade, activities for the kids, music and a historic display.



FASTfacts

access to your City - 24/7

Access the agendas and minutes of City Council and all of the City's boards and commissions.

- Click on the **"Agendas & Minutes"** link on the homepage.
- Select City Council or the commission/board for which you wish to view the agendas or minutes.

Earth-Friendly Parties and Picnics

This is the time of year for parties and picnics of all sorts. Out of convenience, we usually think plastic plates, cups, forks and tablecloths, but do you know the impact these have on the environment? Try these easy tips to be a little more Earth-friendly as you celebrate with friends and family this summer.



- Use "reusables" like cloth tablecloths and plastic (non-disposable) tableware. It will save you money in the long run!
- Ask everyone to bring their own tableware to gatherings to cut down on plastics being thrown away.
- Support your local economy by buying locally grown produce.
- Take a few used grocery bags to the park and separate your garbage into recyclable categories using the bags. With this system, it is easy to recycle once you get home. §

Retirements

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

Garry J. Arensdorf
Fire

Gerald Weber
Parks

Kim B. Wadding
Police

Thomas J. Driscoll
Public Works

Contact Information

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City of Dubuque Trivia

What was the occupation of Richard Louis Murphy, for whom Louis Murphy park is named?

Submit your guess at www.cityofdubuque.org/trivia. Watch for the answer in the next issue of City News.

Give Us Your Opinion!

What do you think of the new look of City News? Let us know by e-mailing publicinfo@cityofdubuque.org, or calling 589-4110.

CALENDAR

July

- 1 Sidewalk Chalk Art, 6 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park. FREE
- 2 Independence Day Kids Parade, 10:30 a.m., Comiskey Park playground. FREE
- 4 Nature Day for Kids: Pioneer Games 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., E.B. Lyons Picnic Area. FREE
- 8 Tot Olympics, 6 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park. FREE
- 9 Citywide Dodgeball Tourney, 2 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park. FREE
- 11 Nature Day for Kids: "Creepy Crawlies," 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 12 Family pool party, 7-10 p.m., Sutton Pool. \$10 per family.
- 12 Friends of the Mines of Spain: "Annual Butterfly Count," 1 - 3 p.m., Hunter's Parking Lot. FREE
- 15 Mini Golf Night, 6:30 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park. FREE
- 16 Big Wheel 500, 6:30 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park. FREE
- 18 Nature Day for Kids: "Animal Tracks," 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 22 Water Carnival, 6:30 p.m., Flora Pool. FREE
- 23-24 Mines of Spain/E.B. Lyons Nature Camps: "Nature Nerds," 12:30 - 4 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 25 Nature Day for Kids: "Creatures of the Goop," 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 26 Friends of the Mines of Spain: "Snakes and Snakes," 1-3 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 29 Citywide Playground Carnival, 6-8 p.m., Allison-Henderson Park. FREE

August

- 1 Nature Day for Kids: Animal Tracks Part 2, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. FREE
- 2 Eagle Point Park 100th Birthday Celebration, 1 - 8 p.m., Eagle Point Park. Free admission to the park, free cupcakes and lemonade, activities for children, concerts and a historic display.
- 8 Nature Day for Kids: Scavenger Hunt, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., E.B. Lyons Picnic Area. FREE
- 9 Youth/Family Triathlon, 8 a.m., race begins with a swim at Sutton Pool, then continues on bikes along the Hawthorne Street/Eagle Park area and ends with a run along the Dubuque Jaycee's Trail. Entry fee is \$8.00 per person or \$12.00 per family. Contact Leisure Services at 589-4263 for more information.

This calendar is subject to change.

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