City to Begin Curbside Collection of Electronics

City of Dubuque curbside collection customers will soon have a convenient and accessible option to dispose of their electronic waste. Beginning July 1, the City of Dubuque will expand its “large item collection program” to offer its residential customers the option to schedule curbside collection of a wide variety of electronic waste.

The City of Dubuque Public Works Department offers large item collections by appointment for a base fee on customers’ regular solid waste collection days. Large item and/or electronics collections must be scheduled in advance by calling 563-589-4250. All items must be set out to a curb or alley line by 6 a.m. on the day of collection.

The base fee for curbside collection of all types of electronics, including one device with an electronic screen (laptops, monitors, TVs, etc.), will be $20. Electronics include all types of computer monitors and televisions (both cathode ray tubes/CRTs and LED/plasma TVs). Other electronics such as VCRs, DVD/Blu-Ray players, audio equipment, computer towers and associated equipment, fax machines, printers, scanners, and associated cables are included in the $20 base fee with one device with an electronic screen. Additional devices with an electronic screen added to a collection will add $15 to the cost of that collection.

Electronics collected by City crews as part of the large item collection program will be recycled through the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency’s (DMASWA) Electronics Recycling Program. For more information on that program, visit www.dmaswa.org.

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Labor Day (Mon., Sept. 3) - Collection instead on Sat., Sept. 1

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New Refuse Rate Takes Effect July 1
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Boards & Commissions Vacancies - We Need Your Expertise!

City boards and commissions are made up of engaged residents who have expertise in certain areas as well as a passion for leading our community forward. We need you! These volunteers serve as valuable links between the community and the City. Current and upcoming vacancies need to be filled on the following boards and commissions:

- Airport Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Airport Zoning Commission
- Building Code Board of Appeals (At-Large, ADA Representative and General Contractor)
- Cable TV Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Community and Police Relations Committee
- Electrical Code Board
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Housing Commission
- Investment Oversight Advisory Commission
- Mississippi River Partnership Council
- Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
- Zoning Advisory Commission

Applications can be printed or submitted online from www.cityofdubuque.org/boards or through the City Clerk’s Office. Applications can be submitted at any time for all boards and commissions and are activated as positions become available. Applications remain on file for one year from the date they are submitted.

To apply online or view a complete list of boards and commissions, descriptions, terms and meeting information, please visit www.cityofdubuque.org/boards or contact the City Clerk’s Office at 563-589-4120 or city clerk@cityofdubuque.org.

Youth Bus Passes - Just $15 for Full Year of Transportation

The Jule provides transportation within a few blocks of all of Dubuque’s K-12 schools, west-end shopping, City parks, pools, and other destinations.

A youth pass provides access to all of The Jule’s fixed-route services from August 1 to July 31 each year for just $15 for youth ages 11 to 18 and free for those 10 years and younger. Passes may be purchased or renewed at the following locations:

- Intermodal Transportation Center  
  950 Elm Street  
  Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- City Hall  
  50 W. 13th Street  
  Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Learn more about annual youth passes at www.JuleTransit.org or by calling 563-589-4196. Always stay up-to-date on Jule news: like the “Jule Transit” on Facebook, follow @JuleTransit on Twitter, and sign up for Notify Me alerts at www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme.

Contractors › Builders › Residents

Stay informed of Building Services Department updates, news, announcements, and bid opportunities with Notify Me! It’s free and designed to alert you of the latest changes and activities through notifications via email and/or text messages. Signing up is easy and your information will not be shared.

Visit www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme to subscribe to Building Services Updates and Building Services Bid Postings today!

Summer Sustainability Fair

Saturday, July 14 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dubuque Rescue Mission Garden, 300 Iowa St.  
FREE FAMILY FUN!

Interactive booths • games • prizes • fresh-made pizza

Make a difference in a child’s life, for the better, forever!

AmeriCorps Partners in Learning is hiring

Academic Reading Tutors for the 2018-19 school year!

- Work 1-on-1 with K-3rd grade students who are struggling readers.
- Serve with us part-time at 12-15 hours per week or full-time at 30-35 hours per week.
- Living stipends and education awards are available to all members.

Learn more and apply:
www.CityofDubuque.org/AmeriCorps
563-584-8644

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**Workforce Woes**

Businesses around the world share a common challenge – the need to recruit and retain qualified talent. That challenge has become a major barrier to success locally. Business leaders at the local, regional, and national level have been sounding the alarm on the workforce challenges they are facing as unemployment rates dip to historic lows. “Help Wanted” signs are a common site as one drives around the Dubuque area, which currently has 2.5 percent unemployment. Multiple businesses lament the fact that they are turning down work and contracts because they cannot hire enough employees. Some businesses have even had to resort to closing during normal business hours because they do not have enough employees to operate their business.

Our local workforce advocates are attacking this challenge by identifying significant skills gaps in the local workforce and developing solutions to fill those gaps. A 2017 Skills Gap Analysis report conducted by Greater Dubuque Development highlights the top 75 occupations in the region, projected annual openings, median wage, and expected graduates with skills for those occupations. The top 20 jobs in our economy include a mix of careers requiring training from industry-recognized certificates to advanced degrees. Most of the identified needs centered around “middle-skill” careers that do not require a four-year education but do require training beyond high school.

Investing in People Through Opportunity Dubuque

As finding a skilled workforce becomes more challenging due to national and international shortages, it is imperative that Dubuque is prepared and becomes a “Community of Choice” to attract and retain the workforce we need. One way the City of Dubuque is supporting these efforts is a public/private partnership investing in our community’s greatest resource, our people, through Opportunity Dubuque.

Opportunity Dubuque is a nationally recognized, collaborative job-training effort developed in response to local employers’ needs for a skilled workforce. Through this initiative, individuals complete industry-driven certifications through Northeast Iowa Community College to upgrade their skills or launch their careers. The program meets employer needs for a skilled workforce while simultaneously supporting dislocated workers, individuals without a high school diploma, and those who need scholarship assistance to continue their education.

Since it was established in 2012, Opportunity Dubuque has trained and employed hundreds of individuals in advanced manufacturing, transportation, healthcare, information technology, culinary, and construction and restoration careers. More than 650 people have enrolled in Opportunity Dubuque with more than 80 percent successfully completing their program of study. Of those program “graduates,” 96 percent were employed or enrolled in continuing education six months after program completion.

One new component of Opportunity Dubuque is the Second Chance Pathway, designed to move ex-offenders who have changed their lives into a successful career following training, mentoring, and coaching. Candidates are referred through community outreach, employment agencies, IowaWorks, and the Iowa Department of Corrections and receive additional layers of skill development, mentoring, and employment assistance in their Opportunity Dubuque program. Employers benefit from additional vetting of candidates through the process, thorough references, and Federal Bonding and Work Opportunity Tax Credits.

**Win-Win**

A win-win for students and employers, Opportunity Dubuque builds career pathways for students to enter the workforce and continue their education and training, while filling employers’ demand for talent in high-wage, high-demand careers. Local employers have directly benefited from this program as it has provided them with a pipeline of qualified talent.

Administered by Northeast Iowa Community College, Opportunity Dubuque partners include Greater Dubuque Development, IowaWorks, East Central Intergovernmental Association, Dubuque Community School District, Fountain of Youth, the City of Dubuque, and Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque/Project HOPE. As residents and stakeholders in our community, we must all do what we can to make Dubuque a community of choice to grow and retain our workforce. For more information on how to participate in Opportunity Dubuque, visit www.greaterdubuque.org or contact Kristin Dietzel, Vice President of Workforce Solutions for Greater Dubuque Development, at 563-557-9049 or kristind@greaterdubuque.org.

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**City Launches ‘Adopt-a-Spot’ Program**

The City of Dubuque has launched an Adopt-A-Spot program to encourage individuals, businesses, school groups, and other organizations to play an active role in keeping the community clean and beautiful. The program allows participants to “adopt” a public space such as a street, waterway, park, or storm drain and make a commitment to regularly clean and maintain the spot for no less than one year. Typical activities include removing litter, reporting graffiti, keeping storm drains clear, landscape maintenance, and habitat restoration. If needed, the City will provide pickup materials and arrange for the disposal of trash, yard waste, and other materials collected. For more information, or to adopt a spot, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/adoptaspot.
New Faces & Retirements

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new employees:

Johnathan Bentley - Library  Patrick McMahon - Transit
William Broessel - Fire  Daniel Petersen - Water
Steven Christ - Public Works  Saint Theresa Sago - Transit
Michael Heitz - Transit  Jeffrey Schmitt - Fire
Timothy Lawler - Public Works  Matthew Uthe - Public Works
Jack Ludescher - Fire

The City of Dubuque congratulates these recent retirees:

Chris Miller - Fire  Jane Smith - Engineering
Terry Roussell - Finance  Marilyn Ede - Police
Brian Jobgen - Police  John Fitzgerald - Fire

The City of Dubuque welcomes these new* and reappointed board or commission members:

Electrical Code Board  Housing Commission
Paul Uhlrich  Janice Craddieth*

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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CALENDAR

July

2  City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Bldg.
4  City offices closed for Independence Day (Curbside collection on Sat., July 7)
5  Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
5  Resilient Community Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room 1, City Hall Annex
8  Music in Jackson Park, 6-8 p.m.
9  Human Rights Commission, 4:30 p.m., City Hall Annex
10  Park & Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Location TBD
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17  Housing Board of Appeals, 4:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
17  Community Development Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
18  Assisted Housing Resident Advisory Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
18  Long Range Planning Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
18  Water Carnival, ages 5-14, Flora Pool, 6:30 p.m.
19  Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
23  Airport Commission 4 p.m., New Terminal Conference Room, 10965 Aviation Dr.
24  Housing Commission, 4 p.m. Suite 312, Historic Federal Bldg.
24  Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lacy Board Room, C-S Public Library
25  Investment Oversight Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., Conf. Rm. A, City Hall
26  Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Lacy Board Room
26  Zoning Board of Adjustment, 5 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
30  Civic Center Commission, 3:30 p.m., Five Flags Civic Center
31  Teen Movie Night, Jackson Park, movie starts at dusk

August

1  Cable TV Commission, 4 p.m., Conf. Room I, City Hall Annex
1  Zoning Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., Historic Federal Bldg.
2  Resilient Community Advisory Commission, 5 p.m., Conf. Room 1, City Hall Annex
4  Lighted Boat Parade, Port of Dubuque Marina, approx. 9 p.m.
6  City Council, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building
7  National Night Out, Comiskey Park, 6-8 p.m.
10  Tentative final day for swimming at Sutton Pool
10  End-of-Summer Movie at Bunker Hill Golf Course, movie starts at dusk
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