America’s River III Campaign Supports Bee Branch

Recommended by residents and designed with their input, the Bee Branch Creek Restoration is at the heart of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project. Replacing almost one mile of the buried Bee Branch storm sewer with the restored creek and floodplain protects over 1,373 homes and businesses from future flooding while creating a beautiful linear park/greenway.

Through the America’s River III campaign, the general public and private sectors have a variety of options to name/sponsor an amenity along the greenway in honor or in memory of a family member, friend, or business. The greenway garden and urban orchard, the 22nd St. cascading waterfall, the play area with slides, the Bee Branch trailhead, four flag tribute areas, and four bridges are available for sponsorship, as well as benches, trees, and personalized brick pavers. Photos and a map of all the available naming opportunities are available at www.cityofdubuque.org/ar3.

All contributions to the campaign will help ensure the flood mitigation project continues to support sustainable neighborhoods and enhanced quality of life for Dubuque and Iowa. For questions or to make a donation, please call 563.690.6068.

Balance Your Own Version of the City Budget Using ‘Balancing Act’ Budget Simulation Tool

Participate in the creation of the City of Dubuque’s Fiscal Year 2020 budget in a fun and interactive way. Use your smartphone, tablet, or computer to use the City’s new online budget simulation tool called “Balancing Act.” This tool allows users to learn how property tax is budgeted and tax revenues are spent and illustrates how the City of Dubuque’s Fiscal Year 2020 budget will be developed. The budget simulator challenges residents and stakeholders to actively balance their own version of the City’s budget, subject to the same constraints City Council members face annually when considering the City’s recommended operating and capital budgets. Learn about the complex trade-offs necessary to balance the general fund budget, then try your hand at balancing increases in certain programs and services with cuts in others.

Also available to residents is the Balancing Act Taxpayer Receipt. Answer just a few simple questions and see where your City of Dubuque property taxes and local option sales tax are spent in Fiscal Year 2019 based on the actual taxable value of your home. (The taxpayer receipt reflects estimated funds collected and used by the City.)

Learn more and participate today at www.cityofdubuque.org/budget.
Complimentary Holiday Tag Available to Curbside Collection Customers

The City of Dubuque is continuing its annual distribution of a complimentary “holiday tag” for extra garbage to its curbside collection customers. Customers must request a holiday tag by presenting the original top portion of their utility bill that has the holiday tag information printed on it. The holiday tags will only be available until Jan. 2, 2019. Renters in housing units where the owner pays the City utility bill will need to request a holiday tag from the owner or property manager. Paperless billing customers requesting a holiday tag do not need to print their bill; however, verification of paperless billing status will be confirmed by City staff at the time of request.

Customers may pick up their holiday tag during normal business hours at the following locations:
• Municipal Services Center, 925 Kerper Ct.
• Utility Billing office, first floor of City Hall at 13th & Central
• Housing and Community Development office, third floor of the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. Sixth St.
• Leisure Services Department, 2200 Bunker Hill Rd. (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

The holiday tags may be used for refuse on any collection day in the future. For additional information, please contact the Utility Billing Department at 563-589-4144.

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Fall/Winter Reminders from Public Works

Curbside Collection Holiday Schedule

- Veteran’s Day (Sun., Nov. 11): City offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12; no change to the curbside collection schedule.
- Thanksgiving (Thurs., Nov. 22): Collection on Saturday, Nov. 24, instead
- Christmas Day (Tues., Dec. 25): Collection on Saturday, Dec. 22, instead
- New Year’s Day (Tues., Jan. 1): Collection on Saturday, Dec. 29 instead

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<td>Leaf Rake-Out</td>
<td>Oct. 15 - Nov. 21</td>
<td>Loose leaves, pine needles, and pine cones. Grass, brush, plants, and rocks are not accepted.</td>
<td>Yes* (Please make appointment before raking into gutter)</td>
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<td>Winter Yard Debris Collection</td>
<td>Thursdays only; Nov. 29 - March 28</td>
<td>All food scraps (including meat and bones); coffee filters, tea bags, food-soiled paper cups, paper plates, paper towels, placemats, napkins, and paper bags.</td>
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<td>Food Scrap Collection</td>
<td>Thursdays (year round) for existing food scrap subscribers</td>
<td>Christmas trees (max. height of 8’), yard waste bags, bundles, and containers, GreenCarts with food scraps.</td>
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<td>Merry Mulch</td>
<td>Jan. 7-18, 2019, picked up on regular collection days</td>
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* For appointments, call 563-589-4250 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste.

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Programs & Activities for Active Adults

You don’t have to be a kid to experience fun activities and programs offered by the Leisure Services Department. Check out these upcoming classes and programs for active adults!

- **Women’s Self-Defense** - FREE (Ages 12 & up)
  Mondays, Oct. 22 - Dec. 10, 7 - 8 p.m. at Comiskey Park

- **Tae Kwon Do** - FREE (Ages 7 & up)
  Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 18 - Dec. 13
  (no class Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Nov. 22)
  5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Comiskey Park

- **Chair Yoga** - $40 ($48 for non-City residents)
  Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 1-29, 8 - 8:45 a.m. at Bunker Hill Clubhouse

- **Active Adventures** - FREE
  Monday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Sundown Mountain

- **Snow-Sport for Seniors** - FREE
  Wednesday, Dec. 12, and Thursday, Jan. 3, 1- 2:30 p.m. at Sundown Mountain

For more program details and to register, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation or call the Leisure Services Department at 563-589-4263.
Anyone who traveled through the Central Avenue Corridor Sept. 10-22 surely noticed two things: lots of construction activity and something new at the intersection of Central and 18th Street. While the construction activity and related street detours created inconveniences, the investments in infrastructure those multiple projects represent will have long-term benefits. Likewise, the “See the Potential on Central” activities focused around 18th and Central during those two weeks will have long-term benefits for the Central Avenue corridor and the entire community. The “Build a Better Block” activities were especially enjoyable and rewarding.

Three major efforts are changing the trajectory of this part of Dubuque. First, the $219 million Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, although not yet complete, is already showing its capacity to prevent the repeated, annual flash flooding of hundreds of properties, which was a major obstacle to reinvestment with six Presidential Disaster Declarations from flooding since 1999. Secondly, when the $130 million Southwest Arterial project is completed in 2019 and hundreds of semitrucks and other vehicles are removed from Central Avenue and White Street, this area will become much safer and provide new opportunities for pedestrian and vehicular traffic and parking. Third, the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation’s Dubuque’s True North initiative and the City’s CHANGE Program are coordinating efforts to invest $20 million, rehabilitate blighted properties, create affordable housing, repurpose commercial property, improve infrastructure, and encourage investment in the area. It is critical that current residents, business owners, and other stakeholders are engaged in efforts to take advantage of the opportunities these initiatives and others will provide to realize the potential in the Central Avenue Corridor.

**The Central Event**
From Sept. 11-14, the Washington Neighborhood, in partnership with the City of Dubuque and Dubuque Main Street, held a series of events in the corridor to engage the public to create a more pedestrian-friendly street, improve safety, and create a vision to serve as the creative corridor for the neighborhood and corridor. More than 300 residents from the Washington Neighborhood and throughout Dubuque participated. The event kicked off on Sept. 11 with a community engagement festival that gave residents an opportunity to help define the features of the streetscape and their priorities for implementation. Over the next two days, residents and stakeholders met informally with the design team to share their ideas on an individual basis during drop-in hours. The event culminated on Sept. 14 with a presentation that showed a preferred vision for the streetscape integrating key features that are intended to make the street safer for pedestrians, improve lighting, integrate art, and slow down vehicular traffic. The design team is currently working with a steering committee to refine the vision for additional feedback.

**Build A Better Block**
Dubuque Main Street, the local non-profit organization dedicated to the development and ongoing support of Dubuque’s downtown, sponsored and managed a series of Build A Better Block events at or near 18th and Central from Sept. 16-22 designed to show the potential on Central. Their activities included the buildout of a pedestrian area with trees, plants, benches, tables, and other amenities. Additionally, residents and visitors to the area that week had the opportunity to experience what it would be like to have additional shopping and restaurant opportunities in the corridor thanks to the participation of existing businesses and businesses that temporarily set up shop in available storefronts. Other activities, bringing people together with music and food, highlighted the potential for arts and culture offerings and making new connections with neighbors.

Neither of these events would have been possible without the involvement of numerous volunteers and the support of local sponsors and businesses. Neither of the events would have been successful without the participation of so many residents. It will be critical for this level of community engagement to continue as plans are developed and implemented to realize the potential on Central.

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**City Welcomes New Department Managers**

Dubuque City Manager Mike Van Milligen has made appointments to fill two vacancies at the department manager level in the City organization.

- **Gina Bell** joined the City of Dubuque as sustainable community coordinator on Oct. 1, 2018. As the City’s sustainable community coordinator, Bell is responsible for implementing and managing Dubuque’s sustainability plan based on environmental and ecological integrity, economic prosperity, and social/cultural vibrancy to create a viable, livable, and equitable community. Her appointment to the position fills the vacancy created when Cori Burbach left the position after eight years to become assistant city manager in 2017.

- **Alexis Steger** was named the City’s new housing and community development director, effective Oct. 1, 2018. Steger had served as the acting director of the department since June when Alvin Nash retired from the position. As housing and community development director, Steger is responsible for the management of Dubuque’s housing code inspection, rental housing licensing, federally assisted housing, housing rehabilitation, housing relocation, lead paint hazard reduction, community development, Family Self-Sufficiency, Green and Healthy Homes, Bridges Initiative, and home purchase programs.
Crescent Community Health Center assists residents with health insurance options. Open enrollment and re-enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace runs Nov. 1 through Dec. 15.

Assistance to apply for the Iowa Health and Wellness (Medicaid) plans can be done year-round. Please contact Angela at (563) 690-2884 to schedule an appointment.

Have Lunch with Santa!
Join us on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for holiday cheer and celebration while having lunch with Santa at Bunker Hill! During lunch, visitors can decorate their own cookie or create an ornament at the holiday craft stations. This is a family event so all are welcome, but all attendees must register in advance. Hot dogs, chips, and a drink are on the menu! Only those pre-registered will be allowed into the event as space is limited.

$5 per person - pre-registration required
Register online at www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation or by calling 563-589-2884.