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NEWS RELEASE

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City Parks to Open for Season on May 4

DUBUQUE, Iowa – City of Dubuque parks will officially open for the season on Saturday, May 4. Park restroom facilities, water fountains, and other amenities will be available for public use at that time.

The City of Dubuque offers 50 parks covering 973 acres and features trails, camping, disc golf, fishing, in-line hockey, picnicking, playgrounds, tennis, trails, skateboarding, softball and baseball, playgrounds, and more. An online map of Dubuque's parks is available at www.cityofdubuque.org/parks.

Due to flooding, Miller Riverview Park & Campground, located at 1851 Admiral Sheehy Dr., will not open until further notice.

To ensure an enjoyable park experience for all, the City of Dubuque Parks Division offers some general reminders about its parks, pavilion rentals, and pet policies.

Park Hours

Hours of operation vary from park to park. In general, most City parks open to the public at 7 a.m. daily. The Alliant Energy Amphitheater, American Trust River's Edge Plaza, and the Mississippi Riverwalk are open for public use 24 hours per day.

Pavilion Rental

Pavilions are available to rent in Eagle Point Park, Flora Park, Miller Riverview Park, Murphy

Park, and the Port of Dubuque. The Washington Park Gazebo may also be rented. New rental spaces for the Bee Branch Creek Greenway and the Bergfeld Recreation Area have been added to the department's offerings and are available for rent beginning this season. Reservations may be arranged by calling the Leisure Services Department at 563-589-4263 or online at www.cityofdubuque.org/parks. Reservations may be made 11 months in advance and payment is required at the time the reservation is made. New pavilion rental fees have been implemented due to a new standardization of fees based on seating capacity groupings.

Pets in City Parks/Trails

Per City ordinance, leashed dogs and cats are allowed in certain locations. Dogs are allowed off leash in the Pet Park on North Grandview Avenue, which is open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. Municipal citations may be issued to anyone with a pet in a park or on a trail where they are not permitted. Dogs and cats are allowed on a leash at the following parks/trails:

- A.Y. McDonald Park
- Granger Creek Nature Trail
- Heritage Trail
- Jaycee Trail
- John G. Bergfeld Recreation Area
- Medical Associates Greenbelt Park
- Miller Riverview Park (including trail on Chaplain Schmitt Island)
- Northwest Arterial Trail
- Port of Dubuque Marina
- Port of Dubuque Riverwalk Trail
- Powerline Trail
- Pyatigorsk Park
- Southern Levy Trail

Pet owners/keepers are responsible for their pets' actions and must pick up and dispose of or take away their pets' waste.

For further information about City parks, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/parks or call 563-589-4263.