What is City Life? information

For more

City Life is a free three-week, six-session program offered by the City of Dubuque that provides you with an opportunity to create a personal connection with your local government, share experiences as a Dubuque resident, visit City facilities, and learn about the different services departments provide.

> The program, the organizers, and the presentations were well-organized, engaging, and fun!

Interested in learning about these departments?

- City Clerk
- O Housing and Community Development
- Transportation Services (Parking and Transit)
- Water & Resource Recovery Center
- Carnegie-Stout Public Library
- Police Department
- Economic Development
- Neighborhood Development
- Leisure Services
- Arts & Culture
- Public Works
- Engineering
- Fire Department
- City Manager
- Finance & Budget
- Health Services
- Sustainability
- Planning Services
- Human Rights

City Life is offered twice a year—once in the spring, once in the fall

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Because connections between residents and government are critical.

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Why participate?

After participating in City Life, the majority of participants agreed with the following statements:

- V I am able to find services I need with ease
- V I view myself as a partner with departments
- I understand how residents can influence change

I understand the things departments have to consider before making decisions

DISCOVER the purpose of 19 City departments, how they operate, and how their services/ resources can be accessed.

SHARE your experiences as a Dubuque resident.

TOUR three City facilities and experience interactive workshops.

ENJOY great food and conversation.

It's **FREE!** Over 90 community members have participated!

* We will strive to arrange childcare, transportation, and other accommodations needed for participation.

Background

The City of Dubuque recognizes that the strength of a community lies in the partnership between residents and their government. In 2009, one such partnership took place in the form of the Safe Community Task Force, which resulted in a series of recommendations to further community safety. This group noted the necessity of having residents who are knowledgeable about department programs, who have access to factual information, and who are engaged with each other. As a result, the City's Human Rights Department decided to develop a pilot "citizen academy." On April 4, 2013, 18 residents took part in the pilot version of a citizen academy called City Life. The goals of the pilot were simple: connect residents to one another, provide residents a hands-on experience with local government departments, and support residents in their decision to make a positive impact in their community.

