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Street Detours & Construction Alerts

Construction season is right around the corner! For the most current information on City of Dubuque street detours and construction alerts, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/detours or subscribe to email and/or text alerts through the "Street Detours & Construction Alerts" Notify Me at www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme.

Leisure Services Department - Hiring Now!

The City's Parks and Recreation Divisions, Bunker Hill Golf Course, and Port of Dubuque Marina offer fun and meaningful work with flexible schedules!

Each year, the Leisure Services Department relies on seasonal staff to make Dubuque a thriving place to live and play. Whether you're looking for work that allows you to spend the summer outdoors, or maybe you're looking to really make a difference in a child's life, we've got something for you.

One of the most rewarding feelings of being a lifeguard is knowing that you have helped someone. Whether that be teaching swim lessons, providing first aid, or customer service, helping others is what lifeguards do. If you are interested in pursuing a career as a first responder or medical professional, or any profession that serves your community, lifeguarding will help you gain great experience in assisting others! Safety is a top priority, and if not fully staffed, the pools may not be able to operate at full capacity.

In order for all Leisure Services facilities to operate and programs to be offered this summer, the City needs applicants to fill vacant positions as soon as possible.

FLORA & SUTTON POOLS

Looking for a
MEANINGFUL AND FUN
summer job?

WE'RE HIRING AT THE POOL THIS SUMMER!
Lifeguards | Pool cashiers | Concession workers

Current job openings (at time of publication):

- Lifeguards/swim instructors
- Pool cashiers
- Concession workers (softball, pools, and Bunker Hill)
- Playground leaders
- Tennis instructors
- Marina attendants
- Adult sports supervisors
- Miracle League of Dubuque supervisor
- Assistant golf professional
- Golf course and facilities groundskeeper
- Golf course equipment operator
- Golf shop/clubhouse attendant
- Golf course superintendent (full-time)
- Pro shop attendant
- Parks maintenance technician (full-time)
- Forestry technician (full-time)
- Softball field landscape crew
- Forestry laborer
- Parks fee collector
- Park ranger
- Parks groundskeeper
- Landscape crew member
- Park sanitation driver

APPLY TODAY!

Learn more about each job listed above and apply at www.cityofdubuque.org/Jobs

Jensen Named Police Chief, Fire Chief Retires



At their March 2 meeting, the City Council approved City Manager Mike Van Milligen's recommendation of Jeremy Jensen as the next chief of police for the City of Dubuque.

Jensen has over 30 years of law enforcement experience and has been a member of the Dubuque Police Department since 1994 and had served as assistant chief of police from 2018 until he was named interim chief of police when former Chief of Police Mark Dalsing retired in September 2021.

Jensen has served as an adjunct professor of criminal justice at both Loras College and the University of Dubuque. He earned a master of arts degree in communication and bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice, both from the University of Dubuque, and an associate's degree in police science from Hawkeye Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, a certified Emotional Intelligence Practitioner and Assessor and a certified Intercultural Competency Trainer and is a member of the FBI National Academy Associates, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police.

"Dubuque is the place I love and call home and I am deeply honored to continue service to the community as chief of police," said Jensen. "I, and my police department colleagues, value involvement in the community and it is equally important for the community to be involved with the police department. Outstanding police service requires that we maintain and continuously develop partnerships, maintain transparency, and provide equitable service to all members of the community."



Dubuque Fire Chief Rick Steines retired on March 31 after nearly 37 years of service with the Dubuque Fire Department. He has served as fire chief since August of 2014.

"Rick brought the attitude, work ethic, knowledge, and leadership qualities that have taken the Dubuque Fire Department to the next level," said City Manager Mike Van Milligen. "His vision and professionalism have made our community safer and the results have been recognized internationally."

In October 2021, under Steines' leadership, the Dubuque Fire Department became one of fewer than 300 fire departments in the world and just five other departments in Iowa to be accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, a division of the Center for Public Safety Excellence. Also in 2021, the Fire Department received the Mission Lifeline Gold Plus award for its excellence in the treatment of heart attacks. This was the second year in a row the department has received this recognition for its efforts to implement quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

Van Milligen has appointed Assistant Fire Chief Cal Motsch as the Interim Fire Chief until the national search for Steines' replacement has been completed.



Bicycle Licenses

According to Dubuque city code, a bicycle license is required for bikes owned and ridden within city limits. Licensing a bicycle can assist in the instance of a theft or if needed for insurance purposes. Bike licenses are \$5 and are valid for as long as the owner has the bike. Licenses are available at www.cityofdubuque.org/bicycles or in the City Clerk's office at 50 W. 13th St.

Reminder: We've Moved!

The Inspection & Construction Services Department (formerly known as the Building Services Department) is NO LONGER LOCATED in City Hall, and is now in the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St., Suite 312, within the Housing & Community Development Department. Anyone requiring building, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical permits should contact or visit them at their new location.

LEARN MORE

www.cityofdubuque.org/ics or 563-589-4150



A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

May 1-7 is Public Service Recognition Week

At the City of Dubuque, we celebrate this week every year and thank the City employees who provide the critical services and quality of life amenities that make Dubuque a true Masterpiece on the Mississippi. This winter, I participated in the new employee orientation for over 120 employees who have started work here since we were forced to put the orientation process on hold during the pandemic. One of the questions we asked of all the participants was, "What has been the best part of working for the City of Dubuque, so far?" I want to share you the answer I gave when I was asked that same question.

In my nearly 30 years with the City, I have experienced many "best" moments, but answering this question was, in fact, quite easy. In March 2020 the world shut down. Watching my city colleagues rise to the occasion to serve the residents of this community during through the pandemic has been the most inspiring and "best" experience I have had to date. When COVID-19 forced many of us to quickly rethink everything about the way we work, City employees found new ways to provide residents and businesses with critical services. Most of our frontline staff did not have the luxury of working from home and they showed up to work in days of uncertainty and fear to make sure that every home in Dubuque continued to have water and wastewater services, trash and recycling were still collected, streets repaired, emergency services were still provided, homes and businesses were still inspected for life safety, our youth still had access to learning and recreational opportunities, public transportation continued to get people to the doctor, grocery store and work, human rights were protected, and so much more. Employees quickly implemented work from home setups where possible to make sure that we continued to provide high-quality customer service in new, creative ways in every department. They did this while also addressing public health concerns, operating vaccine clinics and call centers, and saying "Yes!" to whatever challenges came their way.

This Public Service Recognition Week, I hope you will join me in thanking the City of Dubuque employees for their dedication to their profession and this community!

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Special Event Permit Process

A reminder to residents that special event permits are required for a variety of events around Dubuque, such as: parades, 5k races, fundraisers, block parties, festivals, and concerts, if they take place on city property, in the public right-of way, or on private property that impacts the public right-of-way and is open to the public.

Events such as assemblies, marches, and neighborhood block parties are encouraged to complete a courtesy notification application.

Submit an application for a special event permit at least 60 days prior to the event. Read the Special Event booklet and fill out an application form at www.cityofdubuque.org/specialevents or visit the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 50 W. 13th St.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

www.cityofdubuque.org/specialevents or call 563-589-4122

Lead & Healthy Homes Grants Available for Residents

Did you know that homes and apartments built before 1978 may have paint containing dangerous levels of lead that can be harmful to both children and adults?

Over 20,000 homes and apartments in Dubuque were built before 1978.

The City of Dubuque's Housing & Community Development Department has grants available to income qualifying residents, including options for homeowners and landlord/tenants that can help reduce the dangers of lead in a home and provide improvements to support the overall health of the families in Dubuque. Improvements included new windows, freshly painted walls, flooring installation, and more.

If your home was built before 1978, you may have lead paint and should take precautions when cleaning and doing renovations. Simple steps like washing hands before eating, washing children's toys regularly, and mopping hard surface floors and wiping window sills with a wet wipe can help remove lead dust that may not be visible.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

www.cityofdubuque.org/lead
563-589-1724 or lead@cityofdubuque.org

New Faces & Retirements

New City Employees

Angela Ventris	Housing & Community Development
Maxwell Wessels	Library
Courtney Engevold	Recreation
Jessica Olechowski	Police Department
David Spiegelhalter	Engineering
Melody Burnett	City Manager's Office
Ryan Kirschman	Planning Services
Jacob Jansen	Public Works
Robyn Hosch	Finance & Budget
Jenna Robertson	Library
Lindsey Hoyne	Library
Deborah Fliegel	Library
Jennifer Ginter-Lyght	Human Resources
Leo Seay, Jr.	Transit
Elizabeth Martin	Office of Shared Prosperity & Neighborhood Support
Nicholas Beatty	Airport
Joseph Chapman	Airport
William Wickman	Airport
Traci Yeo	Library

New Board/Commission Members

Danita Grant	Equity & Human Rights Commission
Maitha Jolet	Equity & Human Rights Commission
Dereka Williams	Equity & Human Rights Commission
Thea Dement	Historic Preservation Commission
Renee Kohoe	Housing Commission
Charlene Turpin	Housing Commission
Tom Major	Investment Oversight Advisory Commission
Josh Chamberland	Resilient Community Advisory Commission

Recent City Retirees

Daryl Wickre	Water & Resource Recovery Center
Rick Steines	Fire Department
Daniel Bannon	Emergency Communications

Calendar

May

- 2 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 City parks open for the season
- 16 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 30 City offices closed for Memorial Day (Trash and recycling collection on Saturday, May 28)

June

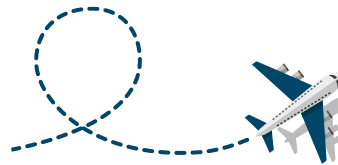
- 6 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Sustainability Fair, 5-7 p.m., Bee Branch Creek Greenway

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th St.

The public has the option to view and participate in City Council meetings in person at City Council Chambers or virtually (see agenda for details.) Meetings are aired live on CityChannel Dubuque (Mediacom cable channels 8 and 117.2), streamed live and archived on the City's website at www.cityofdubuque.org/media, and streamed live on the City's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityofdubuque.

This calendar does not include all events and is subject to change. Sign up for Dubuque's "Notify Me" e-mail/text alert system at www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme to receive agendas, news releases, event notifications, and other timely news.

Dubuque Regional Airport Launches FlyDBQ1st Campaign



The Dubuque Regional Airport, in partnership with the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce, recently announced "FlyDBQ 1st," a multi-faceted marketing campaign designed to maximize the


impact flying local has on the region. When passengers choose to fly DBQ, our region benefits economically and the airport retains and potentially grows air service. When passengers fly DBQ, they demonstrate demand, encouraging airlines to offer competitive fares, and add more flights and destinations from DBQ.

"There is a direct correlation between increased usage of an airport and air service retention and expansion," said Dubuque Regional Airport Director Todd Dalsing. "We have been monitoring air service demand in the region and nationwide and we see a lot of leisure travelers wanting to get to the beaches or mountains. As we put COVID in the rear-view mirror, we are hoping to see the return of business travelers and international travel."

According to Molly Grover, Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, "Perceived low airfares are not always the biggest bang for your buck. We are encouraging travelers to add up their total cost of travel. When you add up your time, mileage, airfare, parking, and tolls - DBQ is the best value for your time and money."

LEARN MORE & BOOK YOUR FLIGHT

www.flydbq1st.com

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