



# City of Dubuque **CITY NEWS**

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## Major Work on Northwest Arterial Begins

The multi-phase Northwest Arterial State of Good Repair Project is under way and includes major pavement reconstruction and rehabilitation of the arterial roadway from US20 (Dodge St.) to John F. Kennedy Rd.

The project includes reconstruction of both the arterial's Pennsylvania Ave. and Asbury Rd. intersections; milling, repaving, and adding a four-foot shoulder to the southbound arterial lanes this year; and total reconstruction of the northbound arterial lanes next year.

Phase 1 began in early June with the reconstruction of the Pennsylvania Ave. intersection. The schedule is weather-dependent but is expected to take a total of four weeks. After reconstruction of the Pennsylvania Ave. intersection is complete, reconstruction of the Asbury Rd. intersection will begin. The estimated start date for this part of the project is Tuesday, July 5. The goal is to have both intersections completed and fully operational before school resumes in August.

Following reconstruction of both intersections, the southbound arterial lanes will be milled and repaved with asphalt and a new four-foot-wide shoulder will be added. To maintain traffic capacity during peak hours, this work will be conducted at night (7 p.m. to 7 a.m.) and is expected to be completed in November.

The reconstruction of the arterial's northbound lanes will be conducted during the 2023 construction season. Additional details will be available next spring but that work will require temporarily shifting all traffic to the southbound lanes.

The project is a partnership between the City of Dubuque and the Iowa Department of Transportation. The total project cost is approximately \$9.2 million and nearly all will be paid for through state funds and grants.

For project details, including detour routes/maps, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/nwarterial](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/nwarterial)

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## Summer Shuttle to Flora Pool

The Jule is offering a free shuttle to and from Flora Pool with several stops around the city, including one at Sutton Pool, seven days a week this summer. Shuttles will run on a continuous loop from morning until night to accommodate swimming lessons and regular pool hours. Details, including a map and schedule, are available at [www.cityofdubuque.org/pools](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/pools) or by calling 563-589-4196.

## Anticipated Project Timeline

Project Phase/Order	Timeline
1. Reconstruction of <b>Pennsylvania Ave.</b> intersection	Summer 2022
2. Reconstruction of <b>Asbury Rd.</b> intersection	Summer 2022
3. Milling and resurfacing of <b>southbound lanes</b>	Summer/Fall 2022
4. Widening of shoulders in <b>southbound lanes</b>	Fall 2022
5. Reconstruction of <b>northbound lanes</b> requiring two-way (head-to-head) vehicle travel on southbound lanes	2023 Construction Season

# DELIVERING DUBUQUE

with Mayor Cavanagh

## Delivering Dubuque: A New Video Series

"Delivering Dubuque" with Mayor Brad Cavanagh takes a look at meaningful investments and initiatives that are bringing about positive change in our community. Scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera to watch! This series will air on the City of Dubuque's YouTube channel as well as CityChannel Dubuque (cable channel 8 and digital 117.2)



## Healthy Homes Grants Available to Residents

The City of Dubuque Housing and Community Development Department offers grants for income-qualified families, both renters and homeowners, to help make their homes a healthy and safe environment. This program addresses areas of a home that may have mold, water intrusion, radon (a dangerous gas found mainly in basements), tripping hazards, and more.

"Healthy Homes" is a century-old concept that promotes safe, decent, and sanitary homes as a means for preventing disease and injury. Emerging scientific evidence links health outcomes such as asthma, allergies, and unintentional injuries, to issues in the home.

It's not just older homes that contain these dangers. Whether your house is new or old, it may have areas that could be improved. Creating healthier housing promotes the healthy growth and development of children and has the potential to save billions in health care costs. Everyone benefits from a healthy home and some of the most serious health problems for families may start in your home.

### LEARN MORE & APPLY

[www.cityofdubuque.org/healthyhomes](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/healthyhomes) or 563-589-1724

## Scheller Named Fire Chief



At their May 2 meeting, the city council approved City Manager Mike Van Milligen's recommendation of Amy Scheller as the fire chief for the City of Dubuque.

Scheller has 30 years of firefighter and paramedic experience. She was most recently deputy chief of administrative and strategic planning of the Naperville Fire

Department, where she began serving the city of 150,000 residents in 1998. She worked her way up through the organization, supervising and managing all areas of the fire department operations and administrative divisions.

Her management experience includes strategic planning, standard of response coverage, annual reporting, incident management, emergency operations, grant writing and management, payroll, budget and capital improvement planning, vehicle services, dispatch liaison, labor negotiations, policy development, mentoring, and succession planning.

Scheller is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and holds a master's degree in public safety administration from Lewis University and a bachelor's degree in education from Aurora University. She

is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, through which she attained the Executive Chief Officer and Chief Fire Officer status, and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. She achieved the Chief Fire Officer designation and Fire Officer designation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

"I am extremely happy and excited to have received the recommendation for the Dubuque Fire Chief position. The thought of being selected to work alongside the members of the Dubuque Fire Department is exciting and humbling," said Scheller. "When interviewing with the community panel, members of the fire department, and other city staff, it was apparent this was a resilient group ready to support each other in moving the city and fire department forward. My husband, son, and I are looking forward to the opportunity to be a part of Dubuque's future. I am looking forward to wearing the Dubuque Fire Department's patch with pride."

Van Milligen's recommendation follows four finalists being interviewed for the position by a core team of City staff and meeting with a panel of representatives from the City's leadership team, a fire department staff panel, and a community stakeholder panel. Input was solicited from all groups involved in the process before Van Milligen finalized his recommendation to the mayor and city council.

Scheller was sworn in at the June 6 city council meeting.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Michael C. Van Milligen

### Field of Dreams Expansion – A Generational Project

Dubuque has been transformed over the last 50 years by generational projects like the Dubuque Floodwall, Five Flags Civic Center, Dubuque Greyhound Park, America’s River Project in the Port of Dubuque, Historic Millwork District, Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, Southwest Arterial, and others.

To continue to grow, another generational project is needed. “What’s next?” The answer to that question is the \$135 million Field of Dreams Expansion Project in Dyersville. I believe it is a once-in-a-generation project and will be transformational for the entire Dubuque region.

The field’s private owners plan to invest \$80 million over the next three years on five youth baseball/softball diamonds, four baseball fields, player dormitories, a 100,000 sq. ft. year-round indoor training facility, a 104-room hotel, amphitheater, RV park, and all-abilities inclusive park. Additionally, a new not-for-profit organization supporting the project plans to invest over \$55 million to construct a world-class, multi-purpose stadium facility at the permanent baseball field constructed last year by Major League Baseball. The permanent 3,000-seat stadium, with the capacity to add over 5,000 temporary seats, will host amateur and professional baseball, community and youth athletics, and educational and cultural events – creating a year-round destination.

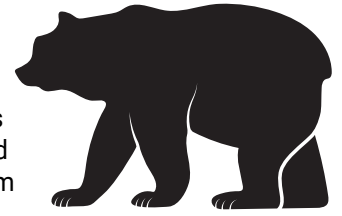
The City of Dubuque and the City of Dyersville have each committed \$1 million and Dubuque County has committed \$5 million in support of the project. The partners are pursuing other fundraising opportunities and the City of Dyersville has submitted a \$12.5 million Destination Iowa grant application as well, which will be more competitive with the matching local dollars.

Based on recent feasibility studies, the stadium is estimated to create \$10.5 million in direct spending annually for the region and 81 full-time tourism jobs will be supported annually when completed. They anticipate \$32 million in direct spending for the stadium improvements, tournament fields, and hotel which will create 250 jobs for the region plus hundreds of construction jobs as the stadium is being built.

**The project is predicted to generate an additional \$612,00 in additional hotel/motel and local option sales tax revenues for the City of Dubuque.** This would result in Dubuque recouping its \$1 million investment in less than 20 months once the facility is fully operational with these increased tax revenues continuing well after that.

The City of Dubuque, Dubuque County, and others have a proven track record of partnership on transformational projects and we must maintain the momentum that has been built in our region. The Field of Dreams Project is “What’s Next.”

## Be Bear Aware!



At time of publication, residents of Dubuque’s northend have had an unexpected visitor in the form of a black bear. According to the Iowa DNR, here are some ways you can be “Bear Aware”:

- If a bear repeatedly enters your yard, determine what attractants are drawing it there and remove them.
- Store garbage in a sturdy building and put it out on the day of pick-up, not the night before.
- Do not leave pet food out. Removing bird feeders is best, but if feeders must be out, they should be at least 10 feet high and 5 feet from the trunk of a tree.
- Keep grills/barbeques clean and grease free, or place in a shed or the garage. Do not put meat, fish and other pungent scraps in compost piles. Add powder-form agricultural lime to reduce odors and accelerate decomposition.

### Report bear sightings to local law enforcement

#### LEARN MORE

[www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov) or [www.bebearaware.org](http://www.bebearaware.org)

## Art on the River 2022-2023 Exhibit



Eleven new sculptures are slated for installation in early August 2022 along the Mississippi Riverwalk for the 16th edition

of the City of Dubuque’s Art on the River rotating sculpture program. The 2022-23 “Crossing Bridges” exhibit theme, identified by a community planning committee, sought to inspire sculpture proposals that spoke to both physical and metaphorical bridges and how they serve to connect us across divides, help us overcome barriers, and foster economic growth and community prosperity. The 2022-23 exhibit will feature 5 sculptures created exclusively for this year’s Art on the River exhibit.

The opening celebration will take place on Friday, Aug. 5, from 5-7 p.m. on the Grand River Center patio. This event is free, open to the public, and will feature interactive arts experiences, complimentary hors d’oeuvres, and a cash bar. The event will also feature the live art making by Dubuque’s Urban Sketchers, the Plein Air Painters of Dubuque, and the Dubuque Camera Club.

The opening celebration takes place in conjunction with a weekend line-up of arts and cultural events including a Taste of Summer event hosted by the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium on Aug. 4 and DBQFest on Aug. 6 - 7 in Washington Park.

#### LEARN MORE

[www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver)

# New Faces & Retirements

## New City Employees

Scott Benz	Transit
Mitchell Berendes	Fire
Benjamin Berntgen	Police
Jeffrey Brandt	Engineering
Mia Burbach	City Manager's Office
Zachary Colvin	Fire
Michael Felderman	Recreation
Jacob Fiedler	Fire
Mikaela Foust	Water & Resource Recovery Center
Joseph Hancock	Library
Caitlin Kaiser	Fire
Jason Lehman	City Attorney's Office
Lora Lobianco	Library
Austin Manders	Emergency Communications
Birgit Morey	Transit
Ellen Motsch	Fire
Austin Schmit	Fire
Margaret Turza	Library
Cody Udelhofen	Fire
Andy Unrau	Recreation
Gina Weber	Engineering
Katy Wethal	City Council
William Yeo III	Police

## New Board/Commission Members

Cathy Dickens	Housing Commission
Yindra Dixon	Housing Commission
Dominique Jeter	Community Development Advisory Commission
Jeff Lenhart	Housing Appeals and Mediation Board
Sasha Williams	Community Development Advisory Commission

## Recent City Retirees

Gary Kramer	Fire Department
Bret Stierman	Water



**Trash and Recycling  
Holiday Collection Changes**

<b>Independence Day</b> Mon., July 4 Collection on Sat., July 2	<b>Labor Day</b> Mon., Sept. 5 Collection on Sat., Sept. 3
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# Calendar

## July

- 2 Airshow aircraft viewing, Dubuque Regional Airport, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 3 Airshow and fireworks, A.Y. McDonald Park, 5:30 p.m. (fireworks at dusk)
- 4 City offices closed for Independence Day (Trash and recycling collection on Saturday, July 2)
- 5 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Captain Robert L. Martin Terminal Building Ribbon Cutting, Dubuque Regional Airport, 5 p.m.
- 20-24 North American Trainer Association WWII Aircraft viewing, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily, EAA Observation Area, Dubuque Regional Airport

## August

- 1 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 2 National Night Out, 6-8 p.m., Jackson Park
- 5 Art on the River Exhibit Opening, Grand River Center patio, 5-7 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 15 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/media), and streamed live on the City's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityofdubuque](http://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](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme) to receive agendas, news releases, event notifications, and other timely news.

## Cart Corner Now Open!

In the coming months, the City will expand its automated trash collection capabilities with the addition of required City-issued tipper carts.

While the exact timeline for distribution of carts has not yet been finalized, residents who would like to see the options for City-issued tipper carts in-person are welcome to visit the "Cart Corner" at the Municipal Services Center lobby at 925 Kerper Ct., from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Jake (5'7") and a 35-gallon cart

### LEARN MORE

[www.cityofdubuque.org/curbsidecollection](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/curbsidecollection)  
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