City Life Allows Residents to Discover Dubuque Like Never Before

Discover Dubuque like never before with this informational and interactive look at your city government and community! City Life is the City of Dubuque’s fun, free, and interactive course on local government that answers your questions on what it takes to keep our city running.

City Life participants have the opportunity to learn more about City operations and services that make Dubuque a great place to live, work, and play. Through presentations, tours, and conversations with neighbors you’ll see taxpayer investments at work and be able to share your thoughts.

The City Life program consists of six in-person sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings this fall (October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20) from 6-9 p.m. Dinner is provided and accommodations can be made.

LEARN MORE & APPLY
www.cityofdubuque.org/citylife or 563-589-4190

Former Mayor Buol Named ‘All-America Leader’

The National Civic League has named former Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol one of two inaugural 2022 All-America Leaders as part of the league’s annual presentation of All-America City awards.

Launched in 2022, the All-America Leader Award was created to celebrate the work of civically engaged community members. The award recognizes individuals who have successfully spearheaded civic engagement efforts in their community. The award supports the idea that anyone can be a difference maker in their community, whether it be an engaged resident, a business or faith leader, or an elected official.

The National Civic League said Buol’s inclusive and pioneering leadership is perhaps best epitomized by Dubuque’s recognition as an All-America City an unprecedented five times in twelve years, each coming during his tenure which spanned from 2006 to 2021.

Buol had this to say about his time serving the City of Dubuque, “Serving as mayor and city council member for the city that gave so much to me and my family was a tremendous privilege. I am thankful for the experience to bring together citizens and partner organizations, here and beyond, to define a sustainable path forward and turn meaningful ideas into reality. It is a true honor to be an inaugural recipient of the AAC Leader Award.”
The Dubuque Fire Department has received the American Heart Association’s 2022 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Award for its commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing the most severe form of heart attack, ultimately saving lives.

Each year, more than 250,000 people experience a type of heart attack known as an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it is critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible by either mechanically opening the blocked vessel or using clot-busting medication.

The Mission: Lifeline achievement award is earned by agencies that demonstrate a commitment to treating patients according to the most up-to-date research-based practices as outlined by the American Heart Association.

The Dubuque Fire Department has proudly provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service in the Dubuque community since 1914.

Grants Available to Support Dubuque Neighborhoods

The City of Dubuque Office of Shared Prosperity and Neighborhood Support is now accepting applications for the Neighborhood Support Grant Program.

The Neighborhood Support Grant assists neighborhood associations and other non-profit community organizations in Dubuque with improving the quality of life for residents. Grants are available to groups for up to $750 for eligible events, projects, and other community initiatives that enhance livability and strengthen neighborhood pride. Previously, neighborhood associations have used funds for projects such as bike racks, a neighborhood newsletter, beautification efforts, youth and family programs, park improvements, and community gardens.

Applications will be accepted throughout the year and be reviewed on the first of every month. If funding will be utilized for a special event, groups are encouraged to apply for the grant well in advance.

Complete grant information and application materials can be found at www.cityofdubuque.org/neighborhoods. For additional information, contact Director of the Office of Shared Prosperity & Neighborhood Support Anderson Sainci at 563-589-4326 or asainci@cityofdubuque.org.

Aitken-Shadle Named Chief of Equity & Human Rights

City Manager Mike Van Milligen has named Gisella Aitken-Shadle as the City's new chief of equity and human rights. She began her employment with the City in early August.

"Gisella has made equity a focus of her education and her work and she will make a tremendous contribution to our organization and our community," said Van Milligen.

Aitken-Shadle previously served as the district director of adult education and literacy at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) since 2015 and leads the college's High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs. She also served as the chairperson of NICC's Diversity Equity, and Inclusion Committee. From 2009 to 2015, Aitken-Shadle was an instructor in NICC's Adult Education and Literacy Academy, ESOL, and Spanish GED programs.

Aitken-Shadle holds a master’s degree in public administration (MPA) from the University of Dayton where she also earned a bachelor’s degree in international studies with a human rights concentration and a minor in political science. She received her doctor of education degree in leadership for organizations from the University of Dayton in July. She is fluent in English, Spanish, French, and Italian.

Fire Department Nationally Recognized for Commitment to Quality Care for Heart Attacks

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Water Meter Interface Unit (MIU) Replacement Project Underway

The City of Dubuque Water Department has ramped up its efforts to replace the meter interface units (MIUs) that are connected to all City water meters. Staff will proactively replace approximately 5,000 MIUs per year to change out the approximately 25,000 devices in use by City water customers.

The MIU is the small square device that is mounted on the exterior of homes and businesses and is connected by wire to the water meter inside the building. The water meter records the amount of water used by the customer and the MIU transmits that usage information to data collectors located throughout the city which, in turn, transmit the information to City Hall for billing purposes.

The work will be conducted by water department staff wearing City of Dubuque uniforms and driving City fleet vehicles. Changing out the old MIUs for new devices is a quick process that does not disrupt water service or data collection. Water department staff do not need access to the interior of the building to make the switch so customers will not be notified when their MIU will be replaced.

Customers with questions about this process may contact the City of Dubuque Water Department at 563-589-4304 or cplumley@cityofdubuque.org.
A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER
Michael C. Van Milligen

The National Civic League recently announced what many people have known for a long time: Former Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol is an All-America Leader. He is one of two inaugural recipients of this national award created to celebrate leaders who led civic engagement efforts in their communities.

The National Civic League was founded in 1894 (by a group of civic leaders that included Theodore Roosevelt) and its mission is to advance civic engagement to create equitable, thriving communities by inspiring, supporting, and recognizing inclusive approaches to community decision-making. In addition to offering community assistance programs and research and publications, the league sponsors the All-America City Awards.

Under the leadership of Mayor Buol, Dubuque was named an All-America City FIVE TIMES in just 12 years, the only community in the country to ever do so. Community engagement and public/private partnerships, which were the hallmarks of Mayor Buol’s tenure as the longest-serving mayor in Dubuque’s history, both played prominent roles each time Dubuque earned that distinction. The award recognizes communities that leverage civic engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness, and innovation to successfully address local issues.

In addition to serving on the City Council as mayor from 2006-2021 and as Ward Two representative from 1996-2005, Mayor Buol was also a member of the Long Range Planning Commission. This was a transformational time for Dubuque under his leadership. Congratulations to Former Mayor Buol for this well-deserved recognition!

COVID-19 Vaccinations & Boosters Recommended

Vaccines and boosters are effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death from the latest COVID-19 Omicron subvariants.

The CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone 6 months and older and boosters for everyone 5 years and older, if eligible. Adults ages 50 years and older and people ages 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should get 2 boosters.

Visit www.cityofdubuque.org/sleevesup or contact your healthcare provider for more information.

If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat 988Lifeline.org. 988 connects you with a trained crisis counselor who can help.
New City Employees

Jayme Bahl
Park Division

Allison Bailey
Police

Umaru Balde
Recreation

Emerald Barnes-Seger
Library

Harlie Durr
Police

Grace Friederick
Library

Michelle Gensrick
Emergency Communications

Jason Hardtke
Transit

Crystal Hill
Transit

Jordan Lamey
Public Works

Thomas Linkenhild
Police

Ginny Manemann
Library

Nicco Mazzanti
Police

Morgan McDowell
Police

Luke Meadows
Water

Raymond Nicks
Transit

Leah Norton
Library

Connie Palm
Human Resources

Abhishek Rai
City Manager’s Office

Luke Rupp
Engineering

Amy Scheller
Fire

Ryan Zierden
Public Works

New Board/Commission Members

Shirley Davis-Orwoll
Arts & Cultural Affairs

Doug Donald
Advisory Commission

Andrew Bland
Board of Library Trustees

A. Alanda Gregory

Carla Anderson
Equity & Human Rights

Janelle Branch
Commission

Yindra Dixon

Aaliyah Herrion

Gilbert Baca
Park & Recreation Advisory

Lori Ollendick
Commission

Jacob Kohlhaas
Resilient Community Advisory

Commission

Recent City Retirees

Daniel Chapman
Public Works

Cindy Schroeder
Finance

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