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MONTHLY UPDATE

August 2022





DNSD Accreditation

The City of Davenport’s Development and Neighborhood Services Department (DNSD) earned agency accreditation through the American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE). DNSD is the first agency in the state of Iowa and the 7th in the country to earn code enforcement accreditation.

The accreditation board evaluated the department across a variety of standards intended to ensure a uniform level of professionalism and service. They looked at criteria involving administration, staffing, training, professional development, enforcement, case management, and quality control. Accreditations are awarded at three levels; Three, Four, or Five Stars. After review, the board awarded the department a Three Star Accreditation. This is the department’s first accreditation application and initial accreditation award. DNSD will submit annual reviews before undergoing reaccreditation in three years.

The American Association of Code Enforcement is a national nonprofit association representing the profession of code enforcement. Founded in 1988, it is the only association representing housing, property maintenance, and zoning officials in the United States. It has become the premier association fostering code compliance through its certification program, education, training, and enforcement.

Code Enforcement staff pictured below in order - Michelle Westerfield, Tom Van De Wiele, Samantha Scruppp, Christ Haut, Anthony Haut, Jade Burkholder, Beth Bringolf, Hilary Belz and Rich Oswald.



“Staff has worked hard over the past several years building a new department. Becoming accredited is a testament to their hard work and commitment to the City. Building along with Planning and Zoning staff also plays an integral role in the day to day operations of code enforcement.”

- Rich Oswald, DNSD Director

Editorial Letter: Thanks Davenport for the nice road

I am writing to thank the Davenport Public Works Department. Our street was recently resurfaced and the finished product is outstanding despite the many challenges such as weather and mud boils.

My sincere appreciation to: Nicole Gleason, Public Works Director; Ron H, Public Works Operations Manager; Mike V, Street Operations Supervisor; Dathan S, Crew Leader; Dathan’s Crew; and Denise, Senior Clerk.

Thanks to all of you for a job well done and great customer service. Much appreciated. Keep up the good work on our streets despite all the “detours.”

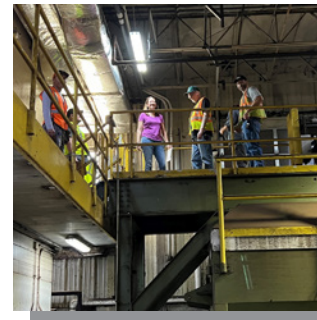
A satisfied resident, Tim Simmons - Davenport



Davenport Compost Facility Safety Audit

The Public Works and Parks Safety Committee visited the Davenport Compost Facility for a safety audit on August 9. The committee found safety at the Compost Facility a priority to its team and were impressed with the exceptional housekeeping in an environment that lends to dust and other potential hazards. Members learned more about the facility as the result of the audit, including daily testing of emergency shut-offs. There was also information exchanged on hearing protection access and availability at various facilities.

Overall it was evident staff has worked to identify hazards and put in place controls to prevent injury. In the end, the team’s only recommendation was to update faded curb markings, increase fire extinguisher visibility in a few areas, and keep up the excellent work.

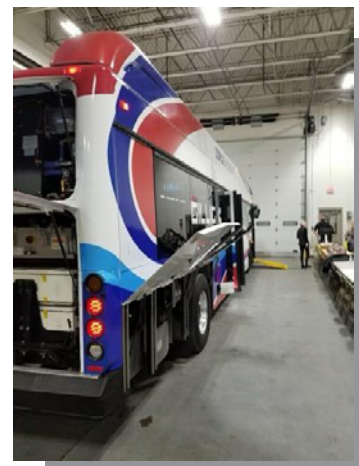


CitiBus Awards FTA Grant

Davenport Citibus was awarded \$4.8 million in Federal Transit Administration Bus and Low/No-Emission Grant funds. These federal funds will provide Davenport CitiBus four electric buses in early 2024 as well as the resources necessary to bring the City up to speed with technology while providing reliable, affordable services to transit passengers.

The long-anticipated zero-emission additions will phase out twenty-year-old higher emission and costly diesel buses. Transitioning to zero-emission buses is a significant step for the City to improve air quality in the community and reduce the operational cost of public transportation. Once the buses are in operation in the community, the City will keep 920,000 pounds of greenhouse gases from being released into the atmosphere each year.

Receiving the grant follows a successful campaign that raised \$185,000 in additional funding from local stakeholders including \$160,000 from MidAmerican Energy and \$25,000 from the Regional Development Authority. The City estimates its cost-share for the new buses to be \$675,000.



2022 Aquatic Season

Total Attendance

10,209

64

Total Days Open

Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center

7,441

39 days

Fejervary Aquatic Center

2,768

25 days

ADDITIONAL STATS

- 78 Community Pool Pass Admissions (Community Egg Hunt, Guests of Davenport Police Department, Party in the Park events)
- 1,159 Kid Pass Admissions
- 2,130 BOGO Admissions

Staffing Numbers

6 Pool Managers
39 Lifeguards/Instructors
7 Cashiers/Concessions
1 Pool Maintenance



Brayden Buchholz with student

Customer Comments

"I watched my son's lessons today & the instructor was amazing! He was so patient & encouraging with all of the kids & it was much appreciated!"

From: Stephanie P. about Garrett Elsworth.

"Theo LOVED his first session of swimming lessons and can't wait to get back to the "big, big pool!"

From: Sarah & Samantha V. about Holly English

"Thanks to you and your staff....he enjoyed lessons this summer."

From: Kevin G. about Carter Richter & Hailey Ross

Staff Highlight

OLIVIA PIZANO

Olivia began the summer working as a guard in the shallow water areas. She took initiative to train up to deep water areas. She exceeded the minimum swim requirement of swimming 300 meters to swimming 600+ meters on a regular basis.

CARTER RICHTER

Carter approached the Learn to Swim program with passion, creativity and fun making the learning environment entertaining for his students and parents. His students were having so much fun, they did not realize they were learning.



Public Safety Legislative Discussion

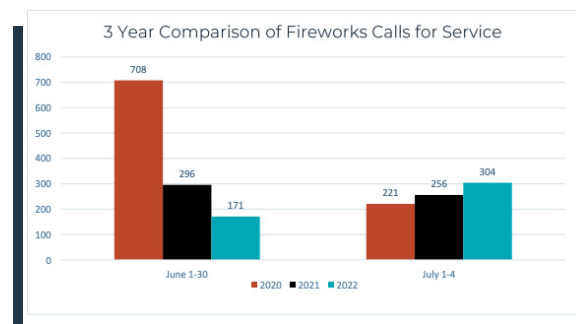


Earlier this month, staff from City Administration and the Davenport Police Department, along with local public safety partners, met with Iowa House Representative Gary Mohr and Iowa Senator Chris Cournoyer to discuss local public safety initiatives and future opportunities to address violent crime in Davenport. The discussion included partners from the Davenport Community School District, Family Resources, Juvenile Detention, Scott County Sheriff’s Office, and the Bettendorf Police Department. Staff led a discussion with elected officials on how we can work together effectively as partners to address violent crime in our community across the entire public safety continuum, from prevention to intervention to enforcement.

Firework Debrief

Firework related calls for service were compared during the same time spans over the past 3 years. Complaints received in the month of June 2022 decreased by 42.2% from 2021, and by 75.8% from 2020. Complaints received July 1 – July 4 in 2022 increased 18.75% from 2021 and 37.55% from 2020.

The City conducted a significant communications and public outreach strategy on firework safety and the local legal firework discharge window and locations. Mailers were sent to each Davenport resident outlining when fireworks can lawfully be discharged and the legal and financial ramifications for illegal discharge. A targeted digital media strategy was also implemented, reaching over 130,000 impressions, resulting in the Fireworks webpage being the most visited City page in June and July.





Station 3 Groundbreaking

City staff, members of City Council, Davenport Fire personnel, and the community celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Fire Station 3. Mobilizing and clearing of debris from the site will take place in September followed by building of the piers and foundation along with necessary underground utilities. In late fall 2022, construction of the shell and exterior walls will begin and interior work is slated to start in spring 2023 with anticipated completion late fall 2023.



Davenport Police Department

Swears In Four Officers



Zachary Morgan, Omar Alcala, Mark Rappel, & Riley McIntyre

Davenport's newest Officers - Zachary Morgan, Omar Alcala, Mark Rappel, and Riley McIntyre - graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy's 16-week Basic Training course and were sworn in at the August 24 City Council Meeting by Mayor Matson. The Officers will start their post-academy training before beginning their Field Training Officer (FTO) Program. After the successful completion of their FTO training, each officer will "go solo" serving the community within the Patrol Division.



Library Updates



BrainFuse Tutoring

School is back in session which means, homework, research papers, and so much more. The Davenport Public Library provides a wonderful resource to assist students and their parents called Brainfuse, which is an online resource offered by the State Library free of charge for all Davenport Public Library cardholders. Brainfuse has licensed tutors, homework help, proofreaders, and so much more! BrainFuse can be found by visiting www.davenportlibrary.com and then accessing online resources under the research tools tab.

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Block Party

The Fairmount branch held their 4th annual Block Party on August 13 that welcomed 300 attendees. This event allowed residents to learn about library services, interact with neighbors, and learn about local organizations. Attendees also enjoyed children's activities, raffles, and free lunch.

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Summer Reading Update

Summer Reading wrapped up on August 31. Thanks to a creative and passionate staff as well as a supportive community, this year's Summer Reading numbers far surpassed those from previous years! Babies & Toddlers increased by 56%, Children increased by 60%, Teens increased by 60%, and Adults increased by 36%. In total, there were 742 more Summer Reading Participants than last year (54% overall increase from 2021).

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QC Beats in the Streets

This year the Davenport Public Library participated in the first night of Alternating Currents by welcoming QC Beats artists David G. Smith and Kumate for a block party. QC Beats partner sites (Bettendorf Public Library & St. Ambrose University) were also in attendance connecting participants to information and resources from their Libraries.

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Fine Forgiveness Program

The Customer Services Team held a Fine Forgiveness Program all summer. A total of \$1,360.54 was forgiven which included 77 new participants signing up for Summer Reading to be included in the forgiveness program.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Lend a Hand

During the Party in the Park event at Emeis Park, community members of all ages as well as some four-legged residents had the opportunity to “lend a hand” to Davenport Police. Individuals dipped their hands in washable paint and left their handprint on a squad car. The handprints represent the community centric partnership the department has with the community and the lasting imprint created by each and every individual.



Cops and Cones

Over 1,000 Whitey’s Ice Cream cones and 60 gallons of ice cream were enjoyed by community members at Vander Veer Botanical Park during this year’s Cops and Cones ice cream social hosted by the Davenport Police Association. Community members of all ages enjoyed cool treats, toured squad cars, and engaged in meaningful conversations with Davenport Police Officers.



Cop on a Rooftop

Each year, Davenport Police Officers join law enforcement from across the state to fundraise and bring awareness for Special Olympics Iowa at the “Cop on a Rooftop” event. Hosted by Dunkin’ locations statewide, this event raises thousands of dollars to support Special Olympians.



Shop With A Cop

As Davenport youth headed back to school, twenty Davenport Community School District students had the opportunity to Shop With A Cop. Through the Davenport Fraternal Order of Police partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods, officers had the opportunity to assist students in shopping for supplies for the new school year.



Movies in the Park

Davenport Parks and Recreation brought back Movies in the Park on August 5 at the Annie Wittenmyer Complex and showed The Wizard of Oz for approximately 100 guests. Activities included lawn games, arts and crafts, and a costume contest. Food trucks offered delicious dinners and treats for purchase.



Davenport Fire in the Community

During the BIX 7 road race the DFD was strategically located throughout the course to assist with medical emergencies. Additionally, the DFD had a command center located at the Mississippi Fairground for the 2022 MVF and for nearly a week, equipment and manpower were present for medical emergencies and community outreach. Hundreds of fairgoers stopped by and cooled down in the afternoons and evenings.



GNP Trailer Use

The Good Neighbor Project Resource Trailer has made its way to a number of neighborhood block parties this summer with more reservations in the books for this fall.

"It really helped simplify things so we could just hang out as neighbors and get to know each other. We had so much fun and are going to get together again!" – Anna R., Good Neighbor Project Leader.



GNP Appreciation Event

City staff hosted the first Good Neighbor Project Appreciation event at the Freight House Farmers' Market. With over 20 GNP members in attendance, neighbors were able to meet and mingle, share success stories, enjoy ice cream from Chill Ice Cream & Eats, and spend time along Davenport's riverfront.



Party In The Park

And that's a wrap! August celebrated the final two dates for Party in the Park at Ridgeview and Emeis Parks. The involvement from vendors, City Staff, and community members was incredible this year. Families enjoyed live music, food, games, crafts, giveaways, and more throughout the summer, and left each event with useful information from a variety of organizations located right here in Davenport. It was truly rewarding to see the community come together to celebrate fun summer days, and staff looks forward to continuing this event next year.



Chief of Police Interview

Last month the City announced the selection of Major Jeffery Bladel as the new Chief of Police. The selection process included an interview with a panel comprised of community members and representatives from partner organizations. Input from these key individuals was a critical part of the process.

“I was honored to get asked to participate in a very important part of our local government. I was excited to learn that the process ended with Major Bladel getting selected to be the next Chief for the Davenport Police Department. What I loved about the process was the diversity of people who participated; everyone from the Mayor down to recent high school graduates were involved. I have gotten to know Major Bladel a lot better this year during my work with the City of Davenport as we continue to rollout Group Violence Intervention (GVI). He is someone who cares deeply about the community and the men and women who serve to protect it. He's not afraid to think outside the box and try new things, and that's something that we certainly need from our leaders during these difficult times.” -Caleb Copley, Assistant Scott County Attorney.



Main Street Landing Public Engagement

City staff hosted two public engagement opportunities for the envisioning of Main Street Landing. Citizens were invited to join staff and SASAKI on the Skybridge along with at the Freight House Farmers' Market. There was also an online survey available for those who were unable to attend in person that received multiple responses. This public engagement process allowed citizens to envision the design and features of Main Street Landing, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). There will be a second wave of public engagement that will take place in months to come providing the public an additional opportunity to give feedback on the proposed elements of Main Street Landing.

