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MONTHLY UPDATE

November 2022





Peoria QC Law Enforcement Executive Teams Trip

In November, representatives from the Davenport, Bettendorf, Rock Island, and Moline Police Departments as well as the US Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Iowa, visited the Peoria Police Department to learn about their new gun violence task force that was implemented in conjunction with their federal partners at the US Attorney’s Office for the Central District of Illinois and the ATF. The Davenport Police Department and neighboring law enforcement partners are discussing a similar task force model that would concentrate on long-term gun investigations with the aim of lowering violent crime in the Quad Cities. The discussion of this potential task force coincides with the recent advocacy trip taken by local city and law enforcement leadership to advocate for additional federal resources to the Quad City area to assist with violent crime reduction.



DFD Promotional Ceremony

The Davenport Fire Department hosted a promotional ceremony for nine recently promoted individuals. These promotions represent four different ranks within the organization and a combined 148 years of service. Each of these individuals have spent countless hours preparing themselves for this next step. A combination of training and education provided them with the solid foundation needed for their new roles.

- Engineer Matt Mueller**
- Engineer Derek DeMoss**
- Engineer Brian Klinkenberg**
- Lieutenant Mike Dorton**
- Lieutenant Gabe Coussens**
- Lieutenant Zach Grassle**
- Captain Aaron Mack**
- Captain Robert Kramer**
- District Chief Tyler Schmidt**



Station 3 Update

Work on the new Station 3 for Davenport Fire is well underway. The foundation is complete and installation of the masonry walls and structural steel will continue through winter as weather permits. Grading work will resume in the spring along with interior work. Staff anticipates a late 2023 completion date.



DPD Award Ceremony

The Davenport Police Department hosted a ceremony where members of the department were recognized for accomplishments and milestones in their careers including retirements, promotions, and awards.

Lieutenant Brett Morgan and **Sergeant Scott Lansing** were honored for their years of service and dedication to the department as they retire and start their next chapter.

Promotions

Major Jamie Brown
Captain Gil Proehl
Lieutenant Jason Ellerbach
Lieutenant Dennis Colclasure
Lieutenant Brad Jensen
Sergeant Ryan Bowers
Sergeant Bryant Wayland
Sergeant Jordan Sander
Corporal Gavin Tigges
Corporal Evan Obert
Corporal Brittany Taylor

Departmental Award for their actions during a multi-fatality crash:

Officer Donnie Pridemore
Officer Louis Mallillin
Officer Mason Pauley
Officer Dwight Mathews
Corporal Murphy Simms
Corporal Peter Owen

Departmental Award for their actions during an evolving shots fired incident:

Officer Cory Hughes
Officer Michael Catton
Officer Mason Laud
Officer Nicholas Mark
Officer Harold Batemen
Officer Joshua Bender
Officer Dwight Mathews
Officer Nicholas Berger
Officer James Allison
Officer Dakota Snyder
Corporal Peter Owen
Corporal Nathan Schroder
Corporal Austin Ryckeghem
Sergeant Timothy Murphy
Sergeant Jon Douglas



Detective Rob Myers received a departmental award for his actions during drug and gun investigation that seized a large quantity of drugs, U.S. Currency, and several firearms.

Officer Michael Catton received departmental awards for a shooting incident where he applied life-saving medical attention to a gunshot victim during a shooting; and for his actions in the successful performance of an act of extraordinary heroism while engaged in personal combat with an armed adversary.

DPD Hosts Master FTO Course

The Davenport Police Department's Training Bureau hosted a 40-hour Applied Police Training and Certification (APTAC) Field Training Officer (FTO) Master Trainer Course. This provided an opportunity for law enforcement training officers throughout the Midwest to become certified to oversee an FTO program and instruct on various training methods and procedures. Four Davenport Police supervisors were certified as FTO Master Trainers.



Skybridge Re-Opening & New Signage

Davenport's iconic Skybridge is set to re-open on December 12, following rehabilitation of the north tower and removal of the lower pedestrian walkway. The restoration project was needed to keep this amenity and its spectacular views of the Mississippi River around for years to come. With the re-opening, the bridge will also be fitted with new signage promoting a positive visitor experience and courteous use by all.



Snow Preparation

Winter weather preparations were knocked out in time for the first accumulating snow of the year on November 15. The fleet of 42 large and 14 small trucks are fitted with plows and spreaders, and an additional 11 small plows, that generally serve snow removal at City facilities, are ready to go and will be available when needed for significant events. In addition, the City's eight high-capacity brine units and six graders have been prepped for snow duty.



Topping off the winter prep to-do list included setting snow team staffing, refresher training, and running through routes to become familiar. Salt preparations were completed in October, with the last shipment placing 18,415 tons of salt on hand to begin the season.

Public education and awareness on snow-related topics, such as what to expect when it snows and signing up for snow emergency alerts, has started and will continue through the spring.

Supervisor Training

Human Resources recently provided supervisor training, designed specifically for the City’s managers and department heads. In addition to updates on Administrative Policies, benefits, and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), HR staff incorporated results from the feedback survey that attendees responded to last year. Training focused on the two most requested topics which were the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and conflict resolution.

Supervisors were educated on the basics of FMLA, including an overview of the federal law, appropriate uses, and the responsibilities of employees and supervisors when an eligible employee requests leave. Conflict Resolution and the Expectations for a Modern Workforce was presented by Dr. LaDrina Wilson. In this interactive session, strategies to strengthen communication and reduce internal and external conflict were offered for staff to incorporate into daily routines.



The Davenport Pulse Podcast Highlights Several Small Businesses

Leading up to the holidays and Small Business Saturday, hosts of *The Davenport Pulse Podcast* had the opportunity to speak with several local small business owners including Honey Creek Gems Rock Shop, Wind Dancer Boutique, The Brewed Book Coffee Shop and Used Book Store, Hats, Hair ‘n Wigs, and Blue Spruce General Store. Owners highlighted their business, sharing with listeners what products they offer and what kind of experience people can expect when stopping by.

Solid Waste Calendar Changes

Davenport is making changes to its annual recycling and bulky waste calendar program. The shift comes after evaluating the cost, benefit, and use of the annually mailed calendar. In 2023, residents will no longer be mailed the yearly magnet calendar. Instead, residents can pick one up at the following locations: Eastern, Fairmount, and Main Libraries; the Davenport Public Works Center; Davenport City Hall; The River’s Edge; and any Davenport Hy-Vee location.

This 2022 collection season will also be the last year residents can place up to three extra bags of garbage outside of their cart without stickers following the Thanksgiving holiday. In 2023, stickers will be required on extra bags placed for collection after the holiday. While the extra garbage allowance following Thanksgiving is removed in 2023, the City will also be increasing the number of bags placed without a sticker following the Christmas holiday from three to five.

2023 Davenport Recycling and Bulky Waste Calendar	
North Route	South Route
Place wastes by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Recycling & Bulky Waste is offered every other week based on North or South. Use your 2022 calendar to determine if you are North or South, or use the website on the back for details.	
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DREAM

PROJECT UPDATE

DREAM Round 4

DREAM Round 4 was extremely successful, awarding a total of \$720,000 to twenty-eight current homeowners and eight new homeowners. Two \$20,000 awards for new homeowners are still available. A total of 168 applications were received for the existing homeowner program. Next steps include meeting with the awarded homeowners before the end of 2022 or in early 2023 to finalize work plans. An open house for homeowners to meet area contractors interested in bidding on projects is tentatively scheduled for January 2023.

DREAM Plus

The City received over 750 inquiries, resulting in 112 applications submitted by property owners in the focused geographic area of the Gaines Street Corridor. Of those applications, 73 were from homeowners and 39 from rental property owners.

Based upon a scoring matrix considering the type of rehab, impact, and feasibility of each project, a total of 30 homeowners and 20 rental properties were awarded funding. Individual award amounts were up to \$50,000 for homeowners and up to \$20,000 for rental properties.

Staff is currently developing work plans for each project so property owners can obtain competitive bids/quotes with contracts being signed in the winter and the first projects tentatively starting in 2023.

Recently completed DREAM home



Before



After





Re-Opening Of Two Major Roadways

East 53rd Street and Division Street were re-opened prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The projects are just two of many demonstrating the City's commitment to improving infrastructure.

The \$16.2 million East 53rd Street project is a four-year, two-phase, multi-segment higher volume road project that reconstructed the street between Brady and Eastern in Phase I in 2020-2021 and completed three of five segments in Phase II in 2022. Segments completed in 2022 included the intersections of Eastern Avenue and 53rd, Jersey Ridge Road and 53rd, and the stretch of 53rd located between Lorton Avenue and Elmore Circle.

Segments four and five of Phase II will reconstruct Eastern Avenue to Jersey Ridge Road and Jersey Ridge Road to Lorton Ave in 2023. Once complete in 2023, East 53rd Street will have been fully reconstructed, widened in spots, with a recreational trail added and utility and stormwater improvements from Brady Street to Elmore Circle.

The \$3.4 million Division Street project was a two-year, two-phase project that reconstructed the street between 5th and 9th Streets in 2020 and 12th and Locust Streets in 2022.





SGT. ANDREW HARRIS

Sergeant Andrew Harris was recently recognized for his involvement and dedication to the community by receiving the “Beyond the Badge” Award from WQAD News 8.

Whether it’s mentoring kids through the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program or meeting up with individuals over a cup of coffee, Harris always finds time to connect with the community. Each year, WQAD News 8 pays tribute to those making a difference in their communities in memory of Moline Detective Rick Ryckeghem, who lost his battle with cancer in March of 2019. Det. Ryckeghem focused his career on making a difference in the lives of those who he encountered, and Davenport Police Department’s Sergeant Harris does exactly that.

Harris is currently involved with several nonprofits, mentors youth, coaches youth swimming, and coordinates neighborhood communications through The Good Neighbor Project along with many other duties. Harris goes out of his way to make meaningful connections with community members.



LIEUTENANT BRAD JENSEN

Brad Jensen, a 21-year veteran of the Davenport Police Department, was promoted to Lieutenant effective November 13, 2022, serving as the Afternoon Shift Patrol Commander.

Jensen attended Sauk Community College where he received his Associates Degree and is currently in his last semester at Western Illinois University working towards his Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice. Lieutenant Jensen has served in the Patrol Division, the Tactical Operations Bureau as a member of Vice and Narcotics Unit, Street Crimes Unit, Juvenile/Sex Crimes Unit, Person Crimes Unit, Major Case Unit, and K-9 Unit. During his time in the Major Case Unit, he oversaw 37 homicide investigations.

Throughout his career, Jensen has been awarded a Twenty-Year Conduct Bar, six Unit Citation Bars, six Unit Excellent Duty Bars, and two Commendation Bars. He was also awarded the American Legion Award in 2002 and 2013, and the Noon Optimist Award in 2016.



MALLORY MERRITT

Mallory Merritt, CFO and Assistant City Administrator, was recognized by the Quad Cities Regional Business Journal as part of their Forty Under 40. This award recognizes 40 leaders under the age of 40 who have made a significant impact in their businesses and community early in their careers.

Library Updates

1

Gratitude Month

The Customer Service Department (CSD) and Special Collections Center filled jars with candy and other miscellaneous items as part of Gratitude Month where Library staff demonstrated appreciation for their patrons. Patrons guessed how many pieces were in each jar and those who guessed the closest received candy and gift cards.

CSD also put leaves with a stamp that said “Thanks!”, “Thanks a million!”, or “Grateful for you!” in hold materials so patrons had a nice surprise when they opened their items.

2

Little Free Library Installed and Stocked

The Library announced the installation of 3 Little Free Libraries throughout Davenport (Sunderbruch Park, Duck Creek Park, Fairmount Street bus stop). The Little Free Libraries were donated by United Way Quad Cities and John Deere Harvester Works. The collection within each Little Free Library was provided by Friends of the Davenport Public Library and Davenport Parks and Recreation found each Little Free Library a home. Donations will continue to be accepted at the Fairmount branch.



3

Fairmount Caregiver Spot

The Fairmount branch added a computer station to the caregiver spot. The caregiver spot allows a parent or guardian to utilize a work or study space and still be able to look after their child/children.



4

Food For Fines

The final results of this year’s Food for Fines event are in! A total of \$158.40 was waived and 280 items were donated to the Student Hunger Drive.

Main

\$64.20 fines waived
74 items donated

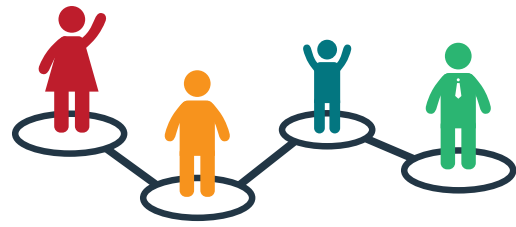
Fairmount

\$71.20 fines waived
125 items donated

Eastern

\$23 fines waived
81 items donated

Community Engagement



DPD HOSTS SCOUT LAW MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Throughout the month of November, over 30 Scout Troop members attended presentations and trainings at the Davenport Police Department. Sessions were led by Troop 203 Scout Master Sam Miller who is a current Davenport Police Officer. Miller was assisted by Troop 1004 Scout Master Andi Davis from Davenport's IT Department. Scouts learned about the justice system, civil and criminal law, and planned and conducted a mock trial. After successful completion, scouts received their Law Merit Badge with the ultimate goal of becoming Eagle Scouts.



THANKSGIVING BOXES

Members of the Davenport Police Department in conjunction with the Davenport Fraternal Order of Police, Union of Professional Police, and Davenport Police Association organized the second annual Thanksgiving Meal Basket giveaway. Officers personally donated and funds were raised to provide 250 meals to elementary school students and families in need within the Davenport Community School District.

HDC THANKSGIVING DINNER

Continuing a more than 30-year tradition, members of the Davenport Police Department provided and served lunch to the clients and staff at the Handicap Development Center (HDC). The folks at the HDC were very excited to share this experience and continue friendships.



ST. AMBROSE ALUMNI VOLUNTEER

St. Ambrose University Alumni and friends volunteered and helped Davenport Parks and Recreation staff prepare for the Vander Veer Holiday Lights and Poinsettia display as part of their “Bee the Difference” initiative. Members took down the fall mum display and started setting up the poinsettias and lights.



K-SQUARE TREE LIGHTING

The City of Davenport and Downtown Davenport Partnership hosted the second annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Kaiserslautern Square to kick off the holiday season. The free family-friendly event featured Quad City Arts carolers and hot chocolate. The lighting ceremony also served as a kick-off to the opening night Premiere Party of the Kwik Star Festival of Trees at the RiverCenter.



FESTIVAL OF TREES HOLIDAY PARADE

Over 25 City staff members (representing eight departments) and family braved the cold and wind to kick off the holiday season at the Festival of Trees Holiday Parade. This year’s balloon was Brother Bear from the bestselling book series The Berenstain Bears. Like previous years, the City’s entry also included a fire truck and a solid waste truck.

