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# CITY OF DAVENPORT

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**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**  
**MONTHLY UPDATE**

*October* 2022





# Building Security Update

The City hired Hank Jacobsen – Personal & Workplace Safety to conduct building security assessments and identify measures to help prevent and mitigate crime at various City-owned assets.

The City Hall assessment is complete and the Public Works Center assessment is underway. Roosevelt Community Center, Junior Theatre, The River’s Edge, Water Pollution Control Plant, and Compost facility will also go through an assessment.

Training on how to respond to an active attacker or threat and how to de-escalate critical situations will be scheduled at each facility once assessments are complete .



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## Challenge Coin 2020

Mayor Mike Matson and City Administrator Corri Spiegel thanked City employees for their steadfast commitment to the City of Davenport during an incredibly difficult few years. A Challenge Coin was given to those employed from 2020 to the present as a form of appreciation. The Coin recognizes four historic events that impacted the organization and community in 2020: the COVID-19 Pandemic, civil unrest, the investigation of Breasia Terrell, and the derecho. City staff remains dedicated and willing to accept challenges, following Maya Angelou’s words, **“I can be changed by what happens to me, but I refuse to be reduced by it.”**



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## Community Survey Responses

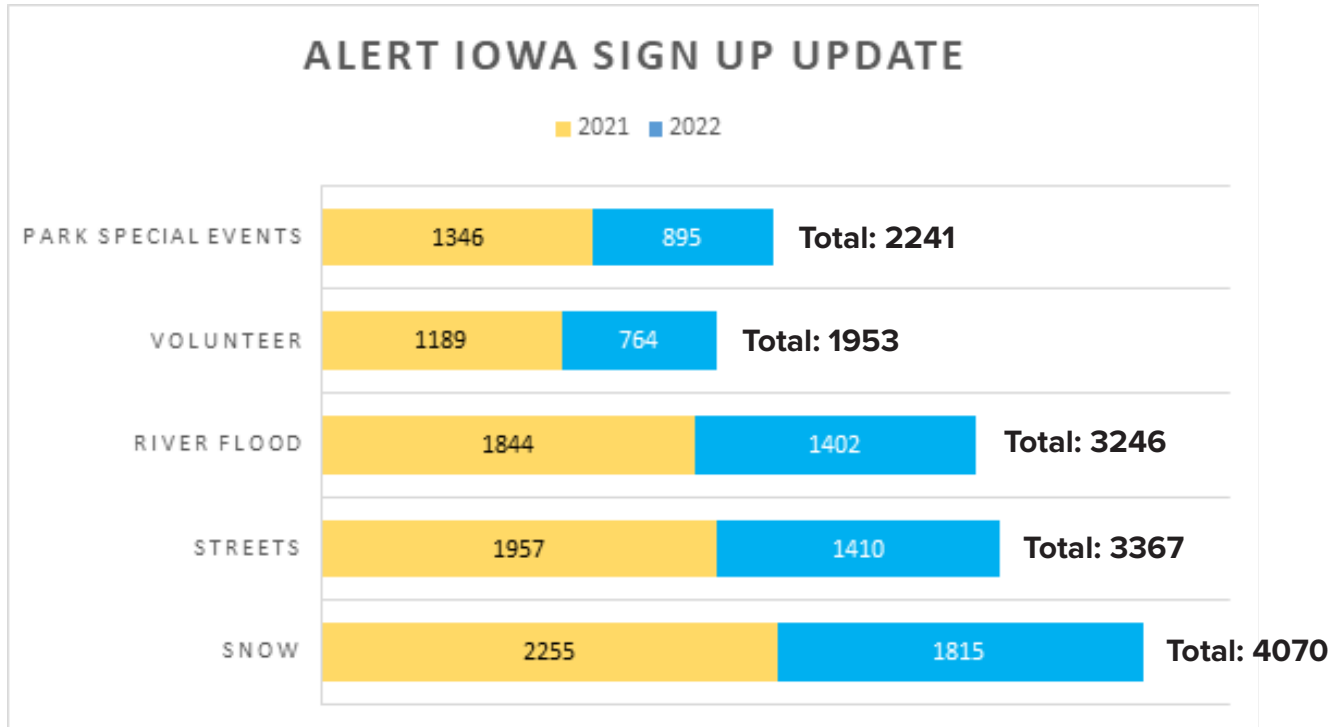
2022 marked the ninth time Davenport has administered a Community Survey which has been conducted every two years since 2006. The purpose of the survey is to assess citizen satisfaction with the delivery of major City services, including public safety, parks and recreation, streets, infrastructure maintenance, and more. The first wave of outreach included mailing surveys to 5,000 randomly selected residents of which 835 completed the survey. The second wave was conducted on a digital platform, providing a link for all citizens to complete. Detailed results of this survey will be shared with City Council in January 2023.

# Alert Iowa Notification Sign-up Update

Davenport transitioned its alert notification system to Alert Iowa a little over a year ago, and the subscriber numbers continue to increase.



**75%** of Scott County Alert Iowa subscribers, are signed up for Davenport snow emergency notifications!



## COOP Plan Update

On going accreditation of the City's essential and non-essential services provides a framework for mitigation and continuity by promoting identification of threats and vulnerabilities, planning and preparedness through continuous process improvement, and providing guidance for response/recovery.

The accreditation process not only supports continuous operation but provides guidance when resources may be in limited supply.

To further capture and ensure continuity, the City's Cross Departmental Preparedness Team began the process of developing a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Over the past months the team has identified threats; vulnerabilities; critical tasks; internal and external backup/support resources, cross-training, and agreements; and facility and equipment resources.

# Introduction of Davenport BLUE

Davenport BLUE is a new multi-faceted professional development program within the Davenport Police Department, that focuses on management and leadership skills. This program includes a cohort-style learning experience comprised of eight sessions. Each session focuses on developing the technical and managerial skills needed to succeed in a leadership role. Topics covered include a review of each participant's leadership style, a crash course in local government, corporate responsibility, human capital management, resource management, influencing change, communication, and a professional development plan. Eight DPD personnel of varying tenures, serving in the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant, were selected to participate in the inaugural cohort that kicked off in September and will conclude in May 2023.

**DAVENPORT  
BLUE**  
BUILD LEAD UNITE EMPOWER

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## Public Works Leadership Development

Following her attendance in ICMA High Performance Academy, Nicole Gleason, Assistant City Administrator and Public Works Director, was inspired to pass on what she had learned with other Public Works leaders and supervisors. After talking to a number of staff and engaging current supervisors and leaders in the mix, she rolled out an 8-session Supervisor Development course to both Public Works and Parks and Recreation leadership staff. Topics covered in the sessions included workplace culture, expectations, time management, positive energy and happiness, building teams, employee relationships, motivation, the art of delegating, respect, how to measure success, and customer service.

The sessions were guided by Gleason and other staff sharing their strengths and experiences including Jim Erwin, Alison Fleming, Eric Longlett, Trish Moses, Rich Oswald, and Scott Vandewoestyne.

Public Works and Parks plan to offer the sessions annually to new supervisors and other interested emerging leaders.



**PROUD TO INVEST IN  
OUR EMPLOYEES**



# School Speed Zones Signage/DCSD Partnership

At the beginning of the school year, the Davenport Community School District asked for assistance from the City of Davenport to help address concerns of speeding in school zones. City Communications staff worked collectively on several creative ways to bring public attention to school zone speed limits and educate the community on the importance of slowing down for the safety of students. Public messaging included a social media campaign including Facebook posts and reels, a Facebook live video interviewing a junior crossing guard at McKinley Elementary School, and partnering with Public Works to post live road signs at specific locations near schools on high volume streets.



## APA Conference

Development and Neighborhood Services Planner II Scott Koops and Planner II Matt Werderitch attended the American Planning Association Iowa Chapter's annual conference in early October. The two-day program covered advances in planning and the application of law, ethics, equity, and sustainability/resilience in the planning process. Koops mentioned the opportunity to network and learn from the experience of other cities in the region better equips staff for opportunities that lie ahead.



# The River's Edge Administrative Office Remodel

During the months of September and October, the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office was remodeled to create a more engaged, open, and welcoming look for visitors, community members, and community partners. A new walled office was built, the office was painted in alignment with City branding colors and City Hall, and workstations were reconfigured to create more efficient and safe spaces. This project was an interdepartmental collaboration between Finance and Parks and Recreation.



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## Employee Appreciation

The City of Davenport values the contributions of each and every one of its employees. The services provided to our community would not be possible without their hard work, loyalty, and dedication. This year, Human Resources was excited to offer a new event for employee appreciation. Partnering with four local food trucks, the City provided lunch to employees on-site at four different locations. This was one of the largest turnouts for an employee appreciation event in recent history with 644 employees participating. Additionally, lunches were delivered to departments with employees who work 2nd or 3rd shift to ensure they could join in as well. Participants were also entered into a raffle for a chance to win one of six \$50.00 gift certificates to the City of Davenport online employee store.

Special recognition goes to Facilities Maintenance for assisting with set-up and to the food truck partners: Kitchen Casserole, La Flama, La Dueña, and CC&B BBQ.





# U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Visit

Community and Economic Development staff, along with other Quad City Area communities, had the opportunity to host US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regional Administrators and Field Officers to highlight projects made possible through HUD funding. Mayor Matson, Alderwoman Meginnis, and staff also participated in a roundtable discussion with representatives from the City of Moline and City of Rock Island and other community housing agencies about the barriers of affordable housing in our area.



## K-Square Award

The City of Davenport, in collaboration with RDG Design, received an Award of Merit from the Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for the Kaiserslautern Square Renovation Project.

# CONGRATULATIONS!





# Department Budget Meetings

Following the Budget Kick-off, City Departments submitted their budget entries which allows departments to forecast future operational needs, setting the stage for departmental budget meetings. Departmental budget meetings allow the Finance team and the individual departments/divisions to come together to review budgetary requests. The results of requests are tied into the City Administrator’s Recommended Budget and Budget Workshops, scheduled for January 2023.



# Augustana Partnership for Water Sampling

Davenport has worked collaboratively with Augustana’s Upper Mississippi Center for Sustainable Communities (UMC) program for over three years to conduct stream assessments on several of the City’s creeks. More recently, students began assessing the health of Silver Creek by examining current water quality and local pollution sources, the diversity and abundance of the aquatic insect and fish communities, as well as overall habitat health. Students will also survey residents to better understand what residents value about creeks and natural areas, their concerns with them, and ideas for future conservation and management.

The opportunity to continue partnering with Augustana on stream assessment is valuable to the City and region. Not only does this partnership provide area students with an excellent opportunity to enhance their academic experience, apply what they are learning in the field, and engage with community members, but the data collection and analysis help the City to make more informed decisions about how to manage the City’s waterways.





# Litter Trap Update

The City of Davenport and its partners hosted a litter and plastic pollution community science and marine litter education and involvement event to raise awareness of the flow of commonly littered items downstream to the ocean. The event is part of a series of activities under a Marine Litter grant from the Commission for Environmental Cooperation that the City received earlier in the year.



Phase 1 of the project installed litter traps and booms on three of the City's creeks over the summer. The purpose of the traps is to capture not only litter and properly dispose of it but to collect valuable data about the types of items being littered. To date, over 90 pounds of litter have been collected and analyzed. The traps will be removed this fall and may return in the spring following analysis of their effectiveness and impact on operations.



During Phase 2, Davenport led a plastic pollution community science and marine litter education and involvement event with its partners the Waste Commission of Scott County, the City of Bettendorf, the City of Riverdale, the City of Moline, the City of Rock Island, Partners of Scott County Watersheds, Commission for Environmental Cooperation, Environmental Protection Agency Osprey Initiative, and Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative. Aimed at raising awareness of the flow of commonly littered items, citizen science continued in the classroom with participation by Davenport North High School students.

In the coming months, the community will be invited to engage in a conversation about the impact of all litter types on local, regional, and national waterways; how to get involved; and how to prevent it.



## Davenport Police Hosts ATF Class

The Davenport Police Department's Identification Bureau hosted a highly sought-after ATF Serial Number Restoration Class.

Serial number restoration is the application of scientific techniques for the retrieval or recovery of the manufacturer's applied number that has been obliterated. Upon successful completion of the class, the entire DPD Civilian Crime Scene Unit became ATF certified to restore obliterated serial numbers, enhancing Davenport's efforts to investigate and reduce gun violence in our community.





# Washington, DC Public Safety Advocacy Trip

Mayor Matson, Chief Bladel, and Chief Strategy Officer Sarah Ott recently completed a trip to Washington, DC to advocate for more federal law enforcement resources in the Quad City region to more effectively and efficiently investigate and prosecute gun crime in our area. Davenport representatives were joined by Mayor Thoms and Chief Landi of Rock Island and Mayor Rayapati of Moline to meet with Senators Grassley and Ernst from Iowa and Senators Durbin and Duckworth from Illinois. Discussion included crime trends in the Quad Cities and how local law enforcement is currently collaborating to address gun crime, and how federal resources from the ATF and FBI can best support and bolster the collaboration already occurring locally.



The Quad Cities delegation also met with the directors of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Public Safety Partnership, and Community Oriented Policing programs to discuss future technical assistance and funding opportunities that would benefit the priorities of our local law enforcement agencies.

Since returning from DC, staff has engaged with several Senate and Judiciary staffers to continue to move this important initiative forward.



## DPD Hosts IDEA Analytics and Public Safety Partnership Site Visit

DPD hosted a site visit from IDEA Analytics and Davenport’s federal Public Safety Partnership (PSP) team. Representatives from the PSP focused on enhancing the department’s violent crime strategy, including the exploration of place-based initiatives and other strategic goals. In addition, partners from IDEA Analytics worked with department personnel to develop analytical priorities and reporting processes aimed at informing, educating, and aligning person and place-based initiatives. Throughout the week, department personnel received training in these areas.



## LEAP Class

A Davenport Landlord Education Assistance Program (LEAP) class was hosted through a partnership between law enforcement and rental property managers to help tenants, owners, and managers keep drugs and illegal activities out of rental properties and encourage safe, stable, and welcoming neighborhood environments throughout our community. Information was presented on property management and nuisance abatements, the City’s Good Neighbor Project, assisted housing programs, fire safety and code, Davenport Municipal Code, civil rights, the eviction process, and gang and drug awareness information.

# Fire Prevention Month

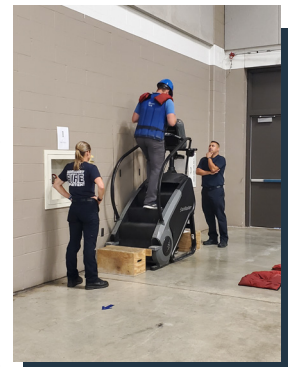
The Davenport Fire Department concluded their final Open House in celebration of their 140th year as a paid fire department at Central Station which also served as the kick-off to Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week is observed during the week of October 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire. Throughout the month of October over 30 fire prevention talks were conducted by firefighters at local elementary schools and daycares.

This year the Fire Prevention Bureau designed a new activity pad to educate youth on what the DFD does and provide information on what to expect and plan for in the event of a fire. The new material is part of Community Risk Reduction efforts in the fire service recommended by the National Fire Academy.



## Davenport Fire Recruiting Process Update

Human Resources and the Fire Department recently concluded the testing process for new recruits. This three-part process includes the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT), written examination, and an oral interview. Candidates must pass each component to move forward to the next step in the process.



The CPAT is a nationally recognized physical exam, simulating the type of tasks a firefighter must perform. Candidates must pass 8 events in 10 minutes and 20 seconds while wearing a 50-pound weighted vest, including: 1) stair climb (with an extra 25 pounds), 2) ladder raise and extension, 3) hose drag, 4) equipment carry, 5) forcible entry, 6) search, 7) rescue drag, and 8) ceiling pull.

The test was administered by trained DFD personnel utilizing equipment jointly owned by members of the Eastern Iowa CPAT Consortium. Overall, this process requires a lengthy timeline of 4 months to allow candidates adequate time to prepare and practice for the challenging test. Following the CPAT, candidates went on to take the written exam and oral interview. A two-year list of 40 candidates was certified by the Civil Service Commission in late October. DFD already has plans underway for their next academy.





## CAPTAIN GIL PROEHL

Gil Proehl, a 27-year veteran of the department, was recently promoted to the rank of Captain and will serve as the Services Division Commander. Captain Proehl, a QCA native, has served on all three patrol shifts, the TNT Unit later known as the NETS Unit, a detective and supervisor in the Quad City Metropolitan Enforcement Group, a detective in the Vice and Gang Units, a supervisor in the Criminal Investigations Division, the Afternoon Shift Patrol Commander, and the department’s Internal Affairs Officer. He also served the department as a Field Training Officer Training Coordinator, and on the Emergency Services Team.



## LIEUTENANT DENNIS COLCLASURE

Dennis Colclasure, a 24-year veteran of the department, was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and will serve as the Criminal Investigations Commander. Colclasure, a Davenport native, has spent his career working as a supervisor on all three patrol shifts, the Neighborhoods Energized To Succeed (NETS) Unit Supervisor, the Criminal Investigation Division – Property Crimes Unit Supervisor, and a detective in the Quad City Metropolitan Enforcement Group. He previously served as a Field Training Officer Training Coordinator and the Team Leader of the department’s Crisis Negotiator Team. In addition to serving the community as a Police Officer, he is an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at St. Ambrose University.

## BRITTANY PEACOCK DAVENPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public Library Community Outreach and Marketing Supervisor, Brittany Peacock attended the American Bookmobiles and Outreach Services Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. Peacock served on the ABOS Executive Board and Vice President this past year and co-chaired the communications committee. During the closing session of the conference, Peacock accepted the Zimmerman Gavel, a legacy artifact passed down from President to President. Peacock will lead this national organization in January as their President. In the next year, Peacock looks forward to working with the Executive Director to build a strategic plan and ensure that members and fellow outreachers are able to enjoy the next conference.



# Library Updates

The Library sent seven employees, including the Director and Assistant Director as well as the Board President, to the annual Iowa Library Association Conference. Social Worker Quinn O’Brian and Information Services Supervisor Leslie Ross presented to a room full of individuals inspired by the impact O’Brian has had on the Davenport community.



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During the Awards Ceremony, two Davenport Public Library employees walked away with awards. Amber Carlson, Youth Services Department Librarian, was awarded the outstanding youth services librarian in Iowa by ILA’s Youth Services Subdivision (YSS). The YSS Quality Time Award is presented to someone who is a positive leader in youth services, contributes to the library/youth services profession, and is an overall exemplary professional.

Library social worker Quinn O’Brian was awarded The Library Philanthropy Award that recognizes an Iowa library or library professional for exceptional efforts made outside the library’s typical mission, to create a better world.



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The OWL (Outreach Wheeled Library) wrapped up their Farmer’s Market visits for the 2022 season. The OWL visited the Farmer’s Market 11 times throughout the spring, summer, and fall outdoor markets and interacted with nearly 1,300 individuals! During visits, Library staff was able to issue Library cards, check out books, provide crafts, spread information about the Library, and more.

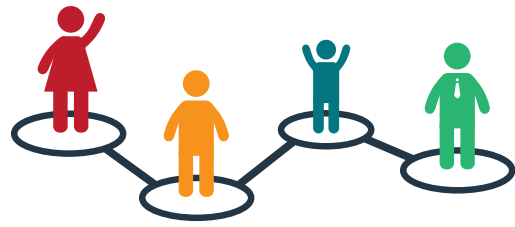


## Hispanic Heritage Month

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September 15 – October 15 was Hispanic Heritage Month and to celebrate, the Library ran a reading challenge on the Beanstack app with the grand prize sponsored by Mercado on Fifth. Each hour patrons read and every activity they completed earned tickets into one of the prize drawings.

# Community Engagement



## Junior Theatre Kicks Off 71st Season

Davenport Junior Theatre (DJT) kicked off its 71st season with a production of Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt. Thanks to their non-profit partner Junior Theatre Inc, the show was free for the public to attend and over 700 citizens caught the show.



## Duck Creek Park Preferencing Exercise

Community members were invited to Duck Creek Lodge to provide feedback on suggested new park improvements and amenities for Duck Creek Park. Over 30 community members participated and were able to give their thoughts about a proposed dog park, addition of Pickleball courts, updates to the tennis courts, and a new obstacle course style playground. Feedback will be used to develop more detailed concepts.

## Fejervary Family Fun Days Harvest Fest

Over 300 parents and kids attended Fejervary Family Fun Days-Harvest Fest where they played games, took family pictures at the photo booth, picked out a pumpkin, met with community resource agencies, and enjoyed the petting zoo. Parks and Recreation staff hosted a preferencing activity for kids to give feedback on their favorite playground equipment as part of the Main Street Landing play area project.



## GNP Signage

The Good Neighbor Project has begun to install signs in recognized GNP neighborhoods. Neighborhood leaders work with City staff to request and install each sign.

“The Good Neighbor signs have brought pride to our neighborhoods and our citizens are eager to have them displayed.” – Sergeant Harris.

## Inaugural Scary Movie in the Park & October Madness Movie Bracket

Through the month of September and the first week of October, Parks and Recreation invited the community, via social media, to participate in choosing the scary movie to be shown at October's Scary Movie In the Park event held at Credit Island Nature Preserve and Park. Opening week of the movie bracket saw 32 movies go head-to-head. The movie bracket ran for 5 weeks with over 600 votes cast. Approximately 50 moviegoers attended the inaugural event to play yard games and end the evening by watching *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. QuickE's food truck was present for attendees to purchase food.



## National Coffee With a Cop Day

Davenport Police personnel were joined by other local law enforcement agencies at Davenport Hy-Vee locations for meaningful conversations with community members to celebrate National Coffee with a Cop Day in Davenport.



## Davenport Police Association - Pink Patch Project

The Davenport Police Association joined law enforcement agencies from across the nation for the Pink Patch Project. This local project was dedicated to supporting and bringing awareness to breast cancer and those it impacts within our community. To support the cause, the Davenport Police Association created a pink shoulder patch, t-shirts, and sweatshirts that were made available for purchase by the general public with over 425 items being sold. Proceeds from the fundraiser made an impact on a local breast cancer survivor. To bring awareness to and support the cause, Davenport Police Officers were able to wear pink patches and badges during the month of October.



## Davenport Peace Cookout

Community members and City staff gathered at Emeis Park for Davenport Peace Family Day. The event offered activities, 3-on-3 basketball games, live music, dance teams, vendors, food, and more for the whole family. Attendees visited with several non-profit groups to learn about their organizations and services and enjoyed food from a local food truck that was present.

# HALLOWEEN IN DAVENPORT

In the spirit of Halloween, City staff had the opportunity to host and participate in several **SPOOKTACULAR** events including the City's Halloween Parade, Davenport Public Library's Fairmount Trunk-or-Treat, Davenport Junior Theatre's Halloween Bash, YMCA's Trunk-or-Treat, Project Renewal's Neighborhood Halloween Party, hosting a haunted episode of The Davenport Pulse Podcast, and more!

