

February 2023

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

[Monthly Update]

Keep up with the city you know and love



Unpretentious-

[adjective]

not attempting to impress others with an appearance of greater importance, talent, or culture than is actually possessed.

Real-

[adjective]

(of a substance or thing) not imitation or artificial; genuine.

Resilient-

[adjective]

(of a person or animal) able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.

Welcoming-

[adjective]

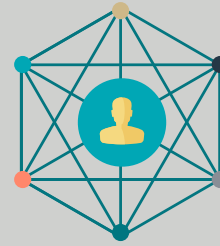
behaving in a polite or friendly way to a guest or new arrival.



01 2022 COMMUNICATIONS RECAP

Three years ago, City Administration began the implementation of a new communications structure and function for the City of Davenport. This resulted in a Communications team of cross departmental staff that represent their respective departments. The communications team has been responsible for the implementation of the new City brand, formulation of a digital media strategy, and identifying opportunities for increasing community engagement through robust communication methods.

With the solid foundation of a communications and media relations strategy well solidified, staff is now evaluating the use of all City communications methods in order to best reach the community, residents, and businesses. In 2023, the Communications team will refine the current communications strategy, focusing on increasing the audience and reach on current platforms. Staff will also provide a City-wide training regarding media relations.



Current Facebook Followers * 6 Pages Total
94,800



Impressions on Facebook
15.16 Million
Engagements on Facebook
1.77 Million



Top Engagement Increases from 2021
DFD + **225%** City + **93%**

Website Pageviews

1.21 Million

Website Visitors

394.5K



Top Engaged Pages



Payment Options
Parks and Recreation
Citibus/Transit



Developed Key Performance Indicator Dashboard

Allows real-time evaluation of engagement and methods

City of Davenport Facebook Page



The *Pulse*

Podcast | Launched in October 2021

Over 3,000 Episode Downloads



Digital Newsletter | Launched in February 2022

Average Open Rate of 60%



02 DAVENPORT JUNIOR THEATRE CONTINUES TO EXPAND ACCESSIBILITY TO SHOWS

As the community recovered from the COVID-19 Pandemic, Junior Theatre Inc., the non-profit friends group, was seeking ways to make theatre accessible to all. JT Inc made the commitment in the fall of 2021 to provide funding to create theatre productions with “no admission cost.” This commitment continues today, as donors offset the cost of tickets so all can enjoy theatre “for kids, by kids.” In DJT’s 71st season, they are continuing to remove boundaries by adding an American Sign Language interpreted performance for each production.



03 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

The City of Davenport conducts a Community Survey every two years to measure the community’s satisfaction levels regarding the quality of life and quality of City services. The results of the survey were presented to City Council and leadership during the January 17 budget workshop meeting. These results assist leaders in the budget process and aligning resources with community input.

The ETC Institute conducted the City’s biennial survey, in the fall of 2022 capturing a random sample of 835 residents.

Compared to other cities, the City rated 12 percentage points above the national average in the “overall quality of City services” category. The City of Davenport rates above the national average in 25 out of 40 survey topics.

City streets, neighborhoods, police services, and the City’s effort to attract and retain businesses emerged as top priorities in the survey’s importance-satisfaction analysis.

Residents ranked the following City services the highest: quality of fire and paramedic services (95%), quality of library services (92%), quality of garbage and recycling collection (84%), and quality of City parks, recreation programs, and facilities (75%).



Community SURVEY

We want YOUR FEEDBACK!

WAY TO GO PUBLIC WORKS STAFF!

“We appreciate the attention to the roads and the safety of the carriers and customers.”

-Deb Droz, Post Master

These kind words were shared with staff following a call for service from residents along Utah Avenue and West 46th Street due to icy road conditions and the impact it had on mail delivery. Public Works quickly addressed and resolve the issue.

04 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BEHIND THE SCENES

The City of Davenport is a public organization bound by Chapter 20 of the Iowa State Code which outlines collective bargaining rights, processes, and procedures for public employees. The City currently has six unions representing various employee groups which include American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFSCME Library, Police, Fire, Teamsters, and Transit.

Each union has a separate agreement with the City that outlines both employer and employee obligations related to operational responsibilities, various procedures, salary/wage increases, and other items identified in Chapter 20.

Under State code, the parties can agree to enter into agreements with a maximum term of five years. Upon the expiration of a contract, the City and Union representatives begin the collective bargaining process to secure new and updated agreements. This process typically begins about a year before a contract expires with both parties researching and benchmarking comparable cities in areas such as salary, incentives, vacation, or procedures.

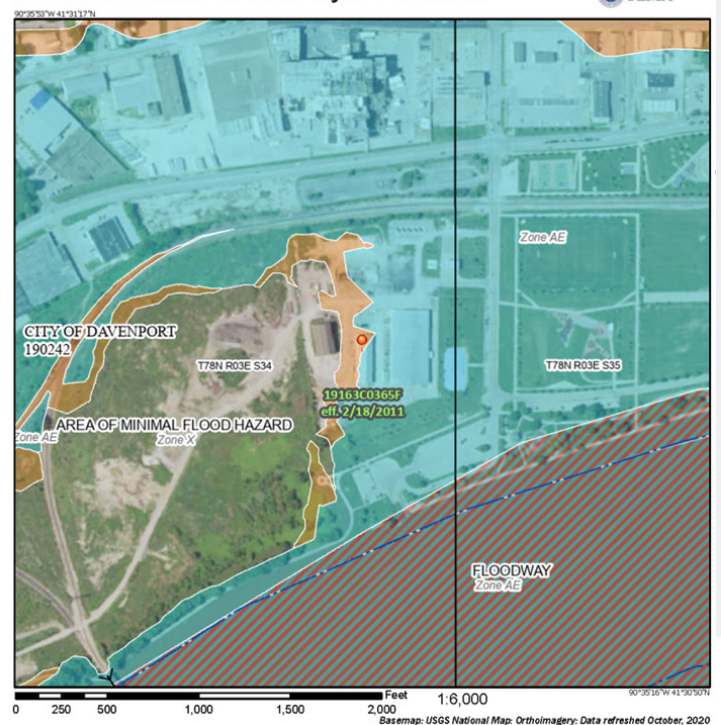
When negotiations commence, both the City and the Union group designate a lead negotiator and establish a negotiating team to conduct deliberations. The process begins with a public exchange of initial proposals followed by ongoing deliberations over the course of weeks to months with an effort of achieving a tentative agreement. Tentative agreements must be ratified by both the full body of the union group and the City Council prior to their effective date. If a tentative agreement is unable to be reached, the parties would begin exercising their rights under Iowa Code with either mediation or arbitration, in which a state-appointed arbitrator facilitates the development of the new contract. The City has not been to arbitration with any of its six union groups in over a decade.

The City thanks the unions for the front-line services that they provide to the community each day and for the ongoing cooperation and dialogue.

05 FLOOD ZONE MAP UPDATES

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has proposed updates to Scott County's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) following analysis conducted with updated LIDAR and other data points. In the proposed updates, the flood zone designation of some properties in the City of Davenport will change. The City mailed an informational notice to all affected property owners to draw attention to the changes. Property owners can appeal proposed changes that may be detrimental by submitting scientific or technical data to City staff by the end of the day, Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



06 BUDGET BEHIND THE SCENES

The budget process is the backbone of the City as the budget represents both a large-scale policy document and the goals and initiatives of the City Council.

The budget process occurs during the cycle of a single fiscal year. For local governments in Iowa, a fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The budget team is responsible for managing the current fiscal year budget while also strategizing and planning for the upcoming fiscal year and the “next year budget”.

Ground work for the upcoming fiscal year budget starts in August with the budget team working to conduct payroll and revenue projections and gathering updated information for departmental business plans. Departmental business plans outline the goals and objectives for the upcoming year.

During the months of September to January, City staff hosts an annual Budget Kick-off meeting with department management staff. This meeting provides updates to staff on the current year budget while also conveying the expectations and goals for the upcoming year, along with the development timeline and technical entry methods. After the Kick-off, each department is responsible for entering their budgetary requests into the City’s software system. Each departmental budget request must correlate to the identified Council pillars. If a department request is over \$10,000, the department also submits a business case to demonstrate how the new request facilitates a City Council goal or a City Administrator Workplan item.

Following the entry of the budgetary items, the budget team meets with each department and/or division to review and address their budget requests, staffing levels, and resource needs for the upcoming year. The next step is to finalize the budget by analyzing projected revenue with the upcoming expenditures and creating fund summaries that identify any projected surpluses or deficits. From this point, staff begins working to balance each of the City’s 112 funds individually. A draft of the balanced budget is then presented to the City Administrator for review and approval.



Each January, the City hosts open work sessions for City staff and elected officials. Public attendance is encouraged. During the current budget cycle, two budget work sessions were held covering the Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program Budget. These work sessions provide elected officials with the opportunity to ask questions, review the City Administrator’s draft recommended budget, and ensure that resources are aligned with the City’s overall goals and community input.

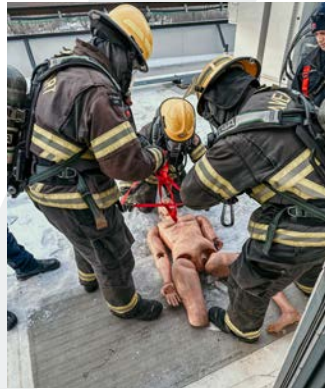
With a submission deadline of March 31 set by State code, the budget team then begins preparation of the Iowa State Budget Form. Before a budget can be approved by the City Council, the City is required to hold a Public Hearing on the maximum property tax Resolution. Following this step, the City Council sets a Public Hearing on the next year’s budget. For the upcoming fiscal year, the budget Public Hearing will be held on March 15, 2023 and adoption is anticipated on March 22, 2023. After the formal budget adoption, the City must certify its final budget with the County Auditor.

Once submitted, the focus turns to compiling the budget book. The budget book is a comprehensive budgetary document that outlines the budget process, explains fund types, and allows citizens to review departmental achievements and goals. The finalization of the budget bookmarks the end of the budget preparation cycle, with the budget team then looking ahead to the next fiscal year.



07 DFD RECRUIT CLASS JOINS 24- HOUR SHIFT

The 2023 Winter Recruiting Class finished up their 8-week academy in early February. Ten new firefighters have been assigned to a Firehouse and shift in our community. This is the largest recruiting class to go through the academy in decades. The new recruits were educated in the classroom and at various training sites learning the skills and knowledge needed to operate at emergency scenes and will be State certified in Firefighter I and II and Hazardous Material prior to the completion of their first year.



08 DAVENPORT POLICE PEER SUPPORT TEAM TRAINING

The Davenport Police Peer Support Team plays a vital role in assisting personnel and providing resources for their peers. In early February, the Davenport Police Peer Support Team participated in a training aimed at helping officers understand why some incidents impact officers more than others and identifying available resources.

09 THREE DETECTIVES BECOME CERTIFIED INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN INVESTIGATORS

Three detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division - Special Victims Unit attended a week-long investigative techniques course for the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force bringing the number of certified DPD ICAC investigators to six. This course provided investigators with enhanced investigative techniques which conform to a set of national standards in the area of internet crimes against children. These investigations are directed at crimes of sexual abuse and brutality against children, and aimed at the complete and thorough prosecution of the offenders.



10 DAVENPORT POLICE HOSTS COMMAND AND CONTROL TRAINING

In late February, Davenport Police hosted a Command and Control Training Course. This course was aimed at developing first line supervisors and informal leaders and provided the skills and tactics needed to effectively manage chaotic critical incidents. Attendees focused on leadership training, critical incident management, and decision making. Hosting the course locally provided an opportunity for law enforcement from the greater Quad City area to attend this training; allowing for greater inter-agency collaboration and strengthening the day-to-day operations and preparedness for critical incident responses in our community.



11 CITY SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS

Davenport City Council approved updates to the City's Supplemental Specifications and newly added Supplemental Design Specifications beginning with the 2023 construction season following an engineering, design, and construction community comment period. The specifications, combined with Iowa State Urban and Design Specifications (SUDAS), are the foundation for the design and construction of infrastructure improvements. With the updates, Public Works took the opportunity to remind the engineering, design, and construction communities of their role in delivering infrastructure improvements that meet the standards established by the City. The roll-out of the new specifications included other enhancements such as online access to ancillary and frequently used documents, updated reseeding requirements, and the ability to subscribe to notifications for construction document updates. The specifications and resources can be found at www.davenportiowa.com/ss.

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CITY STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

The City of Davenport has adopted the Iowa Statewide Urban and Design Specification (SUDAS) and city specific Supplemental Specifications.

- The City's current supplemental specifications for engineering, design and construction can be found below.
- Iowa SUDAS can be found at [this link](#).

Questions? Contact Public Works by calling 563.326.7923 during business hours or by e-mail at [this link](#).

File Name- User	Size Modified
2023 Construction Community Reminders rrd	170 KB 23 February, 2023
City of Davenport Supplemental Design Specifications rrd	308 KB 23 February, 2023
City of Davenport Supplemental Specifications rrd	881 KB 23 February, 2023
Davenport Standard Specification Drawings rrd	23 February, 2023
Grass End of Responsibility Contractor Letter rrd	47.3 KB 23 February, 2023
Grass Just Seeded Contractor Letter rrd	4.36 MB 23 February, 2023
Grass Outside of Season Seeding Contractor Letter rrd	308 KB 23 February, 2023
Grass/Turf Minimum Restoration Examples rrd	1.55 MB 23 February, 2023
OLD City of Davenport Supplemental Specifications April 2021 rrd	1.84 MB 23 February, 2023

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12 BIOFILTER ON ROBIN CREEK

Reducing harmful bacteria, among other contaminants, is vital to the health of our waterways. To address the concern, the City of Davenport and the Partners of Scott County Watersheds teamed up to test the potential benefits of installing biofilters on urban streams. Two and a half years later, the preliminary findings look promising with some measurable reductions.

The pilot project installed the environmentally friendly systems on Robin Creek in August 2020, and regular testing was conducted to evaluate the cost and effectiveness of the treatment. With the positive results, the team will continue the project by adding a secondary location to install biofilters. The secondary site will provide a control and a means to determine if this innovative technology will be a cost-effective way to improve our urban waterways for the future.



13 ENROLLMENT IN PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS ON THE RISE

As a whole, classes and programs hosted by Davenport Parks and Recreation have seen an increase in registrations over the last two years bringing long-standing programs at Davenport Junior Theatre (enrollments are back to 2019 averages of 9-10 per class), youth sports like soccer (increasing to an average of 115 participants in 2022 versus 95 participants in 2019), and the Learn to Skate program (averaging 8-10 participants per class per session) back to, or better than, pre-Covid enrollments. Long-running programs are not the only ones to see good attendance. New workshops and classes, such as Nature and Garden's Winter Tree ID class in partnership with Iowa Master Gardeners, was well attended, especially for being a new and unknown program.



14 PARKS SPRING/SUMMER GUIDE AVAILABLE

Davenport Parks and Recreation's bi-annual recreation guide was released digitally and hard copy versions are available in all Parks and Recreation facilities as well as partner agencies throughout the Quad Cities. The Spring/Summer 2023 Recreation Guide has a new look and more focus on available programs, events, and classes. Of note, the Nature and Garden section is full of new classes and workshops while the Special Events section better highlights the variety of family-friendly happenings throughout the City.



15 RAGBRAI

In early February, City staff participated in the RAGBRAI Committee Kick-off event hosted by Visit Quad Cities. The City of Davenport will act as a community partner in ensuring a safe, successful, and memorable event as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of RAGBRAI. This event is expected to bring in well over 30,000 visitors to Davenport on Saturday, July 29, 2023.





Employee Spotlight



COURTNEY JONES, SHRM **Administrative Services Manager**

Jones completed the SHRM certification exam, earning the designation of SHRM-SCP (Society for Human Resource Management-Senior Certified Professional). Her professional history and background are in Human Resources and while she no longer directly works in that department, Jones provides strategic project support to Finance, Human Resources, and IT on a daily basis.

The SHRM-SCP is a behavioral competency-based HR certification that is recognized globally as the premiere human resources certification. As a professional, it is extremely important to Jones to be able to contribute best practices and approaches to all aspects her or her team is a part of and this certification allows her to demonstrate that commitment.



BRIAN KRUP, CMC-IMFOA **Deputy City Clerk**

Krup recently earned the designation of Iowa Certified Municipal Clerk which is awarded by the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association. This certification is awarded to those who complete demanding education requirements and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community, and state.

Krup currently supervises the preparation, assembly, and distribution of City Council Agenda packets; attends City Council meetings to record actions and finalize official minutes; is responsible for processing and completing Freedom of Information Act requests; maintains and updates the official City Code book; manages the City's online special events system and assists individuals through the process of applying for a special event; and many other duties.



NICHOLAS SHORTEN **Lieutenant, DPD**

Nicholas Shorten, a 17-year veteran of the department, was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and will serve as the Internal Affairs Commander. Shorten is a Rock Island native and St. Ambrose graduate. During his time with the department he's had the opportunity to serve as a Neighborhoods Energized to Succeed (NETS) Officer, Crime Prevention Officer, Patrol Supervisor, and Training Supervisor. Shorten has also been a Crisis Negotiator for 15-years and serves as the Crisis Negotiation Team Leader. Some of his other assignments include being a Peer Support Team Member, Mental Health Liaison, Field Training Officer (FTO) and Supervisor, Firearms Instructor, CPR Instructor, Taser Instructor, Verbal De-escalation Instructor, Active Shooter Instructor, Precision Driving Instructor, and has completed the Force Science Certification Course. In addition to serving the community as a Police Officer, Shorten volunteers his time as a Scout Master.

ARPA Updates



Project Highlights:

- Flood Mitigation** | HR Green has completed the preliminary design phase of the project (50% plan preparation) and has submitted it for staff review. An upcoming task for the consultant includes beginning the check plan design (95% plan preparation) and continued coordination with regulatory agencies and private utility owners.
- Multi-Modal Connectivity** | Snyder and Associates has submitted their proposed preliminary design (50% plan preparation) of the project to the City's engineering team for review. In addition, they are in the process of creating the necessary platting information that the City will use for acquisition of right-of-ways and easements required for construction.
- Duck Creek Sewer** | Final engineering plans are at the 95% completion mark. Meanwhile, the acquisition of easements necessary for the project is underway, with several of them already being secured. City staff anticipates all design, permitting, and acquisition tasks completed in March 2023. The project will then go out to bid for a construction contract.

What's Next:

Youth & Family Support

- Coordinated Assessment Program (CAP)** | Youth Justice and Rehabilitation Center staff, local law enforcement departments, and Family Resources are beginning to plan for an expansion of CAP programming to be co-located within the new YJRC.
- Group Violence Intervention (GVI)** | Over 70 custom notifications have been sent to group-involved individuals at the highest risk for violent victimization and offending. Of those who have been custom notified, only four individuals have been involved in a gun-related offense since notification.



Planning & Development

Neighborhood Reinvestment
Vacant and Abandoned Properties | Council reviewed concept for The DREAM Extreme program. Council approval of the program is slated for March 2023

Regional Transitional Housing | Staff and Council continue to explore options within the sector

Creating Places | Neighborhood Parks-Play
Cork Hill, Van Buren, and Herrington Multi-Sport Courts | Going out to bid February 2023

Emeis Ninja Warrior Playground | Installation bid closes end of February 2023

Emeis Adaptive & Inclusive Playground | In design phase through June of 2023

Creating Places
Main Street Landing: Adventure Play and Event Lawn | Over 400 people participated in the 2nd wave of engagement

Library Enhancements
Fairmount Community Center | Bid closes in March

Construction

Neighborhood Reinvestment
DREAMPlus | Projects beginning as soon as the weather permits, spring 2023

Creating Places | Neighborhood Parks-Play
Whalen Playground | Scheduled for spring 2023 installation

Cork Hill Splashpad | Scheduled for spring 2023 installation

Creating Places
Public Wi-Fi Hot Spots | Set to launch late spring 2023

Completed

Creating Places | Neighborhood Parks-Play
 Installation of Harbor Road playground

Installation of Lafayette Playground

Youth & Family Support
 Launch of Coordinated Assessment Program (CAP)

Launch of Group Violence Intervention (GVI)

Creating Places
 MLK Plaza: \$500,000 commitment awarded by City Council

Library Enhancements
 Hiring of Library Social Worker

Launch of Pre-K Literacy Initiative

ARPA Expenditures | FY23

As of December 31, 2022, the City has expended 5.53% of its \$40,896,926 SLFRF. The majority of expenditures for the quarter are attributed to architecture and engineering services, and salaries to administer the ARPA program, as well as project-specific salaries.

Project	FY23	Project	Allocated	Percent
	Oct-Dec	Total	Total	%
ARPA Program Administration	\$ 24,965	\$ 212,846	\$ 1,050,000	20.27%
Neighborhood Stabilization (DREAM+)	1,514	16,875	2,000,000	0.84%
Regional Housing	-	-	600,000	0.00%
Coordinated Assessment Program (CAP)	36,553	207,120	1,000,000	20.71%
Group Violence Intervention	67,339	346,917	750,000	46.26%
Library Social Worker	24,286	105,835	273,700	38.67%
Pre-K Literacy Initiative	20,761	94,144	373,500	25.21%
Fairmount Library Community Center	13,844	73,793	2,200,000	3.35%
Neighborhood Parks Play	112,921	126,754	2,500,000	5.07%
MLK Plaza	-	-	500,000	0.00%
MSL Adventure Play & Event Lawn	69,804	70,184	6,000,000	1.17%
Public WiFi Hotspots	-	-	75,000	0.00%
Flood Mitigation River Drive	104,136	187,288	4,000,000	4.68%
Multi-Modal - N/S Path	47,090	83,790	4,000,000	2.09%
Duck Creek Sewer Extension	163,271	737,637	14,000,000	5.27%
Unallocated SLFRF			1,574,726	
	\$ 686,482	\$ 2,263,182	\$ 40,896,926	5.53%



Library Updates



01 SEED LIBRARY REOPENED

The Seed Library opened for the 2023 season with new varieties added to the available items. New this year are “Collections”, 6-8 varieties of seeds that can be used for a similar purpose. The Davenport Public Library is offering three types of Collections: Native Prairie Plant seeds, Cutting Garden Flower seeds, and Salsa Garden seeds. Each Collection is pre-packaged and includes a list of the varieties. If a user does not want the whole Collection, there is a limited number of single envelopes of the listed varieties available. Two notebooks are available with descriptions and growing information for all of the available seeds.



02 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

The Customer Services Department celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Week with a few surprises for Library patrons!

Tue 2/14 | the team put notes of encouragement and appreciation into patrons' holds.

Wed 2/15 | free printing!

Thu 2/16 | candy was available at the service desks, including Special Collections, for patrons.

Fri 2/17 | a small gift for library patrons.

03 FINE FREE MAP

Davenport Public Library staff requested to be added to the map of Fine Free libraries and list of Makerspaces maintained by the Urban Libraries Council (ULC).

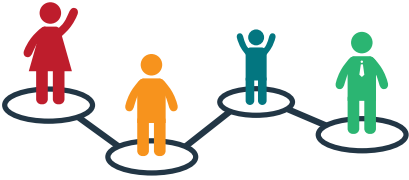
04 LIMITED EDITION LIBRARY CARDS

Voting will open soon for special edition library cards! The Davenport Public Library put out a call in the fall for artists to submit artwork for the special edition library cards. The top three designs will be revealed in April for National Library Week.

05 RICHARDSON-SLOANE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SUPERVISOR PRESENTS TO ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kathryn Whalen presented to over 100 individuals through a program with the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. Whalen's presentation explored the genealogical resources available to family historians at the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center of the Davenport Public Library as well as an overview of resources available in the greater Quad Cities region.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



01 QC MAYORS' YOUNG ADULT HIRING FAIR

Several staff members from four departments represented the City at the QC Mayors' Young Adult Hiring Fair and had the opportunity to speak to 16-24 year-olds about seasonal and permanent positions the City has to offer. Both DFD and DPD were present to speak to individuals about the hiring process and role public safety plays in the community. Parks staff was available to answer questions on seasonal positions.

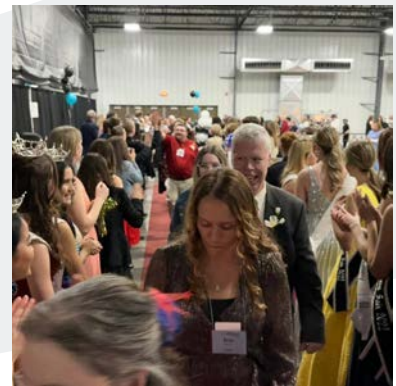
02 DJT PARTNERS WITH DAVENPORT SCHOOLS

Davenport Junior Theatre (DJT) partnered with Davenport Community Schools to bring every kindergarten student to DJT for a 90-minute workshop series. Using the story of The Three Little Pigs, students rotated through experiences in acting, costumes, scenic design, props, lighting, and more. All activities were taught to grade level and ended with the DJT staff tying together all concepts by performing The Three Little Pigs. This Kindergarten field trip fulfills the Grade Level Outreach Experience (GLOE) for the district. In total, 1,016 students participated in this workshop series.



03 DAVENPORT POLICE HELP CELEBRATE INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AT NIGHT TO SHINE EVENT

Fifteen members of the DPD, both active and retired, helped celebrate and ensure the safety of individuals with special needs at the QC Night to Shine event. This unforgettable prom night experience included a red-carpet entrance, limousine rides, dancing, karaoke, gifts, a catered dinner, a respite room for parents and caregivers, and a crowning ceremony for each and every guest. McGruff the Crime Dog and Davenport Fire Department's Sparky helped guests enjoy the evening!



04 PIZZA WITH THE POLICE

Several Davenport Good Neighbor Project members came together to organize and host the first "Pizza with the Police" event. This free event brought residents and community members from the eastern portion of Davenport's Downtown together to enjoy a slice of pizza while getting to know their Davenport Police Officers.



05 STAFF AT WARD MEETINGS

City staff routinely attends and presents at ward meetings, covering a wide variety of topics. Past topics have included budget overview, upcoming CIP projects, street repairs, Parks and Recreation programming, community safety, and more. Recently, Assistant Public Works Director Clay Merritt presented the Capital Improvement Plan and provided information to residents regarding upcoming street repairs.



06 POLICE CHIEF VISITS EISENHOWER THIRD GRADERS

In early February, Davenport Police Chief Jeff Bladel was invited by a Davenport third grader to come visit her classroom. Chief Bladel and McGruff the Crime Dog could not pass up the opportunity to swear in over 60 third graders as Junior Officers. Students had the opportunity to ask questions about what it's like to be a Davenport Police Officer and the role DPD plays in our community.



07 DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Davenport Parks and Recreation hosted its annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, February 17. Over 75 families, totaling 170 attendees, danced and dined the night away in the Starlite Ballroom at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. This long-running event is a community favorite with attendees this year stating **“Thank you for a wonderful night. My girls look forward to it every year.”** and **“7th year and still a great event for me and my daughters.”**



08 DJT THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS SHOWCASE

Davenport Junior Theatre performed its second Mainstage production of the season, *The Wind in the Willows*. The show included 44 students from all over the Quad Cities ranging in age from 10-18 participating as actors, crew members, tech board operators, front-of-house team, and Showtime Pal. While the cast and crew were completely comprised of students, the production team is made up of adult theatre artists. There was a total of six shows over the course of two weekends for the community to attend for free.

