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August 2023 NEWSLETTER

Jule Bus Fares Now Waived for Dubuque College Students



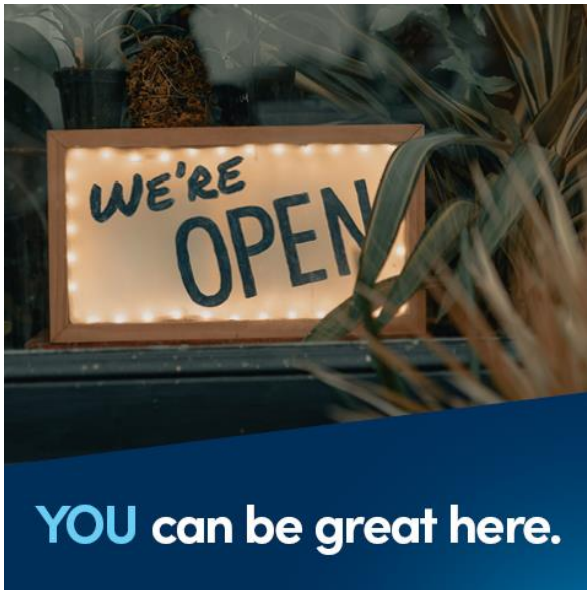
Image courtesy of the City of Dubuque

Free Public Transit for Dubuque College Students For the 2023-2024 Academic Year

To encourage Dubuque's college students to experience first-hand how **YOU can be great here**, students attending any of Dubuque's institutions of higher learning can now ride The Jule for free throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. The elimination of fares for college students will provide an additional opportunity for students to travel around the city of Dubuque for shopping, entertainment, dining, recreation, and jobs.

[Learn How Dubuque College Students Can Now Ride The Jule for Free](#)

YOUR BUSINESS can be great here.



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Small Business Support Grant Opportunity

The City of Dubuque is now accepting applications from local, established small businesses for grants of up to \$5,000 to assist with operating costs. Grantees also receive personal and professional development support. Applications due September 15, 2023.

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Dupaco Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Seventy-five years ago this past July, 10 employees of the Dubuque Packing Company pooled \$5 each to form their very own credit union. These 10 employees borrowed six letters from their employer's name and called their credit union Dupaco. Congratulations to Dupaco Community Credit Union on 75 years!

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Image courtesy of Dupaco Community Credit Union



Interested in learning more about our support for Existing Businesses?

Contact Daniel McDonald, Director of Existing Business, at 563-557-9049 or danielm@greaterdubuque.org.



Images courtesy of Dyersville Economic Development Corporation and Dyersville Area Chamber of Commerce

Strategic Initiatives

Dyersville Unveils Child Care Center Project

Hats off to our partners at the Dyersville Economic Development Corporation who earlier this month, unveiled plans for The Michael and Jean Knepper Child Care Center. The center will serve more than 200 children, helping address the Greater Dubuque region's need for increased high-quality, affordable child care options.

[Learn More >](#)



Interested in learning more about our Strategic Initiatives?

Contact Dave Lyons, Strategic Initiatives Consultant, at 563-557-9049 or davel@greaterdubuque.org.

Workforce Solutions

YOUR CAREER can be great here.



Daniel McDonald (top center), Director of Existing Business for Greater Dubuque Development drops the

College Outreach

YOU can be great here Community of Colleges Series for 2023-2024 Academic Year Announced

A series of free events, geared at connecting college students to all the Greater Dubuque region has to offer has just been announced. Our kickoff event, the Millwork Scavenger Hunt, is set for Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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game puck at the inaugural Community of Colleges event held in February 2023.

[Explore the Full YOU can be great here Community of College Event Series](#)



Q Casino President and Greater Dubuque Development Board Chair Alex Dixon speaks with interns at the July 19 closing event for the 2023 Talent Dubuque: An Internship Engagement Program at Stone Cliff Winery.

[Program Recap](#)

178 Summer Interns Take Part in Talent Dubuque

Talent Dubuque launched in 2019 and has now welcomed nearly 500 interns to the Greater Dubuque region with inspiring outings and dynamic presenters. This year was our biggest year yet with 178 interns registered by 29 area employers! This Summer's six events blended professional development and community engagement to reinforce Greater Dubuque Development's efforts to inspire students to establish roots here, launch their career with an area employer, and become a long-term member our regional workforce.

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Participants in the 54th session of Distinctively Dubuque end their August 23 class with an interactive introduction activity that including drawing quick sketches of 3 interests or hobbies they wanted classmates to know about them.

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Distinctively Dubuque Kicks Off 54th Session

The newest session of Distinctively Dubuque kicked off last week, welcoming 29 newcomers to the Greater Dubuque region! Night one of this 5-night course included dinner at Brazen Restaurant, 190-years of Dubuque's history in 40-minutes with architect and local history buff, Chris Wand, and an interactive introductions activity that put everyone's drawing skills to the test. Registration is now open for the final Distinctively Dubuque session of 2023 which begins Wednesday, October 4.

[Read More and Register Today >](#)

AccessDubuqueJobs.com Update

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New Investors

- Dubuque Area Labor Management

Renewed Investors

- Bodensteiner Implement
- Bodine Electric
- CROWN Cork & Seal
- Dubuque Museum of Art
- Eagle Point Software Corporation
- Kloeckner Metals
- Sedgwick
- The Adams Company
- Theisen Home Farm Auto
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Community Information

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Dubuque Selected for Inaugural Thriving Communities Group

The City of Dubuque has been named to the inaugural group of Iowa Thriving Communities, a new program from the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) and Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). The program recognizes cities around the state that utilize innovative solutions to enhance their housing offerings to residents of all income levels.

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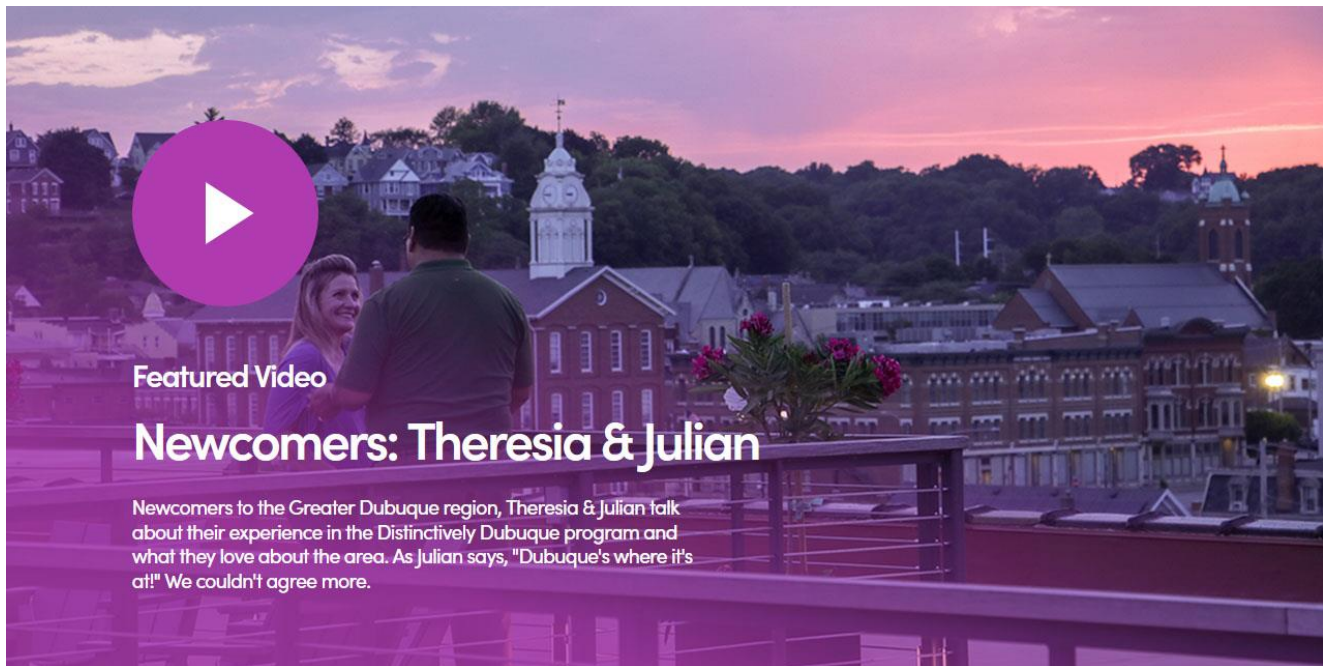
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KCRG's Our Town Highlights Cascade

This month, local news outlet KCRG, shined a bright spotlight on Cascade, Iowa with an 8-part Our Town feature. The series highlighted Cascade's Riverview Ridge Campground, the quirky nicknames phone book, its baseball and circus connections, and major community improvement projects underway.

Workforce Solutions investors [Webber Metal Products](#) and [Cascade Manufacturing](#) also took center stage.

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Featured Video

Newcomers: Theresia & Julian

Newcomers to the Greater Dubuque region, Theresia & Julian talk about their experience in the Distinctively Dubuque program and what they love about the area. As Julian says, "Dubuque's where it's at!" We couldn't agree more.

Upcoming Events

YOUR NETWORK can be great here.

Now Through Sunday, September 10

Share What You Can Food Drive

Various Times | Multicultural Family Center & Hillcrest Family Services | Dubuque, IA

Now through September 10, the City of Dubuque's AmeriCorps Program is hosting a community food drive to benefit the Teresa Shelter and the Dubuque Rescue Mission. Non-perishable food donations can be delivered to the Multicultural Family Center between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or to Hillcrest Family Services at 2005 Asbury Road from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

[Learn More >](#)

Saturday, September 16

Employment & Empowerment Expo

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Multicultural Family Center | 1157 Central Ave, Dubuque, IA

Join Greater Dubuque Development and the City of Dubuque's Office of Shared Prosperity & Neighborhood Support to connect with in-demand job training programs, build a resume, receive coaching to prepare for job interviews, and have a complimentary head shot taken. Hosted at the Multicultural Family Center with support from the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Economic Mobility and Opportunity program](#), this event is free and open to the public.

[Learn More >](#)

September 26 & 28, October 3, 5, 10 & 12

City Life in Spanish

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Various Locations | Dubuque, IA

Apply now to participate in the City of Dubuque's fun, free, and interactive City Life program. Through presentations, tours, and conversations with neighbors, City Life participants witness firsthand their taxpayer investments at work and have an opportunity to share their thoughts and perspectives on City operations and services with department managers. The [Fall session of City Life will be offered in Spanish](#) to better serve Greater Dubuque residents whose primary language is Spanish.

[Learn More >](#)

Wednesday, October 11

AccessDubuqueJobs.com Fall Career Fair

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Hotel Julien | 200 Main St., Dubuque, IA

Save the date for Greater Dubuque Development's AccessDubuqueJobs.com Fall Career Fair, held in partnership with TH Media. Open to the general public, our career fairs connect job seekers with the Greater Dubuque area's largest employers and connect them with rewarding full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities. Employer registration will open September 13.

YOU Can Be Great Here Campaign

Our sights are set on 5 goals through 2027.

Grow our regional workforce to over 64,000 jobs.

Support median household income to reach \$76,000.

Encourage and facilitate \$1 billion of new construction.

Reduce regional poverty by 5%.

Reach a population of 105,000 in the Greater Dubuque region.

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