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FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

## Looking Ahead Together

### A Message from Our President & CEO

Thank you to our Greater Dubuque Development team, Board of Directors, investors, and partners for your patience and support as we move into this next chapter for our organization. Our priority is to ensure that our clients, stakeholders, and communities continue to experience consistency, responsiveness, and high-quality service throughout this transition.

Greater Dubuque Development has a long-standing commitment to prioritizing the needs of existing businesses and developers — those who have invested in our region and help drive economic growth. We recognize that most new jobs in a community are created by businesses already here, and we remain firmly dedicated to supporting their continued success.

At the same time, we will continue to compete aggressively for new residents and business investment. Guided by our strategic plan, we are focused on advancing initiatives that strengthen our regional economy, enhance quality of place, and position Greater Dubuque for sustained, long-term growth.

I am as excited and optimistic about the future of Greater Dubuque Development as the day I accepted this role. Thank you for your continued confidence and partnership. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or a member of our team to discuss ideas or projects where we can be of assistance.



With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason E. White".

**Jason White**

President & CEO

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[Learn about Greater Dubuque Development's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan](#)

## Business Support & Attraction

**YOUR BUSINESS** can be great here.



Photo courtesy River City Logistics Inc.

## Business Expansion

### **River City Logistics Inc. Expands in Dubuque**

Congratulations to River City Logistics Inc. on its recent expansion with the acquisition and renovation of a 17,000-square-foot facility at 300 Data Court in Dubuque to support its growing operations. In 2025 alone, the company generated more than \$100 million in revenue across more than 40,000 shipments, reflecting continued impact of the Greater Dubuque region's logistics and distribution sector.

[Read more about River City Logistics' expansion in the Telegraph Herald](#)



**Interested in learning more about our existing business services?**

Contact Daniel McDonald, Director of Existing Business, at 563-557-9049 or [danielm@greaterdubuque.org](mailto:danielm@greaterdubuque.org)



Air Service

### **New Shuttle Service to Eastern Iowa Airport Beginning March 1**

Beginning March 1, Dubuque-area travelers will have a new ground transportation option connecting the Dubuque Regional Airport to Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids. Anaman Concierge Service has been granted a permit to provide curb-to-curb shuttle service between DBQ and CID, offering daily departures and returns designed to align with flight schedules.

The service provides residents with convenient access to CID's 17 nonstop destinations and hundreds of one-stop connections, while allowing travelers to take advantage of free parking at DBQ and streamlined transportation to Cedar Rapids.

Reservations are available directly through [Anaman Concierge Service](#).

[Read the Dubuque Regional Airport's full February 16th press release](#)



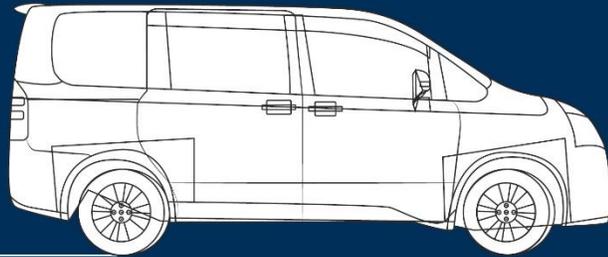
**Interested in learning more about our efforts to improve access to air service?**

Contact Jason White, President & CEO, at 563-557-9049 or [jasonw@greaterdubuque.org](mailto:jasonw@greaterdubuque.org)

Population Growth

YOUR FUTURE can be great here.

## A Smarter Way to Commute



Workforce Infrastructure

### **New Employer Vanpool Pilot Addresses Transportation Barriers**

Transportation remains a top concern for many regional employers. The Regional Transit Authority has partnered with Enterprise to pilot a [Vanpool Program](#) that provides shared commuter vans for groups of employees, with up to \$600 per month in local subsidy support available.

This flexible model can expand access to jobs, improve attendance, and reduce turnover tied to commute challenges. Enterprise supplies and manages the vehicle, including insurance, maintenance, and roadside assistance, while participants share the ride and rotate driving responsibilities.

[Click to learn how the RTA/Enterprise vanpool could support your team](#)



### **Interested in learning more about RTA/Enterprise Vanpool Program?**

Contact Nic Hockenberry, Director of Workforce Programming, at 563-557-9049 or [nicolash@greaterdubuque.org](mailto:nicolash@greaterdubuque.org)



Scenes from night 4 of Distinctively Dubuque which took the class to Voices Studios to explore Dubuque's arts and culture scene. From a panel of creative leaders to updates on Central Avenue revitalization, the evening concluded with a lively round of Dubuque trivia.

Talent Retention

### **Distinctively Dubuque Class Begins March 11, Limited Openings Still Available**

A limited number of seats remain in the Distinctively Dubuque class beginning March 11. This free community immersion program helps newcomers and recently relocated professionals build meaningful connections, explore local history and amenities, and gain a deeper understanding of the Greater Dubuque region.

If you have a new employee, colleague, neighbor, or family member who has moved to the area within the past five years, encourage them to register. The program is designed to help participants feel grounded, informed, and connected.

[Distinctively Dubuque](#) is offered at no cost thanks to the generous support of the DRA, the City of Dubuque, and the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors.

Share the opportunity and help someone take their next step in Greater Dubuque!

[Download the Distinctively Dubuque brochure to share with a newcomer you know](#)



#### **Interested in learning more about Distinctively Dubuque?**

Contact Mandi Dolson, Director of Workforce Recruitment & Retention, at 563-557-9049 or [mandid@greaterdubuque.org](mailto:mandid@greaterdubuque.org)

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## Training & Upskilling

### **Opportunity Dubuque Mid-Year Results Show Continued Momentum**

At the midpoint of Fiscal Year 2026, Opportunity Dubuque continues to deliver measurable results for both job seekers and regional employers. The program has supported 25 learners through Greater Dubuque Development support for certificate programs, with an additional 114 participants enrolled through other funding sources.

Since its launch in 2011, Opportunity Dubuque has maintained a 93% continuing education and employment rate, demonstrating the strength of employer-aligned, tuition-free training in building the regional talent pipeline.

Explore the full mid-year update to see priority training areas and what's ahead in the second half of FY26.

[Dive deeper into Opportunity Dubuque's mid-year update](#)



#### **Interested in learning more about Opportunity Dubuque?**

Contact Nicolas Hockenberry, Director of Workforce Programming, at 563-557-9049 or [nicolash@greaterdubuque.org](mailto:nicolash@greaterdubuque.org)

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## Data & Resources

### Workforce Solutions Breakfast Registration Now Open

Join us for our Workforce Solutions Breakfast on Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 8:00–9:30 a.m. at the Diamond Jo Casino. Connect with fellow HR professionals, area CEOs, elected officials, and community leaders to learn about the latest workforce strategies supporting employers of the Greater Dubuque region. [RSVP online](#) or by contacting Anna Roling, Executive Assistant at 563-557-9049 or [annar@greaterdubuque.org](mailto:annar@greaterdubuque.org).

During our May 2025 Workforce Solutions Breakfast, Mandi Dolson, Director of Workforce Recruitment & Retention, recapped outreach efforts aimed at retaining and attracting college students to our market after graduation.

[Click to RSVP online for our May 14th Workforce Solutions Breakfast](#)

### **YOUR SUPPORT** can be great here.

Invest in [AccessDubuqueJobs.com](https://AccessDubuqueJobs.com) and receive unlimited access to the top regional jobs site, over 10,000 resumes, expert assistance from our Workforce Solutions team, and a suite of newcomer service tools. Your investment powers these services, supports our college engagement efforts, and fuels outreach to job seekers in our market and beyond.

#### **New Investors**

- Eagle Tool Company
- Fresenius Medical Care
- Russel Metals USA (formerly Kloeckner Metals)

#### **Renewed Investors, cont'd**

- DDI, Inc
- Hillcrest Family Services
- Managed Solutions Group
- Medline Industries

### Renewed Investors

- Carlisle Ryan Digital Print and Services
- City of Dubuque
- Clarke University
- Modernfold
- Rite-Hite
- Sedona Staffing Services
- Sisters of the Presentation
- Stonehill Communities
- The Fountain of Youth



### Interested in becoming a Workforce Solutions Investor?

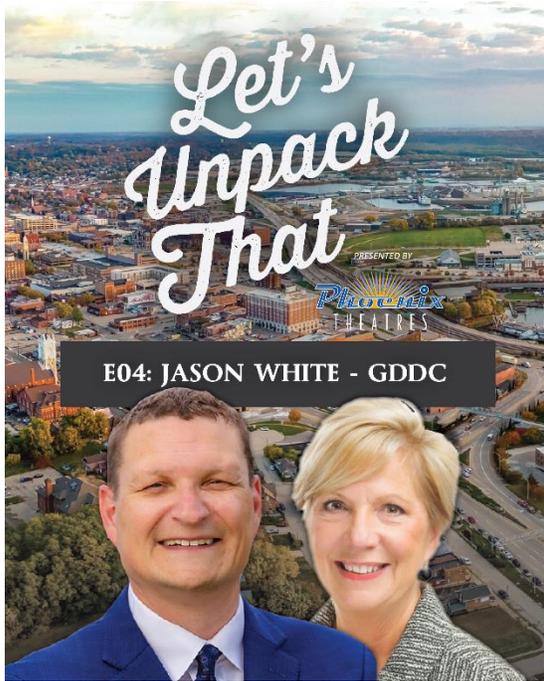
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### Community Information

**YOUR LIFE can be great here.**



## Community News

### Jason White Featured on Chamber's *Let's Unpack That* Podcast

Greater Dubuque Development President & CEO Jason White recently joined Molly Grover, President & CEO of the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce for a conversation to learn more about his professional path, his early insights and perspective after stepping into the CEO role, and his vision for collaboratively advancing progress across the Greater Dubuque region.

[Listen to Let's Unpack That E04 >](#)



## Community News

### March/April City News Now Available

The [latest edition of City News](#), the City of Dubuque's bi-monthly newsletter is now available and coming to a utility bill near you! Download today for information about seasonal jobs with the City of Dubuque, FY2027 budget public input meetings, city-wide expansion to the Branching Out initiative, and more.

[Download the March/April City News >](#)



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## Community News

### **City Life Applications Open Through March 16**

The City of Dubuque welcomes applications from residents for the next session of [City Life](#), a fun, free, and interactive experience of local government that offers an in-depth look at City operations and services through presentations and behind-the-scenes tours of taxpayer investments at work.

[Learn more >](#)



### Partnership Spotlight

## **Dyersville Economic Development Corp.**

Hear from Jacque Rahe, Executive Director of Dyersville Economic Development Corporation, on how working collaboratively and thinking regionally in partnership with Greater Dubuque Development continues to shape a bright future for the area.

## Upcoming Events

**YOUR NETWORK can be great here.**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

**Taste of the Tri-States**

**4:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Hotel Julien Dubuque, 200 Main St | Dubuque, IA**

Hosted by the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce, the inaugural Taste of the Tri-States brings together local food and beverage vendors for an evening of unlimited sampling, live music, and friendly competition. Guests will sip, savor, and vote for their favorites in categories including Greatest Savory Taste, Greatest Sweet Taste, and Greatest Sip in the Tri-States. Winners will be announced live, earning a year of bragging rights.

[Learn More & Get Tickets >](#)

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**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

**Dubuque Night in Des Moines**

**5:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Curate, 322 E Court Ave | Des Moines, IA**

Dubuque Night in Des Moines, Iowa's longest-running legislative reception, brings together business and community leaders with Iowa's elected officials for an evening of conversation and connection. Hosted by the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Dubuque, Greater Dubuque Development, and Travel Dubuque, the event highlights regional collaboration and advocacy at the state level.

[Register to Attend >](#)

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**Thursday-Friday, April 9-10, 2026**

**RISE: Iowa Rural Summit 2026**

**Grand River Center | 500 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA**

The 2026 Iowa Rural Summit marks the 10th annual gathering of leaders from across the state focused on strengthening rural economies, workforce

development, housing, and community vitality. Hosted in Dubuque, this two-day conference offers an opportunity to exchange ideas, share best practices, and advance solutions that support long-term economic growth.

[Learn More & Register >](#)

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## **Upcoming Religious Holidays & Cultural Observances**

**March 1-30 | National Women's History Month**

**March 2-20 | Nineteen-Day Fast (Baha'i)**

**March 3 | Magha Puja (Buddhist)**

**March 3 | Purim (Jewish)**

**March 4 | Holi (Hindu)**

**March 4 | Hola Mohalla (Sikh)**

**March 8 | International Women's Day**

**March 16 | Lailat Al-Qadr (Islamic)**

**March 17 | St. Patrick's Day**

**March 20 | Vernal Equinox**

**March 20 | Eid Al-Fitr (Islamic)**

## **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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