



April 2021 *Celebrate Success*

# City Administrator Update

## Welcoming Neighborhoods

### GOOD NEIGHBOR PROJECT HOSTS FIRST QUARTER MEETING



### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SOUND THE ALARM CAMPAIGN FOR DFD

Over the last 2 weeks the Davenport Fire Department visited 8 homes, installed 19 smoke alarms, and had numerous conversations related to the Red Cross' Sound the Alarm campaign. The Davenport Smoke Alarm Program began in 2012. The partnership with Red Cross began 5 years ago. The Sound the Alarm awareness program runs through May 8th. To date, the DFD has installed over 500 smoke alarms in our community.



The Good Neighbor Project had its first quarterly meeting of 2021. The meeting was hosted by One Eighty in their Community Center and featured Rusty Boruff as the guest speaker. There were over 40 in attendance to learn more about what is coming in 2021 from the Good Neighbor Project and also about how One Eighty interacts with and impacts our community neighborhoods every day. Another speaker, Karree Fah, talked with leaders about "The Buy Nothing Project" which allows for neighbors to easily connect and look out for each other by creating a platform for individuals to give and receive a variety of items with no cost. The Good Neighbor Project currently has 84 registered neighborhood leaders and is planning the next quarterly meeting for July of 2021.

### WELCOMING NEIGHBORHOODS



### NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Exciting news for neighborhoods this month as construction season kicked off with three neighborhood street reconstruction projects.

- ◊ Harrison St between Northbrook Dr and W 51st St
- ◊ Heatherton Dr between N Michigan and Fairmount St
- ◊ E 38th St between Spring and Belle Ave

### SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE



The projects will reconstruct several locations in greatest need, including sidewalk and driveway improvements. All current projects are expected to be complete by mid-to-late May. Watch for more news on better roads for neighborhoods next month. One known location for May is Sheffield Dr between 54th St and Hillandale Rd.



# Well-Protected Community

## DPD AND CED KICKOFF COFFEE WITH A COP

Coffee With a Cop kicked off in April with the first event being held on April 8th at the Rockingham Hy-Vee. Coffee With a Cop is a national program aimed at breaking down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by allowing the opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in their neighborhood. Davenport has partnered with Hy-Vee and will host a total of five events taking place at each Davenport Hy-Vee location. The events start at 8:00 a.m. and last one hour. Residents are invited to join Davenport Police Officers of different ranks and divisions for coffee and conversation.

## DPD RECRUITING AND STAFF UPDATES

Six probationary Police Officers are currently in the final stages of the Davenport Police Department's Field Training Program and are expected to go solo patrolling the streets of Davenport May 8. Seven probationary Police Officers are currently in post-Academy training and will be entering the Field Training Program on May 16 where they will work with and learn from Field Training Officers. In addition, three probationary Officers are headed to the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy to begin their 15-week basic law enforcement training before returning to the Department for their Field Training Program. The Davenport Police Department will be opening another recruiting process in May of 2021 to send additional officers to the August Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Class.

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# Sustainable Infrastructure and Vibrant Region

## FLOOD STUDY ENTERS PHASE 2

With data collection, public input, analysis, and visioning in the rearview mirror, Davenport was ready for Wave 2 of the community's feedback on the flood study this month. During Wave 2 of engagement, the community was encouraged to provide input on flood resilience concepts that consider flood operations, mitigation, and alternative land use options.

SUSTAINABLE  
INFRASTRUCTURE



VIBRANT  
REGION



Multiple innovative solutions were incorporated into advertisement and access to public input tools during this phase to encourage input from the broader community while addressing COVID constraints and removing barriers such as access to technology.

A diverse range of community leaders and stakeholders were also encouraged to help get the word out and stress the importance and value of community input.

In a nutshell:

- ◊ Launched Saturday, April 17 at [www.davenportiowa.com/floodstudy](http://www.davenportiowa.com/floodstudy)
- ◊ Business cards have been handed out in a variety of locations, and social posts across various platforms have been and will continue to be made
- ◊ Interviews with nearly all local television and radio media have been conducted
- ◊ In-person and virtual meetings with stakeholder representatives across the riverfront held Monday, April 26
- ◊ In-person "Open House" on Tuesday, April 27: attendees included river and park organizations, media representatives, the school district, local college and university representatives, infrastructure and emergency partners, students from local high schools, neighborhood leaders, the general public, and representatives from agencies whose mission is to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community
- ◊ Access to paper copies of the surveys was made available at all Davenport Libraries to be used in combination with special video airings of the concepts on free cable access TV as well as public access TV, WQPT

The survey will close at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 4. Data collected during Wave 2 will be analyzed and included in a presentation along with the concepts presented at a Special City Council Work Session being held on Tuesday, May 11.



## RIVERFRONT REFRESH EVENT WAS A SUCCESS

The first Riverfront Refresh beautification event on April 17th was a huge success and a great kick-off to Earth Week! The cleanup was co-hosted by Davenport's Riverfront Improvement Commission and City Council. 125 volunteers reported to the Freight House to check in and receive their assignments. When the event ended, more than 120 bags of debris were collected along the entire riverfront. Volunteers also placed mulch at Centennial Park and the Freight House, and completed some painting projects.



# Well-Protected Community

## DFD STATION 3 UPDATE

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City staff is currently working with MindFire to create a design for signage to be displayed along Brady Street so the public is aware of the new location of Station 3. A request for qualifications of Architecture and Engineering services was distributed on April 26, 2021, and staff will select a vendor in the month of June to bring before City Council the first cycle in July.

## Vibrant Region

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### Main Library Gets Outdoor Lighting

As a part of the \$1.6 million renovation, exterior lighting has been restored at the Davenport Main Library. Neighbors, patrons, and staff can now enjoy the beautiful Main branch illuminated in different colors outdoors.



## Did you see this?



Phyllis Walker ► Davenport Public Works

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These two young man we're working across the street from my house at Hayes pool I asked them if they could fix the hole in the street in front of my driveway, they are the two nicest young men that I've ever met from the City of Davenport I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart!! 🌟🌟



### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The Davenport Public Library relaunched 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, a self-paced program that ends when a child begins kindergarten. Participants can celebrate milestones at the Library as they make progress toward 1000 books. In the first month, the Library has registered over 150 children for this program and counting, and looks forward to helping families establish reading habits in their home!



# High-Performing Government

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## JUNIOR THEATRE HOSTS IN-PERSON SPRING BREAK CAMP

Davenport Parks & Recreation's Junior Theatre was able to get children back to in-person classes as they hosted a safe, fun, and exciting Spring Break Camp. Kids wrote and performed their own show, did musical theatre, explored crafts, and much more! Junior Theatre is ready for all kids to join them for some summer fun.

