



# March 2021 *Celebrate Success* City Administrator Update

## *High-Performing Government*

### **LIBRARY MAIN BRANCH REOPENS AFTER RENOVATIONS**

The Davenport Public Library is excited to announce that the Main Street branch has reopened after a \$1.6 million renovation! This renovation would not have been possible without support from the community and many generous donors. The renovation at Main has added several new features and has made this branch even more beautiful than before. Families can expect to enjoy the new Scott County Regional Authority Children's Area complete with modern shelving and seating. Convenient self-checkout computers are located throughout the first floor as well as additional public computers for patrons needing internet access.

The Davenport Public Library is still following guidelines set by the City of Davenport and the Scott County Health Department to protect patrons and staff during COVID-19. Patrons must wear masks while in the building, computers are by reservation only, and there is a 30-minute time limit for non-computer users.

The Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center has also opened by appointment only for local history and genealogical research. Appointments can be made by calling (563) 326-7832 or in person at the service desk located on the main floor. Patrons must adhere to Library policies while utilizing the services of Special Collections.



**HIGH-PERFORMING  
GOVERNMENT**



## **NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS**

The March approval of the budget set improvement to nine arterial streets, 49 neighborhood streets, 57,630 ft of sewers, and 64 manholes in motion for the 2021/22 construction season. Two neighborhood street projects will begin in a couple of weeks and work will resume on East 53rd Street as soon as things dry out a bit more and asphalt plants are up and running for the season.

**SUSTAINABLE  
INFRASTRUCTURE**



## *Check it out!*

Since mid-February, crews have filled nearly **20,000** potholes that developed following our sixty plus days in the deep freeze with snow-packed roads.

# Well-Protected Community

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## COMMUNITY ROOM AND CHIEF'S CONFERENCE ROOM TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

Utilizing funding from BJA Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program, technology in the Davenport Police Department Community Room and Chief's Conference Room was upgraded to allow meetings and trainings to be held virtually when necessary. This project included upgrading screens, projectors, and adding a wireless data input sharing solution.



## PASSING OF RETIRED DPD K-9 YARI

Yari served the Davenport community for eight years with his partner Corporal Danny Antle and passed away early Monday, March 1, 2021 at the age of 13 due to natural causes. After his retirement in 2018, Yari enjoyed taking several walks per day with Cpl. Antle, Mrs. Antle, and the Antle kids. Yari served the Davenport Police Department as a dual-purpose police K-9 working most of his career in the Patrol Division.



Yari and his partner Corporal Antle enjoyed interacting with our community each and every day and especially during his time serving in the N.E.T.S. Unit. Yari was a Belgian Malinois imported from Europe and trained by Paul Samuelson of North Iowa K-9. While he enjoyed coming to work every day, Yari loved retirement where he could play and spend more time with the Antle family.

## FIRE TRAINING CENTER UPDATE



The Davenport Fire Department training props and burn house were disassembled and moved from the former Wacky Waters site to Public Works in March. MidAmerican Energy and Davenport Police assisted with the movement of the project. The construction of a classroom facility has been approved by City Council and the new training center is expected to be completed by late summer.





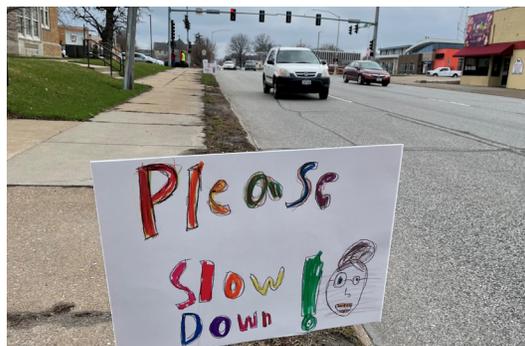
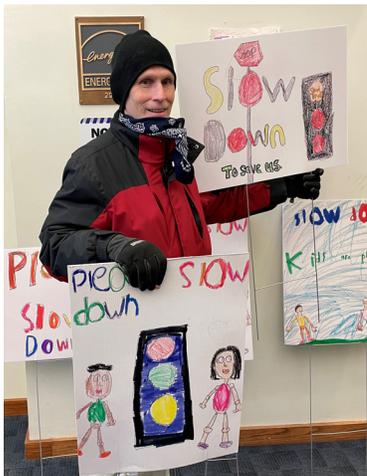
### PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

- Jersey Farms Park has broken ground on construction with a tentative completion in July. As construction progresses, more updates will be provided.
- The Parks Comprehensive Master Plan public input kicked off with a virtual meeting on Thursday, March 11. There were approximately 95 attendees in addition to staff. The Social Pin Point public input tool went live Friday, March 12. In its first two weeks, 219 tags have been left on the map with feedback tags nearly equal between “Needs Work” and “Love This” categories. Parks has had 59 survey responses (Step 3) and 27 general comment responses that are given after completing all three steps of the feedback form.
- Duck Creek Lodge, funded from the Park Development Program, was refurbished with new bathroom fixtures, new flooring on both staircases, and fresh interior paint.



### GOOD NEIGHBOR PROJECT PARTNERS WITH SCHOOLS

Art students from Madison Elementary School worked hard to create signs to help remind motorists to be a good neighbor and slow down when traveling in our community. Students in Mr. Nickel’s art class created these creative and colorful signs which were placed outside of the school along Brady Street to help keep Davenport kids safe!



### *Housing Resiliency Project and Homeless Hotel Voucher Program*

Sub-recipient agreements were signed in March for the Housing Resiliency Program and Homeless Hotel Voucher Program. Both programs are funded with CDBG-CV money awarded to Davenport from IEDA and regulated by HUD. CDBG-CV funds are allocated specifically to programs in our community that have been designed to prepare, prevent, or respond to COVID-19. Davenport was awarded a total of \$918,765 and will spend \$550,000 on the Housing Resiliency Program and \$368,765 on the Homeless Hotel Voucher Program.

The Housing Resiliency Program will be administered by The Salvation Army to assist tenants that are behind on rent, homeowners that are behind on mortgage, and residents that have lost housing due to COVID-19. An estimated 170 households will be assisted through this program.

The Homeless Hotel Voucher Program will be administered by The Salvation Army, Family Resources, and Humility Homes. Funds will be used as vouchers for shelter solutions and also for food, case management, transportation, and technology to support those in hotels. An estimated 275 participants will be served through this program. Both programs will also fund additional temporary staff positions for the sub-recipient agencies to ensure timely and effective support to our community's residents.

### *Small Business and MicroEnterprise Resiliency Project*

Round two of the Small Business Resiliency Project and MicroEnterprise Resiliency Project was launched on March 15 and will remain open until funds are exhausted. To date, the Economic Development team has assisted 32 small businesses impacted by COVID-19 with \$640,000 in forgivable loans. The second round funding totals approximately \$350,000 to be awarded to eligible businesses using the same guidelines and restrictions that were defined for first round applicants.

Eligible small businesses can have a maximum of 50 full-time equivalent employees and must have been operational in Davenport as of March 31, 2020 to receive the \$20,000 forgivable loan. A MicroEnterprise can have a maximum of 5 employees, including all owners, with the business owner qualifying as part of a low- to moderate-income household. The approved MicroEnterprise applicants will receive a grant up to \$5,000.

