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## Beyond the Office

Dubuque Farmer's Market



Did you know that Dubuque is home to Iowa's oldest active farmer's market?

The summer Dubuque Farmers' Market has been located in the Upper Main district since 1845. Each Saturday morning, May 1 through October 31, local vendors gather to sell homegrown or handmade items. Located in downtown Dubuque, Iowa, in the area around City Hall (Iowa, 12th, and 13th streets). We hope to see you Saturday at the Farmer's Market!

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## April showers bring May....

### snow showers?

In the last newsletter we declared that spring had arrived. Boy were we wrong! Winter lingered a little too long this year but that just helps us appreciate the warm weather now by biking to work.

Bike to Work Week in Dubuque started 4 years ago with the goal of providing a week where people driving cars were more aware of those using non-car based transportation. Bike to Work Week isn't just for bikers. This year, you can register your walk, bike, public transit or carpool commute to work, school, a coffee shop, grocery store or anywhere you go during the week.

[Click here to register](#)

### BTWW Events

- May 13-17, 2013 The Jule will provide free rides to bicyclists
- Tour Dubuque (198 Main St) will offer free indoor bike parking starting at 6am daily
- Free indoor bike parking is also available at the City of Dubuque parking ramp (10th & Central Ave)
- Monday May 13: 5:30pm Beginner Road Ride starting at Free Flight (5010 Wolff Rd) Intensity and Mileage will be determined by participants. Sponsored by Free Flight.
- Tuesday May 14: 5:30pm Mid-Level Road Ride starting at Murphy Park Mi-level intensity and distance. Sponsored by Free Flight.
- Wednesday May 15: 5:30pm Tour Dubuque Open House and Bicyclist Social - Snacks and drinks sponsored by Tour Dubuque
- Thursday May 16: 7pm picnic and discussion: 8pm

movie start. Comiskey Park - 24th & Jackson Bike-In  
Movie screening of "Contested Streets" sponsored by  
Green Iowa Americorps.

- Friday May 17: 3:30-6pm Bike Pit Stop Stations - Stop on your way home for some treats and chatter with fellow bike enthusiasts! Pit Stop Locations: Clarke & W. Locust Holy Trinity Lutheran (Delhi & Grandview) DubuqueFest (Town Clock/Washington Park)

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### **Volunteers Needed for Bee Branch Tree Planting**

Ten volunteers are needed for a tree planting in the Bee Branch area Tuesday, May 14th at 4:00pm. This would count as your community project under the Staff Education petal. Please contact Cori Burbach (cburbach@cityofdubuque.org) if you can help.

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### **IADG Energy Bank Revolving Loan Fund**

Iowa Area Development Group is pleased to announce the newly created IADG Energy Bank Revolving Loan Fund program. This exciting new program has been created to finance renewable energy projects, energy efficiency improvements and energy management and implementation plans for business and industry.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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### **Smarter Discards**

The City of Dubuque is looking for volunteers for the new Smarter Discard program. As a volunteer in this free pilot study, you will:

- Authorize your weekly setout data to be collected by the City in anonymized form
- Have access to an online portal for tracking your goals and performance changes
- Receive an organics recycling tool kit (optional)

The information collected through this pilot study will be used in decision-making related to policies, staffing, and equipment issues related to Dubuque's waste management and curbside collection.

To volunteer, or for more detailed information, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/smarterdiscards](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/smarterdiscards), e-mail [ssd@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:ssd@cityofdubuque.org), or call 563-690-6111.

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### **Food Scrap Recycling Expansion Announced**

The Dubuque City Council approved a contract at their April 15 meeting that allows for the expansion of Dubuque's curbside collection of food scraps for composting program.

City collection customers may either subscribe to dedicated food scrap collection carts (13, 48, or 64 gallons) for an additional fee or place food scraps and compostable paper in with grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris in their current yard waste cans, carts, and bags.

As a result, many City customers will be able to divert their food scraps for composting at little or no additional cost by adding these materials to their under-filled and/or underweight yard debris containers. Businesses interested in composting should contact their current hauler to setup the service. If they are not able to haul food scraps, contact other private haulers.

For more information and tips on food scrap recycling, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/foodscraps](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/foodscraps) or call the Public Works Department at 563-589-4250.

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### **Dubuque Jaycee's Community Garden**

The Dubuque Jaycee's Community garden was started to connect would be gardeners with a place to grow produce. The gardens can be leased by anyone, but are targeted to people who live in apartments, have strict covenants or just want to be near fellow gardeners. This is not only a means of sustainable local food production, but a way to grow community, togetherness, and family bonds. On site water and shed storage are included. Tenants get the same garden plot back year after year, encouraging them to take pride in it and make it their own.

**The Dubuque Jaycee's are looking for businesses to purchase naming rights for each garden plot. For \$200 a year your business will get to name a garden. The garden name will be included on signage and all formal communications regarding that plot.**

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### **Connect with the Petal Project**

The Petal Project is on Facebook and Twitter. We have been posting pictures, tweeting from conferences, sending business updates, posting relevant articles, and much more. Connect with us on one or all of these social media sites to keep up-to-date with the Petal Project.

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