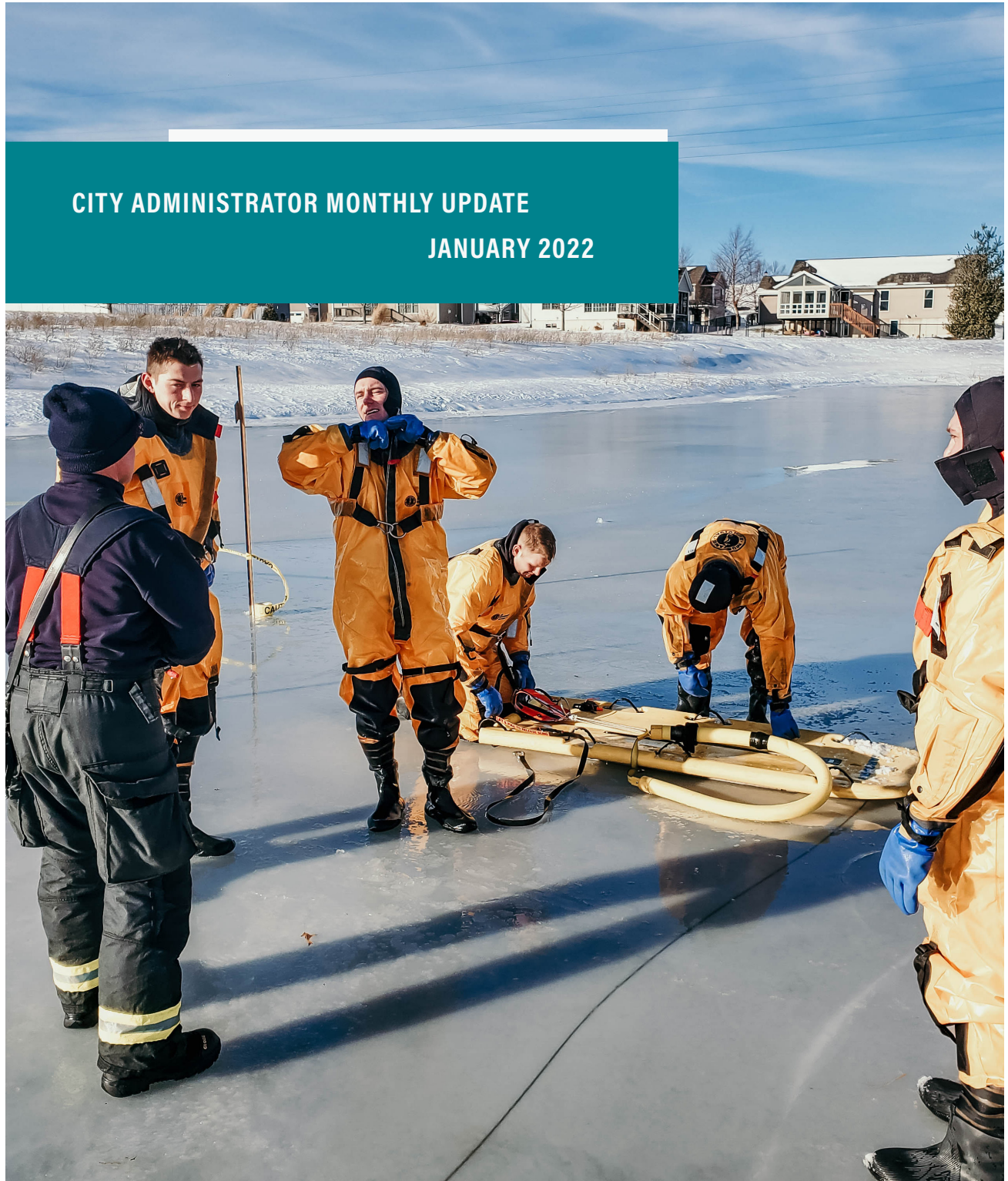




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CITY ADMINISTRATOR MONTHLY UPDATE

JANUARY 2022





2021 INFRASTRUCTURE IN REVIEW



**\$33.6
MILLION
INVESTMENT**



**58,000 FT
OF SEWER
IMPROVEMENTS**



**3 CDBG
FUNDED ROAD
RECONSTRUCTION**

Last year's approval of the FY 2022 budget set a remarkable \$33.6 million investment in City infrastructure in motion. With that investment, neighborhood streets were improved, nearly 58,000 ft of sewer main improvements were made, and 64 manholes reconstructed. Most notably, the following streets saw major improvement.

- Marquette St | 5th to 12th Streets
- W 53rd St | Northwest Blvd and Candlelight Creek
- Cedar Street | Telegraph and 16th Street
- Hickory Grove Rd | Pine to Duck Creek
- Eastern Ave | 43rd to 46th Streets
- Harrison St @ Northbrook
- Sheffield St | Hillandale to W 54th St
- 38th St | Belle to Spring
- Johnson St | Fairmount to Gayman
- Forest Rd | Edgewild to 40th St
- Heatherton Dr | Fairmount to Michigan
- 43rd St Recostruction | Elsie to Michigan
- Lombard St | Clark to Elsie
- Emerald St | West Central Park to Rusholme
- 54th St | Davie to Howell
- Sturdevant | Central Park to Northlawn



Improvements did not stop there. Reconstruction of the Elm Street bridge was a major accomplishment for the community, and receiving CDBG funds to complete three more streets was a huge win for Davenport. Targeted neighborhood improvement using CDBG funds was a great step for the City to take in supporting its neighborhoods. Funds used in 2021 allowed for reconstruction of:

- Ripley St | 61st to 65th Streets
- Hoover Rd @ Appomattox Rd
- Appomattox Rd | W 63rd St to Hoover Rd





DAVENPORT POLICE RECRUITING UPDATE

On January 4, 2022 five recently hired Probationary Police Officers started the 16-week basic law enforcement training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). The Iowa Law Enforcement Basic Academy consists of principles of policing, communication and life skills, legal topics, patrol procedures, investigations, and tactical skills in addition to administrative segments. Following their training at the state academy, these officers will return to the Davenport Police Department for their post-academy training before entering the Field Training Officer Program.



Four individuals were officially sworn in as Probationary Davenport Police Officers by Mayor Mike Matson at the Davenport City Council meeting on Wednesday, January 12. Officers Benjamin Betsworth, Joshua Bender, Eric Long, and Mason Laud completed their 16-week training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and entered the department's Field Training Officer (FTO) Program. These officers will work and learn from different Field Training Officers within the department.



One Probationary Police Officer is in the final stages of the Field Training Officer Program and two Probationary Police Officers completed their FTO Program during the month of January. These individuals are serving the Davenport community in the Patrol Division.



GROUP VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

The City of Davenport recently hired National Network for Safe Communities as a technical advisor to assist in implementing the Group Violence Intervention Strategy in Davenport. An initial strategic planning session called GVI University that was scheduled for January was postponed due to COVID-related issues and will be rescheduled for later this spring. In lieu of conducting the full GVI University, City staff and community partners attended a virtual work session where NNSC provided an overview of GVI and led a discussion of the current crime picture in Davenport. City staff looks forward to beginning work with NNSC and our community partners in earnest later this spring.





CRIME ANALYSIS

The Davenport Police Department has partnered with IDEA Analytics to support the creation of the new crime analysis unit and build the departments analytics capacity over the next two years. This work is in conjunction with the Strategies for Policing Innovation grant that the City received through the Bureau of Justice Assistance last year.

The IDEA Analytics team visited Davenport in December. During the site visit, the IDEA Analytics team conducted interviews with internal personnel and external partners to gather unique insights and input. The input from these interviews will be used to create an initial implementation plan that will guide the Department's work with IDEA Analytics over the next two years.

IDEA Analytics presented their implementation plan to DPD command staff in late January.

DAVENPORT FIRE STATION 3 UPDATE

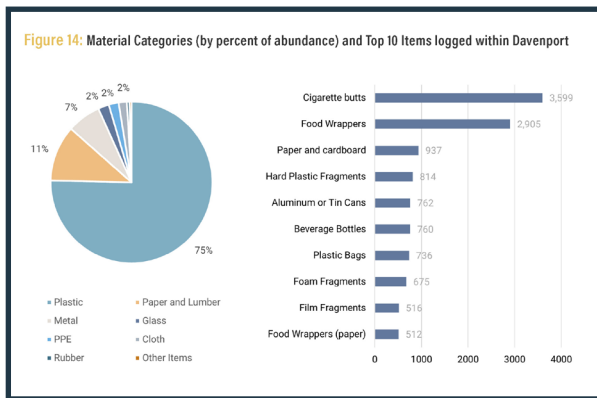
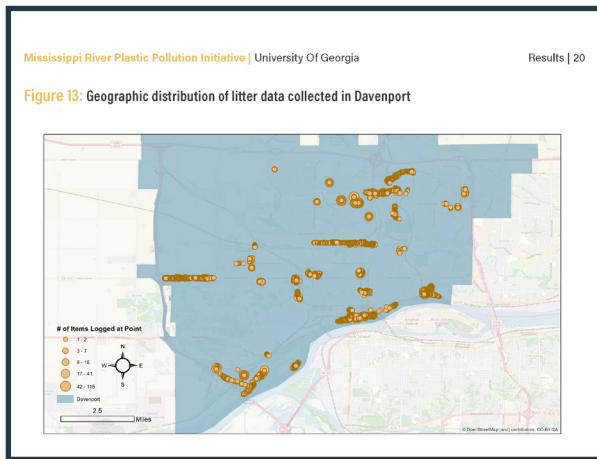
The City Council recently approved to expand the scope of the Station 3 project to not only allow for the design and construction of a larger facility, but also to ensure that the community room, which will be part of the building, is hardened so that the space can be utilized as a tactical operations center by City staff when the need arises. At this time, the schematic design phase has been completed and the City's architect is moving forward with preparing plans, drawings, typical construction details, and diagrammatic layouts of the building. Once completed, the next phase of the project will be to begin assembling construction documents in anticipation of a summer bid with construction to begin shortly thereafter.





MRCTI UPDATE

The results are back from Davenport’s participation in the Mississippi Rivers and Towns Plastic Pollution Initiative in October 2021. Community volunteers recorded over 17,000 pieces of litter from cigarette butts to plastic bag fragments. The leadership of the Waste Commission of Scott County, the City of Davenport, community volunteers, environmental organizations, and the entire Quad Cities were recognized for ensuring a successful snapshot of waterway pollution in our area. Participation in the project was a great first step in identifying the issues related to litter and finding ways to curb pollution of our streets, streams, and the Mississippi River. Dialogue surrounding solutions has already begun. Stay tuned for updates in the coming months as the City and its partners continue examining the data and discussing potential solutions.



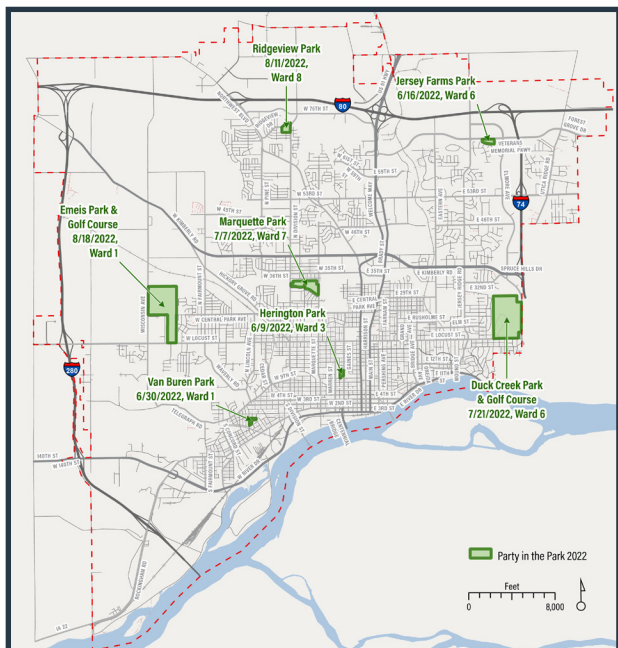
DAVENPORT CITIZENS ACADEMY

City staff announced the return of in-person DavenportU Citizens Academy! Sessions will be hosted on Monday evenings, allowing community members to participate outside the regular working day. Residents will attend 9 sessions which include classes with the Finance Department; an all-day tour and working groups with Public Works staff learning about infrastructure; and public safety with Police, Fire, and Scott County.

PARTY IN THE PARK

The date and locations for 2022 Party in the Park have been set. Seven new locations, representing five different wards, were selected for the popular summer events. Planning is underway and staff looks forward to engaging with the community.

- June 9 – Herington Park, 935 Brown Street
- June 16 – Jersey Farms Park, 2930 E 65th St
- June 30 – Van Buren Park, 205 S Elmwood Avenue
- July 7 – Marquette Park, 3200 North Marquette Street
- July 21 – Duck Creek Park, 3300 East Locust Street
- August 11 – Ridgeview Park, 1819 Ridgeview Drive
- August 18 – Emeis Park, 4500 West Locust Street





SMALL BUSINESS RESILIENCY PROGRAM

In an effort to retain jobs and stabilize local businesses the City funded over \$1 million to 54 different local businesses through the Small Business Resiliency Project.

Beginning October 15, 2020, eligible Davenport businesses affected by COVID-19 were able to apply for a forgivable loan of up to \$20,000. Eligible expenses covered under the project included mortgage or rent, utility costs, employee salaries or wages, and operational expenses such as inventory.

- Abernathy's
- Airbrushed Sunless Spray Tanning
- Analog Arcade
- Antonell's li
- Bayside Bistro
- Bootleg Hill
- China Café
- Chocolate Manner
- Choice Automotive
- Collins, Patricia
- Columbus Club
- Cy's Rental
- Dairy Queen?
- Davenport Bowlers
- Dc Iprint
- Del-Rich
- Delly Hair
- Dominga's Authentic Mexican Food
- Frontier Management
- Gallery
- Gateway Pub
- Graves Productions
- Hats Hair 'N Wigs
- Hc Auto
- Honey Creek Gems
- Infamous
- Just Doors
- Kimberly Ent
- Kush Hair
- Lopiez Pizza
- Lynch Contracting
- Main Street Coffee
- Mantra Indian Cuisine
- Me & Bily
- Mi Vida Lash
- Minh's Gourmet
- Mj Hospitality Management
- Oh So Sweet
- Orange Theory Fitness
- Photo Frog Studio
- Platinum Management
- Rawbar
- River Cites Sound
- Salon R5 Ltd Co
- Scott's Shovelhead Shed
- Sunlight Yoga
- Tappa's Steakhouse
- The 11th Street Precinct Bar & Grill
- Theo & Co
- Tommy's Cafe
- Tot To Tot Daycare
- Treasure Box Daycare
- White's All In One
- Wind Dancer



LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Davenport Public Library is in the process of rolling out a new 3-year strategic plan. The vision is to create a community-wide culture of learning in which all citizens use the library and see themselves reflected in the services and staff.

In the next three years the Library will focus on three main areas: improve marketing, better reach underserved communities, and better engage all patrons in our facilities – especially people from underserved or underrepresented communities.

OTHER LIBRARY UPDATES

Young Adult Fine Free:

On January 1, all RiverShare member libraries implemented fine free on Young Adult materials. This change comes after the consortium voted a few years ago to eliminate fines on Juvenile materials.



AutoRenewal at DPL:

RiverShare Libraries voted to launch an autorenewal system taking place on January 1, 2022. This means, all eligible items checked out, will be renewed automatically to save patrons on any fines that may accrue on their accounts.

Fine Free Hour:

The last couple of years have been stressful. The DPL introduced Fine Free Hour at all Davenport Libraries 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday (on regular business days). Patrons can bring their overdue returns to the desk and staff will waive fees.



Employee Spotlight

AMY GROSKOPF

The Library said farewell to its Director, Amy Groskopf, who worked for the Library for 33 years. Groskopf came from Wisconsin to work for the Davenport Public Library as a member of the Special Collections staff. After years serving in the Special Collections Department, Groskopf served as Assistant Director and led the Library as Director for the past five years. Throughout her time, Groskopf was instrumental in the rebranding of the Library, the creation of the Outreach Department (including purchasing of their Outreach Wheeled Library), advocating and creating Social Worker and Early Literacy Coordinator positions, and more.

When asked what she will miss the most about working for the Library, Groskopf replied that she would miss working with the creative staff and dedicated volunteers.

33 YEARS OF SERVICE

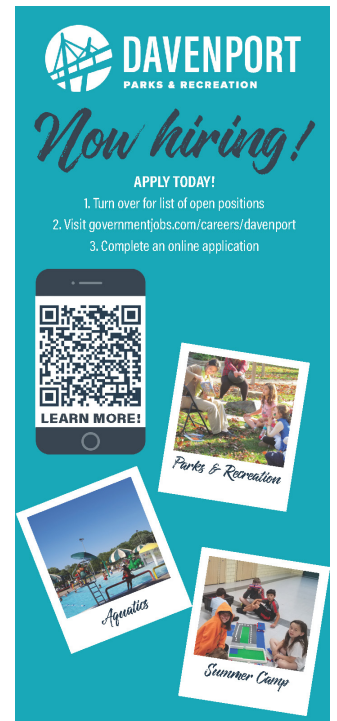


THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Community Engagement

THE DAVENPORT PULSE UPDATE

The Davenport Pulse podcast has reached over 1,000 downloads since launching mid-October. Co-hosts have had the chance to interview a variety of community leaders, business owners, and City employees from the Davenport Fire Department, Davenport Police Department, Public Works, and City Hall. Through this platform the City has been able to reach a new audience of individuals interested in exploring issues that impact our neighborhoods and the community. Residents are able to listen on several streaming services including Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Amazon Music.



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DAVENPORT PARKS AND RECREATION HIRING OUTREACH

Staff from the Parks and Recreation Department and AmeriCorps hosted job recruitment tables at Central, West, and North High Schools on January 13 during the lunch hour. The goal was to promote the variety of summer and part-time positions the Department offers. The schools each ran announcements about staff coming every day in the week leading up to the event. There are plans to host recruitment tables in both February and March along with multiple days of open interviews.

DPD FUNDRAISER

Throughout the month of November, 83 Davenport Police Personnel participated in *Sock It To Cancer* and *No Shave November* as a way to raise money to support the fight against cancer in the QCA. Each participant had the opportunity to grow facial hair or wear colorful or crazy socks throughout the month. With the event's success, the department hosted *Double Down December* to further the fundraiser. A total of \$5,000 was raised by DPD personnel. Funds raised were donated to the Nick Teddy Foundation, supporting those in the QCA who are impacted by Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer.

