



DUNLAP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Meetings

DCDC meets monthly in the DCDC office on Main Street the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public, but topics to be brought to the Board's attention, must be placed on the meeting agenda in advance.

About DCDC

DCDC stands for Dunlap Community Development Corporation. It was formed in 1991 as a 501(c)(6) organization with the purpose of enhancing the economic environment of Dunlap and improving the quality of life for its citizens. DCDC also works with local government and other institutions in Dunlap to support the development of the Dunlap community in order to sustain and expand business endeavors.

EVENTS COMMITTEE PREPS TO HOST AN EPIC 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Dunlap Events Committee members have put in a great deal of time and effort to ensure the upcoming 2023 4th of July celebration is one for the books. Recruiting over 70 volunteers, the Committee is utilizing Dunlap's greatest asset - it's people - to ensure a safe and exciting experience is executed for all in attendance.

The Committee, which consists of Julie Elder, Jake McCallister, Austin McDonald, Jill Schaben and Justin Schaben, has plans to add new, exciting activities, as well as bring back some old favorites.

Fun activities will be in the park following the parade, including two inflatable water slides, inflatable axe throwing and an inflatable soccer dart game. Activity wristbands to partake in these activities are \$10. The Dunlap American Legion is also sponsoring a "free fun" area, which includes life-size Connect 4, life-size yard pong, and tug of war.

Dunlap's kiddie train cars have been refurbished for this year's event. The cars were originally built in the 60's by Ray Stockstad. The trains were recently rebuilt by Myrlen Hein and stained/painted by Jill Schaben. This project was made possible with sponsorship funds from Baldwin Electric, Cottonwood Event Center, The Silver Fox Foundation and Doug Stockstad (Ray's son.)



The number of dunk tanks will be increased to two - one for kids and one for adults - to meet demands that have been apparent in previous years, and Pig Pen Bingo is making a comeback, so get ready to place your bets. The Boyer Valley Youth Organization will be selling food.

Thank you to the Events Committee, the City of Dunlap, the BV Youth Org., Myrlen Hein and all of the volunteers and sponsors. We look forward to seeing you on the 4th of July in Dunlap! *See the full itinerary on page 8.*

MURAL CREW GIVES THE DUNLAP POST OFFICE A MODERN FACADE

Having completed nine murals successfully, the Dunlap Mural Crew recently shifted their focus to main street facades. With the permission of former Iowa governor, and Dunlap Post Office landlord, Terry Branstad, they painted the front of the building.

A special thank you to Joyce Cogdill, and Melissa, Ashton, and Hayden Groves for power washing the building. Deb Hull, Ashley Denton and Tate Pape primed the building and, with the help of a paint sprayer loaned to the crew by Kelsey Miller, Kaley Lehan and Jill Schaben painted the facade. Terry Branstad funded the project. Thank you to Mary Cummings at the Dunlap Post Office for your support throughout the project and ongoing!

The Mural Crew plans to continue to focus on areas of town that would benefit from their talents and labor of love.



DCDC BUILDING GETS EXTERIOR SIGNAGE

Harold and Doug Melby volunteered their time and expertise to mount four exterior signs on the DCDC Building in May. These signs boast the three new businesses in the building, in addition to DCDC: Community Pharmacy, Family Connections and Horizon Physical Therapy.

"Harold is an extremely community-oriented individual," shared Jill Schaben, Executive Director of DCDC. "In the last year alone, I have seen him assist with construction projects for the Dunlap Senior Center, Dunlap Historical Society and DCDC. He is a tremendous value to our community and a good, kind human."

Doug, Harold's nephew, has also been instrumental in helping get the DCDC building set up for the three new tenants. Harold and Doug helped support DCDC, and ultimately the community, by installing door locks and mailboxes, and hanging fire extinguishers inside the building as needed.

THANK YOU
HAROLD &
DOUG



DUNLAP VISIONING COMMITTEE AND CITY OF DUNLAP TEAM UP FOR COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

Members of the Dunlap Visioning Committee were recently designated funding assistance from the Dunlap City Council for several community beautification projects. The proposed projects are the product of a tremendous culmination of volunteer hours by community members.

Ben Schauer, Boyer Valley 5-12 Music Teacher, and Director of Education kicked off this project more than a year ago, when he applied to nominate Dunlap as a contender for the "Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning" program, and Dunlap was chosen.

As spelled out on their website, "The Community Visioning Program integrates landscape planning and design with sustainable action to empower community leaders and volunteers in making sound, meaningful decisions about local landscape."

Community members were invited to take part in focus groups and discuss potential improvement projects at the Dunlap Public Library last spring.

Community members worked closely with technical experts from Trees Forever, a sector landscape architect, and the Iowa State University Department of Landscape Architecture to create an enhancement plan for community spaces, identified as areas of need and interest.

The Visioning Committee shared vision boards of the proposed projects with the Dunlap community at Dunlap's 2022 Shop Hop event to obtain further community feedback and support.

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Community members review Dunlap transportation maps and vision boards at the Dunlap Golf Course as part of the Dunlap Visioning Project.



DCDC ENTERS DUNLAP IN THE #IOWANSUNITE COMMUNITY CONTEST

Iowa communities were encouraged to share their community spirit for a chance to win a custom mural that is as unique as their town. It is up to the voters to decide who makes it to the finalist round.

Voting Thresholds to enter the finalist round:

Small Communities, cities with a population of 15,000 or less, must have at least 500 votes.

Large Communities, cities with a population of 15,001 or more, must have at least 1,000 votes.

One vote per Facebook profile per video per 24 hour period is allowed. Follow "Dunlap, Iowa" on Facebook to find the link to vote. We need 500 votes to move on to the next (and final) round.



This is an image of the video to vote for.

MINDFUL TREASURES OPENING IN DUNLAP

Mindful Treasures will offer Aura Imaging Consultations, Palmistry Readings, and Reiki Healing Sessions along with the retail storefront that will include incense, sage, candles, crystals, and vintage glassware.

Mindful Treasures owner, Shannon Kinsey, is a retired Omaha Police officer who moved to Harrison County four years ago. Ty Kinsey, will be the store manager.

Shannon has been part of the spiritual/metaphysical community in Omaha for the past 10 years. She started out helping a friend who is a psychic to grow her business and found her own niche in Aura Imaging Consultations and Palmistry readings. Ty is a Reiki Master in Usui Holy Fire Discipline.

Mindful Treasures plans to host their grand opening on July 11th, with a soft opening on June 26th. Business hours will be Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The business will be closed Sundays and Mondays.



"After seeing how the spiritual/metaphysical community in Omaha was thriving, and knowing how many people were traveling long distances for some of the services, I wanted the opportunity to provide my new rural community with some of the same services and options without them having to drive to either Omaha or Sioux City to be able to get a reading or energy work," shared Shannon. "I also wanted folks to be able to ask questions and get those answers from a person and not just the web."

Mindful Treasures will be occupying the commercial space between The Hair Station and Solsbury Hill Home & Gifts on Dunlap's main street, that was formerly Mick's Barber Shop.

"We had a wonderful opportunity to work with Judy Schoenherr and rent the space that she had available to introduce our products and services to the area," Shannon explained. "We felt that Dunlap was the perfect blend of what we were looking for with the reinvigoration of the town and being close enough to other towns in the county and the opportunity to provide something new to the area."

"I'm super excited to be in a thriving small community. I spent over a decade in a small town in rural Missouri and I have never forgotten the sense of 'community' and camaraderie that a small town can have. I have observed several of the towns in the county and have been super impressed and motivated by the growth and cohesiveness of Dunlap."

"We are really excited and grateful for the opportunity to bring the services we have been providing to the Omaha Metro Area to Dunlap and the surrounding towns. We are an eclectic store with plans to bring in local craftworkers/artisans' products and definitely believe in supporting small towns and small businesses."



Shannon moved to the area because she sought a quieter home life and wanted to explore a more self-sufficient lifestyle including gardening, chickens, and learning "from scratch" cooking. She is an avid animal lover and has dogs, barn cats, chickens, and guinea fowl. Additionally, you will find her reading whenever she finds free time.

SUMMER FUN GUIDE AVAILABLE

To encourage tourism and shopping locally in Dunlap, DCDC has developed a 2023 Dunlap Ultimate Summer Fun Guide. This guide can be accessed on Dunlap Iowa's website: dunlapia.com > Visit Dunlap > Ultimate Summer Fun Guide

In this guide, you will find flyers for upcoming summer events in Dunlap like the 4th of July, Art at the Park, and Vacation Bible School.

Feel free to print and post these flyers in your place of business and/or community gathering spaces in an effort to encourage attendance.

In the Dunlap Ultimate Summer Guide, you will also find recommendations on where to stay, dine, gather, play and worship in town.

DCDC has taken a serious interest in promoting Dunlap as a tourist destination. With many amazing places to socialize and spend the night, as well as a growing list of fun things to do and see, Dunlap has the opportunity to benefit from driving more tax dollars to the area.

With the heavily-trafficked US Hwy 30, people pass through on their way to destinations like the Loess Hills. DCDC is making marketing efforts to encourage people to slow down and take advantage of all that Dunlap has to offer.

DUNLAP
PLEASANT VIEW PARK

Dunlap's wayfinding signs are another example of DCDC's focus on tourism.

DINE IN DUNLAP



Dairy Sweet
American Restaurant and Ice Cream
118 Iowa Ave., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-5118



The Dog House
Bar and Grill
808 Iowa Ave., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-5781



Dunlap Golf Course
American Restaurant
507 S. 10th St., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-5845



JJ & Son's
Authentic Mexican Food
720 Iowa Ave., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-7140



Nuther Round Bar
Bar and Grill
107 Iowa Ave., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-5184



Schaben From Sc
Bakery and Charcuterie
611 Iowa Ave., Dunlap, IA
(712) 579-2560



Town & Country
Convenience Store
304 N. 8th St., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-1331

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GATHER IN DUNLAP



Cottonwood Event Center
114 Iowa Ave., Dunlap, IA
(712) 592-0385



Dunlap City Hall
718 Iowa Ave., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-5721



Dunlap Senior Center
619 Iowa Ave., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-2244



4 County Fairgrounds
Dunlap, IA
(712) 323-9857



St. Patrick Parish Center
312 S 3rd St., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-5115



STAY IN DUNLAP



Hilltop Hospitality House
10 guests | 4 bedrooms | 5 beds | 2 baths
Find on Airbnb



Hilltop Studio Apartment
4 guests | 2 beds | 1 bath
Find on Airbnb



Main Street Loft
4 guests | 1 bedroom | 2 beds | 1 bath
Find on Airbnb



Jake's Place
2 guests | 1 bedroom | 1 bed | 1 bath
1009 Remmen St., Dunlap, IA
(712) 592-0098



O'Conner House
2 bedrooms | 1 bath
1007 Court St., Dunlap, IA
(712) 840-8064



Nelson Park Primitive Cabins
1450 Nelson Park Rd., Dow City, IA
712-643-5428

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PLAY IN DUNLAP



Dunlap City Park & Pool
806 Montague St., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-5508



Dunlap Golf Course
507 S. 10th St., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-5845



Dunlap StoryWalk & Park
East Eagle St., Dunlap, IA
(712) 643-5721



Little Free Library
806 Montague St., Dunlap, IA

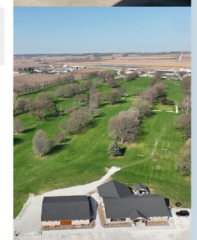
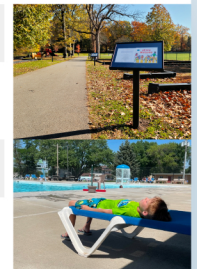


Museums
Dunlap, IA
(712) 289-5407



Mural Walk
Dunlap, IA
(712) 592-0801

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The projects presented to City Council include:

- Updating the benches, trash receptacles and planters on Main Street. In the summer of 2024, the City of Dunlap, in partnership with the DOT will be repaving main street from the Hwy 30 intersection east. Sidewalks, curbs, and gutters will be replaced at this time as well. Thus, it's an opportune time to enhance the look of Dunlap's main street with modern, black iron furnishings. Sponsorship opportunities for benches and planters are available. The committee has taken inventory of the benches and planters that exist currently on main street and are reaching out to current sponsor holders to discuss relocation opportunities.

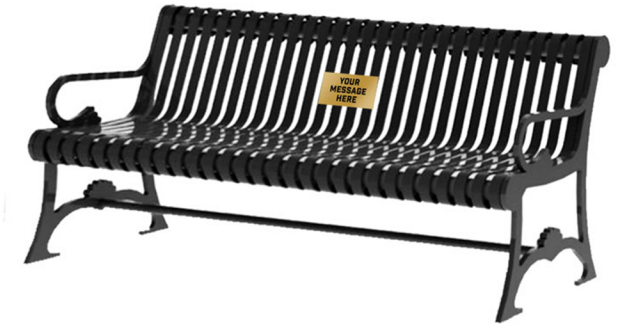
- Enhancing Dunlap's business district with a pocket park between Bonsall TV & Appliance and the DCDC building. With approval from Bonsall TV & Appliance and DCDC, and letters of recommendation from the mayor, representatives of the Dunlap Senior Center and Common Grounds coffee shop, the Visioning Committee plans to transform the gravel lot into a stunning gathering space with picnic tables, benches, flowers, and a kid-friendly activity fixture.

- Replacing the Dunlap message board at the Dunlap Golf Course. The derelict message board is still used year-round to boast important upcoming event information. At 32 years old, the sign is showing a lot of wear and tear. The committee looks forward to replacing it with an LED message board that will be easier to maintain and see at night.

- Creating safe spaces by adding light posts between Dunlap's commercial district and Boyer Valley Middle School/High School. As part of the summer of 2023 highway repaving project, light posts on main street will be updated and more will be added. The Visioning Committee seeks to ensure safe places for community members by adding additional lights, where applicable between the school and businesses along Hwy 37.

- Embellishing the light fixtures for a "wow factor." To set the stage for a stunning main street, hanging planters and vertical seasonal vinyl banners will be hung on the new light fixtures at varying intervals.

The Dunlap Visioning Committee would like to thank all the community members who invested time in the research and planning of these projects throughout the last year. They would also like to thank the City Council of Dunlap for supporting the projects. Successful partnerships between volunteer groups and the Dunlap City Council allow our community to flourish by ensuring that our limited resources are maximized.



UPCOMING EVENTS



July 1

Open Golf and Live Music on the Patio by Country Gold
Dunlap Golf Course, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.



July 3-4

Dunlap 4th of July Celebration and Parade (view the event flyer on following page of this newsletter or visit dunlapia.com > Events and Recreation > 2023 4th of July Celebration for complete details)



July 8

St Patrick Youth Ministry Can Drive
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at St Patrick Parish Center
No amount too big or small. No glass, please.



July 8

Closet on the Hill - Free clothing for all!
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Lifeline Assembly of God



July 10, 12 and 14

Junior Golf Camp
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. each night. For ages 8 - 14
Registration fee of \$25/kid to be paid on the first night. Signup sheet is posted in the clubhouse.



July 11

Grand Opening - Mindful Treasures



July 11-14

Dunlap Community Vacation Bible School
For all preschoolers - 6th graders, a meal will be provided.
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Dunlap United Methodist Church



July 15

Main Street Market
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Main Street



July 20

Grand Opening - Community Pharmacy
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Enter to win prizes! Free homemade dilly bars from the Dairy Sweet!



July 22

Heart of BBQ, BBQ Contest
Tasting, Games and Fun all afternoon
BBQ Dinner and entertainment at 5:00 p.m.
Visit HeartofBBQ.com or call 712-600-4599 for more information



July 29

Art at the Park
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Dunlap City Park
Free family fun and a vendor fair



July 31

Jazzercise Dunlap Classes Begin
Held at St John Lutheran Church - follow "Jazzercise Dunlap" on Facebook for more information

DUNLAP'S ANNUAL

4TH OF JULY

CELEBRATION



JULY 3RD

4 Person Best Ball Tournament - 9 Holes

3:00 p.m. - Registration

4:00 p.m. - Tee Off - Dunlap Golf Course

Ice Cream Social

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - United Methodist Church
(Free will donation)

Street Dance at the Dog House Bar

8:00 p.m. - featuring band Tyler Anthony

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

STARTS AT DUSK
PLEASANT VIEW PARK
JULY 4TH

JULY 4TH

Fun Run/Walk

8:00 a.m. - Dunlap City Park

Parade

10:30 a.m. - Kiddie Parade
(Lineup at the Dunlap Post Office in advance)

11:00 a.m. - Parade Begins

Games and Activities

12:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Dunlap City Park

\$10 Wristbands for unlimited fun

+ **New this year!** LOTS of free yard games/activities
sponsored by the Dunlap American Legion, Post 224

Silver Fox Auto Show

8:00 a.m. - Registration

(Across Hwy 30 from Town and Country)

Registration is FREE! Pre-register to get a reserved spot!

**Good will offering if you would like to donate!

Car show starts immediately following the parade!

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

\$40 per team

More Opportunities for Fun

Dunlap Golf Club is open on the 4th!

Dunlap Pool is open from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



FOLLOW "DUNLAP IOWA" ON FACEBOOK

SPONSOR A
BENCH OR PLANTER
ON DUNLAP'S MAIN STREET.....:

\$1,500

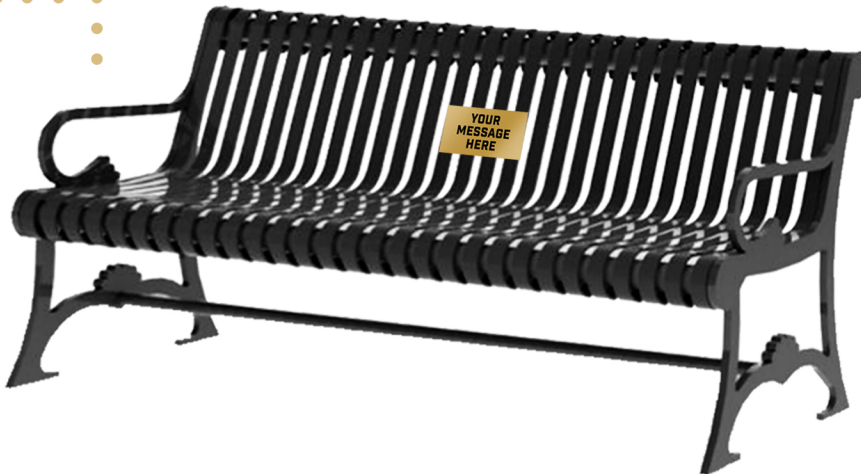
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COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

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INCLUDES PLANTER,
INSTALLATION, AND
COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

[17 AVAILABLE]



THIS IS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO:

- **commemorate a loved one,**
- **represent a high school class,**
- **advertise a business or organization,**
- **or show your family's support!**

There are a limited number of benches and planters and they are first-come, first-served.

Visit DunlapIA.com and click DCDC > Visioning Committee Projects to find the link.

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living done right.

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FLOWERS AND “FRANK” THE SNAKE

What a difference a year can make! In the photos at right, see how much the perennials planted by DCDC at the welcome sign have grown!



At right: Thanks to Denny and Linda Lehan, Sue Nemitz and Barb Corey, the upper flight of historic railroad stairs are looking fantastic. These community members continue to volunteer their time and labor to ensure the health and beauty of the perennials that were originally planted by Boyer Valley FFA students last fall.



Below: At the request of a couple of community members, a painted rock snake project was initiated at the Dunlap City Park. A painted head was placed next to a sign that reads "Hi, I'm Frank the Snake! Add painted rocks to help my tail grow!" Check out how many painted rocks have been added to the snake in just a few weeks time!



THANK YOU

DCDC wants to express our utmost appreciation for all who helped make our 2023 Luau Fundraiser a success.

Thank you to all who donated items, purchased items, attended, and took part in the fundraising games.

Thank you to the Schaben's, Will Epperly, and Greg and Lori Thomsen for handling the auction. You always do an amazing job.

Thank you to Jenny Puck, Grace Reinke, Bobby Gross and Jett Schaben for helping the auction run smoothly.

Thank you to the Dunlap Golf Course for accommodating the event and thank you to the DCDC Board for all of your tremendous efforts, always.



Ed Lapke, pictured with his daughter, Jenny, won the "Best Dressed" award at the Luau.

Nearly \$35,000 was raised in the course of one evening. DCDC will use this money to support Jill Schaben's position as executive director and for future development initiatives.