



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.

DUNLAP CHANNELS THE NORTH POLE FOR THE ANNUAL SHOP HOP

Dunlap businesses hosted the annual Dunlap Shop Hop on the evening of Friday, Nov. 17th. People came out in droves to shop locally, with stores offering extended hours to accommodate the crowds. With weather conditions being optimal, shoppers strolled along Dunlap's main street.

The Dunlap 4th of July Committee sold steak sandwiches and Roberto's Pizza by the slice near the DCDC building to raise money for the 2024 4th of July celebration.



DCDC encouraged businesses to decorate their windows and store fronts, announcing a "Santa's Workshop" theme for inspiration.

The Dunlap Wax Nativity opened for the season during the Shop Hop, offering free cocoa and cookies to visitors throughout the evening. The Wax Nativity will remain open from Noon - 8:00 p.m., seven days a week, through early January.



Bonsall TV & Appliance was announced as the first place winner in the 2023 Christmas Window Decorating contest. Dunlap City Hall came in second with their lighted North Pole, and CHI placed third with their painted Christmas scenes.



DUNLAP AMERICAN LEGION, POST 224 BRINGS SANTA TO TOWN!

Santa arrived at the Dunlap Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 9th, thanks to the Dunlap American Legion, Post 224. The Legion arranged to have Santa in town for photo opportunities and toy requests. They also organized a fun craft and refreshment for kids and hosted their annual bike and ride-on toy giveaway.

The Legion gave each child who attended the choice of a free toy, and 118 children came to the event.



*Thank you
Dunlap American Legion & Dunlap Public Library*



DCDC INITIATES A FUN "LETTERS TO SANTA" CAMPAIGN

DCDC has been combing the Dunlap Reporter digital archives for "Letters to Santa." In November, DCDC shared "Letters to Santa" from the 1970 Dunlap Reporter on social media. A new year of letters was posted each day through December, ending at the year 2009.

Social media followers have enjoyed reading the posts and tagging friends. At the end of the campaign, the authors of the three highest-performing letters will receive an annual subscription to the Dunlap Reporter, courtesy of DCDC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF DCDC'S RESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST



First Place: Jay & Kris Petersen, 501 Remsen



2nd Place: Don Roberts, 211 S 12th



3rd Place: Roger & Mary Jane Zehner, 705 Court

NEW STORY AT THE STORYWALK

For the Christmas season, the Dunlap StoryWalk was updated to feature "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg. This popular childrens' book was brought to you by sponsors, John and Karen Giovanetti, Scott and Melissa Groves, and Max and Devyn Lawrence.

Ashley Schaben, StoryWalk Coordinator, updated the fixtures to feature the stunning illustrations, the page spreads from the book with accompanying prompts that encourage readers to have fun interactions as they read.

The Dunlap StoryWalk is located at Pleasant View Park in Dunlap. It is open to the public and was made possible, thanks to donations from the Boyer Valley Youth Organization, Dunlap American Legion Post 224, Silver Fox Foundation, Robert and Jessica Brock, Sam and Sue Cogdill, Scott and Michelle Garside, John and Jayne Klein, Gale Rockwell, Jake and Ashley Schaben, Jay and Karla Schaben, Jim and Cindie Schaben, Dana and Susan Sturgill, Travis and Erica Sullivan, the Dunlap Livestock Auction and Sullivan Supply.



COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LEASE IN DUNLAP

-115 IOWA AVE-

Office, reception and BA.



Contact Kayla Bissen at (712) 643-1331.

GRANT WINS KEEP STACKING UP IN DUNLAP

Dunlap has received over \$333,000 in grant funding in the last three months, thanks to the Dunlap Grants Committee, DCDC and the City of Dunlap.

Aureon Grant

The Dunlap Grants Committee received \$250 from Aureon in grant funding towards the Dunlap Railroad Heritage project.

REAP Funding

The City of Dunlap was awarded a \$75,000 REAP Parks and Open Space Grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources! Parkland expansion and multi-purpose recreation developments are typical projects funded under this REAP program. Thus, the Dunlap Grants Committee applied for this grant to obtain funding for enhancements and updates to Dunlap's Pleasant View Park. Specifically, this money will go towards replacing the current pedestrian bridge, powering the shelter houses and restrooms with solar energy, and adding shade trees around the new playground. In conjunction with these updates, there are plans to touch up paint on the shelter house eaves and paint a mural on the side of the restroom.

Harrison County Endowment

The Grants Committee was awarded \$7,393 in grant funding to go towards the Dunlap Pocket Park, thanks to the Harrison County Community Foundation. This pocket park will be located between Bonsall TV & Appliance and the DCDC Building, with construction starting as early as next Spring. One of the objectives that came from Dunlap's recent Visioning Process, was to convert the underutilized alley space into an "urban open space." The Dunlap Visioning Committee plans to transform the existing gravel lot into a stunning gathering space with picnic tables, benches, flowers, and a kid-friendly activity fixture. The public will be encouraged to use this space for social gathering, business meetings, event overflow and the likes.

Iowa West Foundation

The Dunlap Grants Committee has been awarded \$109,587 from the Iowa West Foundation to further enhance the beauty and aesthetics of Dunlap's growing business district, create safe opportunities to walk, gather and socialize, and ultimately promote Dunlap to retain and attract residents and businesses!

This funding will go towards portions of the following projects:

1. Updating the benches, trash receptacles and planters on Dunlap's main street,
2. Embellishing the light fixtures on main with vinyl banners and hanging flowers,
3. Assisting as needed with the funding of the pocket park project,
4. Replacing Dunlap's derelict message board (located at the golf course) with a new LED welcome sign, and
5. Adding streetlights between Dunlap's commercial district and the Boyer Valley Middle/High School.

Jimmy D. King Grant

The Dunlap Grants Committee was awarded \$77,000 to go towards two large shade structures at the public pool, a new mushroom fountain, surfacing for the basketball court to include lines for pickle ball, a retractable pickle ball net, shade trees for the city park, new lifeguard chairs and more! Additionally, congratulations to the Dunlap Fire Department, as they were awarded \$68,000 for equipment that will aid them in the event of a lithium battery (electric car) fire, saws to help with a variety of situations, and flashing signs to notify of emergency vehicles turning on to Hwy 30! Thank you to Joyce Cogdill, who submitted the application on behalf of the Department.



Dunlap Grants Committee members from left to right: Margo Hansen, Jill Schaben (DCDC), Meredith VanHouten (City of Dunlap, Iowa), Kim McAllister and Jeni Martens. PC: Abe Hansen

DCDC Presents

THE DUELING PIANOS OF **ANDY** & **MIKE** LEEDS

"Sit back...
but please don't relax."



Covering song requests from the 1950's through the favorite songs of today!
Specializing in Top 40 hits that everyone knows and loves which makes for
an exciting, keep you on your feet, singing and dancing show!

January 27th, 2024 at the St. Patrick Parish Center

- Meal catered by Main Street Market -

5:30 Doors Open | **6:00** Dinner | **7:00** Entertainment

Purchase tickets in advance from any DCDC Board Member

\$800 - Entire VIP Table towards stage (Seats up to 8 People)

\$75 - Gen. Admission Ticket with meal included

\$25 - Gen. Admission Ticket with NO meal included

Call Jill Schaben at (712) 643-2164 with questions or to purchase tickets.



CASH DRAWING!

WIN UP TO \$5,000!

Drawing will be held Jan. 27, 2024 at the Dunlap Dueling Pianos Event
10 Winners Drawn: \$5,000 Grand Prize | \$1,000 (2) | \$500 (2) | \$100 (5)

Money supports DCDC and important Dunlap initiatives! - Need not be present to win.
Contact any DCDC Board member for tickets or call Jill at (712) 592-0801/email DunlapDCDC@gmail.com



If you've ever...



Had a prescription filled at the new pharmacy in town,



Taken a stroll along the Dunlap StoryWalk,



Taken advantage of Dunlap's new mental health and/or physical therapy services,



Enjoyed the clear sound of the new speaker at the Dunlap Pool,



Attended Dunlap's 4th of July parade and celebration and/or Dunlap's Art at the Park,



Been excited to see grant funding wins that affect town beautification and services,



Enjoyed shopping and wandering down Main Street during the Dunlap Shop Hop,



Had an important message shared on Dunlap's far-reaching Facebook page, or



Enjoyed seeing murals painted throughout town,



Been happy to see the uniform flowers growing on main street and in the park,

**...we encourage you to consider a DCDC membership.
DCDC played a role in the initiation, success and/or sustainability of all these projects!!**

Thank You

Businesses

Baldwin Electric
Bonsall TV & Appliance
CHI
City of Dunlap
Classic Leather Inc.
Common Grounds
Community Bank
Dairy Sweet
Dunlap Golf Course
Dunlap Livestock Auction
Dunlap Post Office
Edward Jones Financial
Empire Land & Cattle
Fouts Funeral Home
Gross & Co.

The Hair Station
Harrison County REC
Hoffman Insurance
Horizon Physical Therapy
Klein Senior Insurance
Lambert Family Chiropractic
McCord Seed Store
Rockin K Solutions
Schaben from Scratch
Schaben Real Estate
Silver Fox Foundation
Smitty's Grocery
Sullivan Supply
The Town & Country Store
United Bank of Iowa



Individuals

Fonley Allen
Mike & Geri Anderson
John & Kami Behrendt
Nick & Darcy Behrendt
Francis & Treva Block
Mark & Donna Brasel
Bob & Shelly Buresh
Evie Cline
Tim & Sue Cogdill
Barb Corey
Bob & Karen Doncheski
Josh & Julie Elder
Marge Emswiler
Colin Folk
Nick & Jane Gambs
Jim & Deb Greenwood
John & Katie Hanigan

Ben & Margo Hansen
Edward & Marla Heffernan
Sandra Iversen
Michael & Bridgit Jolkowski
John & Jayne Klein
Denny & Linda Lehan
Mike & Mary Lehan
Chris & Kara Marlowe
Jake & Kim McAllister
Cathy Murphy
Mark & Sue Nemitz
John & Nancy Nielsen
Frank & Joanne Oppold
Dewey & Janine Petersen
Kevin & Lis Petersen
Steve & Jenny Puck
Paul Klein

Jay & Lynn Randall
Michael & Paula Riester
Bill & Tricia Roberts
Rollie & Beth Roberts
Scott & Mary Roberts
Cody & Jill Schaben
Jim & Cindie Schaben
Jon & Julie Schaben
Jenny Seuntjens
Jim & Sue Stephens
Gail & Maureen Stessman
Greg & Monica Stinn
Doug Stockstad
Dana & Susan Sturgill
Lois Thompson
William & Sandra Wadsworth
Louis & Jolene Wessling
Roger & Mary Jane Zehner

To become a member, visit Dunlapla.com and click on DCDC>Become a Member!

CELEBRATING DUNLAP AT CHRISTMASTIME



Valerie McCloskey, Community Pharmacy and Megan Hanigan, Hair by Megan, paint Christmas scenes on windows at the DCDC building.



The Dunlap Flower Club freshened the Main Street planters with beautiful Christmas decor.



Visitors enjoying the Dunlap Wax Nativity.



Don Thompson and Ed Wendt installed a wayfinding sign for the Wax Nativity. This sign was purchased by the Silver Fox Foundation.



OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:



Leadership Harrison

Harrison County Development Corporation offers an annual leadership course entitled "Leadership Harrison."

"I took this course last year and I highly recommend it to anyone wanting to learn more about important resources, grant opportunities, landmarks, etc. within the county. It is an excellent networking opportunity."

- Jill Schaben, DCDC

Find more info and an application by visiting DunlapIA.com and clicking "City of Dunlap" > "Forms and Info"



Local parents are initiating a Boyer Valley Parent-Teacher Organization. The inaugural meeting will be held on January 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons at the BV High School.

Interested in helping?
Contact Jill Schaben, DCDC at dunlapdcdc@gmail.com

PURCHASE NEW CONSTRUCTION HOMES!

Several Floor Plans to Choose From!

2 BR - \$80,000

3 BR - \$95,000

(Delivery Included)



Maximum Gross Household Income is \$113,000 per year, based off your most recent tax return.

Homes for Iowa, Inc. (HFI) is a public-private partnership with Iowa Prison Industries. Iowa Prison Industries (IPI) builds the homes, trains the minimum-security offender crew, and sells the homes to HFI to pay for the training. HFI sells the homes to the public, manages all sales orders, coordinates moving logistics with IPI, and decides program policy.



DO YOU WANT TO BE A BULLPUP BUSINESS PARTNER?



We are looking for businesses in the Boyer Valley Community School District who would be interested in being assigned an elementary classroom. Throughout the school year you would meet 3-4x.

- ✓ Build a relationship with BVE
- ✓ Help students understand how a small community works together for success
- ✓ Introduce different career paths for students

IF INTERESTED EMAIL:

kmiller@boyervalley.org

