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To: Public Infrastructure Committee

From: Michelle Michels, Recreation Team Leader

Re: Request to escort a 3-day Senior Center trip to Dubuque, Iowa

The Senior Center has been offering more day trips due to increased interest. We have been offering one day trip per month (usually avoiding January and sometimes February due to weather concerns). All of the trips have had enough participation so that we haven't had to cancel, many have been full with a wait list.

For the last couple of years, we have offered an 3-4 day trip once a year which people ask for more of as they very much enjoy them. These trips have been well attended and have not only been creating revenue for special events, but also for Senior Center memberships as there is a discounted rate for Senior Center members.

This year we would like to offer a 3-day trip to Dubuque, IO in September. Some of the highlights would include: Stone Cliff Winery, a guided tour of Dubuque and Dyersville, Dyersville Field of Dreams, and a boat cruise.

Trips are an integral part of senior centers and recreation programs and activities. We have learned that sending a staff escort ensures the highest quality experience for the travelers. For these reasons, I would escort this trip and do my best to flex hours accordingly. Any other staffing expenses would be offset by the trip revenue. In addition, we would plan this trip outside of the Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center season.

Respectfully,

Michelle Michels

Recreation Team Leader