

# Save the Planet. Save Money. Get Certified



## Beyond the Office



1. Bike to work at least once during May.
2. Bike to work week is May 12-16th, so mark you calendar.
3. Buy organic flowers and refrain from using synthetic fertilizers.
4. Start planning your fresh garden even if it's small.
5. Refrain from cutting your grass more than once a week.

## Petal News...

### *Petal Project Quarterly Meeting*

The quarterly meeting was held on May 9, 2014. Thank you to Platinum Insurance for hosting the meeting. Sarah Weber, from Weber Paper Company, presented on green cleaning. If you would like more information on green cleaning and green cleaning products, please contact Sarah at 563-588-4611 or e-mail her at [sarahweber@weberpaper.com](mailto:sarahweber@weberpaper.com). The next quarterly meeting will be held in September, 2014 at North East Iowa Community College (NICC). We will be touring their outdoor learning lab. There will be more information to come.

## May Events

May 17th  
9:00am-12pm  
International Migratory Bird  
Day and Bird Banding  
**Location:** Mines of Spain  
Recreation Area at Canoe.

May 12th-16th  
Bike to work week. Try to  
ride your bike at least once  
this week!

## *Grants to Green Partnership*

CFGD (Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque) was awarded \$1.25 million for a program called *Grants to Green (G2G)*. The goal of *G2G* is to build the sustainability of nonprofits in Northeast Iowa by helping them become more resource efficient, primarily by building and renovating their facilities to operate as "green" as possible. The program provides up to \$50,000 per nonprofit for energy improvements to help save money on utility bills and grow stronger.

The program is available to all registered nonprofits who:

- own their building;
- are planning to build a new facility; or
- have a long-term lease.

\*Houses of Worship do not currently qualify for this program, but a school, daycare, etc. operated by a church does qualify.

The businesses involved in this grant will be working with the Petal Project as well, so the Petal Project has the potential to add an additional 20 businesses over the next couple of years.

If you are interested in participating in the program, or to learn more about it, please visit the [Community Foundation website](#).

# Dubuque Food Coop

Hours:

Mon-Sat 8:00am- 7:00pm

Sunday 11am-7:00pm



The Dubuque Food Co-op is the Dubuque area's first member-owned natural, organic, and local food store, but you won't need to be a member to shop with us. That said, membership is the lifeblood of cooperatives, and your investment will help to grow our food community in the Dubuque area!

Check out their website:

<http://dubuquefood.coop/>

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## Helpful Jule Information

The Jule Transit implemented an improved route system on January 6, 2014. At the spine of the new system, is an addition of Non-Stop Express service



between downtown and the west side of Dubuque. This route combines with a new route concept to create efficiencies that enable a variety of improvements including:

- Reduced travel times
- Maximum trip length of approximately 50 minutes
- 5 minute trip time from JFK Circle to 6th & Iowa
- Reduced wait times at transfers
- Maximum wait time at transfers of 15 minutes
- Non-stop service between downtown and west-end every 30 minutes
- Service from downtown to west-end and DICW until 6:15pm
- More commuters will be able to utilize transit to return home from work
- New (hourly) service to Terrace Heights, Freemont/Wartburg, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Rockdale Rd, YM/YWCA
- 30 minute service from 22-32nd & Jackson, MA West, Asbury Plaza, Walmart and DICW

For more information, visit our website at [www.juletransit.org](http://www.juletransit.org) or contact The Jule at 563.589.4196

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### **Adjustment to Janitorial Paper Requirement**

After meeting with vendors and conducting extensive internal research, the Petal Project team has decided to slightly modify the janitorial paper requirement for the program. The new requirement is listed below. The program now allows the use of all Ecologo and Green-Seal certified products. We feel this change will simplify the certification process for Petal businesses, and appreciate that the third party certifications evaluate the entire life cycle of the product. Any products that previously qualified for the program still do. This change just adds the Ecologo and Green Seal options. Please let Holly Kueter know if you have any concerns with this change.

*New: Purchase janitorial paper products (toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels) that are certified Ecologo, Green Seal, or contain a minimum of 50% post-consumer recycled content. Documentation from your vendor will be required.*

*Old: Purchase janitorial paper products (toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels) that contain a minimum of 50% post-consumer recycled content. Documentation from your vendor will be required.*

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### **Thank You To Our Sponsors**

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#### Silver



#### Bronze



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