

PARKS

- The Rockwell Collins Green Communities Program has given a \$2000 grant to the Linn County Trails Association to establish a prairie restoration seeding to the entrance area of the Sac-Fox Trail at Cole Street SE. The existing grass in the 4.5 acre area will be killed and the seed drilled later.
- A new small pavilion is being built at Wilderness Park, south of F Avenue and off Moose Dr. NW
- Water splash pads started last weekend. The splash pad at Time Check Park had an electrical unit failure and will be out of operation into the week of June 4th when repair parts arrive.
- A new splash pad is under construction a Noelridge Park and should be operational by the end of June.
- The first Cedar Rapids Municipal Band concert will be held at Noelridge Park Wednesday June 6th. The concerts will be performed at different sites on Wednesday and Sunday evenings during the summer until August 8th. All concerts start at 7:30pm except the July 4th concert that begins at 8:00pm.

POLICE

- A patrol bike training session was held to learn the basics in bike patrol techniques and tactics. Training includes classroom participation, firearms at the range, and practical riding in various situations and conditions.
- CRPD has applied for the Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$47,624 to be used for equipment.
- Command staff met at the Linn County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the Kirkwood Community College complex and were briefed on the facility and the operations conducted there.
- Two presidential candidates requiring Secret Service protection visit this week. This type of activity is expected to increase through the summer.
- Officers have begun to participate in the Project Safe Neighborhoods anti-gang initiative. Selected large apartment complexes will receive coordinated patrol with the Department of Corrections probation/parole officers. This grant is made possible through the U.S. Attorney's Office and the ATF.
- Two summer college students will intern with CRPD throughout the summer, providing them with a good look at the profession and the internal workings.

RECREATION

- Received a grant from the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation to coordinate the Active Choices Active Kids program which is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and encourages kids to do seven hours of physical activity each week throughout the summer. They record their physical activity on a card and return the card, with a parent's signature, to any CR municipal pool, the Ambroz or Time Check Recreation Centers, or the American Heart Association office for a prize. Prizes change weekly. All completed cards are entered into a drawing for bikes August 11.
- Municipal swimming pools opened for the season June 2.
- Season passes are on sale and swim lesson registration is available. The regular season will run from June 2 to August 12. Special post season hours will occur at selected facilities from August 13 - September 3.

TRESURER – City tax revenue potentially affected by:

- In recent years some apartment owners have converted their apartment complexes into condominium units to achieve property tax savings, as they would be treated as residential property and be subject to the residential rollback.
- Another assault is occurring on the taxable value of these apartment units as condominiums, whereby the apartments would be classified as cooperatives instead of condominiums. As a cooperative, versus condominium, the units are not sold in the typical sense. Ownership of the unit is determined by ownership in the corporation. At present, market data for cooperatives come strictly from the apartment market; therefore the assessed value will not deviate from the original apartment value when classed as commercial. If a unit is assessed and taxed at \$38,000 per unit as a commercial apartment, the unit value would remain at \$38,000 as a residential cooperative, but the taxable value would be \$17,478. This deals another blow to the city's already stagnant tax revenue. If apartment values in Cedar Rapids were to become residential cooperatives the City would stand to lose approximately \$2.2 million in tax revenue.

USHERS FERRY

- The 20th annual Trains Day celebration - June 3rd from 11:00am -5:00pm. The Union Pacific will be the featured railroad. Model train displays as well as train rides for the kids.
- The municipal band will perform June 13th at 7:30pm. As a sneak peek at the upcoming Grand Celebration of Brass Bands the Eastern Iowa Brass Band will perform a short concert at 6:30pm. Free admission. Advance tickets can be purchased during both concerts for \$4 for adults and \$1 for kids 5-14. Regular admission will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids 5-14.

WATER

- The Customer Care and Billing Software Implementation Project entails the conversion to a new software system that will do the utility billing and maintain the customer information records for the 46,000 served. The project implementation team just completed two weeks of extensive training about the functions of the new software. The team will now analyze the City's utility business practices and develop strategies for their implementation using the new software.

STREET CLOSURES

Location	Restrictions	Activity	Department - Entity	Est. Completion
34 th St. SE between. Bel Air Dr. & Mt. Vernon Rd	1 – SB Lane Closed	Street Repairs	Street Dept.	5/30/07
Edgewood Rd. SW s/o Beverly Rd.	Closed	RR Track Repair	Union Pacific	5/30/07
‘J’ St. SW s/o Oklahoma Ave.	Type III @ E.O.P.	Road Ends	Traffic Eng.	7/31/07
3906 Northwood Dr. NE	1 – NB Lane Closed	Sewer	Earl’s	6/1/07
4501 Benton St. NE	1 – SB Lane Closed	Sewer	Earl’s	6/1/07
Meadowbrook Dr. SE between. 29 th & 30 th St.	1 – EB Lane Closed	Street Repairs	Street Dept.	5/18/07
Dorchester Pl. NE @ Winterberry Pl.	1 – EB Lane Closed	Manhole Repair	Sewer Dept.	6/4/07
3529 Elmwood Ct. NE	Parking Lane Closed	Sewer	Earl’s	6/1/07
7 th St. S.E. between. 1 st Ave. & 4 th Ave.	1 – SB Lane Closed	Manhole Repairs	Com Tec	5/31/07
Walden Rd. NE @ Northfield Dr.	Center Lane Closed	Manhole Repairs	Sewer Dept.	6/5/07
35 th St. N.E. between. Prairie Dr. & Eastern Ave.	1 – EB Lane Closed	Street Repairs	Street Dept.	5/17/07
‘G’ Ave. NW e/o Ellis Blvd.	Closed	Valve Repair	Water Dept.	6/5/07
7016 Lindsey Grove Rd. NE	1 – NB Lane Closed	Manhole Repair	Sewer Dept.	6/5/07
Walden Rd. NE @ Waldenwood Ln.	Center Lane Closed	Manhole Repair	Sewer Dept.	6/5/07
10 th St. S.E. between 1 st Ave. & 2 nd Ave.	1 – SB Lane Closed	Steam Leak	Alliant	5/25/07
Walden Rd. NE @ Prairieview Dr.	Center Lane Closed	Manhole Repair	Sewer Dept.	6/5/07
2 nd Ave. SW between. 3 rd St. & ‘L’ St.	1 – WB Lane Closed	Relocate Utilities	Gaylord	6/15/07

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ CALENDAR - (Not all meetings are noted. The calendar is **not** an official posting.)

- Monday, June 4** 1:30pm Re-Org Task Force Meeting, (*4th Floor Conf. Room*)
- Tuesday, June 5** Noon NIMS Training Brown Bag, (*Council Chambers*)
 2:00pm "To Wing" Visual Arts Commission dedication, (*Airport*)
 6:30pm South West Area Neighbors (SWAN) Meeting, (*Wilson Middle School cafeteria, 2301 J St. SW*)
- Wednesday, June 6** 9:00am Iowa Cultural Corridor Conference, (*Beems Auditorium*)
 6:00pm Council Meeting, (*Council Chambers*)
- Thursday, June 7** 5:30pm Celebration of Sports! Banquet & Auction, (*Longbranch*)
- Saturday, June 9** 10:00am Mound View Neighborhood Association meeting, (*Central Park Presbyterian Church, 1700 B Ave NE*)