



## STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT WEEK OF JUNE 10, 2007

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### **CITY MANAGER**

- ✓ The Blueprint for the Future and Reorganization boards used at the Employee Re-org meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday will be on the Intranet following the Council presentation on Tuesday, June 12 at Noon. The boards will be on the City website Thursday following Wednesday's Council meeting.

### **FACILITIES**

- ✓ The Sinclair Management Team will hold an open house on site June 16, 10:00am - Noon at the former Farmstead facility.
- ✓ A *Name the Lake Contest* has begun to solicit a name for the former Martin Marietta quarry. If interested in participating, go the City's website and click on "Name the Lake Contest" and submit your suggestion using the e-mail link on the webpage. Construction work to convert this former quarry into an urban fishery with perimeter paved trails is scheduled to begin this summer.

### **FIRE**

- ✓ The Holiday Inn structure on Williams Blvd. SW had been secured by the owner earlier this year in cooperation with the City Building and Fire Department. Recently the security was removed as the demolition project got underway.
- ✓ The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Citizens' Fire Academy started Wednesday with 20 participants. Citizens learn what it takes to be a firefighter as well as what their tax paying dollars are used for. During the nine-week academy, the citizens get their own bunker gear, cut cars apart, rappel the training tower, practice search and rescue, drive a fire truck, dress out in Haz Mat suits, and other activities in preparation for the final night which is to fight two separate fires; a flammable liquid tank and a structure fire in a very safe and controlled environment.

### **FIVE SEASONS TRANSPORTATION & PARKING**

- ✓ The Clerk's Office will be meeting with the Taxi Cab Advisory Committee to address a request to increase taxi cab rates. Members include the Cab companies, City staff and area reps. Results of that meeting will be presented to City Council if adjustments are required.

### **GOLF**

- ✓ Golf Director Tom Lavrenz has gone on long term illness leave due to his battle with Parkinson disease and other neurological ailments, after nearly 30 years with the City. Lisa Miller, PGA Master Professional, has been named Interim Golf Director. Tom's vision and leadership will be missed by many throughout the entire City system.
- ✓ Two club demo days remain; Sunday, June 10 (Callaway and Nike Golf @ Gardner) 10:00am – 2:00pm and Saturday, June 16 (Taylor Made @ Ellis) 10:00am – 2:00pm. to try clubs from premium club manufacturers. Demo days are free events which offer discounts on club purchases and offer club fittings which improve the golfers playing performance.
- ✓ Women's City Am Tournament is Friday and Saturday June 8-9. Play begins at 9:00am Friday at Ellis golf course and continues with a shotgun start on Saturday at Jones golf course.
- ✓ The first radio golf show on WMT began Thursday and will run every Thursday from 6:00 – 7:00pm through August. The show offers an opportunity for golfers and the general public to call in and ask questions about the game of golf, get a quick playing tip from a golf professional or ask a question of our superintendents about our turf practices. A rotating schedule has been established to have either a head golf professional or a head golf superintendent as the guest of Bob Bruce on WMT.
- ✓ The Junior golf program begins June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Twin Pines. The advanced junior lessons begin June 13<sup>th</sup> at Ellis.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- ✓ Meetings to discuss services available to employees losing their jobs are scheduled for Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Representatives will be on hand to discuss outplacement, the employee assistance program through Mercy, unemployment, and general City benefit information. Contact Gloria McMahan or Heath Halverson with questions.

## LIBRARY

- ✓ The Iowa Cultural Corridor Association held a press conference June 6 in Beems Auditorium. The topic was the value of the arts in the community. A study was released showing that non-profit arts organizations generate more than \$63 million worth of activities in the Corridor each year.

## POLICE

- ✓ PD members are making site visits to various locations in the Midwest researching community policing initiatives and best practices. Ideas from those trips may be incorporated into the reorganization plan.
- ✓ Officers have begun a concentrated effort to address quality of life issues in the core neighborhoods. This effort combines both patrol and investigative officers from on shift, use of administrative time, and the Weed & Seed grant.
- ✓ Captain O'Konek and Linn County Sheriff's department staff is working on details to transition the river patrol to the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Zeller is interested in establishing a river patrol for the Cedar River as well as other waterways in Linn County.

## STREET CLOSURES

Location	Restriction	Activity	Department Entity	Completion Date
34 <sup>th</sup> St SE between Bel Air Dr. & Mt. Vernon Rd	1 – SB Lane Closed	Street Repairs	Street Dept.	5/30/07
1 <sup>st</sup> Ave NE @ 15 <sup>th</sup> St.	1 – WB Lane Closed	Valve Repair	Water Dept.	6/4/07
J St SW south of Oklahoma Ave	Type III @ E.O.P.	Road Ends	Traffic Eng.	7/31/07
Woodland Ct NW @ Westwood Dr	1 – SB Lane Closed	Replace Hydrant	Water Dept.	6/4/07
1648 23 <sup>rd</sup> St NW	1 – SB Lane Closed	Sewer	Kenway	6/8/07
Meadowbrook Dr SE between. 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> St.	1 – EB Lane Closed	Street Repairs	Street Dept.	5/18/07
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave SE between. 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	1 – EB Lane Closed	Sidewalk Repairs	Jelinek	6/29/07
830 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave SW	1 – WB Lane Closed	Dirt Work	Water Dept.	6/5/07
7004 West Park Rd NE	Center Lane Closed	Manhole Repairs	Sewer Dept.	6/13/07
Walden Rd NE @ Northfield Dr	Center Lane Closed	Manhole Repairs	Sewer Dept.	6/5/07
35 <sup>th</sup> St NE between Prairie Dr & Eastern Ave	1 – EB Lane Closed	Street Repairs	Street Dept.	5/17/07
'G' Ave NW East of Ellis Blvd	1 – WB Lane 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
6 <sup>th</sup> St SW @ 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave	1 – SB Lane Closed	Storm Sewer	Rathje	6/12/07
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave SW between. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.)

<b><u>Monday, June 11</u></b>	1:30pm	Blueprint for the Future Task Force meeting, ( <i>4<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room</i> )
	6:30pm	Landlords of Linn County meeting, ( <i>Beems Auditorium</i> )
	6:30pm	Harbor Neighborhood Association meeting, ( <i>Time Check Recreation Center - 1131 5th St NW</i> )
	7:00pm	Kenwood Park Neighborhood Association meeting, ( <i>United Methodist Church, 175-34<sup>th</sup> St NE</i> )
<b><u>Tuesday, June 12</u></b>	Noon	City Re-Org presentation, ( <i>Armory in City Hall</i> )
	7:00pm	Wellington Heights Neighborhood Association meeting, ( <i>Paul Engle Center, 1600 4th Ave. S.E.</i> )
<b><u>Wednesday, June 13</u></b>	8:00am	Legislative Council & Fiscal Committee meeting, ( <i>State House in Des Moines</i> )
	6:00pm	City Council meeting, ( <i>Council Chambers</i> )
<b><u>Thursday, June 14</u></b>	8:00am	Legislative Council & Fiscal Committee meeting, ( <i>State House in Des Moines</i> )
	1:30pm	Employee meeting, ( <i>4<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room</i> )
	7:00pm	Noelridge Neighborhood Association meeting, ( <i>Noelridge Park Church, 1147 Clifton Street NE</i> )
<b><u>Saturday, June 16</u></b>	10:00am	Sinclair Open House, ( <i>Old Farmstead site</i> )