



STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT

WEEK OF JUNE 24, 2007

CITY MANAGER

- ✓ The Blueprint for the Future Task Force will hold their third Open House at the US Cellular Center, Thursday, June 28 from 5:00-7:00pm. A power point presentation at 6:00pm will outline the restructuring of City Government.

FIRE

- ✓ Crews have been conducting evacuation drills for area businesses, fire extinguisher demonstrations and tours.
- ✓ Crews are flow testing hydrants throughout the City to ensure adequate pressure.
- ✓ The four probationary fire fighters have two weeks left in their academy and then will be placed with Captains for one year to continue learning their fire fighting skills.
- ✓ The 8th annual Fire and Life Safety Kid's Camp will be held June 25th - 29th. The 5 day camp is designed to educate children ages 5 through 9 about fire and life safety topics in a hands-on exciting atmosphere. They learn about fire safety in the home, have races with fire fighter clothing, tour the station, eat with the fire fighters, learn about bicycle safety, learn about stranger danger with the assistance of the PD, tour the Dispatch Center, inspect the Kid's Safety Trailer for fire hazards, spray the fire hose, learn basic first aid and finally wash the fire truck before getting a ride around the neighborhood in the fire truck.

LIBRARY

- ✓ The newest Foundation Board Directors are Brian Wakeham with Alliant Energy and Phyllis Fleming, retired Gazette editor.
- ✓ A new computer class schedule through September has been posted on the library's web site. All classes are offered free of charge and include topics ranging from basic computer skills to Excel and PowerPoint.

PARKS

- ✓ Two hundred and three adult and immature geese were removed from the Robins Lake area in Ellis Park Wednesday and hauled to 3 locations – Hawkeye Wildlife Area in Johnson County, Otter Creek Marsh in Tama County and a private wetland near Palo. Last year 326 geese were hauled away.
- ✓ The new splash pad in Noelridge Park near Harding School should open this weekend if the weather does not prevent seeding and sodding of the area around it.
- ✓ The newly refurbished tennis court at Ellis Park will open this week.

POLICE

- ✓ The city will renew its towing contract with Darrah's for the 2nd of three one-year options on the current contract in effect since 2004. The current quality of service has been excellent and does not require change. The PD prefers to work with one vendor to minimize the possibility of errors and lost vehicles. The current towing contract will be due for bid prior to July 1, 2009 or at an earlier time should conditions of the service rendered require it.

RECREATION

- ✓ The Senior City Amateur Tournament will be held at Ellis and Jones Golf Courses this weekend. Thirty-six holes will be played determining the Senior, Super Senior, Silver Seniors and Open division winners. Approximately 110 seniors are registered to participate.
- ✓ Saturday, June 30th, Callaway will be at Ellis Golf Course from 12:00-3:00 pm with an array of demonstration metals and irons for customers to try, order, or buy. This is the last of seven demo days that have been hosted at three municipal golf courses. They have been very well received and have enhanced merchandise sales.
- ✓ The annual Adult Kickball Tournament is Saturday, June 23 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at Noelridge Park. The tournament reached maximum capacity with 24 teams competing for the kickball championship.
- ✓ The 8th Annual Riverside Skate Park Challenge is Saturday, June 23 at 10:00am. This event provides skateboarders, in-liners and bikers an opportunity to compete in street course or half pipe events. Registration is accepted at the event.

- ✓ The Amateur Softball Association Men's Fast Pitch District Softball Tournament will be June 29-July 1 at Ellis Park. On June 30 and July 1, the Cedar Rapids Softball Hall of Fame will hold its annual tournament with their hall of fame inductions on Sunday afternoon at the Ellis Park softball diamonds.

STREET CLOSURES

LOCATION	RESTRICTION	ACTIVITY	DEPT./ ENTITY	COMPLETION
2 nd Ave. SW between 3 rd St. & 'L' St.	1 – WB Lane Closed	Relocate Utilities	Gaylord	6/15/07
12 th St. NE @ 1 st Avenue	Closed	Repair Valve	Water Dept.	6/22/07
'J' St. SW s/o Oklahoma Ave.	Type III @ E.O.P.	Road Ends	Traffic Eng.	7/31/07
35 th St. NE between Prairie Dr. & Eastern Ave.	1 – EB Lane Closed	Street Repairs	Street Dept.	5/17/07
Northbrook Dr. NE w/o Council St.	1 – WB Lane Closed	Street Repairs	Street Dept.	7/13/07
Meadowbrook Dr. SE between 29 th St. & 30 th St.	1 – EB Lane Closed	Street Repairs	Street Dept.	5/29/07
3 rd Ave. SE between 5 th St. & 6 th St.	1 – EB Lane Closed	Sidewalks	Jelinek	6/29/07
18 th St. NW s/o Johnson Ave.	1 – SB Lane Closed	Water Cut-Off	Vandersee	6/19/07
1 st Ave. NE @ 12 th St.	1 – WB Lane Closed	Repair Valve	Water Dept.	6/22/07
5 th Ave. SE e/o 10 th St.	1 – EB Lane Closed	Water Main	Ricklef's	6/29/07
1704 Chestnut Lane NE	1 – EB Lane Closed	Sewer Repair	Earl's	6/22/07
Mt. Vernon Rd. SE @ 19 th St.	1 – WB Lane Closed	Manhole Repair	Sewer Dept.	6/26/07
'O' Ave. NW e/o Edgewood Rd.	Curb Lane Closed	Driveway Repair	Water Dept.	6/27/07

COUNCIL FEEDBACK FOLLOW-UP

DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES UPDATE

- ✓ 114-16th St NE, owner by Hy Vee now commits to demolition within two months
- ✓ 1512-1st St NW now slated for demolition
- ✓ 63-26th Ave SW obtained demolition permit
- ✓ 3051 Canton Dr SE owner proposing to demolish and put in a modular home
- ✓ 202-30th St Dr SE owner proposes to demolish house in fall
- ✓ 1213 N Street SW owners contacted/communicated with Mike Sedlacek. Owner, son, and US Bank vested interests - owner to provide plan of action letter and also pursuing US Bank
- ✓ 1517 Ellis Blvd demolition permit obtained.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' CALENDAR

(Not all meetings are noted. The calendar is **not** an official posting.)

<u>Monday, June 25</u>	6:00pm	Taylor Area Neighborhood Association (TANA), (Taylor Elementary School Cafeteria, 720 - 7th Avenue SW)
<u>Tuesday, June 26</u>	Noon	Federal Legislative Services Brown Bag, (Council Chambers)
	2:00pm	GIS mapping, (Wichitup Hill Center)
	6:00pm	Vision Cedar Rapids / JLG Open House, (African American Museum)
<u>Wednesday, June 27</u>	4:00pm	Gazette's "In the Neighborhood", (Northview Park, 21st St. & B Ave NE)
	6:00pm	Council Meeting, (Council Chambers)
	6:00pm	Cedar Hills Neighborhood Association, (St Mark's United Methodist Church, 4700 Johnson Ave NW)
	7:00pm	Northwest Neighbors Meeting, (Time Check Recreation Center, 113- 5th St NW)
<u>Thursday, June 28</u>	5:00pm	Blueprint for the Future Open House, (US Cellular Center)
	5:00pm	CR Neighborhoods Board Meeting, (St Mark's United Methodist Church, 4700 Johnson Ave NW)
<u>Friday, June 29</u>	9:00am	Day-long tours of Linn and Johnson Counties
	Noon	Community Briefing - Fifteen in Five: A progress report, (Beems Auditorium)
<u>Saturday, June 30</u>	1:00pm	Community Conversation, (Jane Boyd Community House)