



STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT WEEK OF JULY 1, 2007

There will no S & I report the week of July 8, 2007.

CITY MANAGER

- ✓ Feedback from employees support the communication the S & I report provides. In a continuous effort to provide needed and wanted information about City departmental activities, please send suggestions of content to the City Manager email box or call the office, 286-5080.
- ✓ Legislative Issues:
 - At the council's June 26th Brown Bag luncheon, two federal lobbyist firms, DCI Group and Gardner Carton & Douglas, presented their proposals for federal legislative initiatives assistance. No decision was made to contract with a firm. Council will discuss the proposals at a future meeting.
 - The City has been appropriated a total of \$450,000 for the feasibility study of the Time Check levee flood protection project; the State of Iowa has committed \$300,000 and the federal government \$150,000. The federal funds will be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to identify solutions to potential flood hazards associated with the aging levee along the Cedar River near downtown, thereby protecting citizen's homes and possessions. Total estimated cost to complete the feasibility study exceeds \$1,250,000.

FIRE

- ✓ The annual deer hunt in Cedar Rapids has been approved by the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) for the upcoming 07/08 season. Each year the NRC reviews the previous years hunt and approves or denies the request by the city to conduct the hunt again under the same rules and regulations that were set up by each individual city. Cedar Rapids first approved an urban bow hunt during the 2005/2006 season. During the 2006/2007 season 333 deer were harvested and 85 of those were donated to area food banks. The final decision to hunt in each individual city is made by their City Council. The DNR follows the rules set by the NRC and the ordinances passed by each individual city that sponsor urban hunts.

LIBRARY

- ✓ The Process/LEAN team is surveying deposit sites - day cares and nursing homes where large deliveries of library materials are made on a rotating basis - to find whether the service is being fully utilized and if adjustments could be made for efficiency and better service.
- ✓ The Summer Reading Program is continuing, with 1,900+ children registered. Programs for Adult and Teens are ongoing as well; there is still time to sign up for the programs and to win prizes for reading. Grand prizes will include gift certificates for Target and Best Buy.
- ✓ A new set of display monitors for the lobby area will feature upcoming library programs and other visual displays.

PURCHASING

- ✓ Diane Rodenkirk has earned recognition from the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council (UPPCC) by obtaining the Certified Professional Buyer (CPPB) designation. Diane attained this distinction by meeting high standards of proficiency in public procurement as demonstrated by substantial professional experience, purchase related coursework and superior examination performance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' CALENDAR

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

<u>Monday, July 2</u>	1:30pm	Blueprint for the Future Task Force Meeting, (4 th floor Conference Room)
<u>Tuesday, July 3</u>	6:30pm	South West Area Neighbors (SWAN) meeting, (Wilson Middle School cafeteria, 2301 J Street SW)
<u>Wednesday, July 4</u>		Holiday – All city offices closed