



STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT

WEEK OF AUGUST 5, 2007

FIRE

- ✓ CRFD along with the Building and Zoning Divisions will be holding a series of meetings to gather feedback from groups that utilize services, such as inspections, permits or plan reviews, from these departments. This is also an opportunity to learn more about the inspection process, plan reviews and other services offered by these departments. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8th from 1:00 -2:00pm in Room 212 of Basile Hall at Mt. Mercy College. The emphasis will be on concerns of general contractors, plumbers, small and large construction, demolition, mechanical and electrical trades.

POLICE

- ✓ The 15-week Cedar Rapids Police Academy, consisting of 8 CRPD officers, 2 Linn County deputies and 1 Iowa City officer, has completed its first week of training for the 35th Basic Training class.
- ✓ The Cedar Rapids Police Youth Academy begins August 6 and runs for one week. The curriculum exposes students, grades 3 thru 5, to some of the same activities experienced by the 35th Basic Training class. The academy is run through the Crime Prevention Bureau.
- ✓ CRPD once again participated in 'Shop with a Cop'. Disadvantaged youth accompanied PD members to K-Mart West to purchase school supplies and clothing August 2nd. This was a collaborative effort between the PD, K-Mart, the Cedar Rapids School District, and the Cedar Rapids Police Protective Association (which raised the funds).
- ✓ National Night Out is August 7th. This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and your beat officer. Officers will stop by events throughout the city that evening. See the city website for details or contact the Neighborhood Liaison or PD for details.

PUBLIC WORKS

- ✓ The bridge collapse catastrophe in Minneapolis precipitated several contacts to the Engineering department regarding bridges in Cedar Rapids. Rob Davis was requested by one of the news media companies to explain the City's bridge inspection program. The general information provided in connection with the City's bridge management program notes structural and condition inspections are conducted every 2 years on 76 structures in the City meeting the definition of bridge as defined by the Federal Highway Administration and the Iowa DOT (structures with a span of 20 feet or greater). These structures include 46 bridges, 16 box culverts, and 14 trail bridges. The Edgewood Road bridge over the Cedar River is also inspected annually. All inspections conform to the federal guidelines and all inspections have been conducted with the last 2 years. The Edgewood Road bridge was last inspected in June 2007. In December 2002, as a result of the bridge inspection program, cracks were discovered on the main support beams of the Edgewood Road bridge over the Cedar River and the bridge was immediately closed to traffic. The bridge was reopened after repairs were completed and the bridge was determined to be safe for traffic by structural engineering consultants hired by the City.

RECREATION

- ✓ The Parks and Recreation Department will host the Iowa Amateur Softball Association's Men Class A 16" Slow Pitch State Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, August 11th and 12th at the Tait Cummins Sports Complex. Approximately 15 to 20 teams from throughout the state are expected to participate.
- ✓ The Men's City Am Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 3rd at Twin Pines Golf Course, Saturday, August 4 at Jones Golf Course, and Sunday, August 5th at Ellis Golf Course. The full field of 224 players will begin at Twin Pines with the field being cut after play on both Friday and Sunday.

- ✓ The first Open House for the Twin Pines Golf Course Development Proposal was held on Wednesday, August 1st at City Hall with 237 people in attendance. A second Open House will be held at the Time Check Recreation Center, 1131 5th Street NW, on August 9th from 5:00 to 7:00pm.
- ✓ The 8th Avenue Farmers Market has seen a significant increase in the number of daily vendors compared to the same time period in 2006. Daily rentals have risen from 51 to 242 resulting in an overall increase in revenue of \$2400. This move allowed for expanded rental of the Riverside Roundhouse resulting in a net increase in revenue production of \$1600.
- ✓ The regular swimming season will end on Sunday, August 12th. Jones and Ellis will close for the season at 5:00pm. Bever, Cherry Hill and Noelridge will be open according to the post season swimming schedule from August 13th through September 3rd.

The Lance Armstrong Foundation is sponsoring the Presidential Health Forum being held in Cedar Rapids at the US Cellular Center on August 27th & 28th. One night will be the Democratic Candidates and the other night will be the Republican candidates. Chris Matthews and MSNBC will be broadcasting the events.

UPDATES:

Green Square Meals program

- ✓ After a water leak was reported and investigated, the Green Square Meal program had a plumber and electrician on the site to make proper repairs. GSM decided to shut down the meal site Wednesday due to repair work but was serving again on Thursday.

Sinclair Update

- ✓ Debris Pile Cleanup: Staff and Engineering has reviewed a revised project manual prepared by Howard R. Green that included some changes that they believe make it more attractive to bidders. Bidding will proceed fairly quickly after HRG has had a chance to make the necessary corrections so cleanup efforts can begin yet this fall.
- ✓ Major Roof Repairs: Cedar Service Company began roof repair work July 24. Noting current progress, contractor should be substantially complete next week.
- ✓ Water/Gas Line Repairs: Water and gas lines are being rerouted by Bowker Mechanical to bypass a deteriorated structure. All the underground work is complete for the water line and the majority of piping is in place on the interior. Utility Department tests of the new piping for water purity received satisfactory results after three attempts so the only remaining work is some detail work and to perform the tie-ins. This work should be completed by August 3, 2007 with the gas tie-in scheduled for August 10, 2007.
- ✓ Parking Repairs: Pate Asphalt (Bowker's subcontractor) will be doing the asphalt repair work next to Bimm Ridder's parking area where the new water line was laid. Pate has looked at the area where water ponds in the parking area and quotes should be received shortly. If the cost is reasonable, we will add to Bowker's contract. Once these repairs are complete, Public Works will paint new stripes.

Urban Fishery Project Update

- ✓ Baird Property: Phase I Environmental Survey, Wetland Delineation, and property survey has been completed. Property survey is currently being reviewed by Engineering. If the plat is acceptable, a public hearing will be held for acquisition of agricultural land, followed by a resolution to accept the appraisal and then a resolution for council consideration to acquire through eminent domain.
- ✓ DNR Grant: In a letter dated April 18, 2007, the DNR extended the completion date for the grant to December 31, 2008.
- ✓ Name the Lake Contest: The website presence has received approximately 20 suggestions to date.
- ✓ Plans and Specifications: Received the go ahead to pursue bids 7/29/07. The plans will generally be complete by the end of the week. Following Engineering's review schedule, the plans won't go out to bid until early September. The schedule then becomes: Receive bids – October 8, 2007; award contract – November 12, 2007; early construction start – December 10, 2007; completion – late summer, early fall 2008.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' CALENDAR

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

<u>Tuesday, August 7</u>	6:30pm	South West Area Neighbors (SWAN) meeting, (<i>Wilson Middle School cafeteria, 2301 J Street SW</i>)
<u>Wednesday, August 8</u>	4:00pm 6:00pm	Twin Pines RFQ Developer Interviews, (<i>Council Chambers</i>) Council Meeting, (<i>Council Chambers</i>)
<u>Thursday, August 9</u>	5:00pm 7:00pm	Golf Course Open House, (<i>Time Check Recreation Center, 1131-5th St NW</i>) Noelridge Neighborhood Association meeting, (<i>Noelridge Park Church, 1147 Clifton Street NE</i>)
<u>Friday, August 10</u>	4:30pm	ADA Celebration Picnic & Unity March (<i>CR Kernels Ballpark</i>)
<u>Saturday, August 11</u>	10:00am	Mound View Neighborhood Association meeting, (<i>Central Park Presbyterian Church, 1700 B Ave N.E</i>)