



STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT

WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2007

LIBRARY

- ✓ The CR City Directories are now available online in the Digital Archives database. (1876-1998)
- ✓ Story time schedule for this fall will be the same as last year. RIF and Clifford dates have been set and Oct. 1-6 will be the first distribution week.

PUBLIC WORKS

- ✓ **Flood response** - The Cedar River will crest this weekend with the highest forecasted level this year and since the May 2004 flood. In preparations for high river levels, sewer crews in late winter tested the 40+ trash pumps. The street program also verifies the inventory of sandbags and provides more as necessary. A supply of concrete cones and barrels are stored at the Bowling Street SW property for making of wells around structures. Just prior to peak levels, additional checks are performed as were done on Monday through Thursday for these items. As the river approaches 10 feet, Parks Department close Fish Court and Robins Lake. At 10 feet, the traffic control personnel in Public Works Maintenance close parts of Otis Road. This is expected on Friday. As the level reaches 11 to 12 feet, sewer personnel on Saturday, as needed, will secure flood gates near the bus barns on Ellis Road by Edgewood Road NW and will bypass pump sanitary water as necessary to prevent back ups. At the 12 to 14 foot level, wells and plugs will be used to control storm run off in the area of lower A Street SW and Ellis Boulevard at 16th Street NW. Osborn Park will have a well built around the drain on Friday.
- ✓ **Bridge repairs** - The Edgewood Road Prairie Creek Bridge north abutment work was performed on August 21st and 22nd to fix an erosion area that was noted during inspections. Rumble strips were installed on both sides of the bridge during the week of August 13th to emphasize the speed posting on the bridge.
- ✓ **Maintenance**
 - Prep alley for seal coating, Camburn Court to 16th Street and Mt Vernon Road to 8th Avenue.
 - Blading alleys in miscellaneous areas caused by recent heavy rains
 - Prep E Avenue NE from 21st Street to 27th Street for seal coat.
 - Seal coat Forest Drive SE from Bever Avenue to Grande Avenue.
 - 32nd Street NW off Johnson Avenue street rebuild continues.
 - 3500 to 3900 E Avenue NE street rebuild continues.
 - Mowers are moving to Edgewood Road following work in the SE and NW areas.
 - Crack Sealer will move to the Northbrook Addition following work by the 16th Street bridge.
 - Joint repairs on 17th Avenue from C Street to A Street and B Street from 17th Avenue to 18th Avenue.
 - Complete storm sewer repair of intakes by the J Street NE water plant.
- ✓ Rain delayed the following projects:
 - Midway Drive NW (from Alma Drive to West Post Road)
 - Alley between G & H Avenues NW / 8th & 9th Streets
 - Alley between L & M Avenues NW / 5th & 6th Streets
 - Alley between 12th & 13th Street NW North of A Avenue
 - Prep for seal coating at Woodview Drive NE and Milburn Road NE from Mustang Rd north to Oak Grove Rd
- ✓ Sidewalk Maintenance
 - Annual work will begin next week at Antelope and Timberline NE and 4201 Council Street NE.

RECERATION

- ✓ Due to a suspected water loss issue at Cherry Hill Aquatics Center, a seven day leak test will be performed beginning August 29th. Once completed, a plan of action will be determined to rectify the issue as warranted. The corrective measures will be performed as part of the warranty program.
- ✓ Pilings at the Ellis Boat Harbor, in an area approximately four stalls in length, have started to tip outward leading to the undermining of the adjacent sidewalk and a hole in the dirt the length of the sidewalk. The area has been surrounded with orange construction fencing to warn users of the hazard. The Department is in the process of determining the best way to fix the problem.
- ✓ The second annual Mayor's Bike Ride will be held Monday, September 3rd. It is open to employees as well as the general public. The 8-mile ride will begin at 8:00am on May's Island on the 2nd Avenue bridge. The ride will wind through several Cedar Rapids neighborhoods, including the grounds of Bruce more. There is an abbreviated ride for younger riders. Bicycle helmets are required.

WATER

- ✓ Design work is under way for replacement of a portion of the Penn Avenue Transmission Main river crossing. Pipe joint separation is the suspected reason this segment of main between the river island and the east bank failed last February. The original 24-inch concrete cylinder pipe transmission main was installed in 1952. The 1993 flood waters caused a segment of the pipe under the main river channel between the river island and the west bank at Penn Avenue NW to fail. This section was replaced in 1994 by directional boring a casing and HDPE pipe under the river bed. The replacement being designed will consist of the same type of casing and HDPE pipe materials.
- ✓ The Boyson Road water tank reconditioning project was successfully completed on time and within budget. Interior and exterior repainting and minor structural repair work on the 3-million gallon hydropillar style tank started March 12th. The tank was ready for disinfection and flushing July 16th and returned to normal service August 8th.

UPDATES

Housing Concerns:

1644 C Ave NE	Sold - permit obtained to rehabilitate
1628 C Ave NE	Difficultly locating property owners. Legal department avenues will be pursued.
1400 1 st Ave NE	House was demolished
1542 4 th Ave SE	Attached garage was demolished
1630 F Ave NW	Apartment complex recently had a fire; the insurance company has a retainer to repair.
339 27 th St Dr SE	Vacant house – scheduled for demolition by end of August.
114 16 th St NE	Demolition scheduled to begin on September 7 th - should be complete within 2 weeks.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' CALENDAR

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

Monday, August 27	6:00pm	Taylor Area Neighborhood Association (TANA), (<i>Taylor Elementary School cafeteria, 720 7th Avenue SW</i>)
Wednesday, August 29	8:00am	United Way Kick-off, (<i>Yellowbook USA, 6300-J Street SW</i>) <i>This being the 5th Wednesday of the month, there will be no Council meeting</i>
Thursday, August 30	Noon	Brown Bag - Excess Public Property Disposition, (<i>Council Chambers</i>)