



## STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

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#### **CITY MANAGER**

- ✓ The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) will provide onsite training to leadership / management employees, selected staff and a team of internal trainers who will in turn provide training to employees. Training is designed to build awareness of ethical issues and the skills required to solve ethical challenges the proper way. Workshops are highly interactive using real world scenarios of the ethical challenges facing local government employees. Workshop participants will be asked to evaluate the session and the results of the evaluation will be provided to the City.

ICMA is the premier local government leadership and management organization. Its mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and advocating professional management of local government worldwide. ICMA provides member support; publications, data, and information; peer and results-oriented assistance; and training and professional development to more than 8,200 city, town, and county experts and other individuals throughout the world.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- ✓ The Linn County Regional Planning Commission in cooperation with the City of Cedar Rapids is hosting a public information meeting for a study being conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East from 7<sup>th</sup> Street thru 19<sup>th</sup> Street. The meeting will be an open house format from 4:30 until 6:00 pm, September 18<sup>th</sup> on the Coe College Campus at the Gage Memorial Union, 1220 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Parking will be available in the parking lots across the street from the Union. The public will have the opportunity to view study data and issues identified to date, suggested alternatives, and speak with the Linn County Regional Planning staff and design representatives concerning the study. Some of the materials that will be available at the meeting can be viewed at [www.anderson-bogert.com](http://www.anderson-bogert.com) under the "1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East" heading. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting to offer input.

#### **LIBRARY**

- ✓ The library will be closed September 28<sup>th</sup> for Staff Development day which will cover the LEAN training process.

#### **PARKS & RECREATION**

- ✓ Gary Louvar, Head PGA Professional at Twin Pines Golf Course, has been selected to receive the Bill Strausbaugh Award for 2007 from the Iowa Section of the PGA. The PGA Bill Strausbaugh Award recognizes PGA members for their "distinguished service in mentoring other PGA professionals, integrity and character reflecting positively upon the profession, and outstanding involvement in charitable and community activities". Gary will receive his award at the Iowa Section awards luncheon October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside Casino. Congratulations, Gary!
- ✓ The City has experienced recent heavy illegal dumping off of Cole Street SE. On September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, three one-ton truck loads of trash were dumped along the road, including six mattresses, a filing cabinet, and many bags of garbage.
- ✓ Due to recent public input, maintenance and upgrades have been made to the off leash dog area in Cheyenne Park. Work included weed removal and spraying, updating a sign and repainting the fire plug and dog fountain. The Department will continue to complete fall and winter preparation and trail maintenance.
- ✓ The Parks Master Plan RFP has gone out to potential consultants. Proposals are due October 1, with anticipation of selecting a consultant to begin work October 18.

## **POLICE**

- ✓ Sgt. Strother and Officer Yardley participated in a table top exercise with College Community Schools regarding their school emergency plans. Also participating was Mike Buser project manager of School Emergency Planning with Kirkwood College's Community Training & Response Center. It appears that College Community Schools are on top of the issue in their planning and practices, due in part to the efforts of Sgt. Strother and the officers assigned to that area of responsibility.
- ✓ A review of vehicle pursuits show there have been 24 pursuits to date compared to 28 pursuits in 2006. Officers and supervisors are showing prudent judgment by terminating more pursuits this year.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- ✓ The Environmental Assessment (EA) document for the overall Collins Road NE improvement corridor (Center Point Road to east of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue) is expected to be signed by the Federal Highway Administration this month. Once signed, a public hearing on the EA document will be scheduled, most likely in November 2007. The EA process is expected to wrap up in early 2008.
- ✓ A public information meeting has been scheduled for October 16, 4:00 – 6:00pm at the Lindale Mall Community Room for Phase 1 of the Collins Road/1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Improvement project. Originally started as the Collins Road / 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue project, the project is now planned to be consolidated with other approved CIP projects that will reconstruct 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to a "Complete Street" and allow the extending of sidewalks from Lindale Mall to 40<sup>th</sup> Street. City staff is also working with the context sensitive design consultant to further enhance the functional needs with the neighboring business needs. Iowa DOT staff has indicated they will participate in the funding of the project needs from Lindale Mall to 40<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ✓ The capital improvement projects on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street SE from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to Mt. Vernon Road have been opened to traffic.
- ✓ Work has begun on the paving of Kirkwood Blvd SW from 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW to Prairie Creek. The roadway is closed to through traffic until mid-November.
- ✓ Ditching on East Post Rd from Trail Ridge Rd to House No. 212
- ✓ Milling out bad asphalt and laying new asphalt - F Avenue NE from Old Marion Rd to Collins Rd
- ✓ Fall alley and shoulder blading
- ✓ H Ave NW (from Ellis Blvd to 10<sup>th</sup> St) joint repairs with hot asphalt mix
- ✓ Repair a sinkhole at the Sinclair site on 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE
- ✓ Storm sewer replacement of a casting at 1624 C Ave NE
- ✓ Grading 1300 block of Hillside Dr NW to fix a drainage problem
- ✓ Street concrete repairs on Willey Blvd SW
- ✓ Asphalt patch repair on Sunrise St NW

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## **UPDATES**

- ✓ Congratulations to Gary Craig, Vets Memorial; Jeff Krohn, Library; Pat McDonald, Public Works, and Dwight Dohlman, Facilities for completing the Building Operator Certification (BOC) put on by the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance and sponsored in part by Alliant and Mid American Energy. The BOC training included 80 hours of classroom and project work.
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## COUNCIL MEMBERS' CALENDAR

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

<b>Monday, September 17</b>	5:00pm 7:00pm	Ethics Training, ( <i>Council Chambers</i> ) Lincolnway Village Neighborhood Association meeting, ( <i>Green Acres Storage, 5315 J Street SW</i> )
<b>Tuesday, September 18</b>	12:00 4:00pm 7:00pm	Westdale Mall Market Analysis Brown Bag, ( <i>Council Chambers</i> ) Developer's Forum - 15 in 5, ( <i>Water Tower Condos</i> ) Cedar Valley Neighborhood Association, ( <i>Cedar Valley Park</i> )
<b>Wednesday, September 19</b>	9:00am 12:00 6:00pm	Diversity Focus Event, ( <i>Crowne Plaza</i> ) Westdale Mall Discussion Brown Bag, ( <i>Council Chambers</i> ) Council Meeting, ( <i>Council Chambers</i> )
<b>Thursday, September 20</b>	12:00	African American Women's Conference, ( <i>Crowne Plaza</i> )