



STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2007

LIBRARY

- ✓ October 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign to bring together all segments of the community to begin a year long effort to reduce the impact of substance abuse. ISAIC maintains a state specific website for the campaign.
- ✓ Students from Kirkwood who are doing community service as part of their class credit are helping with craft preparation and clerical duties.
- ✓ The West Side Branch is preparing for Westdale Mall's annual safe trick-or-treat event on October 31.

PARKS & RECREATION

- ✓ A portion of the Cedar River Trail has been closed due to damage that was a result of repair work on a sewer line adjacent to the trail. To insure safety barricades were placed at Highway 30 and the C Street parking lot to limit access to damaged trail area. The anticipated length of closure is a minimum of two weeks to obtain repair parts.
- ✓ The Sac and Fox Trail, from the Bertram Road entrance to the Cole Street entrance, and the Cedar River Trail, from 16th Avenue to Highway 30, have been closed due to flooding on these portions of the trails. The Robins Lake area was also closed due to water over the road.
- ✓ The back nine holes at Jones Golf Course have been closed to power carts due to rising water in Prairie Creek. They may be closed to play dependent on the creek level over the next few days.
- ✓ The driving range at Twin Pines has been closed due to abundant rain fall. The driving range has been closed 57 days in 2007. Power carts were also prohibited at Twin Pines the past week due to wet conditions. Twin Pines has had 17 days without power cart revenue in 2007 due to drainage issues.

POLICE

- ✓ Ten new Field Training Officers (FTO), have been selected to train new recruits. When the recruits graduate from the academy, they will ride with an FTO for a more "on the job" type of training. FTO's go through a selection process before they are selected. The rookies will train with a different FTO, every 4 weeks during their probation.
- ✓ Officers Curt Buckles and Stacy Baye went to Western Illinois University for a Career Fair on October 16th. As representatives of the department, they recruited 37 college students to apply for our hiring process. Western Illinois University has one of the largest Criminal Justice fields in the Midwest. Hopefully, some of these applicants will be some of our finalists.
- ✓ October is the 2nd anniversary of the "Get Booked" program. CRPD and Quota International teamed up to promote reading by having officers hand out books when they see kids doing good things. Officers have handed out 10,000 books over the past two years!
- ✓ October is *America Reads* month. Numerous officers have and will be reading in the area schools to promote reading.
- ✓ Imam Taha Tawill of the Mother Mosque, has joined the CRPD Chaplain program.
- ✓ Three new Reserve Officers joined the CRPD October 1st. Their first day of classes started October 13th. Reserve Officers go through the same hiring process and similar training that officers do, however it's taught in a different time frame.

PUBLIC WORKS

✓ **Maintenance Activities**

- Leaf collection starts today
- Mowing operations in various SW and NW areas
- Crack sealing on Wiley Blvd. SW
- Sanitary sewer repair on Grande Ave SE
- Catch basin repairs at various locations
- Preparations for leaf pick up from ditches
- Concrete pavement spot repairs at 1108 21st Ave SW
- Concrete pavement spot repair on Falbrook Dr NE

WATER

- ✓ A sample of Cedar Rapids' drinking water was placed in direct competition against 15 other communities across the State at the annual meeting of the Iowa Section of the American Water Works Association held last week in Davenport. A three judge panel could score a maximum of 15 points for each sample criteria - clarity, odor and taste. With a total of 45 points available, Cedar Rapids tied for second place with a total score of 41 points, just two points behind first place.
- ✓ As everyone strives to address concerns with citizens, the positive feedback received is not always as celebrated as it could be. Some recent feedback from citizens has been very complimentary and only proves that hard work and strong customer service is effective. Keep up the good work everyone.

UPDATES

Leaf pick up –The Annual Fall Leaf collection will begin today and run through November 16. Leaves should NOT be raked into the street until the day before the scheduled pickup. At that time, leaves may be raked into the street, leaving a 12” gap between the leaves and the curb. This will help with rainwater drainage and allow for a cleaner and more efficient removal of leaves by City crews. Please do not place leaves too far into the middle of the street, as this may cause a traffic hazard. The schedule is available on the City's website two days in advance.

Concerned Housing:

- 1520 C Ave. NE – Under construction; has permits to repair
- 511 Old Marion Rd. NE – Permits have been obtained for owner to fix home
- 3922 Roxbury Dr. NW – Working through the permit process
- 126 27th St. Dr. SE – Excavations have been filled in
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- 3200 Mound Ave. SE – Permits have been obtained to repair this home that was damaged by fire
- 1363 21st Ave. SW – Permit to demolish the single-family dwelling has been obtained
- 1016 2nd Ave. SW – Commercial building has been demolished

COUNCIL MEMBERS' CALENDAR

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

Monday, October 22	6:00pm	Taylor Area Neighborhood Association meeting, <i>(Taylor Elementary School cafeteria, 720- 7th Ave SW)</i>
Tuesday, October 23	12:00	Development of proposed Federal Courthouse Brown Bag, <i>(Council Chambers)</i>
Wednesday, October 24	8:00am 6:00pm	Economic Development Workshop, <i>(CR Marriott)</i> Council Meeting, <i>(Council Chambers)</i>
Thursday, October 25	6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Cedar Hills Neighborhood Association meeting, <i>(St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 4700 Johnson Ave NW)</i> CR Neighborhoods Board meeting, <i>(Time Check Recreation Center, 1131-5th St NW)</i> Northwest Neighbors meeting, <i>(Time Check Recreation Center, 1131- 5th St NW)</i>
Friday, October 26	8:30am	Trees Forever Symposium, <i>(CR Country Club)</i>