



## STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT

### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2007

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#### **DEVELOPMENT**

- ✓ An open house will be held Thursday, November 15, 5:00-7:00pm at the African-American Museum to receive feedback on the steps that are being undertaken to implement the Vision Cedar Rapids Downtown Framework Plan. The open house will present the basic elements of the Downtown Vision plan and seek feedback on proposed implementation steps. Elements include, for example, housing; riverwalk design; use of riverfront space; an amphitheater and destination activities; the U.S. Cellular Center; transportation, and green spaces.

#### **FIRE-PUBLIC SAFETY CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

- ✓ Within the past two weeks, the Code Enforcement Division has issued 5 municipal infractions for persons performing electrical and plumbing work without a Metro License. There were 4 persons cited for performing work without an electrical license and one person cited for work without a plumbing license. The purpose of the Metro Licensing Agreement is to provide for the examination, qualification and licensing in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

#### **LIBRARY**

- ✓ The library will soon begin the process of replacing heat pumps, which is expected to take 6-7 months. Replacement will be done sequentially so only one specific area of the library will be undergoing construction at a time. Some areas will be temporarily moved and service will be disrupted during replacement but the Library will remain open throughout the process.
- ✓ A new "Code Adam" procedure has been put in place to allow fast staff response time if a child is reported missing in the library. "Code Adam" is used in hundreds of national businesses including Target and Chuck E Cheese. Six other larger Iowa libraries surveyed use similar procedures.
- ✓ The first library LEAN committee has finalized a Claims Returned procedure to be used when patrons believe they have returned items that still show as checked out on their accounts. The process will be monitored and the group will meet once more on November 26 to make any needed adjustments to the procedure.

#### **POLICE**

- ✓ CRPD had five new officers join the force street Saturday. Graduation from the 15-week academy was held Friday at Beems Auditorium for the six CRPD officers and one Linn County Sheriff Deputy. The new officers will ride with a Field Training Officer (FTO) for their first 5 months on the street.
- ✓ CRPD is in the process of installing new Python Series III radars which have the same operational standards as the current radars.
- ✓ CRPD recently conducted an underage Alcohol Compliance check on 8 drinking establishments and only one of the bars was cited for serving the underage drinker.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- ✓ Beginning Monday, November 5, the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue "Bridge of Lions" will be closed to traffic due to a City bridge inspection project. The closure is expected to last for portions of two days. All traffic should seek an alternate route. As part of the same bridge inspection project several other city bridges will experience lane closures throughout the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>. Motorists may experience some delays during heavier traffic periods on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridges.

- ✓ Loose leaf pick up has removed nearly 900 tons in the first two weeks of operations. The first cycle of the program is complete and a second rotation began late last week. The program runs through November 16<sup>th</sup>. In response to requests, the internet posting now includes a three day schedule.
- ✓ Highway 100 Extension Update - Iowa DOT received concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration to conduct a public information meeting on the recently completed environmental reports. According to IDOT the public information meeting will be on November 27, at Xavier High School cafeteria (notices specifying the time and place will be published by the IDOT).
- ✓ Maintenance activities:
  - Replace casting on a sanitary structure at 1600 Washington Ave SE
  - Complete repairs to a sanitary structure on Woodhill Dr SW
  - Repair box-out for a sanitary structure on Crossing Ct NE
  - Ditch cleaning on the south side of F Ave NW east of Wiley Blvd
  - Mudjacking 20<sup>th</sup> Street NW (North of O Avenue)
  - Mowing in the NE quadrant of city
  - Putting spreaders and wings on equipment for winter

## UPDATES

### Housing Concerns

429 A Avenue NW - owner is planning on demolition by the end of November  
 1363 21st Avenue SW - application for demolition of property was obtained

## COUNCIL MEMBERS' CALENDAR

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

<b>Monday, November 5</b>	5:00pm	PERF - Problem Solving Exercise, <i>(Council Chambers)</i>
<b>Wednesday, November 7</b>	6:00pm	Council Meeting, <i>(Council Chambers)</i>
<b>Thursday, November 8</b>	5:00pm	Westdale Mall Redevelopment Planning Open House, <i>(Veteran's Memorial Armory)</i>
	6:30pm	CR Neighborhoods Board meeting, <i>(Noelridge Park Church, 1147 Clifton St NE)</i>
	7:00pm	Noelridge Neighborhood Association meeting, <i>(Noelridge Park Church, 1147 Clifton Street NE)</i>
<b>Saturday, November 10</b>	10:00pm	Mound View Neighborhood Association, <i>(Echo Hill (formerly Central Park) Presbyterian Church 1700 B Ave NE)</i>