



CEDAR RAPIDS
City of Five Seasons

STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT

WEEK OF JUNE 30, 2008

Cedar Rapids is a vibrant urban hometown - a beacon for people and businesses that are invested in building a greater community for the next generation.

Information is updated daily on the website www.corridorrecovery.org. Several frequently asked questions (FAQ) and resources of information are available at this site.

Cases of suspected price gouging should be reported to the State's Attorney General's office at (515) 281-5926 or toll free at 888-777-4590 or on the website as

http://www.state.ia.us/government/ag/consumer_advisories/natural_disasters/price_gouging.html

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ The list of houses for demolition has been updated on corridorrecovery.org and will be published in the legal section of the Gazette on Wednesday, July 2, 2008.
- ✓ The City of Cedar Rapids has contracted with the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) from Herndon VA to assist with commercial inspections. Inspectors from around the country with previous FEMA disaster experience arrived in Cedar Rapids on June 24th and will continue assisting with inspections.
- ✓ As of the morning of Thursday, June 26, the following inspections were completed and entered into the database:

Green	1,545
Yellow	3,035
Red	443
Purple	40
TOTAL	5,063

There are still 200-300 businesses to be inspected but are expected to be completed by the July 1, 2008.

- ✓ Per the Cedar Rapids City Council direction at the meeting on Wednesday, June 25, the temporary hold on building permits has been lifted if the following criteria are met:
 - The property is located OUTSIDE the 500-year flood plain designated area.
 - The property needs ONLY non-structural work
 - The property received a green inspection placard.

The issuance of the permits is still at the discretion of the Cedar Rapids Code Enforcement Division.

- ✓ The certification and badging process for contractors planning to perform work within the flood-affected area continues. Following are statistics, as of Saturday, June 28, 2008:
 - Number of Companies Certified: 559
 - Number of Individuals Certified: 3,627
 - Number of Arrests: 7 and two (2) individuals have been denied badges.

The Contractor Certification Center (CCC) is located in the lower level of Westdale Mall near Younkers. Beginning Monday, June 30th, the new hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to noon until further notice. Additional information on the contractor certification process, including an FAQ, can be found at www.corridorrecovery.org.

Requests for Temporary Quarters (Mobile Homes, RVs, Travel Trailers):

Land Use	Status	Code Provisions
Residential or Contractor (Group) Housing	Not Permitted	Use of mobile homes, RV's, travel trailers, and tents for individual or group living quarters are not permitted per 32.04.030.A.41 and 32.05.020.A.6
Business – temporary office	Permitted on a Limited Basis	Use of portable structures are permitted on a limited basis through staff review as a “temporary use” per 32.04.030.B.1
Public Uses	Permitted	Use of portable structures are permitted through staff review as an “essential service” per 32.04.030.A.13

- ✓ In an effort to collect and distribute information in an expedient manner, the data provided may be misstated. The following statistics provided at the Wednesday, June 25th City Council meeting should be clarified:
 1. The debris collected and removed was reported to be 5,316 tons. This number only represents the City’s Solid Waste Department’s total. We are working with the Linn County Solid Waste Agency to track the actual numbers.
 2. It was originally reported that 666 in the 100-year floodplain have flood insurance. While there are a total of 666 flood insurance policies in the City, these include the 500 year floodplain and commercial/industrial properties.
 3. The number of buildings identified for the Emergency Demolition Program, based on posing an immediate threat to public health and safety was stated to be 300 units. There are currently only 40 structures with a purple placard. However, building officials are forecasting that approximately 300 structures will be determined to pose an immediate threat to public health and safety.

Everyone is working to establish protocols and communication plans to avoid inconsistencies in the future. Quality information is essential to an effective recovery process.

FIRE

- ✓ Fire apparatus that was previously located at Central Fire Station have been relocated. Truck 1 and Car 30 are at Station 7; Rescue is at Station 5; Car 40 is at Station 2; Engine 1 is at Station 3; Central Fire Department Admin staff are located at City Hall North, 3851 River Ridge Drive NE.
- ✓ Fire personnel have been assisting the Union Pacific Railroad in the cleanup of the Quaker Oats bridge. They have had several boats in the water on standby.
- ✓ Beginning Tuesday, firefighters will assist residents with Red placard houses to go back into their homes to retrieve personal items.
- ✓ During the height of the flood, many area fire departments assisted with boat rescues including: Palo, Marion, Hiawatha, Lisbon, Mt. Vernon, Ely, Springville, Center Point, Lanbourne Diving, Central City, Swisher, and Okoboji.
- ✓ A handful of retired Cedar Rapids firefighters have pitched in to help with cleaning museum items.
- ✓ The training department is still on track for hiring a rookie class in the fall. The written test was administered June 11th. The PQ is scheduled for July 26th.

LIBRARY

- ✓ Professional recovery teams have been working in the building since the water receded. Art works have been recovered as well as computer servers. The recovery teams are drying out the building and removing damaged books & materials. Second floor materials, including the Children’s Department, are being assessed.
- ✓ The West Side Branch in the Westdale Mall, 2600 Edgewood Rd. SW, is open from 10:00am–9:00pm, Monday-Friday; 10:00am–5:00pm, Saturday; and 1:00-5:00pm Sunday. Their desk telephone is 390-7806. Cedar Rapids residents may also use the Marion and Hiawatha public libraries.
- ✓ The best way to stay informed about post flood library progress is to visit the temporary website <http://crlibrary.info> or call 286-5987. The temporary website contains basic information only.
- ✓ Children, youth, and adult summer reading programs are in progress and being administered at the West Side Branch. Children’s programming is taking place at the West Side Branch. Information is posted on the temporary website or you can call the West Side branch.

- ✓ Due to lack of space, storage, processing equipment and other issues, the library is unable to accept books or other donated library materials at this time. Librarians are working on an alternate plan for used books. In the interim, residents who cannot wait and need to donate used books now are directed to the Marion and Hiawatha public libraries. *Friends of the CRPL* are also seeking storage and working space and hope to be back in operation soon.

POLICE

- ✓ The Animal Control took in 1,000 dogs and cats during the flood. As of today, 650 have not been claimed.
- ✓ Chief Graham's wife began a fundraiser for the Police employees that have been affected by the floods. You can view her fundraiser at <http://www.ocala.com/article/20080625/NEWS/806250415>. It is called the "Power of 10 Rebuilds Lives" as initially it was believed there were only 10 PD families affected by the flood. The fundraiser will continue thru the month of July.

PUBLIC WORKS

- ✓ The water surface elevation at the 6th Street SW crossing of Prairie Creek was 2.6 feet above the 100-year flood elevation this month. The existing bridge deck surface was flooded by approximately 3 feet. This 6th Street SW bridge is currently slated for 2009 replacement, with a design that will better pass water. The thinner bridge design will allow for raising the bottom of the bridge by over 4 feet, which will also allow for a trail crossing underneath. The new bridge would not have flooded in the 2008 floods. The approach roadways of 6th Street (south approach), Hwy 30 Ramps, and 50th Avenue Court were planned to be raised above the 100 year flood elevation. The current design would not have avoided flood inundation on these 3 roads. The design currently is being re-evaluated to raise the all roadway elevations south of the new bridge to above the 2008 flood elevations. This is particularly important from a public safety standpoint, because Fire Station No. 2 is on 50th Avenue Court, which is a cul-de-sac, and therefore has no other way to access it.
- ✓ Underwater bridge inspections for the 5-in-1 and Edgewood Road Bridges over the Cedar River, originally scheduled for the fall have been moved up to mid-July. These types of inspections are required every 5 years. There are only 4 firms nationwide pre-qualified by Iowa DOT that perform this work. In light of the flooding, the scope of the inspections will be expanded to all Cedar River bridge crossings, as well as water main and sewer crossings and earth and concrete levees. PW staff is also working to schedule sonar tests of the bridges to look for undetected cracks.

SOLID WASTE:

- ✓ EPA is picking up appliances, electronics and hazardous waste products for residential customers.

WATER

- ✓ Roy Hesemann reported that the Water Department has 43-44 million gallons available per day to pump if required. Full capacity is 60 million gallons. However, the water system is still very fragile and a number of permanent repairs still need to take place. This process will take another 6-12 weeks.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

- ✓ Greg Eyerly reported that main-lift is operating and the plant is pumping through one A-Clarifier to provide hydraulic relief to the collection system. An extensive list of repairs to return the main-lift to pre-flood operations has been created and work will begin soon. The plant currently has approximately 80 MGD in hydraulic pumping capability and will reach full pumping capacity once primary treatment is available. Primary treatment is currently undergoing cleaning and emergency repairs. The primary treatment system, primary sludge removal and bio-roughing filters should be available for start-up in 3-4 weeks. Emergency repairs on the secondary treatment processes will begin once the scope of work is fully identified and a contract is awarded. Secondary treatment emergency repairs will be done in parallel with primary treatment processes. Secondary treatment process should be available for start-up in 75-100 days. Incineration processes start-up will begin sometime after October.

UPDATES

Below is the list of City Departments and their current locations and contact information.

Department Name	Current Address	Phone Number
Animal Control	6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW (Animal Health Technologies)	286-5993
Assessor	Westdale Mall, 2600 Edgewood Rd SW, Upper level next to Library	286-5888
Building/Zoning/Code Enforcement	Westdale Mall, 2600 Edgewood Rd SW, Upper level next to Library	286-5831
City Clerk	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5060
City Council	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5051
City Manager	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5080
Civil Rights	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5036
Community Development	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5041
Eastern Iowa Airport	2515 Arthur Collins Parkway SW	362-3131
Engineering (Division of Public Works)	3851 River Ridge Drive NE and Jefferson High School, 1243 20th Street SW, Room 268	286-5802
Facility Maintenance	1201 6 th Street SW	521-5374
Finance	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5006
Fire	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5200
Forestry	Jefferson High School, 1243 20th Street SW, Room 268	286-5747
Fleet	Central Fire complex, 222 Third Street NW	551-3947
Golf	3601 42nd Street NE	286-5588
Housing Inspections (Rental)	Westdale Mall, 2600 Edgewood Rd SW, Upper level next to Library	286-5197
Housing Services (Section 8, Leased Housing, Rehab)	Westdale Mall, 2600 Edgewood Rd SW	286-5872
Human Resources	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5000
Information Technology	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5500
Joint Communications	505 1 st Street SW	286-5383
Library	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	398-5123
Neighborhood Liaison	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5077
Parking – Revenue Collections/ Customer Service	Water Dept., 1111 Shaver Road NE	286-5003
Parks	3601 42nd Street NE	286-5760
Police	505 1 st Street SW	286-5378
Sewer Maintenance	Jefferson High School, 1243 20th Street SW, Room 268	286-5815
Street Maintenance	Jefferson High School, 1243 20th Street SW, Room 268	286-5826
Traffic Engineering	Jefferson High School, 1243 20th Street SW, Room 268	286-5176
Purchasing	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5021
Recreation	2000 Mt. Vernon Road SE	286-5731
Solid Waste & Recycling	Westdale Mall, 2600 Edgewood Road SW	286-5897
Transit	Westdale Mall, 2600 Edgewood Road SW	286-5573
Treasurer’s Office	Water Dept., 1111 Shaver Road NE	286-5003
Ushers Ferry	5925 Seminole Valley Tr NE	286-5763
Veterans Memorial	3851 River Ridge Drive NE	286-5038
Water	1111 Shaver Road NE	286-5900
Water Pollution Control	7525 Bertram Road SE	286-5286

COUNCIL MEMBERS' CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, July 1	2:00pm	Neighborhood meeting for flood victims, (<i>Jefferson High School cafeteria, 1243-20th St SW</i>)
	6:00pm	Neighborhood meeting for flood victims, (<i>Washington High School cafeteria, 2205 Forest Dr SE</i>)
Wednesday, July 2	5:30pm	City Council Work Session, (<i>Ballantyne Auditorium at Kirkwood Community College</i>)
Friday, July 4th	Holiday - All City offices closed in observance of Independence Day	