

## Mayor's Report - June 2012

**May 14<sup>th</sup> - Press Release:** The League of American Bicyclists has designated **University Heights as a Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC)**. This decision involved careful review of the city's application and consultation with local cyclists. There are now 214 BFC's in 47 states. University Heights was announced at the Bronze level with 21 other cities for 2012. Cedar Rapids, IA. was the only other city announced in the Iowa this year. Other cities announced at the bronze level were Lincoln, NE, and State College, PA. Our city was given two "Bicycle Friendly Community" street signs. This designation is for 4 years: 2012-2016, then reapplication will be needed. The city received a feedback report with suggestions to improve. Some interesting statistics worth repeating are according to the 2010 US Census 15% of University Heights workers commute to work by bicycle and 28% walk to their jobs. This designation is indeed an honor for University Heights joining Iowa City as only the second city in Johnson County to receive such a tribute.

**May 16<sup>th</sup> -** Bike to Work Week Breakfast was held in University Heights in front of the city office. After a suggestion to me at a Regional Trails and Bicycle Committee to host a breakfast in University Heights this year with BTWW grant monies. Geoff's Bike and Ski co-sponsored with the city. Rosanne and I worked together in organizing this successful event and plan a repeat performance next May. **Special Thanks** to local volunteers: Larry Wilson, Margaret Donnelly and Mike Haverkamp. Also to: Fareway for donating many cases of bottled water.

**May 17<sup>th</sup> -**I attended the TTAC (Transportation Technical Advisory Committee) Meeting Highlight: STP and TE funding recommendations were voted on for Iowa City, Coralville and North Liberty projects.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> -** I attended the Urbanized Area Policy Board Meeting- Highlights: STP and TE funding was approved for Iowa City, Coralville and North Liberty projects.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> -** I attended the EMA (Emergency Management) Meeting. I served on a subcommittee with Don Saxton, Mayor- Oxford and Michelle Payne, IC city council to recommend a salary increase for EMA director, Dave Wilson.

**Note: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church** has a new policy that their tables and chairs be handled only by their custodian because of insurance purposes. Although they don't charge the city their normal fee for the use of the room, they now request that the city pay a \$30 custodian fee.

I was asked to share an email I received from Travis and Autumn Craig which speaks to the level of police protection and caring that we have in University Heights.