

Mayor's Report - May 2013

University Heights Farmers Market – I spoke to the session group from St. Andrew Church and they have given permission to use their front parking lot for the 5 University Heights farmers markets. They are the first Tuesday of each month. Tues. June 4, Tues. July 2, Tues. Aug.6, Tues. Sept. 3 & Tues. Oct. 1st. Times: 5:00-7:00pm. I have been attending many markets in the area to secure vendors. Mike Haverkamp and Rosanne Hopson have been assisting in looking for vendors. If you know of any interested vendors, please have them contact me directly -this information is also on the city website.

April 29th -Joint Cities meeting – Meeting with area communities and area school boards. All reported on their projects. I reported on the Sunset Street Wide Sidewalk Project.

May 6th-Sunset Street Wide Sidewalk pre-construction meeting. I attended this meeting and requested that the city council, staff and residents along the project need to have frequent updates.

May 7th Regional Trails & Bicycling Committee- I attended this meeting. The group recommended TAP flex funding for 2 total projects: Coralville Clear Creek Trail, Phase VI \$235,000. Tiffin Bike walking trail from Tiffin City Park to Ireland Ave. to link Kent Park-\$148, 922 & partial funding for Coralville Clear Creek Trail, Phase VII.

Bike to Work Week in Johnson County is May 13-May 17th. I announced that University Heights & Geoff's Bike & Ski is sponsoring a Bike to Work Week Breakfast on Wed. May 15 from 7:30am-9:00am at the city office, 1004 Melrose Ave. Also note that: www.thinkbicycles.org is a website promoting bicycle culture and healthy living in Johnson County. New trail maps have been printed and I will bring some to a council meeting when they arrive at our city office.

I asked Steve Ballard to prepare a proclamation for the city that May is Bicycle month and I attached a copy of the Iowa City proclamation as an example. This was a recommendation from the Bicycle Friendly Community Evaluation.

May 9th- I attended the Johnson County Livable Community (JCLC) annual meeting on Aging. This is an initiative of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors. JCLC partners with businesses, organizations, professionals and volunteers to address and facilitate personal independence and an active civic and social engagement for Johnson County senior residents.

May 13th –I attended the reception for retiring Iowa City Fire Chief Andy Rocca.

Notes about the April 17th extraordinary rain event: I have and will continue to attend Emergency Management Meetings about the April 17th rain event of 5+ inches in our area. If any residents have damage due to the rain event, they need to contact me and I will direct them in filing an application for possible damage recovery. The deadline is June 2.

If anyone would like more detailed information about my report, please feel free to contact me.

