

## **Mayor's Report- June 2013**

June 4<sup>th</sup>- The first Farmer's Market at St. Andrew Church front parking lot started from 5:00-7:00pm. The weather was cloudy with light sprinkles at times, but 13 vendors arrived (3 didn't show), 4 vendors were University Heights residents and lots of people showed up too. It was a wonderful atmosphere with the vendors having tents in the market area and then tables & chairs to sit a while and enjoy some food & music. All the food vendors were approved by the Johnson County Public Health Dept. and a specialist from that department came to the market to check on the food prep, health conditions, etc.

Thanks to Mike Haverkamp for organizing the music and serving as market manager. Thanks to Rosanne Hopson for her assistance. Thanks also to Ron Fort and UHPD for their assistance with vendors and traffic. I've heard from about 5-6 new vendors who are interested in future markets. The next market is: **Tues. July 2, 5:00-7:00pm**. I will be on vacation. Mike Haverkamp will be managing the July 2 market. I will give Mike a list of the vendors that are scheduled for the July 2 market.

Expenses: After researching pricing at area farmers markets, I decided to charge a minimal amount to vendors to get the market "on its feet" \$5/each market or all 5 markets for \$20 and no charge to University Heights residents. The start-up costs I have are for farmer market signs (a one-time cost of \$124) and some chair rentals for each market for \$20. I received \$75 in vendor fees to date.

### **My goal is to have the farmers market be no cost to the City.**

I am attending all Johnson County Emergency Management daily situation reports concerning the FLOOD. Meetings have been daily starting on May 28<sup>th</sup> scheduled to finish this Wed. June 12. I attended as representative of University Heights and as vice chair of the commission.

May 21 Meeting- Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC, MPO-JC)- voted to recommend Transportation Alternative Program Funding to UAPB (also recommended by RTBC) for Coralville Clear Creek Trail Phase VI \$235,000, local pledge 58%, Coralville Clear Creek Trail Phase VII, \$470,078 local pledge 26.6 and Tiffin Trail from Tiffin Park to Ireland Ave. to link to Kent Park, \$148,922, local match 61%.

Voted to recommend to UAPB, for Surface Transportation Program Funds, the following projects: Coralville, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Improvements- Phase 3. \$3,598,673, local match 39.4%, Iowa City and University of Iowa, Burlington St. median project, from Riverside Dr. to Capitol St., \$1,011,360, local match, 54.8%, North Liberty, Highway 965 phase 3, from reconstruction from Zeller to W. Penn St. \$1,947,096 local match 60.1%, Tiffin-reconstruct Roberts Ferry Rd. from Hwy 6 to Goldfinch Dr. 313,871, local match 61%.

May 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting -Urbanized Area Policy Board- UAPB, MPO-JC -Approved the above recommendations.

**Special Thanks to Paul Moore for purchasing 2 Bicycle racks, one in front area of the city office which holds 10 bikes and one in his east parking lot, which holds 4. The total cost with shipping was \$1500.**