

Mayor's Report- AUGUST, 2013

Focus Group Date Options: **Sept. 17, Sept. 18, or Sept. 24-** those dates are open for now at the University Club east room for a possible meeting place. The management will confirm those final dates only after Labor Day (Sept. 2). We have to wait until after Labor Day to check if they get a paid reservation. **Council and Staff, if possible, please reserve those dates with your schedules.** I can also look into dates from Horn School when they are in session, the Church has no dates available.

Monday, July 29th - **Joint Cities Meeting** held at North Liberty's new Library. Highlights: a regional approach for a special census was discussed for NL, Crvl, IC, & Johnson County. The school board talked about their facility planning process. Iowa City announced the Terry Trueblood Recreation Center including the new lodge is holding a Grand Opening August 24-25, located at 579 McCollister Boulevard, south of Iowa City off Sand Road. Recreational activities included lake sports, fishing, birdwatching live music, bounce houses, refreshments and more! All events are open to the public. Visit the IC website at: www.icgov.org for more information.

I shared UH updates on the Sunset St. wide sidewalk project and the farmers market.

Emergency Management Update: The County has changed from Code Red to JCENS (Johnson County Emergency Notification System) as of July 1. This is a free opt-in service for Johnson County residents. Residents can get a notification regarding emergency events, weather warnings by home phone, mobile phone and/or email. For more information and to sign up go to:

http://www.johnson-county.com/dept_emergency.aspx?id=889

Tuesday, July 30th –Attended the **University Heights Hazard Mitigation Meeting**. Josiah Bilskemper, Ron Fort and Pat Bauer also attended. ECICOG planner, Alicia Presto held the meeting to collect city information for Hazard Mitigation goals that are to protect the health and safety of residents and/or students, visitors and emergency personnel during & after hazard events. Hazards in the city were identified as well as vulnerable population, critical facilities in the County and City. Ms. Presto is continuing to work with all the cities in Johnson County to accomplish a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation program countywide. She will be sending a countywide summary in December to get additional public comments.

Farmers Market Update: The August 6th farmers market had 24 vendors and good attendance. There were several new vendors again this month. I want to give special thanks to Mike Haverkamp and his music group for the wonderful music provided at each market. Many people have commented to me how the music really adds to the wonderful atmosphere at the market!

The next Farmers Market is **Sept. 3rd**, 5:00-7:00 at the St. Andrew Church parking lot. The last market of the year is **Oct. 1st**. Please contact me if you are interested in being a vendor. Louise From 354-1433

Horn School Crossing Guards: School Starts August 21st

Harold Plate will continue as a UH crossing guard. **Beth Ann Bitner** will continue as a UH reserve guard.