

## Mayor Report- October 2013

**University Heights Farmers Market-** The last farmers market of the 2013 season was held Tuesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. It was another successful market and very well attended. I spoke with most of the vendors and the majority agreed to keep the same date- (Tuesday) and times (5:00-7:00) for the 2014 season. It was decided that the first Tuesday of each month is successful as it makes each market a “special event”. It was stated that sometimes adding more dates can actually lower attendance. I will be able to get the word out much earlier for the 2014 market schedule to continue to build attendance. If anyone is interested in being a Vendor or wants to refer a Vendor -please contact me at 354-1433.

Lori Kimura is assisting me in getting a complete financial report of the farmers markets. We will have it completed for the November 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

I want to give **Special Thanks** to **Mike Haverkamp** for organizing all the wonderful music for all five of the farmers markets. Here is the list of musicians from Mike. The regulars: **Loren Brumm & Margaret Brumm**. Others who played once or more were: **Tom Raife, Dave Hicks, Mike Kanellis, Guy Drollinger & Betty Vornbrock**.

**MPO-JC Urbanized Area Policy Board-** meeting on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at Coralville City Hall. Highlights: Two amendments were considered & approved to the FY14-18 Transportation Improvement Plan 1) Coralville’s signal coordination on Highway 6 and 2) I-80/380 and US Hwy 218 interchange redesign services. There was an update on the ADA curb ramps (University Heights has been completed) Update on Chicago to IC/to Omaha rail service. There will be future discussions of interest in a regional Affordable Housing plan.

**Emergency Management Agency Board** meeting- was held Sept. 28 at JECC. Highlights: Hazard Mitigation Grant planning is 60% completed in the county. (University Heights has been completed). E911 Surcharge law change- effective July 1, 2013. The state-wide levy leveled out to one dollar a year for wireless and wire line. It was noted that the Haz Mat team is comprised of about half of the members are from the Iowa City Fire Department.

I also completed all the final **FEMA paperwork** for the City damages associated with the April 17<sup>th</sup> extraordinary rain event. We should be getting reimbursement checks in the next 6 weeks.

Please contact me if you have questions.