

Mayor Report - December 2013

I will be reviewing appointments to city committees- Zoning Commission & Board of Adjustments. Citizens who are interested please contact me.

Meetings attended:

Nov. 13th - Attended the MPO-Urbanized Area Policy Board Meeting held at the new Terry True Blood Rec building off Sand Rd. Highlights: Affordable Housing in the urbanized cities was discussed.

I will be serving on a sub- committee to look at the use of plastic bags (that area merchants use for purchases) throughout the greater community.

Dec. 4th -Attended the EMA- Emergency Management Board Meeting. Highlights: The preliminary budget was discussed. I was elected 2014 Chairperson of this Board. Retiring Mayor Don Saxton of Oxford had been the chairperson for over 30 years. Mayor Tim Mason of Hills was elected vice chair.

MidAmerican Energy community grant. I applied for this \$250 grant to be used for community events. I received notice that our grant was approved and they will be sending the check.

UH Community Fund application deadline is Dec. 31. I'm currently working with others on submitting several applications.

The Third Annual Severson Charity Challenge is being sponsored by MPO-JC. Linda Severson was the Human Services Coordinator for the MPO-JC. Linda passed away of cancer two years ago and in her spirit-the City of Iowa City is challenging other municipalities and entities in JC to have a charity drive in Linda's honor. Each entity that wants to participate will designate a charity for their Holiday Charity Drive. The entity that collects the most donations (based on the ratio of full-time employees to quantity of donations), will be awarded the engraved traveling Severson Cup. City of Coralville won the first challenge and University Heights won last year. All City employees part time and full time, City council members/ mayor can participate. However, no donation will be turned down. Police chief, Ron Fort has chosen the charity for University Heights again: **The Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City.**

I checked the Ronald McDonald House website about their "wish list" and they can always use paper towels, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies as well as common food items that most people like.

I have listed some examples: Baking mixes, frosting mixes, variety of canned soups, canned fruits and vegetables, Sugar, flour, chocolate chips, cereal both individual and large boxes, snacks such as granola bars or fruit snacks. The collection boxes are at our city office.

Contact me if anyone wants to donate some items so I can let you in the city office or I can pick up your donations. My phone number is 354-1433 or 321-5525. The last day for donations will be Jan. 3, 2014.

