

## **Mayor's Report –July 2015**

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**, As EMA board chair, I met with Iowa City council member, Michelle Payne and North Liberty council member, Brian Wayson to do a yearly evaluation of Dave Wilson, JC Emergency Management Director.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**, MPO- Urbanized Area Policy Board Meeting. Council member Mike Haverkamp attended this meeting as my alternate.

Special Thanks to council member Mike Haverkamp for managing the July 7<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market in my absence while on a family vacation.

### **Announcing a University Heights “Watch & Wave” RAGBRAI Event:**

**Saturday morning, July 25<sup>th</sup> RAGBRAI bicyclists will be routed through University Heights on Melrose Ave following their overnight stay in Coralville.**

**The University Heights RAGBRAI committee is organizing a “Watch & Wave” event on Melrose Ave Saturday morning, July 25<sup>th</sup>. 16,000+ RAGBRAI bicyclists will be leaving Coralville from their overnight stay and heading down Melrose Ave. Our Melrose Avenue route is mostly downhill and we expect bicyclists will not want to stop until a photo opportunity at Kinnick Stadium- that is why we are calling it a “Watch & Wave”.**

**Our very own, University Heights Police Dept will be assisting a safe route on Melrose for RAGBRAI cyclists and directing traffic.**

**RAGBRAI Riders start at various times but we have been told the bulk of the bicyclists will be riding down Melrose Ave from 6:30am-9:00am. We invite families, friends & neighbors to “watch & wave” and bring lawn chairs (their morning coffee, juice boxes and breakfast snacks) along the North side of Melrose Ave wide sidewalk area- sitting on the 4 feet closest to the street. Please leave an aisle of the sidewalk open to walkers. We also encourage the “watchers” to wear their favorite costume while they are waving! Some suggestions: Pajamas, nightgowns, slippers, robes. Also Hawkeye fan gear, Herky, UI football or athletic type costume or your own favorite costume.**

RAGBRAI still needs overnight space: University Heights Residents are asked to help host register riders in their homes and yards. Hosting includes bed(s) inside, driveway space for an RV or van, floor space inside for a sleeping bag, shower/toilet facilities, or yard space for camping. Guests will arrive mid to early afternoon on Friday, July 24, 2015 and will depart Saturday, July 25, 2015, usually by 9:00 am. Great long-lasting relationships have been made with host homes and riders. To sign up to be a host:

<http://www.ragraicoralville.com/community/hosting> or call Iowa City/Coralville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and talk to Jillian Miller.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-43

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING PARKING, TRAFFIC, AND  
OTHER REGULATIONS DURING RAGBRAI**

**WHEREAS**, the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) will pass through University Heights July 24-25, 2015, after an overnight stop in Coralville; and

**WHEREAS**, the University Heights RAGBRAI Committee has worked to recommend particular regulations and to organize an appropriate community celebration and response, including a "Watch & Wave" event along the north side of Melrose Avenue on July 25, 2015, as riders pass through; and

**WHEREAS**, the University Heights City Council desires to welcome RAGBRAI riders and their support teams and to encourage citizens to host RAGBRAI participants and to support and celebrate the event in other ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the University Heights City Council desires to establish certain regulations for RAGBRAI's time in the community pursuant to the Council's authority and jurisdiction to adopt regulations for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the community,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of University Heights, Iowa that the following regulations shall be in effect during RAGBRAI's visit to the community July 24-25, 2015:

1. Parking of motor vehicles will be permitted on yards with the permission of the property owner and/or property residents.
2. Parking on streets shall be at the discretion and direction of the University Heights Chief of Police.
3. Traffic regulation shall be at the discretion and direction of the University Heights Chief of Police to protect the health and safety of residents, motorists, bicyclists, and support teams.
4. Sales of goods, merchandise, or services from property within a residential zone shall remain restricted as provided in Ordinance No. 81, which permits only sales from home occupations (defined to allow those living at the property to sell items that they prepare on the premises).

5. Signs, banners, and flags are permitted to be displayed with the permission of the property owner and/or property residents.
6. These regulations shall be in effect from 8:00 a.m. July 24, 2015, until 5:00 p.m. July 25, 2015.

Upon motion by \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the vote was as follows:

	AYES:	NAYS	ABSENT
Aldrich	_____	_____	_____
Haverkamp	_____	_____	_____
Lane	_____	_____	_____
Miller	_____	_____	_____
Quezada	_____	_____	_____

Upon Roll Call thus recorded, the Resolution is declared adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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 Louise From, Mayor  
 City of University Heights

ATTEST:

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 Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk