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Est. August 13, 1935 FALL 2014 Pop. 1051 (2010 Census)

Leaf vacuuming: Mon, Oct. 27, 2014 and Thurs, Nov. 13, 2014

Leaf bag pick-up: Thursday, Nov 20, 2014

*Christmas tree pick-up: Tues, Jan. 6, 2015 and Tues, Jan. 13,
2015*

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City News

Farmers Markets: Our University Heights Farmers Market is about to wrap up its second year. On the first Tuesday evening of each month June through October, come join your neighbors for dinner, desserts and baked goods, crafts, and fresh produce from 5-7pm at the parking lot of Saint Andrew church. Anyone interested in becoming a vendor should contact Louise From.

Saint Andrew re-development: The re-development plan for the Saint Andrew church site continues to take shape. Please check the city website for the latest information: www.university-heights.org.

Emerald Ash Borer: The Emerald Ash Borer is coming! This small green insect first arrived in the US by way of Detroit approx. ten years ago and has been working its way across the Midwest since, and kills nearly 100% of ash trees in its path. It has not yet been detected in Johnson County, but has been found to the north, south, east and west of us, the nearest finding in Mechanicsville, about 30 miles away. To prepare for the loss of our ash trees, the city began replanting new street trees this year, using grant money from MidAmerican Energy, MidwestOne Bank and Hills Bank. We will continue planting new street trees to prepare for the loss of our mature ash trees. Homeowners should consider doing the same. Streets and Sidewalks chair Virginia Miller can help you identify and evaluate the trees on your property and offer planting recommendations, contact her if interested.

University Heights Police Department News

There will be a major change in town this winter as long time Chief, Ron Fort, retires from the U-Heights police force at the end of October. We will greatly miss him and are very grateful for the 10 years he has served as our Chief. His administration has been successful and peaceful.

We will welcome a new Chief, Kenneth Stanley, in early November. Chief Stanley comes to us from Centuria, Wisconsin where he also served as Police Chief. Prior to that, he was a member of the California Highway Patrol for 30 years. Chief Stanley has experience in traffic enforcement, administration and public affairs.

The University Heights Police Department believes in community policing and being a friendly helpful presence in our community. To contact the department for routine business call 319-887-6900.

Speed Limit Change: Over the winter the speed limit on Prospect Place was changed from 20 mph to 10 mph at the request of residents. Signs have already been replaced. Olive Ct and Leamer remain 10 mph also.

Improving City communications: The City is trying to improve communications with residents. If you would like to be kept up-to-date on city business, city announcements (e.g., monthly city council minutes), please send your e-mail address to our city clerk at uhclerk@yahoo.com. Also check out the city website at www.university-heights.org.

Help the City welcome new residents: If you get a new neighbor on your street, please let the City know by sending a message to the city clerk at uhclerk@yahoo.com. We will drop off a city newsletter and answer any questions they have about city services.

Garden club: Scott and Carol Ann Christiansen started the garden club for the purpose of designing, planting, and maintaining the flower bed in the city-owned triangle area of Melrose, Koser, and Golfview. The plant-tending is mostly carried out by Carol Ann and Pat Yeggy. All plants, services, mulch, etc. for the city garden are funded entirely with donations. Donations to the garden club are always appreciated and can be sent to Carol Ann Christiansen at 1461 Grand Avenue. If sending a check, make it out to Carol Ann, for deposit in a special account. Volunteer gardeners are always welcome to join in!

Community Fund: University Heights now has a Community Fund, which is an endowment fund set up through the Community Foundation of Johnson County. This fund allows our community to provide financial support to local programs. Information on making a donation can be found at communityfoundationofjohnsoncounty.org.

In 2014 grants were awarded to the UH Garden Club to repair the retaining wall and improve the watering system, to the city of University Heights to help fund this years community events, and to the Triangle Park Improvement project to help fix up the bus shelter at Melrose and Koser. Please consider making a donation, and if you'd like to apply for a grant contact Chris Luzzie at cluzzie@aol.com.

Rental housing code: For a number of years, University Heights has had a rental housing ordinance that prohibits occupancy by more than two unrelated persons. This ordinance was approved to maintain the high-quality residential nature of our community. Ordinance #149

requires a rental permit and certificate of occupancy any time a room or a home is provided to anyone other than the owner, regardless of whether rent is charged. For example, if a person from out of town owns a home in University Heights and permits a family member not listed on the deed to live there free of charge, a rental permit and certificate of occupancy are still required. We encourage citizens to notify a council member, city staff member, police officer, or the mayor if you are aware of a dwelling where this ordinance is being violated.

Disposal of leaves and grass clippings/snow removal: City ordinances prohibit citizens from blowing grass clippings, leaves, or snow onto city streets, including the curb area. If you use a commercial mowing or snow removal service, please ensure that they understand these ordinances.

Mayor and City Council

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Fire Chief: Dave Stannard, Coralville Fire Department, 248-1835

Police Chief: Kenneth Stanley, 887-6800

Legal services: Steven Ballard; Leff Law Firm; 338-7551

Rental housing inspector: Norm Cate, 319-621-4731

Treasurer: Lori Kimura, 466-1702

General Community Information

You are invited to attend University Heights city council meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m, usually held at either Horn School or at the University Club.

An agenda is posted in the window of the city office prior to the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are published in the Press-Citizen, posted in the window of the city office, and posted on the city website. Ordinances are available for inspection from the city clerk (337-6900) and are also available for reading on the website. The City of University Heights has a city information telephone number (337-6900). Any citizens with questions or concerns about city business or activities should call and leave a descriptive message with your name and phone number, and your call will be returned.

Members of the city council are interested in maintaining an open, responsive council that follows consistent policies while serving the needs of the community. The council would like to call your attention to the following services and regulations.

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment is appointed by the mayor and hears appeals to the University Heights Zoning Ordinance. The board consists of five members: Thomas Breese (chair), Randall Aitchison, Jerry Musser, Ann Dudler, and Rachel Stewart.

Zoning Commission

The Zoning Commission is appointed by the mayor and recommends changes to the University Heights Zoning Ordinance. The board consists of five members: Alice Haugen, Kris McLure, Stuart Rosebrook, Larry Wilson, Patricia Yeggy.

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Services

Fire Protection – Emergency Number 911

To report a fire, dial 911, give your name and address, and state that you live in University Heights. Fire protection is provided under contract by the Coralville Volunteer Fire Department and other members of the Johnson County Mutual Aid Fire Departments. Routine calls can be made to the Coralville Fire Department at 248-1835.

Police Services – Emergency Number 911

The emergency number should be used only when immediate attention is necessary. Simply dial 911, give your name and address, and state that you live in University Heights. Please use it at once if you notice something suspicious or need help. Do not just wait and watch!

The University Heights Police Department provides police protection for the city. If you need a police officer, call 356-6800, and an officer will be dispatched. You can leave non-emergency voice mail messages for police officers by calling 887-6800, and someone will get back to you. Use 911 for calls requiring an immediate response.

The police request that you keep your garage door closed at all times. Do not leave your garage door opener in an unlocked vehicle in your driveway, as burglars can gain access to homes through garages. Residents are also asked to keep their gates closed and locked, as subjects can go from yard to yard to avoid detection. The police would appreciate a call concerning any suspicious activity.

House checks while you are out of town can be arranged by calling 356-6800.

Water and Sewer Service

The Iowa City Water Department provides service and maintenance in University Heights. If you have questions about your water or sewer bill, call 356-5066. For emergency calls about water service, 24 hours a day, call 356-5166; for sewer emergencies, call 356-5177. University Heights citizens should remember that the dates provided with sewer and water bills for Christmas tree and leaf pick-up (vacuuming) apply to Iowa City only and not University Heights.

Bus Service and Johnson County S.E.A.T.S

University Heights is provided bus service by contract with the Iowa City Transit Authority. The level and cost of service is equal to that provided to Iowa City residents. Schedules and bus stop locations can be obtained from the Transit Authority. The Johnson County S.E.A.T.S. transit service is under contract to provide transit service of elderly (65 years of age or older) and disabled University Heights citizens. This service costs \$2.00 per trip and is available by calling 339-6125.

Library Services

University Heights has library contracts with the Iowa City and Coralville public libraries. Any resident of University Heights may obtain a library card at both libraries free of charge.

Parks and Recreation

All parks in Johnson County are available to you. Iowa City and Coralville Recreation Department services are also available to residents of University Heights, who are charged a non-resident fee.

Property Owner Information

Water Drainage

Iowa law generally provides that the owners of land at higher elevations have easement rights over adjoining lands at lower elevations for the drainage of surface waters. The law further provides that landowners who increase the quantity of water or change the flow of water onto lands of others may be held liable for resulting damage. These general principles of state law apply within the limits of the City of University Heights. Furthermore, all University Heights citizens need to be aware that sump pump discharges are not to be directed in any way that can cause damage to city streets. Over the past few years, a number of sump pump system discharges have undermined and damaged city streets. Property owners should be aware that if their property is near such street damage they can be assessed a portion of the street repair costs. The city council asks all property owners to not only make sure that their own sump pump system discharges correctly, but also to check their neighbors' discharge location. If you have questions or concerns about this issue, please contact a council member or city staff member. Property Owner Alert: If you find holes emerging on your property that may indicate the undermining of city streets, please notify the city engineer (354-3040). Such holes need to be filled to help prevent erosion.

Disposal of Leaves, Grass Clippings, and Other Lawn Debris

City ordinances prohibit citizens from placing leaves, grass clippings, and other lawn debris on city streets. This includes mowing grass and leaves into the street. If you use a commercial mowing service, please ensure that they understand that blowing grass and leaves into the street is prohibited.

Snow and/or Ice Removal

City streets in University Heights are cleared of snow and ice by Hawkeye Snow Removal. Both sand and salt are used in winter. Repeated sanding of intersections is authorized as needed. On days (or evenings) when plowing is likely, please do not leave your cars on the street, as they may interfere with plowing.

Ordinance #97 was enacted to provide citizens with guidance for the removal of snow and/or ice from their sidewalks and driveways. The ordinance prohibits property owners or persons in possession (renters) from removing snow and/or ice accumulations from their property and placing them on the private property of another without their prior permission. Property owners or renters are prohibited from placing snow and/or ice accumulations on public property or public right-of-

ways. Further, property owners or renters are prohibited from pushing, transporting, or carrying snow and/or ice accumulations from their property into, upon, or across a street or alley right-of-way for the purpose of depositing the snow and/or ice on the other side of the street or alley right-of-way without prior approval of the council. This provision does not apply to snow and/or ice hauled and deposited upon private property with the consent of the property owner.

Sidewalk snow removal is the responsibility of each property owner. You should have snow removed within 24 hours after each snowfall. The property owner is legally liable for accidents due to failure to clear sidewalks. The City has the authority through ordinance to remove snow from sidewalks not cleared within 24 hours and charge the cost to the property owner without prior notification. This can be quite expensive for the property owner. We hope such action does not become necessary.

Sidewalks

Property owners are responsible for maintenance of sidewalks on their property. Broken or uneven areas should be repaired or replaced. Contact the city engineer (354-3040) before work is done. The city has the authority through ordinance to make repairs and charge the cost to the property owner. Property owners will be notified if they fail to maintain their sidewalks or make adequate repairs.

During the fall of 2014, the city will begin reviewing the condition of sidewalks throughout town using inspection criteria shown on page 11. This was last done in 2005. The southeast section of town (south of Melrose and east of Sunset) will be inspected this fall, with sidewalk inspection reports being issued to property owners noting required repairs. These reports will indicate a date in the summer of 2015 when repairs must be completed.

The southwest section (south of Melrose and west of Sunset) will be inspected in 2015, and the north section (north of Melrose) will be inspected in 2016. Similarly, inspection reports will be issued to adjacent property owners noting repair completion dates for the following summer.

These three sections of town will be inspected on a rotating basis thereafter to eventually establish an inspection of sidewalks in each area once every six years.

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SIDEWALK INSPECTION
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DATE: _____
 LOCATION/ADDRESS OF VIOLATION: _____
 PROPERTY OWNER NAME: _____
 PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS: _____
 INSPECTOR: _____ DATE PASSED INSPECTION: _____

SHOW REPAIR AREAS INDICATING TYPE OF REPAIR AND # OF SQUARES

STREET NAME _____

STREET NAME _____

STREET NAME _____

STREET NAME _____

_____ Type of Repair
 _____ # of Squares

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 _____ # of Squares

REPAIR TYPES

<p>TYPE A THE SIDEWALK IS DISPLACED WITH A VERTICAL EDGE OF (3/4) INCH OR MORE</p>	<p>TYPE D THE SIDEWALK HAS SPALLED OVER FIFTY (50) PERCENT OF THE SURFACE.</p>
<p>TYPE B THE SIDEWALK IS DEPRESSED MORE THAN 3 INCHES FROM THE NORMAL LINE OF GRADE, PONDS WATER, OR HAS A DRAINAGE WAY FORMED INTO THE SURFACE.</p>	<p>TYPE E THE SIDEWALK HAS SEPARATIONS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE DIMENSIONS SHOWN AT ANY POINT</p>
<p>TYPE C THE SIDEWALK HAS CRACKED INTO FOUR (4) OR MORE PIECES OR IS MISSING A PIECE.</p>	<p>TYPE E THE SIDEWALK HAS RAISED MORE THAN 3 INCHES FROM THE NORMAL LINE OF GRADE OF THE SIDEWALK</p>

WIDTH OF SIDEWALK: 4 Feet 8 Feet ___ Feet
 Approx. Square Feet of Sidewalk to be Repaired: _____
 Repaired by: Owner _____ City _____
 Invoice # _____ Square Feet _____
 Reimbursables _____

NOTES:

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Right of Way Excavation

Prior to performing an excavation in the street or in the street right of way, an excavation permit is required. Contact the city clerk (337-6900) or the city engineer (354-3040).

**Yard Waste, Recycled Materials and Household Garbage
Collection**

The University Heights sanitation program is provided by
Johnson County Refuse
Steve & Kandy Smith, 970 238th St NE, North Liberty, IA 52317
Mailing address: PO Box 200, North Liberty, IA 52317
Phone: 665-4498 Mobile phone: 330-1726

Service	Pick-up	Cost	Steps or Conditions
Green bin Paper recycling	Every Tuesday	\$4.25/ month Paid by City	Newspaper, magazines, computer paper, junk mail, and envelopes on one side of the divider. Flattened corrugated or chipboard cardboard on the other side of the divider. <u>NO</u> wrapping or tissue paper, soiled or dirty paper, tissues, paper plates, or Styrofoam peanuts. Cut large cardboard into 2' x 2' pieces.
Yellow bin Non-paper recycling	Every Tuesday	Included with paper	Glass (clear, green, and brown bottles and jars, rinsed clean). Tin and aluminum food cans (clean and remove labels). Plastic containers #1 through #7 <u>NO</u> Styrofoam, plastic bags, or toys.

Service	Pick-up	Cost	Steps or Conditions
Refuse (Garbage)	Every Tuesday	\$1.25/ sticker	Stickers sold at Fareway on Mormon Trek, 2530 Westwinds Drive, Iowa City One sticker for a 20-22 gallon capacity container; two stickers for 23-32 gallon containers (40 pound limit). Garbage containers must not be larger than a 35 gallon container. For yearly sticker, call 665-4498.
Yard waste*	Every Tuesday	\$1.25/ sticker	Stickers sold at Fareway. One sticker placed on up to 39 gallon bags (40 pound weight limit).
Tree branches*	Every Tuesday	\$1.25/ sticker	Cut tree branches into pieces no longer than 3' x 3" in diameter. Bundles no larger than 48" around. Place sticker around the string holding the bundle together. (Each residence will be allowed one free bundle of branches per week.)
Leaf vacuuming	Oct 27 and Nov 13	Paid by City	Please note: It takes most of a day cover the entire city.

Service	Pick-up	Cost	Steps or Conditions
Leaf pick-up	Nov. 20	Paid by City	Place leaves in plastic bags, garbage cans, or other suitable containers. Please do not fill little bags and then put them into a large bag; plastic does not compost and the hauler must empty each bag. Leaves must be at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the morning of pick-up.
Christmas trees	Jan. 6 and Jan. 13	Paid by City	For pick-up at any other time, attach 2 yard waste stickers. Trees must be at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the morning of pick-up.
Other bulky rubbish	Call 665-4498	Paid by resident	You can make special arrangements for removal of appliances, tires, and excessive amounts of yard waste or tree clippings by calling Steve Smith at Johnson Co Refuse.

**Residents may take yard waste to the Iowa City Landfill at no charge.*

Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at the Iowa City Landfill

The Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is part of the Iowa City Recycling Center at the Iowa City Landfill. The Landfill is located at 3900 Hebl Avenue (continue on Melrose Avenue about 2 miles west of Iowa City). Hazardous wastes and/or materials can be found throughout the home. Examples include oven cleaner; drain and toilet bowl cleaner, gasoline; battery acid, weed killer, pesticides, solvents, oil-based paint, shoe polish, moth balls, and syringes. Look for labels on the items: words such as DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION are signals for hazardous waste. Never dispose of hazardous waste/materials directly into your garbage or into the waterways of our community.

All residents of University Heights are eligible to use this free service. Please follow these instructions for using the facility:

1. Make a quick inventory of the items; list the general types and quantity of waste. You'll be asked about your items when you make the appointment.
2. Call the Iowa City Landfill office at 356-5185 to set up an appointment; appointments are available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
3. Keep items in their original containers—never mix materials together. Label unmarked containers.

Iowa City Landfill staff will be there to assist only at your appointment time and no unscheduled drop offs will be accepted.

While you are there, feel free to look through the Exchange Room. Items that are brought into the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in their original containers and in usable condition will be placed in this room for people to pick up at no charge. Automobile fluids and paints are some of the items most likely to be available. No appointment is necessary if you want to check out the Exchange Room for usable items and don't intend to drop items off. If you have any questions, please call 356-5185.

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University Heights has a few ordinances, which, along with state laws, keep our city running smoothly. Several of these ordinances are summarized here. An unofficial version of the ordinances can be found on the city website at www.university-heights.org.

Building and Zoning

Nearly all of the property in University Heights is zoned R-1, single family residential. Permitted uses within this zone include occupancy by a family and one person not a member of the family. "Family" is defined as one person or two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption occupying a dwelling as an individual housekeeping unit.

This ordinance also provides that no building shall be erected or altered unless a building permit is issued by the building inspector. It is the responsibility of the property owner to make sure that required permits are obtained. Do not assume that the contractor will do this. The University Heights building inspector is Terry Goerdt (330-9806). There are also ordinances that regulate fences and driveways. If you are building or changing a fence or driveway, check with the city clerk (337-6900) or building inspector first. If you have questions about the zoning ordinance, or if you would like to report a possible violation of the ordinance, please contact the city attorney, Steven Ballard, at 338-7551.

Pet Ordinance

It is the pet owners' responsibility to have their animals (dog, cat, or other pet) under control at all times. The ordinance prohibits any dog or cat off the owner's property without being on a leash or under control. Allowing your pet to cause damage or defilement to public or private property is a nuisance and is prohibited. When walking your pet, keep it parkway - the area between street and sidewalk. When using a retractable leash please be considerate of your neighbors and do not allow your pet access to property far away from the street.

Stray animals may be taken to the Iowa City Animal Shelter by UH residents. Questions or problems with stray or injured animals may be directed to the UH police at 356-6800.

Vendor Ordinance

Ordinance #81 is especially pertinent to football season. It prohibits the display or sale of goods or services on any public property (parks, streets, alleys, sidewalks) in University Heights. This ordinance also applies to private property in a residential zone (other than home occupations or personal garage sales allowed by the zoning ordinance). The purpose of this ordinance is primarily to regulate sales of goods and services during football games. It has been required due to possible problems with food sales and blocking of pedestrian traffic. It will also assist in reducing the clean-up of city property following these events.

Vehicle Parking

Overnight parking is prohibited on most city streets. Blocking the sidewalk is also prohibited. Diagonal parking on Marietta is limited to University Heights permit holders only, to deter vehicles being stored by non-residents. Parking on yards is prohibited except on days of Iowa home football games.

There is no parking on any University Heights streets east of Sunset on the day of a University of Iowa home football game, except for permit holders on Marietta. On game days, no parking is also enforced on the east side of Mahaska, Monroe, and Ridgeview Streets, and the south and east side of Koser west of Sunset, and the south side of Highland west of Sunset. Parking is not allowed at any time on the parkway between the street (curb) and the property line. Blocking of any sidewalk is prohibited. Violations result in cars being towed by Big Ten Towing of Iowa City. You may park cars on your property during football games, but the car must not be parked on the area between the street and sidewalk and must not block or obstruct the sidewalk. Persons who park cars on their property are responsible for clean-up immediately following sporting events.

*** Storm Water Regulations in University Heights ***

In the past, storm water management has been primarily focused on managing the *quantity* of storm water generated during storm events. To provide flood control for residents, street intakes and storm sewer pipes are designed to convey storm water to the local waterways (i.e., streams, rivers, and lakes) at a rate fast enough to prevent this water from ponding on streets and yards.

To comply with new federal regulations, University Heights is required to maintain a new storm water management program, which takes into consideration the *quality* of storm water runoff by using practices that reduce the discharge of pollutants often found in storm water. The program is designed to protect water quality and satisfy the appropriate requirements of the Clean Water Act.

What Is Storm Water Runoff?

Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent storm water runoff from naturally soaking into the ground.

What Is the Problem?

Pollutants accumulate on impervious surfaces between rainfall events. Storm water can pick up trash, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a local waterway. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted storm water runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

Sediment from construction sites, or salt and sand from snow/ice removal...

...can cloud water and make it difficult for aquatic plants to grow. It can also destroy aquatic habitats.

Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents used motor oil, and other auto fluids...

...can poison aquatic life. Animals and people can become sick from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.

Bacteria from pet waste, and other pathogens...

...can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards or contribute to beach closures.

Trash such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts...

...washed into water bodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.

Polluted storm water often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

What is involved with the new storm water management program?

University Heights maintains mapping of the city's storm sewer system, and continues to provide storm drain marking ("No Dumping, Drains to River") and annual street sweeping to remove sediment from city streets. Additional requirements include: (1) providing public education and outreach; (2) providing opportunities for citizens to participate in program development; (3) inspecting storm drain outlets to detect illicit discharges; (4) reducing sediment loss from construction sites; and (5) establishing municipal procedures to maintain storm water quality.

What Can You Do?

- Dispose of household hazardous waste properly
Never dump household hazardous waste such as pesticides, fertilizers, paint, or solvents into a storm drain, open waterway, or ditch. Beyond posing a threat to our health and environment, such dumping is illegal. For proper household hazardous waste disposal information, call the Iowa City Landfill & Recycling Center at 356-5185, or visit their website at <http://www.icgov.org/?id=1614>
- Report Potentially Hazardous Spills or Dumping to 887-6800
If you see a potentially hazardous material flowing to a storm sewer, ditch, or waterway, please call 887-6800 to report this activity.
- Lawn Care & Yard Waste
 - Use fertilizer, herbicide, and pesticide products sparingly. Follow the instructions carefully and apply only the recommended amount. Check the weather forecast and related instructions to avoid having to repeat the application.
 - Plant trees and shrubs—the roots hold water in the ground, slowing runoff and soil erosion. Trees can lower air conditioning costs too!
 - Re-direct roof drains to gardens or other vegetated areas.
 - Dispose of yard waste properly. Consider composting or mulching yard waste.
- Please Don't Litter
Trash left along our roadways and in our city washes into our waterways through rain and melting snow. Beyond being an

eyesore and a danger to wildlife, debris can allow standing water to breed disease-carrying mosquitos. It can also block storm drains, preventing water from draining properly.

- **Clean Up after Your Pets**

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings and automotive fluids off the ground and out of storm water.

Interested In Learning More?

Storm Water Program Overview www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/fact2-0.pdf

Storm Water in Iowa www.iowastormwater.org

Tips for Homeowners www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/solution_to_pollution.pdf

Water Efficient Landscaping www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/waterefficiency.pdf

Storm Water Runoff Info www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/after_the_storm.pdf

For More Information, Contact:

City Engineer Josiah Bilskemper with Shive-Hattery
(354-3040; jbilskemper@shive-hattery.com)

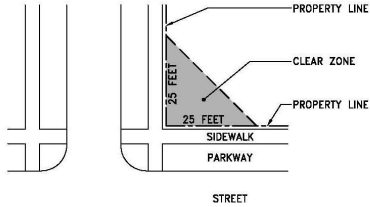
Want to be involved? If you are interested in helping with the Storm Drain Marking Program or would like to be a part of the Storm Water Advisory Committee (annual meeting), please contact the city engineer, Josiah Bilskemper.

Trimming of Trees and Shrubs

Ordinance #52 requires owners of private property to be responsible for the proper care and maintenance of all trees and shrubs located in the 'parkway' adjoining their property. All trees and shrubs on this property should be trimmed to allow free passage of pedestrians and vehicular traffic, and not obstruct the vision of traffic signs on any street or intersection. Diagrams showing proper tree trimming are below.

ORDINANCE 52 SECTION 4

All trees and shrubs on public or private property bordering on any street shall be trimmed to a sufficient height to allow free passage of pedestrians and vehicular traffic and so that they will not obstruct or shade street lights, the vision of traffic signs, or the view of any street intersection. The minimum clearance of any overhanging portion of such trees or shrubs shall be eight (8) feet over sidewalks and thirteen (13) feet over all streets.



ORDINANCE 105 SECTION 2.B

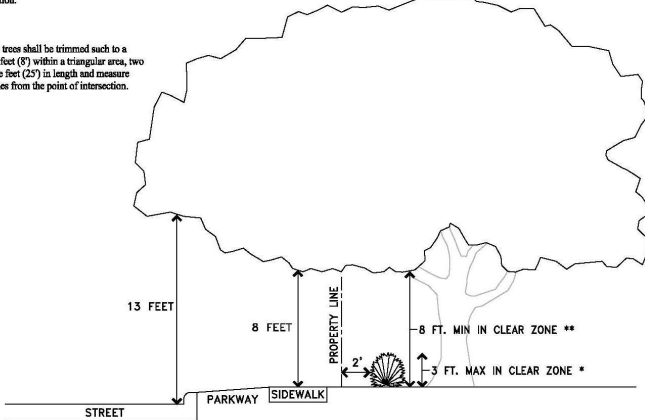
Fences and hedges or other plantings shall be located so no part thereof is within two feet (2') of any alley or a street right-of-way line.

* SECTION 2.C

At street intersections, no fences, hedges, or other plantings more than three feet (3') in height above the curb level shall be located within a triangular area, two (2) of its sides twenty-five feet (25') in length and measured along the right-of-way lines from the point of intersection.

** SECTION 2.D

At street intersections, all trees shall be trimmed such to a height not less than eight feet (8') within a triangular area, two (2) of its sides twenty-five feet (25') in length and measure along the right-of-way lines from the point of intersection.



TRIMMING OF TREES AND SHRUBS:

Ordinance #52 requires the owners of private property to be responsible for the proper care and maintenance of all trees and shrubs located in the "parkway" adjoining their property. All trees and shrubs on this property should be trimmed to allow free passage of pedestrians and vehicular traffic and not obstruct the vision of traffic signs on any street intersection.

We urge you to check the trees and shrubbery on your property or parkway areas so that they remain in compliance with this ordinance. The city has authority through ordinance to have this work performed and charged to the property owner.

Note: The "parkway" is the space between the curb and sidewalk, or where there is no sidewalk, between the curb and property line. Permission of the city council is required before adding or removing trees from the parking area.

Dear Neighbors,

I am honored and privileged to serve University Heights as your Mayor. It is a pleasure to work with the members of the University Heights City Council as we continue to improve our quality of life.

University Heights Farmers Market

I am excited to talk about establishing the Farmer's Market in University Heights in 2013. The Farmers Market for the past two years has been held the First Tuesday of each month June thru October at the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church parking lot. Your support and attendance has made our market a success! I am in need of more volunteers for set up and take down on the market dates in 2015. The 2015 Farmers Market dates are: June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1, & Oct. 6. Please contact me if interested in volunteering at email: louise@university-heights.org or 354-1433. The 2014 Farmers Market season is coming to a close with the last farmers market to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7th, 5:00-7:00pm at the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church parking lot. Please plan on attending.

Police Chief Retirement and Open House

Our beloved police chief, Ron Fort, is retiring after 10 years of dedicated service to the City. I am grateful for Chief Fort's excellent leadership. I have relied on him on many occasion for his depth of police knowledge handling many difficult situations in a positive, controlled and sensitive manner. He has been a rock-solid resource that I have come to have the utmost confidence in his abilities. He will be missed but I wish him the best with his future plans!

The city council/city staff and I will hold a retirement party in his honor:

Chief Fort's Retirement Party Open House

Sunday, Oct. 12th, 2:00 - 5:00pm

1004 Melrose Ave. at the City Office (next to Stella).

Please mark your calendars to attend!

The City Council and I will continue to seek new and innovative ways to make University Heights an even better place to live.

Sincerely,

Louise From, Mayor