

# Citizen's Brief

Uniquely Urbandale

Spring,  
2008



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A Quarterly City of Urbandale Update

## City Council Adopts \$35.8M Budget

### Tax Rates Remain Steady In Response To Negative Economic Predictions For 2008

City property tax rates in Urbandale will remain unchanged for the second consecutive year under the FY2008-09 operating budget recently passed by the City Council. The City Council adopted the spending plan following a public hearing on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

In response to negative economic trends, rising energy costs, increased unemployment and signs of inflation, the FY2008-09 operating budget minimizes tax and fee increases for Urbandale residents. The operating budget anticipates spending \$35.8 million in the year beginning on July 1, 2008. This amount represents an increase of 8% from the current year's budget. The only fee increase is a \$2.00 monthly increase for solid waste collection.

According to information provided to the City Council by City Manager Robert Layton, the expenditure increase is driven primarily by normal wage increases for existing employees, and rising health insurance, property insurance and energy costs. The budget is also affected by the City's continued investment in infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, sidewalks, sewers, facilities, technology, traffic signals and equipment.

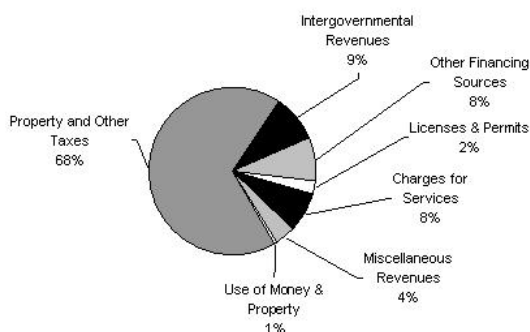
Under the adopted FY2008-09 budget, the general tax levy rate will remain at \$7.17 and the debt service levy rate will remain at \$2.05. The agricultural land levy rate will drop to \$1.71. The City's combined tax levy rate will be \$9.22 per \$1,000 of valuation. Based on this levy rate, the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 will pay approximately \$362 in property taxes to the City. This property tax bill represents a decrease of approximately \$13 (3.5%) from FY2007-08. A similarly valued home in FY2007-08 would have paid approximately \$375 in property taxes. By way of comparison, the City property tax bill for this home would be lower in FY2008-09 than it was in FY1998-99. During that ten-year period, this home's property tax bill would have dropped from \$425 to \$362, representing a decrease of \$63 (14.8%). If the value of this home was adjusted for inflation, the property tax bill would be \$47 more in FY2008-09 than in FY1998-99, representing an 11% increase over the ten year period.

The City's budget is funded primarily with property tax revenues (68%), revenues from state and federal sources (9%), and charges for services such as permits, housing inspections and recreation programs (10%). Other sources make up the remaining 13%.

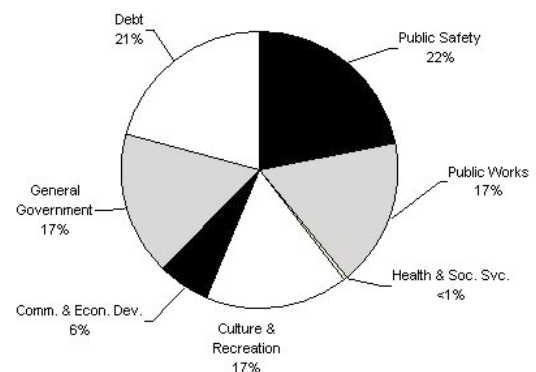
At the public hearing, the City's budget was endorsed by the Polk-Des Moines Taxpayers Association.

Copies of the adopted budget are available on the City's website at [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org) or at City Hall (3600 86<sup>th</sup> Street). For more information, please contact City Hall at 515.278.3900.

FY 2008-09 Revenue Sources



FY 2008-09 Expenditures By Function





Mayor Bob Andeweg

## From the Mayor's Desk...

May is the 52nd annual celebration of National Bike Month. Since 1956, the League of American Bicyclists has sponsored this celebration of cycling across the United States. The third week in May (10th – 16th) is recognized as Bike-to-Work Week and the third Friday of May (16th) is Bike-to-Work Day.

National Bike Month and Bike-to-Work Week promote bicycling as a part of a healthy lifestyle; make bicyclists more visible on our streets and roadways; and let City, County and State officials know that bicycling is a sustainable form of transportation that should be considered in the design and reconstruction of communities. The City Council and I take great pride in our community's efforts to provide bicycling opportunities with an extensive trail system within Urbandale. In addition, City staff continues to work with our surrounding communities to interconnect trails and bike paths.

I welcome you all to become involved in National Bike Month and Bike-to-Work Week. Urbandale has partnered with the Iowa Bicycle Coalition and is holding a kick-off to Bike-to-Work Week on Saturday, May 10th. This Family Trail Ride will start in Urbandale and lead riders to the downtown Farmer's Market. Riders will depart from the Timber Ridge Elementary School (7370 NW 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue) at 8:45 a.m. and the ride will cover 13 miles of paved trails on our way to downtown Des Moines. Enjoy the many smells, sights and foods at the Farmer's Market before returning to Urbandale at Noon. For more information on this kick-off event please contact the Recreation Department at 515.278.3963 or log onto the City's website at [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org).

For a complete list of Bike-to-Work Week, Bike-to-Work Day and National Bike Month activities log onto [www.bikeiowa.com](http://www.bikeiowa.com). I would like to remind all bicyclists to practice safe riding habits and to always wear a helmet when riding. I would also like to remind all of our residents to be respectful to bicyclists while driving and remember to share the road.

I look forward to seeing many of my neighbors on the trails and streets this May and throughout the summer.

**ridden your bike lately?**

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## "Community Views": Urbandale Perspectives

*"Community Views" is written by a City Council member or a Board or Commission member, spotlighting an issue or event in Urbandale. This article is by Michael Sadler, Chair of the Civil Rights Commission.*

The Urbandale Civil Rights Commission (UCRC) was created by City Ordinance 2004-20, on September 14, 2004. The creation of the UCRC was required by Chapter 216 of the Code of Iowa, triggered by the City's population exceeding 29,000 people.

The UCRC consists of five members (Michael Sadler - Chair, Andy Burton, LaTonya Calderon, Dr. Anil Regmi and Kim Thomas) who were appointed by the Mayor. The UCRC's responsibility is to prohibit discriminatory practices, whether direct or indirect, which deny any person rights and/or opportunities because of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity in pursuit of employment, public accommodation or services, housing, education and credit transactions.

We are committed to making sure that Urbandale continues to be viewed as a progressive, welcoming community. The next UCRC meeting is Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Please feel free to attend our meeting or you can always contact the UCRC at 515.278.3900 or online at [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org). We welcome your input and feedback.

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## Premium Yard Waste Service

The City of Urbandale and the Metro Waste Authority (MWA) are offering the Premium Yard Waste Program again in 2008. This optional program allows residents to purchase a special 95-gallon or 64-gallon wheeled cart for collecting yard waste. The wheeled carts will be picked up weekly on your regular trash and recycling collection day. An annual Compost It! sticker will come attached to each cart when they are delivered and the sticker is good for the 2008 yard waste season, April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 28<sup>th</sup>.



The Premium Yard Waste Program costs only \$100 a year and covers collection, disposal and cart rental. New program participants are required to pay a one time delivery and set-up fee of \$25. If you were a Premium Yard Waste Program member in 2007 you should have received a renewal application. Existing customers can renew their premium yard waste program sticker by logging onto [www.mwatoday.com](http://www.mwatoday.com).

First time participants can enroll in the premium yard waste program by logging onto the City's website for an application at [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org), by contacting Public Works at 515.278.3950, or at the Engineering Department (3600 86<sup>th</sup> Street).

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## Urbandale Hosts Clean Up Crew Event

The City of Urbandale is partnering with the Metro Waste Authority (MWA) to host the MWA's Clean Up Crew on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Clean Up Crew will help residents get rid of their Hazardous Household Waste (HHW). The Clean Up Crew event will take place at the Urbandale Middle School (7701 Aurora Avenue) on Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Anything labeled as toxic, corrosive, reactive or flammable is considered hazardous and should not be disposed of through conventional means. Such items should also not be thrown in the trash or poured down the drain. For a list of items that will be accepted, log onto the City's website at [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org) or contact Public Works at 515.278.3950. The Clean Up Crew will collect HHW from residents only and schools, farms and businesses should contact the MWA's Regional Collection Center at 515.967.5512, for disposal options.

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## 128<sup>th</sup> Street & 156<sup>th</sup> Street Construction Project Updates

**128<sup>th</sup> Street** - The City will be reconstructing 128<sup>th</sup> Street from Aurora Avenue to Meredith Drive. The project is anticipated to begin in June and be completed in December. The street will be closed to through traffic during the construction. Also included in the project is the construction of an additional two lanes on 128<sup>th</sup> Street between Douglas Parkway and Aurora Avenue.

**156<sup>th</sup> Street** - The City is reconstructing 156<sup>th</sup> Street from the south corporate limits, north to Meredith Drive. The street will be closed to through traffic during construction. 156<sup>th</sup> Street south of Douglas Parkway will be closed through December. The project anticipates two lanes open for traffic from Douglas Parkway to Ridgemont Drive by July 1<sup>st</sup> and two lanes open for traffic from Douglas Parkway through Walnut Hills Elementary School by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The entire project has an anticipated completion date of December 5, 2008. Douglas Parkway will remain open during the 156<sup>th</sup> Street construction project.

For up-to-date information on these projects and any other project, log onto the City's website, [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org), or contact the Engineering Department at 515.278-3950.

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# Briefly Noted...News from the City

## HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Memorial Day:** City offices and the Urbandale Library will be closed on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>. Trash collection will be delayed one day after the holiday for the rest of the week.

**Independence Day - July 4<sup>th</sup>** City offices and the Urbandale Library will be closed on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Trash collection will be on a normal schedule this week.

## COLUMBARIUM NICHES AT MCDIVITT GROVE

The City will be installing a columbarium in McDivitt Grove Cemetery in May 2008. The columbarium will be granite walled and consist of 48 niches measuring 12" x 12" x 11.5" for the placement of urns. Niches will be sold at a cost of \$1,100 for Urbandale residents and \$1,200 for non-residents. Niches will go on sale May 7, 2008 for residents and will go on sale May 1, 2009 for non-residents. Non-residents may opt to add their names to a waiting list starting May 1, 2008. The City anticipates adding additional columbaria as demand dictates. For more information or to purchase a niche, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 515.278.3963. Niche sales will begin on May 7, 2008.

## RECYCLING BIN COVERS

The City now offers recycling bin covers for sale. The covers cost only \$5.00 each and can be purchased at City Hall, 3600 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

## SENIOR CENTER STEAK FRY & TALENT SHOW

The annual Senior Center Steak Fry is June 13<sup>th</sup>, and will include a community variety show this year! Talented members of the community who would like to take part in the variety show should call 515.278.3907.

## "KICK-OFF TO SUMMER" EVENT

Urbandale residents are invited to join the Urbandale Friends of the Park Committee as they sponsor the 2008 Kick-Off to Summer Event. This family friendly event is scheduled for Memorial Day, Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All

activities will take place on the site of the planned Memorial Tree Park, just south of the Urbandale Library at 3800 86<sup>th</sup> Street. The Urbandale Swing Band will provide live music, Mustards Restaurant will be grilling up some great summer food, and games and inflatables will be on hand for the kids.

"This will be a great day for the whole family to enjoy the start to summer. We also want to share more information about the Memorial Tree Park to those who haven't heard about it," says Bruce Bernard, committee chairperson.

"This is a multi-year project," says Bernard. "We have received some funding from the city and individual donations, as well as a generous matching grant from the Polk County Board of Supervisors. Our initial challenge is to raise \$25,000 to receive the matching grant."

This park will serve as a quiet, contemplative place in a beautiful setting while honoring those we respect and love. So come out and enjoy the day with friends and family as we celebrate both the kick-off to summer and the Urbandale Memorial Tree Park.

For more information, visit [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org).

## BOW HUNT HARVEST RESULTS

The City's 2007-08 bow hunt for antlerless deer ended January 2008. The City had 22 qualified bow hunters who participated in this year's program. A record number of antlerless deer (91) were harvested: 34 from Living History Farms, 30 from private land, and 27 from City parkland. The City's 91 harvested deer represented 19% of the total harvest for the 11 Metro communities who participated in the bow hunting season. A special thank you to the private property owners who granted permission for a qualified bow hunter to participate in the on-going effort to reduce the urban deer population. If you are interested in enrolling your property for the special bow hunt of antlerless deer, please send an e-mail to [sprophet@urbandale.org](mailto:sprophet@urbandale.org) or call City Hall at 515.278.3900.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:****City Council**

Tues., May 6, 7:00 pm  
 Tues., May 13, 11:45 am  
 Tues., May 20, 7:00 pm  
 Tues., June 3, 7:00 pm  
 Tues., June 10, 11:45 am  
 Tues., June 17, 7:00 pm  
 Tues., July 1, 7:00 pm  
 Tues., July 15, 7:00 pm  
 Tues., July 22, 11:45 am  
 Tues., July 29, 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning Comm.**

Mon., May 12, 6:00 pm  
 Tues., May 27, 6:00 pm  
 Tues., June 10, 6:00 pm  
 Mon., June 23, 6:00 pm  
 Mon., July 7, 6:00 pm  
 Mon., July 21, 6:00 pm

**Board of Adjustment**

Wed., May 7, 6:00 pm  
 Wed., June 4, 6:00 pm  
 Wed., July 2, 6:00 pm

**Parks & Recreation Comm.**

Wed., May 21, 5:30 pm  
 Wed., June 18, 5:30 pm  
 Wed., July 16, 5:30 pm

**Tree Board**

Thur., May 22, 6:00 pm  
 Thur., July 24, 6:00 pm

**Civil Rights Commission**

Thur., May 15, 7:00 pm  
 Thur., July 17, 7:00 pm

The meeting above are held at the City Administrative Offices, 3600 86th Street.

**Library Board of Trustees**

Mon., May 19, 7:00 pm  
 Mon., June 23, 7:15 pm  
 Mon., July 28, 7:00 pm

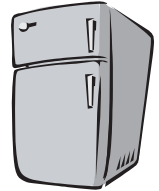
Meetings are held at the Library, 3520 86th Street.

**Water Board of Trustees**

Meetings are held at the Water Department, 3720 86th Street.

Please call 515.278.3940 for dates and times.

# For The Refrigerator



## Events and Happenings

### MAY, 2008

5/06 - City Council Meeting	5/20 - Passport to Retirement - P&R
5/07 - Board of Adjustment Meeting	5/21 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
5/08 - Mother's Day Card - P&R	5/22 - Tree Board Meeting
5/09 - Butterfliz of Iowa - Senior Center	5/24 - Suit Hop - Pool
5/10 - DTV Transition by IPTV - Library	5/26 - Summer Kick-Off Picnic
5/10 - Iron Tyke Tryathlon - Pool	5/26 - City Offices Closed - Memorial Day
5/10 - Family Bike Ride	5/27 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
5/11 - Parent's Day Swim - Pool	5/27 - Passport to Retirement - P&R
5/12 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting	5/27 - PowerPoint - P&R
5/13 - City Council Meeting	5/30 - Green Thumb Social - Pool
5/15 - Civil Rights Commission Meeting	5/30 - Crouching Taxes - P&R
5/17 - You're On The Air - P&R	5/31 - Debt Free Living - P&R
5/19 - Library Board of Trustees Meeting	5/31 - Money For Life - P&R
5/20 - City Council Meeting	

### JUNE, 2008

6/03 - City Council Meeting	6/17 - City Council Meeting
6/03 - MS Word 1 - P&R	6/17 - MS Excel 1 - P&R
6/04 - Board of Adjustment Meeting	6/18 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
6/04 - Hoyt Sherman Show - Senior Center	6/19 - Candy Bar Bingo
6/06 - Wii Demonstration Workshop - Senior Center	6/21 - Concert in the Park
6/07 - Annual Kickball Tournament - P&R	6/23 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
6/10 - City Council Meeting	6/23 - Library Board of Trustees Meeting
6/10 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting	6/23 - Concert in the Park
6/10 - MS Word 2 - P&R	6/24 - MS Excel 2 - P&R
6/13 - Senior Center Steak Fry - Senior Center	6/28 - Clean Up Crew Event - PW
6/13 - Couples Massage - P&R	6/28 - Incredible India - Library
6/15 - Parent's Day Swim - Pool	6/28 - Little, Bitty, Beach Party - Pool
6/16 - Science in the Park - P&R	6/29 - Concert in the Park

### JULY, 2008

7/01 - City Council Meeting	7/15 - City Council Meeting
7/01 - Computer for the Terrified - P&R	7/15 - You Can Do Magic - P&R
7/02 - Board of Adjustment Meeting	7/16 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
7/03 - Sparky Fun Bike Ride - P&R	7/16 - Jason the Juggler - Library
7/04 - City Offices Closed - Independence Day	7/17 - Civil Rights Commission Meeting
7/04 - Independence Day Splash - Pool	7/17 - Arts in the Park - Tie Dye - P&R
7/04 - Independence Day Run - P&R	7/21 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
7/07 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting	7/22 - City Council Meeting
7/08 - PowerPoint - P&R	7/24 - Tree Board Meeting
7/11 - Wii Demonstration Workshop - Senior Center	7/28 - Library Board of Trustees Meeting
7/14 - You're On The Air - P&R	7/29 - City Council Meeting

**Citizen Reminder** - Log onto the City's website, [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org), for upcoming events, Parks & Recreation Programs, meeting notices, meeting agendas and meeting minutes.

## City Officials and City Services

<b>For Information On ..... Call....</b>		
Agendas and Minutes, City Council .....278-3900	<b><u>Mayor and City Council</u></b>	<b><u>VOICE (278-3900)</u>      <u>FAX (278-3905)</u></b>
Animal Control Officer.....278-3911	Bob Andeweg, Mayor	bandeweg@urbandale.org
Beer and Wine Permits .....278-3900	Mike Carver, Council Member	mcarver@urbandale.org
Building Permits and Inspections .....278-3935	John Forbes, Council Member	jforbes@urbandale.org
Caring Corps .....278-3999	Tom Gayman, Council Member	tgayman@urbandale.org
Cemetery .....278-3963	Ron Pogge, Council Member	rpogge@urbandale.org
City Budget.....278-3900	Mary Polson, Council Member	mpolson@urbandale.org
City Code .....278-3900	<b><u>City Hall</u></b>	<b><u>VOICE (278-3900)</u>      <u>FAX (278-3905)</u></b>
Demographics .....278-3935	Bob Layton, City Manager	rlayton@urbandale.org
Employment (City Jobs) .....278-3900	Deb Mains, City Clerk	dmains@urbandale.org
Garbage Collection.....278-3950	General Information	cityhall@urbandale.org
Ice Skating .....278-3963	<b><u>Urbandale Information</u></b>	
Library Room Reservations .....278-3945	City Web Site -	<a href="http://www.urbandale.org">www.urbandale.org</a>
Liquor Licenses .....278-3900	Library Web Site -	<a href="http://www.urbandalelibrary.org">www.urbandalelibrary.org</a>
Maps of Urbandale .....278-3950	Urbandale Chamber -	<a href="http://www.uniquelyurbandale.com">www.uniquelyurbandale.com</a>
Newsletters.....278-3900	Urbandale Caring Corps -	<a href="http://www.urbandalecaringcorps.org">www.urbandalecaringcorps.org</a>
Parks .....278-3963	Radio Station -	1210 on the AM dial
Peddler's Permits .....278-3900	<b><u>Boards and Commissions</u></b>	<b><u>VOICE (278-3900)</u>      <u>FAX (278-3905)</u></b>
Pet Licenses .....278-3900	Board of Adjustment	
Playgrounds .....278-3963	Board of Appeals	
Pool .....278-3959	Board of Electrical Examiners	
Potholes .....278-3950	Civil Rights Commission	
Property Maintenance .....278-3930	Civil Service Commission	
Radio Station (1210 AM) .....278-3900	Library Board of Trustees	
Recreation Programs .....278-3963	Parks & Recreation Commission	
Recycling Collection.....278-3950	Planning & Zoning Commission	
Senior Center .....278-3907	Plumbing Board of Examiners	
Sidewalks .....278-3950	Urbandale Sanitary Sewer District	
Sled Hill .....278-3963	Urbandale/Windsor Heights Sanitary Sewer District	
Spring Cleanup.....278-3950	Tree Board	
Street Maintenance .....278-3950	Water Board of Trustees	
Tickets, Parking .....278-3900	<b><u>City Departments</u></b>	
Tickets, Speeding .....286-3917	<b><u>Building Department</u></b>	VOICE (278-3930)      FAX (278-3927)
Traffic Signals.....278-3950	<a href="mailto:building@urbandale.org">building@urbandale.org</a>	
Trails.....278-3963	<b><u>Community Development</u></b>	VOICE (278-3935)      FAX (278-3927)
Voter Information .....278-3900	<a href="mailto:pdekker@urbandale.org">pdekker@urbandale.org</a>	
Water Service.....278-3940	<b><u>Engineering/Public Works</u></b>	VOICE (278-3950)      FAX (278-3927)
WestCom Dispatch.....222-3321	<a href="mailto:engpw@urbandale.org">engpw@urbandale.org</a>	
Weeds .....278-3930	<b><u>Fire &amp; EMS</u></b>	VOICE (278-3970)      FAX (278-3972)
Yard Waste Collection .....278-3950	<a href="mailto:fire@urbandale.org">fire@urbandale.org</a>	
Zoning.....278-3935	<b><u>Library</u></b>	VOICE (278-3945)      FAX (278-3918)
	<a href="mailto:library@urbandale.org">library@urbandale.org</a>	
	<b><u>Parks &amp; Recreation</u></b>	VOICE (278-3963)      FAX (278-8356)
	<a href="mailto:parks-rec@urbandale.org">parks-rec@urbandale.org</a>	
	<b><u>Police</u></b>	VOICE (278-3938)      FAX (278-3939)
	<a href="mailto:police@urbandale.org">police@urbandale.org</a>	
	<b><u>Pool</u></b>	VOICE (278-3939)      FAX (278-8356)
	<a href="mailto:parks-rec@urbandale.org">parks-rec@urbandale.org</a>	
	<b><u>Senior Center</u></b>	VOICE (278-3907)      FAX (331-6854)
	<a href="mailto:parks-rec@urbandale.org">parks-rec@urbandale.org</a>	
	<b><u>Water</u></b>	VOICE (278-3940)      FAX (278-3905)
	<a href="mailto:waterdept@urbandale.org">waterdept@urbandale.org</a>	
	<b><u>Webmaster</u></b>	VOICE (278-3900)      FAX (278-3900)
	<a href="mailto:webmaster@urbandale.org">webmaster@urbandale.org</a>	

All numbers are in the 515 area code.

# KIDS' PAGE

## Urbandale Public Library - Spring Youth Services

### CATCH THE READING BUG!

Fast bug, slow bug, red bug, blue bug. You can Catch the Reading Bug! at the Urbandale Public Library this summer as you explore the amazing world of bugs and enjoy other activities. The 2008 Summer Reading Program is open to everyone and has reading clubs, story hours and much more.

Preschool through young adults.

Programs begin June 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Services are Free and located at the Urbandale Library, 3520 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
For Information call the Urbandale Library at (515) 331-4490

## Parks & Recreation - Spring Activities

### AMUSEMENT PARK CONSIGNMENT TICKETS

Let's Play! Urbandale Parks & Recreation now offers discount tickets to amusement facilities. Discounted tickets are available to Adventureland, Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun, Valley Fair, Six Flags and Noah's Ark and Lost Island Water Park. Go for the weekend, save some money and avoid the gate ticket price. For tickets call 515.278.3963.

### JAZZ DANCE CLASS



Do you have dance fever? Get ready to dance in this high energy class! You will learn basic jazz moves and on the last night you will perform for your family and friends.

Ages 4-6.

Mondays, 6-6:30 p.m., June 16<sup>th</sup> to July 21<sup>st</sup>.

### CREEPY CRAWLER CAMP

If you love to hunt insects, pick up worms and play in the creek, this camp is for you! We'll have lots of fun learning as we go on frog hunts, insect safaris and looking under every rock or trash can for "cool" critters.

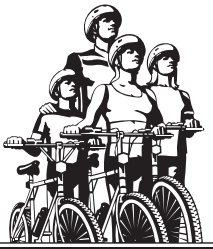
Ages 6-8.

M,W,F, 9 a.m. to Noon., July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>

M,T,W, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., July 28<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>



Check out the Program Guide online at [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org) for online registration or call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (515) 278-3963.



## FAMILY TRAIL RIDE TO THE FARMER'S MARKET

Kick off Bike to Work Week 2008 with a fun family bike ride to the downtown Farmer's Market. The leisurely bike ride is along approximately 13 miles of paved trails. The ride is Saturday, May 10, 2008 and check-in is at 8:30 a.m. Riders will depart at 8:45 a.m. from the Timber Ridge Elementary School's (7370 NW 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue) parking lot, which is next to the Urbandale Ice Sports Facility. The ride is recommended for kids age 10 to adult and helmets are required for all riders. For information or to pre-register, call Parks & Recreation at 515.278.3963 or email at [parcs-rec@urbandale.org](mailto:parcs-rec@urbandale.org).



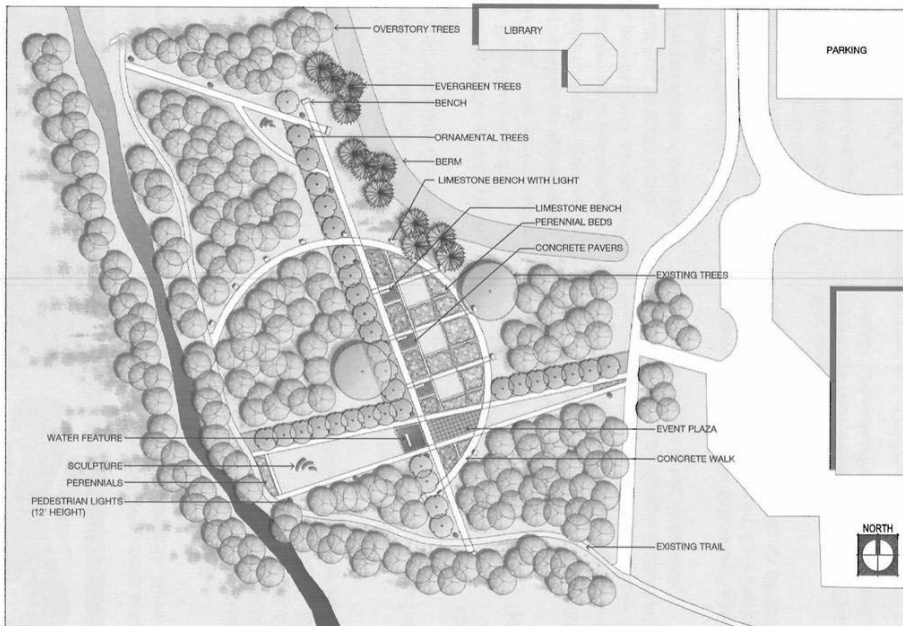
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### CITY OF URBANDALE

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## NEW - URBANDALE MEMORIAL TREE PARK

Friends of the Parks, in conjunction with the Urbandale Tree Board, are spearheading the development of the Memorial Tree Park. It will be located on almost an acre of land, south of the Library and adjacent to the current bike trail. The Memorial Tree Park will feature a variety of trees and shrubs, perennial gardens, a water feature, benches, sculptures, walkways, lighting and green space.

Donation opportunities are available for most of these features, in memory or in honor of a loved one. A record of the donation will be maintained in the Public Library, which will include a paragraph prepared by the donor.

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