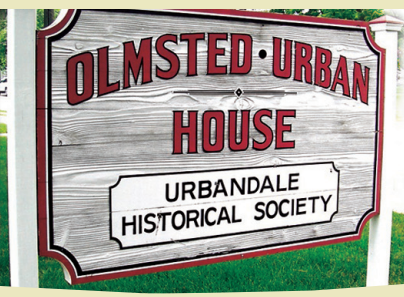




URBANDALE CITIZEN'S BRIEF

April 2010



Contact Us

MAYOR
 • **Bob Andeweg**
 283-3106 • bandeweg@urbandale.org
 • **Michael Carver -Mayor Pro Temp**
 238-8766 • mrcmb@aol.com

CITY COUNCIL
 • **John Forbes**
 278-3900 • jforbes@urbandale.org
 • **Ron Pogge**
 697-4268 • rpogge@urbandale.org
 • **Tom Gayman**
 278-3900 • tgayman@urbandale.org
 • **Mary Polson**
 276-6443 • mpolson@urbandale.org
CITY MANAGER
 • **A.J. Johnson**
 278-3900 • ajohnson@urbandale.org

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS
Community Development
 • **Paul Dekker**
 278-3935 • pdekker@urbandale.org
Engineer and Public Works
 • **Dave McKay**
 278-3950 • dmckay@urbandale.org
Finance & Records
 • **Nicci Lamb**
 278-3900 • nlamb@urbandale.org
Fire and EMS
 • **Jerry Holt**
 278-3970 • jholt@urbandale.org
Library
 • **Katherine Manion**
 278-3945 • kmanion@urbandale.org
Parks & Recreation/Pool
 • **Jan Herke**
 278-3963 • jherke@urbandale.org
Police
 • **Ross McCarty**
 278-3910 • rmccarty@urbandale.org
Senior Center
 • **Lorrie Nagel**
 278-3907 • lnagle@urbandale.org
Technology
 • **John Andrasko**
 278-3900 • jandrasko@urbandale.org
Water Utilities
 • **Rich Foust**
 278-3940 • rfoust@urbandale.org



MAYOR'S NOTE

by Robert Andeweg, Mayor

It looks like spring is here and I have to say I think most of us are glad it has finally arrived. Spring is such a great time of the year — neighbors you have hardly seen all winter are back outside with a friendly wave, people are walking places instead of driving, kids are on their bikes and skateboards — our city is coming alive again after a cold, snowy, wet winter.

The Urbandale Action Network (UCAN), a group of citizens representing Urbandale government, business, civic groups and neighborhoods, is hosting a series of community forums to gather public input on what direction Urbandale should take in the future. This is an excellent opportunity for each one of you to voice your opinion on what Urbandale should look like in 2017. Why 2017? Because that is the year Urbandale will celebrate our centennial. And what better goal than to work toward then to be the number one ranked mid-sized community in the country on the 100th anniversary of our community!

You can play an important role in the leadership and support of our community. I encourage each and every one of you to take an hour of your time and visit one of the forums. Help Urbandale move forward and get ready to celebrate in 2017!

- Thursday, April 8 — 7:30 pm — Urbandale Public Library
- Tuesday, April 13 — 7:00 pm — Webster Elementary
- Thursday, April 15 — 7:00 pm — Urbandale City Hall
- Tuesday, April 20 — 7:00 pm — Walnut Hill Elementary

Lakeview Pond Restoration Project

by the Urbandale Parks and Recreation Department

Lakeview pond, located along Aurora Avenue and just west of the Urbandale Middle School, has accumulated a significant amount of silt since it was last cleaned out over 20 years ago. This summer, the pond will be cleaned out, the shoreline will be rip-rapped, some wet land plantings will be planted and a dock will be installed at the south west corner of the pond.

The City of Urbandale is working with the Urbandale Community School District and the Middle School

expansion project and excess fill from both projects will be used to re-grade practice fields north of the pond.

In December 2009 the pond was drained in preparation for this silt removal and restoration project. The City of Urbandale is currently under contract for this project, which is planned to start in the summer and is anticipated to be completed in the fall.

Urbandale Pool Offers Infant and Preschool Aquatic Playtime Program

by the Urbandale Parks and Recreation Department

The Urbandale Parks and Recreation Department has packed the summer full of fun and exciting programs! Our Infant and Preschool Aquatic Playtime (IPAP) program at the pool is just one way for you to enjoy the summer with your child. The class focuses on parental teaching methods for water adjustment and basic skills and allows parents and children to spend some quality time together in the pool. Look for the IPAP program along with a complete list of programs, events and activities offered this summer in the Parks and Recreation and Community Education Program Guide. The program guide will be released on April 20. Stop by the Parks and Recreation office to pick one up or check it out and even register on-line at www.urbandale.org.



Aurora Avenue Gets Pedestrian Beacons

by the Urbandale Engineering and Public Works Department

Last year the City of Urbandale received funding from the Iowa Department of Transportation to install six push-button activated pedestrian beacons on Aurora Avenue. The funding was through the Safe Routes to School Program, which encourages children kindergarten through 8th grade to walk and bike to school. The locations of the pedestrian beacons are along Aurora Avenue at the intersections of 75th Street, at the Middle School entrance and at 82nd Street.

The City is pleased to report that these beacons are now installed and operational. To use the pedestrian beacons, push the pedestrian button on the beacon pole to register that you wish to cross Aurora Avenue. Once the button is pushed the yellow beacons on the top of both poles will begin to flash for both directions

of approaching traffic. These lights warn approaching motorist of pedestrians within the crosswalk. You can cross the street while the beacons are flashing, but must remember to be aware of the traffic and make sure vehicles have stopped before crossing the road.

For motorists approaching the pedestrian beacons, yield to all pedestrians within the crosswalks and obey all traffic regulations. The beacons are intended to be an additional measure to alert motorist to pedestrians in the area. The City encourages students, parents and pedestrians to familiarize themselves with the beacons and how to use them. The new push-button activated pedestrian beacons now provide three locations for pedestrians, bikers and school children to safely cross Aurora Avenue.

Calendar

April 6, 2010
City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers at City Hall

April 7, 2010
Board of Adjustment Meeting
6:00 p.m., Council Chambers at City Hall

April 8, 2010
Public Art Committee Meeting
11:45 a.m., Conference Room A at City Hall

April 12, 2010
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
6:00 p.m., Council Chambers at City Hall

April 13, 2010
City Council Meeting – Lunch & Learn
11:45 a.m., Conference Room A at City Hall

April 20, 2010
City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers at City Hall

April 21, 2010
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
5:30 p.m., Council Chambers at City Hall

April 26, 2010
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
6:00 p.m., Council Chambers at City Hall

Visit our website for complete calendar listings and more!
www.urbandale.org

Premium *Compost It!* container stickers are now on sale. Contact Public Works at (515) 278-3950.

Spring Clean Up will be the week of April 26.

For more information, including how to contact city offices, visit our web site: www.urbandale.org