



# Citizen's Brief Newsletter

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## Mayor's Note

By Robert Andeweg, Mayor

In the past weeks, I have had the privilege to attend retirement ceremonies for two long-time employees of the City of Urbandale: Linda Ybarra and Jane Lepley.

Linda served 19 years as the youth services librarian, and Jane worked for nearly 30 years as a civilian assistant at the Urbandale Police Department. Linda and Jane represent just a small portion of our city employees who have dedicated their careers to serving our residents to the best of their abilities.

Our city consistently receives high marks for outstanding service, and our city employees are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to our city and its residents. As mayor, it is time for me to simply say, "thank you" to all our employees for a job well done.

## Walker Johnston Park Bridge Update

The bridge over North Walnut Creek at Walker Johnston Park is a critical link in the City's trail system. The old wooden bridge was destroyed during the spring storms of 2010. Since that time the City has been working to design a new bridge and restore this trail link. In January of this year the City Council approved an agreement with Shive Hattery, Inc. to design the new bridge. The design has been completed and bids were received in July.

The City Council will hold a public hearing at its August 9th meeting to award the contract for this bridge project. The new bridge is proposed to be a steel truss bridge and it would be located 70feet south of the old bridge's location. The relocation of the bridge is a requirement to meet flood requirements. A trail connection would connect the current trail to the new bridge. The bridge is anticipated to be completed and open by December 1st, and the City would like to thank everyone for their patience during this project.

## Urbandale Police Department

### Pursues C.A.L.E.A. Accreditation

Since June of 2010 Police Department has been pursuing C.A.L.E.A. accreditation. C.A.L.E.A. is an acronym for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Accreditation is a voluntary internal process to achieve, verify, and maintain high quality operations through periodic evaluations conducted by an independent, non-governmental body that has established standards for law enforcement agencies. The UPD would operate within specific guidelines, and adopt policies and procedures that meet internationally accepted practices.

The accreditation process is a management model and a blueprint for self-improvement, which strengthens accountability to our community. We at the UPD are proud to be one of the few agencies in Iowa that have accepted the challenge of pursuing excellence through C.A.L.E.A. accreditation.