

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN JEFFERSON

The City of Jefferson is anticipating another very busy summer. Here is a comprehensive list of capital improvement and construction projects, including routine duties you might see city crews performing this summer.

Street/Sanitation Department

- Reconstruction of Grimmell Road and east Lincolnway Intersection
- Reconstruction Project on Wall Street from Pinet Street west to Grimmell Street.
- Paving of Grimmell Road from Madison Street south to the Bridge.
- Paving of Mulberry Street from Central Avenue north to Highway 30.
- Paving of Lincoln Place cul-de-sac.
- Sidewalk Project.

Other routine duties include: Street sweeping; dust control; patching streets; filling potholes; concrete repair; blading alleys; street sign patrol; trim and remove trees; chipping trees and brush; remove garbage, yard waste, appliances, E-Waste and recycling; managing dumping site; service equipment; maintenance; and mosquito control.

Water and Wastewater Departments

- 1300 Linear Feet of 8-inch water main replaced on south Grimmell Road.
- Manhole Rehabilitation
- Slip Lining Project
- Construction of a lift station for southwest housing subdivision
- Water and wastewater infrastructure for west side housing subdivision

Other routine summer duties include: utility locates; weekly sludge thickening; waste sludge and dewater WAS tank daily; weekly wastewater plant sampling; jet sewer mains; respond to main breaks; daily and monthly water sampling; hydrant flushing; valve exercising; monthly line inspection and meter reading; water meter repairs; service equipment; backwashing; and curb box maintenance.

Park & Recreation/Cemetery Department

- New equipment at Russell Park
- Installation of automatic shower systems and heater at Jefferson Municipal Pool
- Seal coating cemetery roads
- New roof on shelter and restroom in Head Park

Other routine summer duties include: Prepare and maintain swimming pool; service equipment; mowing, trimming, and weed eating at parks & cemeteries; excavate grave sites; maintain ball fields; disburse wood chips and maintain park structures and equipment; summer recreation programs; and day camp.

Jefferson Public Library

- North side exit and landscaping project

Other routine summer duties include: Summer reading program.

HOUSING



Since 2004 the GDC Housing Committee has been working on a variety of housing goals for Greene County. Specifically, they have focused on attracting developers of higher-end housing, housing needs for young families, senior housing, owner-occupied rehabilitation, attracting new subdivision construction and cleaning up existing neighborhoods through nuisance abatement and code enforcement.

DID YOU KNOW? in 2005 a dilapidated house was replaced with a new speculative home at 601 S. Chestnut in Jefferson. This home is now occupied by a family.

DID YOU KNOW? three new subdivisions have been planned with up to 66 building lots available, meeting a variety of needs and price ranges.

DID YOU KNOW? the City recently increased the hours and duties of the building inspector/code enforcement officer to enhance the enforcement of the building code, nuisance code, and zoning regulations.

DID YOU KNOW? in the past year 17 homes have been purchased and/or rehabilitated through USDA-Rural Development and Region XII Council of Governments (Region XII) special loan programs. The City has agreed to match funds and apply for additional grants to continue these programs.

DID YOU KNOW? the city engineer is completing a comprehensive infrastructure planning report for potential development to the west and to the southeast areas of Jefferson.

DID YOU KNOW? the city offers two incentives for new housing construction: a 100% residential tax abatement for two years, or, if the residential district is within a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District per Iowa Code, TIF financing for infrastructure improvements.

DID YOU KNOW? the committee is working on creating an incentive package to encourage developers to build "turn key" speculative homes for immediate purchase and moving in.

The City believes a growing housing market is important in attracting new residents. They may accept a position at one of our businesses or start a business of their own. We'd like them to work here, grow here, and shop here. We'd like their children to enroll in our schools.

People are attracted to positive, thriving, progressive, growing communities. This is what we want for the City of Jefferson and Greene County!

Check out the City's website at cityofjeffersoniowa.org



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CEMETERY CLEANUP BEGINS APRIL 2, 2007



Spring cleanup at Jefferson Municipal Cemetery and St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Jefferson by City crews will begin April 2nd. Any items not in a permanent vase will be removed by the cleaning crew.

CITY ANNOUNCES SPRING CLEANUP DATES APRIL 23-APRIL 27, 2007

Spring Cleanup Week is the perfect time to prepare your yard and house for the summer months by disposing of leaves, old furniture and unsightly items lying around the property.

Your pick up day will be your regular garbage day. **Reminder: These materials must be separated.** Metal with metal, wood with wood, garbage with garbage, yard waste, etc. **If this is not done the material will be left.** No tires or toxic waste will be taken.

Charges will apply to all appliances, e-waste items, fencing, construction and remodeling debris. All other accepted items will be **FREE**. Also, yard waste bags do not need a sticker this week.

For further information watch for articles in the Jefferson Bee and Herald newspapers, radio station, cable channel and on the City's website.



SPRING SPEED PROJECT



With Spring comes dry roads and sunny weather. For some reason this also encourages drivers to exceed speed restrictions. Pedestrians and bicyclists also hit the streets with warmer weather after being homebound during the winter. The Police Dept. always conducts a Spring Speed Project to slow motorists down. Keep in mind, ALL residential roadways are 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Please slow down to keep our citizens and streets safe.

Dan Taylor, Chief of Police

PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

Residents and business owners of Jefferson should be aware of our license requirements for peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants by city code Chapter 122. The municipal code, including definitions and other specifications of this chapter, may be found at the Jefferson Public Library, City Hall and online at www.cityofjeffersoniowa.org

If someone is knocking on your door selling goods or requesting payment and they aren't from the newspaper; local civic or service club; local residents or farmers selling his/her own produce; students representing Jefferson-Scranton School District; route sales (i.e. Schwan's) or resale sales (Farner Bocken, etc.); or a non-profit organization operating under Iowa Code, please request proof of a city license. If none is provided, please call (386-3111) and send him/her to City Hall.



Newsletter Articles

- Cemetery Cleanup
- City Cleanup Week
- Spring Speed Project
- Peddlers, Solicitors, & Transient Merchants
- Code Enforcement
- 911 Cellular Phone Tips
- City Code for Storm Water
- Flushing Water Hydrants
- Public Reminder
- Jefferson Public Library
- Help Wanted
- Donation Request
- Did You Know?
- Summer Construction Projects
- Housing

All City offices will be closed the following date:

**Monday,
May 28, 2007
Memorial Day**



REMINDER
Mon. thru Thurs.
garbage/recycling
routes delayed 1 day
this holiday week.

Check out the City's website at cityofjeffersoniowa.org

CODE ENFORCEMENT

This spring the City will be actively pursuing the inspections of dilapidated buildings, including houses, garages and out buildings. Most of these structures will include houses and buildings that have been vacant for several years and have multiple ordinance violations or are a current threat to public safety. Some may include houses which are currently being lived in, but are becoming so run down that serious corrective action will be needed for them to continue to be inhabited.

Requests will be made to have the buildings voluntarily inspected to determine what improvements need to be made to bring them into compliance. The City will try to work with citizens who are interested in bringing their buildings into compliance. If the request for a voluntary inspection is ignored, the district court will be petitioned to issue court orders so the inspection process can be carried out and may include demolition orders to be issued.

Tom Heater, Code Enforcement Officer



911 CELLULAR PHONE TIPS



Know your cell phone service provider's 911 benefits and/or limitations. Cell phones that have location technology are able to provide an approximate location of the caller on a map at our dispatch center. Because the location information signal is transmitted by satellite, there is a possibility your signal could be restricted or hampered by a building, tree or similar obstruction. If you can see the sky from where you are calling, your information will most likely get transmitted.

Remember to keep in mind which road you are traveling on, which direction you are headed and how many miles you are from the nearest town or cross street when making a 9-1-1 call on a cell phone. Be sure you know your cell phone number. You need to provide it to the call taker so they can call you back if you should get disconnected.

Cell phones that are not activated can still call 911. Users must realize, however, that no information will be automatically provided to the call taker and, in some instances, incorrect phone numbers may appear to the call taker.

Dan Taylor, Chief of Police

CITY CODE FOR STORM WATER

City Code 97.01 Storm Water. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof run-off, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer. Storm water and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as combined sewers or storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the Superintendent. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged, on approval of the Superintendent, to a storm sewer, combined sewer, or natural outlet.



FLUSHING WATER HYDRANTS



The City of Jefferson Water Department is planning to flush hydrants in early Spring. Scheduling of this event will be in the Jefferson newspapers, radio station, cable channel and on the City's website.

Hydrant flushing can cause temporary discolored water and/or localized pressure fluctuations. This activity may cause some temporary customer inconvenience, but does not pose a health threat. Avoid washing clothes during periods of temporarily discolored water. If your water is temporarily discolored, run the COLD water in your bathtub for about 5 minutes. If it is still discolored, wait about 15 minutes and repeat this procedure.

Hydrant flushing plays an important role in our operation and maintenance program. Water quality can deteriorate during delivery from the treatment plant to the consumer due to a number of factors including distance from treatment plant, proximity to dead-end mains, type and condition of mains, and water flow patterns. Hydrant flushing can improve water quality by removing accumulated sediment. Maintaining chlorine disinfection levels, eliminating taste and odor problems and controlling bacterial growth are also benefits of hydrant flushing. The overall benefits of the hydrant flushing program far out weigh the temporary inconvenience associated with the program.

PUBLIC REMINDER

City ordinance mandates that the owner of every dog or cat six months old or older shall procure a license for each cat or dog from the Police Department on or before January 1st of each year. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, Jefferson Public Library, Greene County Recreation Center, Jefferson Vet Clinic, Jefferson Police Dept. and printed off by accessing the city web site at: <http://www.cityofjeffersoniowa.org>

Any pet owner that has not purchased a 2007 pet license for their pet is in violation of city ordinance and can be charged with a simple misdemeanor violation. We prefer your willing cooperation.

Dan Taylor, Chief of Police



JEFFERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrate National Library Week April 16-21
"It's Elementary My Dear Watson....Just READ!"

2nd Annual
TODDLER FEST
 Saturday, April 14th 10-12 noon
 Greene County Community Center
 For toddlers 2-4 yrs old & their families
 Sponsored by the
 Greene County Librarians Association



2007 SUMMER READING PROGRAM
"Get a Clue @ Your Library"
 June - July
 Registration materials will be available in May. *Watch for the library float in the Bell Tower Festival Parade!*

FREE Beginning COMPUTER CLASSES
 March - April
 Adult Department

LIBRARY WISH LIST

Monetary donations given to the library may be used to purchase the following items:

Children's Department
 Fabric for bulletin boards
 Educational software & computer games
 Puppets
 Learning toys for the Creative Learning Center
 Books (especially non-fiction)
 DVDs

Adult Department
 Board games
 New Iowa flag for the entryway
 New U.S. flag for the entryway
 Extra copies of fiction bestsellers
 Books on CD
 DVDs

Questions? Please contact...
 Jane Millard (adult 386-2835) or
 Terry Clark (children's 386-4415)

DONATIONS NEEDED

Children's Department
 All kinds of stickers
 Crayola markers (washable)
 Construction paper
 All kinds and sizes of beads
 All colors of craft foam sheets
 Colored tissue paper
 Crafters glue and Elmer's glue
 Sequins, glitter, wiggly eyes
 Ribbon and trims
 Nylon netting and tulle (large pieces and any colors)

Adult Department
 Western and Romance paperbacks (such as Harlequins)
 Used printer ink cartridges (to be recycled as a fundraiser)

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

To maintain three outdoor flower boxes for all seasons on a weekly basis

HELP WANTED

The City of Jefferson (Jefferson Municipal Swimming Pool) is now taking applications for seasonal part-time Lifeguards, Concession Attendant/Cashiers, and 2 Pool Managers. These positions are approximately 20-30 hours per week. Hourly wage DOQ. Applications, Job Descriptions, and Pool Policy Manuals are available at City Hall, 220 N. Chestnut and Greene County Community Center, 204 W. Harrison. Application deadline is 3:00 pm March 30, 2007. EOE. Advertised: March 13 and March 20 and March 27 Interviews: April 2 - 5.



DONATION REQUEST FOR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Pool	
Door on handicap stall	\$400.00
Ceiling repair	\$400.00
Lighting fixture	\$100.00
Screened windows - concession stand	\$900.00
Greene County Community Center	
Amplifier for sound system	\$600.00
CD player	\$250.00

Also if anyone has the following items, which they no longer are using, to donate to the Jefferson Park and Recreation Dept.

Racquetball racquets	Toys (ages 3-9)
Tennis racquets	Games
Basketballs	Craft Items
Footballs	Rags/old towels
Soccer balls	Swimming goggles
Shin guards	

DID YOU KNOW?



The Jefferson Municipal Swimming Pool was originally constructed in 1937 at a cost of \$17,500. The Works Project Administration (WPA) allocated \$12,421 toward the project and the remaining \$5000 was bonded by the City of Jefferson. In 1987, the City of Jefferson passed a general obligation bond issue election for up to \$265,000 to help fund a \$400,000 renovation project for the municipal swimming pool. The remaining \$135,000 of the project cost came from the city's remaining federal revenue sharing fund balance and from several "dead" special assessment fund balances. The project included replacement of the pool's galvanized piping, replacement or repair of the pool equipment, and replacement of the bathhouse. The project was completed in the fall of 1988. In 2004, a slide was added to the pool through several sources of private donations.