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August/September 2011

WORKSHOP ON SIGN STANDARDS PLANNED

Southwest Iowa Planning Council is co-sponsoring a workshop by the Local Technical Assistance Program at Iowa State University on new requirements establishing minimum standards for retroreflectivity of road and street signs.

These new regulations include: adopting and instituting an assessment or management plan to assure compliance with the minimum

retro-reflectivity standard by January 22, 2012; replacement of all non-complying regulatory, warning, and post mounted guide signs (except street signs) by January 22, 2015; and replacement of all non-complying street name signs and overhead mounted signs by January 22, 2018.

The workshop for southwest Iowa is planned for September 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Southwestern Commu-

nity College, 2300 N. 4th St., Room 111, Red Oak, Iowa, 51566. The workshop is free of charge. To register mail your contact information to Bob Sperry, Institute for Transportation, 2711 S. Loop Dr., Suite 4700, Ames, IA, 50010, or fax to 515-294-0467. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Tom McDonald at tmcdonal@iastate.edu.

WELCOME BARB

Southwest Iowa Planning Council welcomed Barb Barrick on August 15 as a new Community Development Specialist.

Barb comes to SWIPCO with 12 years experience in municipal government as a city clerk and finance officer. She has also served as a mentor with the Iowa League of Cities, served on the Governor's City Finance Committee, the Iowa Municipal Finance Board of Directors, and as Treasurer for I-Cash.

She has her associates degree from Kirkwood Community College and is finishing her BS degree in Business Administration and Public Administration from Upper Iowa University.

Barb moved to Atlantic in June with her husband, Geoff, and youngest daughter, Erin. She also has three older children, Ambri, Seth, and Sarah.

In her free time, Barb enjoys family activities, reading, cooking, and scrapbooking.



Barb Barrick, center, and her husband Geoff and four children Ambri, Seth, Sarah, and Erin.

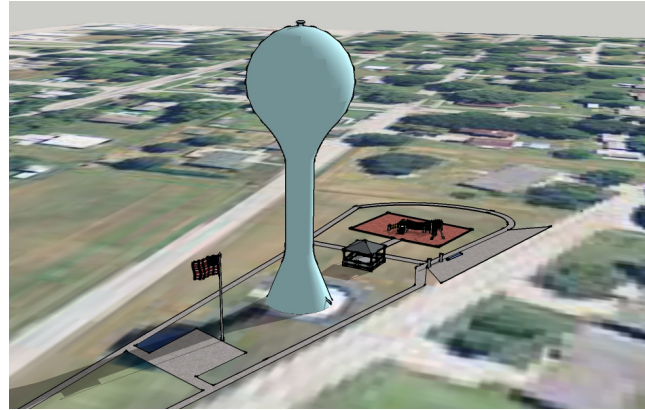
PARKS PROJECTS UNDERWAY

SWIPCO community development staff are working with local leaders on two park planning projects. A local community club in Emerson spearheaded a project to develop vacant land around the city’s water tower into a public park. The second project is Pierce Creek Park north of Shenandoah.

The goal in Emerson is to develop a walking trail, playground and shelter. The lot size is slightly less than one acre, so SWIPCO staff has used computer modeling to find the park layout that will best fit the space. The community club may also use the images in promotional materials to help raise funds.

At Pierce Creek Park the goal is to increase use of the pedestrian trails and improve facilities for equestrian use. Computer modeling has also been used to determine how many campsites can be accommodated in the proposed area, as well as for determining rough estimates for length of water line extension, etc.

If your community is interested in improving its open space and parks, SWIPCO may be able to help develop a plan that fits your needs and budget. Call John McCurdy at 712-243-4196 or john.mccurdy@swipco.org to discuss your project.



Top: computer model of Emerson Park

Below: computer model of Pierce Creek Park



IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBIT

The Iowa League of Cities annual conference and exhibit is September 21-23 in Des Moines at the Polk County Convention Complex.

For a list of activities and registration information go to www.iowaleague.org.

2011 ISAC Fall School of Instruction

The 2011 Iowa State Association of Counties Fall School of Instruction is November 16-18 at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

For a list of events and registration information, please go to www.iowacounties.org.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Grant	Next Deadline	Grant	Next Deadline
Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy	On- Going	Safe Routes To School	October 1, 2011
IFA Project Based Housing	On-Going	Statewide Transportation Enhancements	October 1, 2011
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	On-Going	Peter Kiewit Foundation (Quarterly)	October 15, 2011
Economic Development Set Aside	Last Monday of Each Month	CDBG Housing & Water/ Sewer	November 2011
Federal Recreational Trails	October 1, 2011	CDBG Community Facilities	December 2011

CDBG GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

SWIPCO staff are working on the 2012 Community Development Block Grant applications for our area, which are due in November and December. These grants include housing, water/sewer, and community facilities grants. Each type of grant has specific requirements, and if you have a project in your community and are not sure if it may be a good project for CDBG, please contact one of the community development specialists at 712-243-4196 as soon as possible. Applications not in process by mid-September may not be able to complete all the required steps prior to the grant deadline.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Atlantic**— August 18: Third Thursday Summer Concert Series in city park. Entertainment TBA.
- **Red Oak**—August 18: Community Pep Rally in Fountain Square Park
- **Glenwood**— August 25: Remember the Fallen Exhibit, a tribute to Iowa service personnel that have died as a result of wounds suffered in Iraq and Afghanistan since the September 11 terrorist attacks. Mills County Historical Museum's Machinery Hall from August 25-September 1.
- **Glenwood**— Aug. 26-28: Keg Creek Days at the Glenwood Lake Park.
- **Macedonia**— August 20: Donia Day with city wide garage sale, craft fair and flea market, bicycle rodeo, grist mill entertainment, silent auction, water fights, bed races, bingo, and lots of food.
- **Red Oak**— August 20: Classy Chassis Car Club Old Card Day in Fountain Square Park.
- **Red Oak**— August 25: Thanks with Franks in Fountain Square Park.
- **Missouri Valley**—Aug. 27-28: Annual Country Music Festival at the Wisecup Farm Museum.
- **Essex**— Sept. 3-5: Annual Labor Day Celebration. Activities include golf tournament, poker run, pedal tractor pull, carnival, Street Dance, antique tractor pull, water fights, bathtub races, bingo, glow in the dark golf, pancake & sausage breakfast, fun run/walk, food stands, beautiful baby contest, parade, and demolition derby.
- **Atlantic**— Sept. 15: Third Thursday Summer Concert Series in city park. Entertainment TBA.
- **Missouri Valley**— Sept. 17: Kid's Fest in the Valley. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the city park. Free admission to inflatable bounce toys, pony rides, miniature lawn mower train, and games with prizes. Finish the day with a money hunt in the straw.
- **Walnut**—Sept. 17/18: Walnut Antique Fall Festival. Antiques, stoneware, collectibles, pottery, etc. Walnut American Legion Hall and The Granary Mall Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Atlantic**— Sept. 23-24: Coca Cola Days!
- **Missouri Valley**— Sept. 30: "The Water's Edge" event from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. A live music event with 5 bands, a hog roast, and beer garden. Proceeds go directly to local flood victims. Free will donation at the door.
- **Clarinda**—Oct. 1: 56th Annual Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree!!
- **Atlantic**—October 8: Harvest Fest.
- **Clarinda**— October 15: 52nd Annual Clarinda Craft Carnival 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 425 booths of handmade crafts at the Page County Fairgrounds, Clarinda Pavilion, Clarinda Academy Activity Building, and IWCC Activity Building. A shuttle bus is available between sites.
- **Carson**: "Friends of the Theatre" Fundraising Campaign. The Carson Community Club is raising funds to upgrade the projector at Dreamland Theatre. The current projector only plays 35 mm movies, which are being phased out by the movie industry. The upgrade estimates are \$83,320. If you would like more information, or would like to make a donation, please contact Callie Kallsen at 712-484-3967.

Happy Anniversary

To
 Sandy Hansen
 August 13 ~ 4 years
 Teresa Wright
 September 5 ~ 5 years
 Mark Hansen
 September 8 ~ 3 years
 John McCurdy
 September 18 ~ 5 years

Happy Birthday

To
 John McCurdy ~ August 21
 Tammy DeBord ~ September 9
 Kelly Davis ~ September 22
 Crystal Cappel ~ September 30

Save the Date

SWIPCO Annual Meeting

Thursday September 15

11:30 a.m.

Shenandoah Historical Society Museum

DATES TO REMEMBER

- SWIPCO Policy Board meeting Thurs. Aug. 25 at 1:30 p.m. in Atlantic
- SWIPCO/SWITA office closed Mon. Sept. 5 for Labor Day
- SWIPCO Annual Meeting Thurs. Sept. 15 at 11:30 a.m. in Shenandoah
- Business RLF meeting Fri. Sept. 23 at 9:30 a.m. in Atlantic
- RPA board meeting Thurs. Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m. in Red Oak
- SWIPCO Policy Board meeting Thurs. Oct. 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Atlantic
- Business RLF meeting Fri. Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m. in Atlantic

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