

COUNCIL BRIEFS

June 29, 2007

The Boulevard road project update: From June to late August, new curbing, handicap ramps, driveway aprons and restoration of the grass area between the curb and sidewalk, will be in progress on the Boulevard from LeMay Street to South Main Street. This portion of the roadway will be paved in September.

Streetscape improvements: Brick pavers are being installed at the crosswalks on LaSalle Road at the intersection of Ellsworth Road and Farmington Avenue.

Brick sidewalk pavers are being installed at Bishops Corner on Albany Avenue from Starkel Road to North Main Street, and on Farmington Avenue from Raymond Road to Main Street.

Last phase of Farmington Avenue east project to begin in August: Bids for the last phase of the three-year Farmington Avenue reconstruction project from Prospect Avenue to Whiting Lane came within budget and the state DOT awarded the contract to VMS Construction. Work will begin in August and be completed in the spring 2008. Road improvements include paving, raised and flush center medians, granite curbing, sidewalks, and bump outs. A new left turn lane onto Prospect Avenue will be created and three new traffic signals will be installed.

Reminder: No leaf bag pick up during the summer: A number of paper leaf bags with yard waste have been showing up at the curb with expectations of being collected by trash haulers. In fact, leaf bags are only collected during the leaf collection season (late October to early December) and during the spring yard waste collection held the first two weeks of May. Residents may bring their yard waste to the Recycling Center located on Brixton Street and dispose it free of charge. There is a charge for disposal for bagged grass clippings. Bundled brush is collected curbside on your regular refuse collection day.

MADD about WHPD: Officers Rich Gesualdi and Joe Creaco received awards at the 21st Annual Mothers Against Drunk Driving ceremony June 14. These two officers led the police department in DUI arrests and were among a handful whose citations were chosen to be read to the audience.

FEMA offers financial help from April flooding: The Federal Emergency Management Agency is offering disaster assistance to those who suffered losses or damages during the rains and flooding between April 15 and 27. Those who believe they were affected by the storms can apply for disaster assistance by calling FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 from 8 AM to 6 PM daily or visiting the agency's website at www.fema.gov. When applying for disaster assistance, residents should have the following information available: Social Security number, insurance information, address and ZIP code of the damaged property, directions to the home and daytime phone number. The deadline for filing a claim is August 14, 2007.

27th Annual Teddy Bear Picnic: Elmwood Community Center will host its annual, free Teddy Bear Picnic on Tuesday, July 10 at 6 PM. Bring your favorite teddy bear, a picnic supper and a blanket or chairs for an evening of family fun. Special entertainment will guarantee to bring lots of giggles. There will be free ice cream for everyone! Visit "Alex's Lemonade Stand" and support pediatric cancer research by buying a glass of lemonade. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held in the Ernest O. St. Jacques Auditorium in ECC. Call 561-8160 for more information.

Trash delay next week: Trash collection will be delayed one day in the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collection areas due to the Independence Day holiday.

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