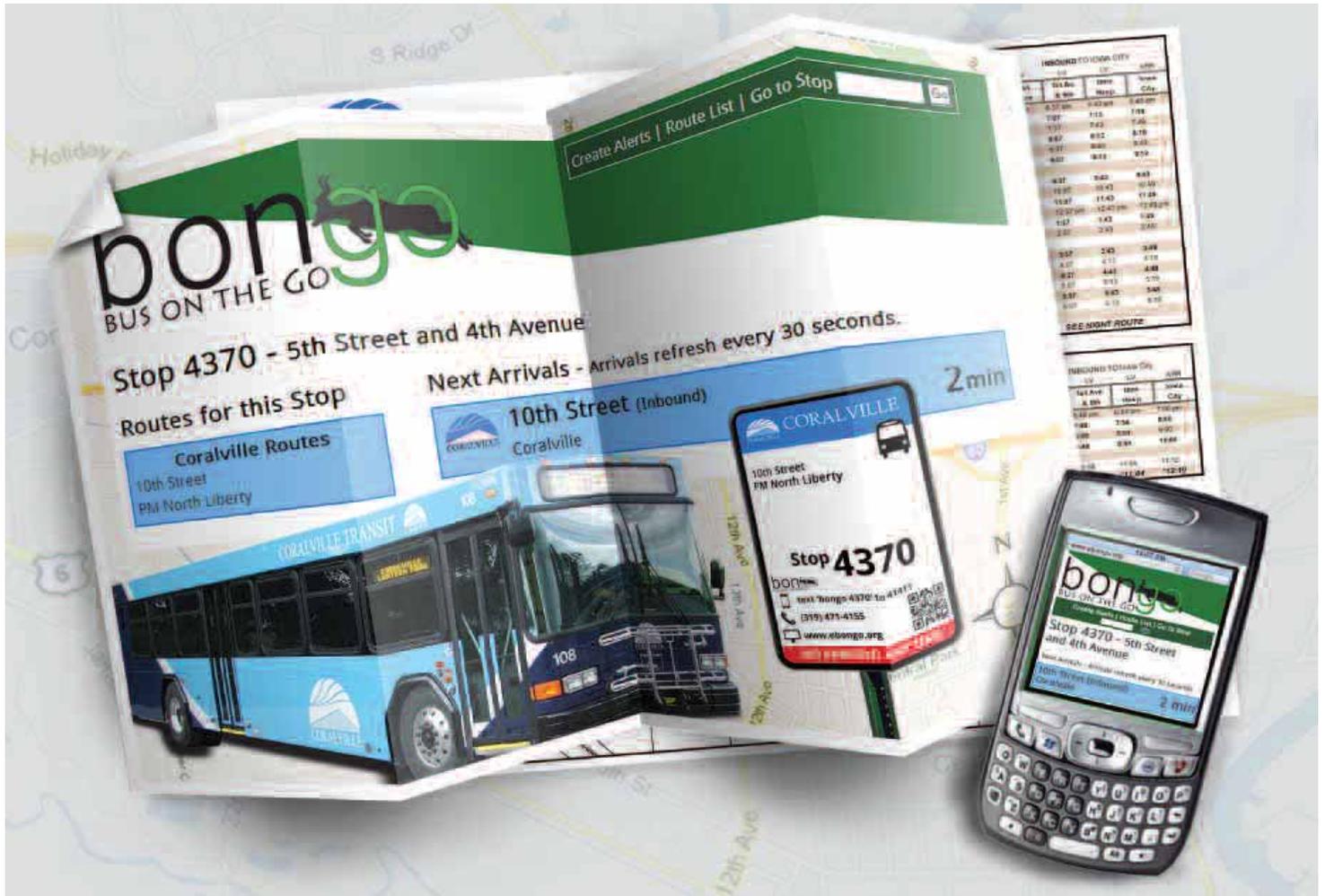# Bus on the Go Improves Transit Convenience

Riders & Transit Management See Benefits of Bongo

With just a few months since its launch, Coralville Transit's Bus on the Go real-time information system, known as Bongo, is proving beneficial to both riders and transit management.

Coralville, Iowa City, and the University of Iowa Cambus transit departments implemented Bongo beginning in November 2010 in order to make transit riding more efficient, improve passenger safety, and boost the convenience of area transit services.

Bongo makes information such as cur-rent bus locations and predicted arrival times for buses in all three transit systems available to riders by computer, handheld smart device, text message, or telephone. In addition, LCD monitors are displayed in areas of high transit ridership, such as the University of Iowa Memorial Union and Old Capitol Town Center, with predicted time information so that riders can know where their bus is located and when it will arrive.

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Bus on the Go (continued from front page)

Bongo's website, www.ebongo.org, had over one million page views in December, the first full month of operation, with 46% of all website hits coming from a mobile device. During the same time frame, the Bongo phone system, 319.471.4155, received almost 6,500 calls, and SMS visits were calculated at 859 for the month. These numbers may not come as a surprise since Coralville and Iowa City area transit have the highest number of unique rides annually in the state: approximately six million. As of this publication date, the statistics for the Bongo website, phone, and SMS usage for early spring remained steady.

Feedback from Bongo users thus far has favorably reflected the popularity of the system and ease of use. Riders have also responded positively to the benefits of Bongo during times of inclement weather or traffic pattern irregularities, which can alter the arrival of a bus from its standard route time. By making information easily accessible to riders about their bus location and expected arrival time up to 30 minutes in any conditions, riders are able to minimize time spent waiting for the bus in poor weather conditions or in locations that are poorly lit.

In addition to the convenience given to area riders by making real-time information easily accessible, Bongo also provides free on-board wireless internet access to riders.

Area transit management is already seeing the benefits of Bongo. More inquiries about bus arrivals can be fielded by Bongo's phone option than by individual dispatchers, and data from automatic passenger counters will be used to evaluate current routes and stops.

For more information about Bongo, the first real-time passenger information system of its kind in Iowa, visit www.ebongo.org.

How to Use Bongo

Bus stop numbers, available on Bongo signs at each stop and at www.ebongo.org, are used to obtain bus arrival information. To check current bus locations and arrival times of buses expected within the next 30 minutes:

- Visit www.ebongo.org by computer or a handheld smart device.
- Text 'bongo [bus stop number]' to 41411. You may opt to receive a text message when the bus is approaching the stop, with the lead time chosen by the rider (1 to 10 minutes).
- Call 319.471.4155, enter the bus stop number, and receive anticipated bus arrival time.
- Scan the QR code on a Bongo bus stop sign to load the stop web page on the phone's browser (must have a camera phone equipped with the correct reader application).

A video about using Bongo is available at www.coralville.org/bongovideo.

What you need to know about...
Flashing Yellow Arrow Left Turn Signals

Coralville is one of only a few cities in Iowa to have a new type of turn signal — a flashing yellow arrow — located at the reconstructed intersection at 1st Avenue and 5th Street.

A typical turn lane signal displays red, yellow, and green arrows, and a green ball if the turn movement is permissive (turns allowed when oncoming traffic has a green light). The new left turn lane signals on northbound and southbound 1st Avenue at 5th Street have an additional flashing yellow arrow, as illustrated below.
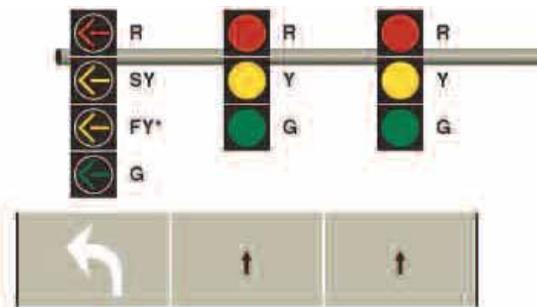
Steady Red Arrow = Stop. No left turns allowed

Steady Yellow Arrow = Prepare to stop

Flashing Yellow Arrow = Left turns allowed, yield to oncoming traffic

Steady Green Arrow = Left turns protected

When the flashing yellow arrow is displayed, drivers may turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Drivers must still use caution when turning because oncoming traffic has a green light.

Why did the City choose to install the flashing yellow arrows? Here are three reasons:

1. National studies indicate drivers make fewer mistakes when turning with a flashing yellow arrow than with a green ball. Fewer mistakes mean fewer accidents.
2. The flashing yellow turn arrow gives drivers more opportunities to make a left turn, instead of forcing them to wait for the entire traffic signal to cycle through to another green arrow. More turning opportunities mean less delay for drivers and less congestion at the intersection.
3. The flashing yellow turn arrow provides additional flexibility when programming the traffic signals to handle variations in traffic volumes.

Based on the initial observations at 1st Avenue and 5th Street, residents and visitors will likely see more flashing yellow turn arrows at Coralville intersections in the near future.

Flashing Yellow Arrow: A Brief History

Mid-1990s: Traffic engineers raise concerns regarding effectiveness of the green ball for permissive left turns.

2003: Completion of a seven-year national study by the Transportation Research Board; report recommends allowing the flashing yellow arrow as an alternative to the green ball.

2000 to 2009: Cities nationwide request and receive special permission from the Federal Highway Administration to install flashing yellow arrows.

2009: The 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices officially includes use of flashing yellow arrow.

New e-Bill for Utility Bills

The City of Coralville's e-Bill, a new electronic utility bill service, allows you to receive your utility bill by email! You may opt to still receive a paper bill by mail, or receive utility bills only via email.

To sign up, visit www.coralville.org/ebill.

For more information, contact Utility Billing at 319.248.1715.

Coralville Center for the Performing Arts

Sponsorships Will Keep Future Audiences on the Edge of their Seats

Seat sponsorships remain available for the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts! Your sponsorship supports the arts, the community, and will be commemorated in the lobby of the facility at the corner of 5th Street and 12th Avenue. Completion of the Center is scheduled for August 2011. For more information, call 319.248.1700.

Honor someone special, recognize your business or organization, mark a special occasion, or show your support of the arts with a tax-deductible seat sponsorship!

Yes! *I'd like to sponsor a seat in the new Coralville Center for the Performing Arts. I understand recognition will be given in the lobby among other seat sponsors.*

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Name to be placed on recognition wall:

_____

I'd like to sponsor _____ seat(s) on the main floor at $750 per seat.   Total _____
I'd like to sponsor _____ seat(s) on the balcony floor at $500 per seat. Total _____

_____ Check made out to the Coralville Community Fund is enclosed.
_____ I would like to be billed in two equal installments: one half due now, and one half due July 2011

_____
Signature   Date

Return to: Coralville City Hall, 1512 7th Street, Coralville, IA 52241
Your tax-deductible receipt will be received from the Coralville Community Fund
Tax ID 42-1508117

Meet Megan Flanagan, New Managing Director, Coralville Center for the Performing Arts

Megan Flanagan comes to Coralville from Naperville, Illinois, where she served as Executive Director of Chicago's Stage773 theater company. Megan previously spent five years as Marketing Manager for Chicago's Auditorium Theatre, where she worked with local, national, and international music, dance, and theater companies. She also worked for the landmark Chicago Theatre, as well as many of Chicago's small and medium arts companies.

Megan's areas of expertise include marketing and communications, community engagement, and collaborative projects. A career highlight was being part of the team that developed the Chicago SketchFest in 2002 and grew it into the world's largest sketch comedy festival. Megan has a BA (English and Theatre) from Florida Southern College and an MBA (Non-Profit Management) from Roosevelt University.

She is excited about the opportunity to work with the Coralville arts community through the new performing arts center, and to work, live, and raise her family in this great city!

The Coralville Center for the Performing Arts is on schedule for a soft event opening in August and a grand opening in September. Staff are booking rental contracts for use; call Sherri Proud at 319.248.1750 to inquire about use of the facility.

Welcome New Performing Arts Center Managing Director
Public reception and tours
Tuesday, March 8, 4:30 to 6:30 pm
Meeting Room A, Coralville Public Library

Welcome Megan Flanagan, the new Managing Director for the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts!

Small group tours of the new theater will be offered, departing from and returning to Meeting Room A at the Library. Those taking the tour should wear sturdy, closed toed shoes with good traction and be aware that the tour will traverse through a construction zone with stairways.

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Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012

Property Tax: No Proposed Increase to City's Property Tax Levy

The proposed City budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 (FY12), which represents the City's operating plan for the upcoming fiscal year, maintains the current property tax levy rate of $13.5277 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation. This is the second consecutive year the City's property tax levy rate remained the same.

Property tax is the single largest source of revenue for the City's General Fund. For FY12, the total assessed value for property in Coralville is $1.864 billion (a decrease of $4.0 million, or -.17%), while the total taxable value for property in Coralville is $1.305 billion (an increase of $24.487 million, or 1.91%). Though the City's proposed property tax levy rate will remain the same, the State-regulated residential rollback rate (the taxable percentage of assessed value) increased by 1.62% to 48.53%. With the rollback increase, for residential property owners the property tax paid to the City will increase $22 for each $100,000 of taxable valuation. Commercial property continues to be taxed on 100% of the assessed value.
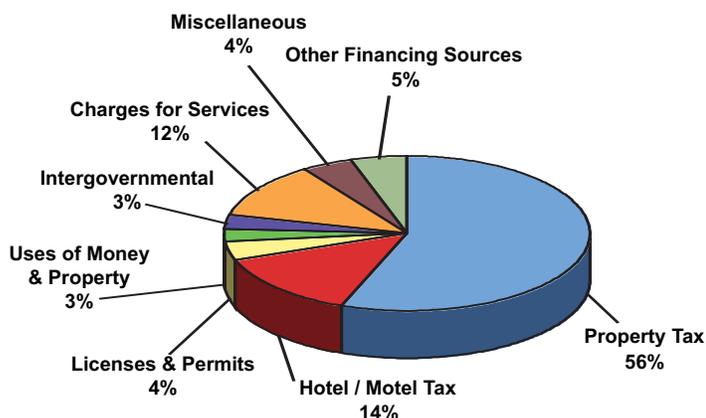
Coralville Levies

The proposed tax rate of $13.5277 is composed of the following levies:

General: $8.10	Used to support the services of the General Fund as detailed in the General budget; cannot exceed $8.10.
Tort Liability: $0.5806	Pays for the costs of City's liability insurance.
Employee Benefits: $2.7269	Used to pay for certain employer costs of employee benefits including IPERS, FICA, and health insurance. The City levy amount covers approximately 85% of the total eligible employee benefits.
Debt Service: $2.1202	Used to pay principal and interest on the City's general obligation indebtedness.

General Fund: Proposed Balanced Budget of $16,104,261

The General Fund is the City's chief operating fund, and includes revenues from sources that are not required by law to be deposited elsewhere. Property tax makes up 55% of the total General Fund revenues, and the remaining revenues come from hotel/motel tax, cable television franchise fee, utility franchise fee, charges for services, interest, licenses and permits, and transfers from other funds.

Pie chart labels:
- Miscellaneous 4%
- Other Financing Sources 5%
- Charges for Services 12%
- Intergovernmental 3%
- Uses of Money & Property 3%
- Licenses & Permits 4%
- Hotel / Motel Tax 14%
- Property Tax 56%

GENERAL FUND SOURCES OF REVENUE FY 12

Property Tax	$8,974,915
Hotel / Motel Tax	2,200,000
Licenses & Permits	632,420
Uses of Money & Property	409,860
Intergovernmental	501,554
Charges for Services	1,861,927
Miscellaneous	737,125
Other Financing Sources	786,460
TOTAL	**$16,104,261**

The proposed General Fund budget includes the same cost of living increase for both union and non-union employees (1.25% July 1 and 1.25% January 1). The IPERS contribution rate changes from 6.95% to 8.07% for regular IPERS, and to 9.97% for Police and Fire. The proposed General Fund budget has an increase of $1,114,000 (7%) from the previous year, which includes:
- First year of operation of the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts
- Full year of one Fire Department position and one Building Maintenance position, each added mid-year in FY11
- Increase in staffing budget for Finance Department
- Increase of $45,000 for contribution to Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Increase of $7,500 for contribution to Johnson County Historical Museum
- Addition of $10,000 contribution to UNESCO City of Literature

Budget

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY12

Police	23%	$3,680,612	Building Maintenance	4%	$656,854
Animal Control / CSO	1%	$133,612	Mayor, Council, & Admin	2%	$282,740
Fire	5%	$841,838	Clerk, Finance,		
Health & Social Sciences	1%	$97,320	Human Resource	5%	$798,559
Library	10%	$1,534,074	Legal	1%	$167,000
Museum & Other Culture	3%	$457,500	Engineering	3%	$472,253
Parks	6%	$947,111	Telecommunication	1%	$143,886
Recreation	21%	$3,421,690	General Government	4%	$724,466
Community &			Contingency & Transfers	8%	$1,285,985
Economic Development	1%	$101,765	**TOTAL**		**$16,104,261**
Building	2%	$356,996			

The budget proposed for the General Fund maintains a fund balance of approximately $3.6 million, which is 22% of the budgeted expenditures for FY12. In addition, the General Fund has $2.0 million in unrestricted reserves for equipment replacement and future capital purchases.

Special Revenue Fund

The Special Revenue Fund contains proceeds from a specific source which are used for a specific purpose. This includes the Road Use Tax and property tax revenue dedicated to employee benefits. The Road Use Tax revenue is estimated to be $1,647,286 and supports the following:

Roadway Maintenance	$947,531	Street Lighting	$163,000
Traffic Control	$166,000	Snow Removal	$215,566
Engineering	$70,689	Street Cleaning	$14,000
Transfers Out	$45,000		

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise Funds are business-type activities that operate similar to a business. Each fund establishes user rates or charges to sustain the current and long-term operation of the utility.

The FY12 budget includes the following rate increase within the Water Fund:
• Monthly minimum rate increase from $6.50 to $7.00. The monthly minimum rate is charged to every user for the first 200 cubic foot of consumption.
• Rate increase from $1.65 to $1.80 for each 100 cubic foot of consumption per month above the minimum.

There are no rate changes proposed for the other Enterprise Funds which include Sewer, Solid Waste, Storm Water Management, Transit, Parking, and Brown Deer Golf Course.

Summary of the proposed Enterprise Funds budget:

	Revenues	Expenditures & Transfers Out
Water	$1,997,633	$1,769,510
Sewer	$2,556,564	$2,439,578
Solid Waste	$933,774	$920,342
Storm Water Mgmt.	$302,500	$277,159
Parking	$517,653	$563,720
Transit	$1,104,432	$1,645,417
Brown Deer Golf	$2,231,518	$2,190,719

Detailed budget information is broadcast on CoralVision Channel 5 and is available at www.coralville.org. The entire proposed budget is available for review at the Coralville Public Library and City Hall.

Youth & Family Programs

Weekly

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday mornings, 10:30 am
Children three years of age and older can listen to stories, sing, and participate in a range of activities planned just for them. Approximately 30 minutes.

Wee Read

Thursday mornings, 10:15 or 11:15 am
(program is repeated, choose either time)
This program is designed for young children under three years old and their parents, grandparents, and caregivers. Storytime consists of rhymes, songs, finger plays, and books. Approximately 20 to 25 minutes.

Family Storytime

Saturday mornings, 10:30 am
Saturday storytimes are planned for a broad age range. Children and their families listen to stories, music, poems, and participate in activities. Approximately 30 minutes.

Monthly

5th/6th Time – 5th/6th graders

First Thursday of the month, 2:30 pm
Upcoming dates: March 3, April 7, and May 5

Family Night at the Library - All ages

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm
Celebrate spring break and St. Patrick's Day as we welcome The Beggarmen. This fabulous local quartet will sing and play music from the Celtic tradition. Get ready to tap your toes!

Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 pm
April 12, 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter. The Coralville Public Library will host Bob Welch who will present his "Songs of the Civil War" program. Be entertained and educated with his unique combination of music, historical facts, and storytelling!

Please call Youth Services at 319.248.1850 or visit www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org for more information.
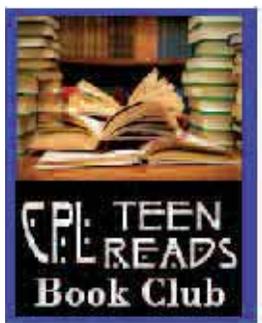
2011 Summer Reading Program: One World, Many Stories

Are you from another country or have traveled extensively, and would like to share your expertise about a country or culture this summer? Please contact Linda Parker, Sara Glenn, or Karen Stierler in Youth Services at 319.248.1850.

Teens' Top Ten Program

Fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 pm
Upcoming dates: March 28, April 25, and May 23

CPL Teen Reads, the Coralville Public Library teen book group was selected by the Young Adult Library Services Association as one of sixteen library book groups from around the United States to participate in the Teens' Top Ten Program for 2010-2012. Teens in the group read and review new books from over thirty publishers. All teens in 7th through 12th grade are welcome to participate. For more information, call Karen Stierler at 319.248.1850.

BOOK MARKS™ Book Art in Johnson County

This summer, literature will come to life in Johnson County thanks to BOOK MARKS, an innovative public art project celebrating reading, writing, the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature, and area local public libraries. From June until October 2011, colorful book statues will adorn public sites throughout Johnson County, with themes that could range from outer space to sports history. There are still opportunities to sponsor a BOOK MARKS statue for your business or favorite local organization. Visit www.bookmarksiowa.org for more information.
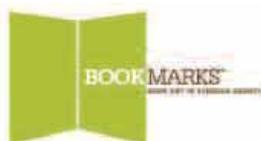
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Putt Fore the Library!
Sunday, March 6, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Swing into spring at Putt Fore the Library, when the Coralville Public Library is transformed into an 18-hole mini-golf course. Fairways meander through the bookstacks, and every putting green is sponsored by a different local group or business which designs the obstacles and hazards. This family-friendly event helps support a great community asset!

Fee to play: $5.00 (donation), kids age five and under are free. All proceeds support the mission and programs of the Coralville Public Library.

For more information, visit www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org/putt-fore-the-library

Gladys Black: the Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady
Tuesday, March 29, 6:00 pm

Join Larry Stone, author of *Gladys Black: The Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady*, for a presentation about Gladys Black, an Iowa newspaper columnist, environmentalist, and teacher.

Winter Programs Abound for Adults!

It's a Mystery Book Group

Join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am for a lively discussion of mystery novels past and present! Books are available for checkout.

Upcoming Discussions

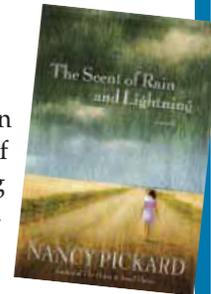**Wednesday, March 9**
The Cold Dish by Craig Johnson
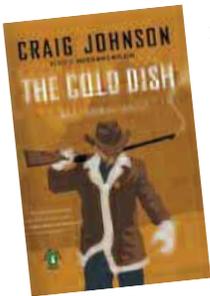
Walt Longmire has been a sheriff in rural Wyoming for 24 years. Usually it's a quiet job, livened up by his friend and Vietnam vet Henry Standing Bear and his deputy, but a young man convicted a few years back of raping a Northern Cheyenne girl turns up dead.

Wednesday, April 13
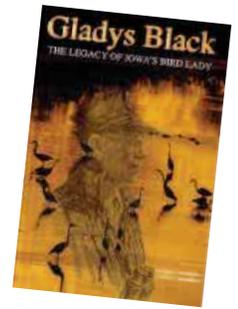*The Scent of Rain and Lightning* by Nancy Pickard
Twenty-three years ago, Collin Crosby's father was convicted of the murders of a Kansas ranching couple. Collin, now a lawyer, secured a new trial for his father, and the two of them return to the scene of the crime to confront the surviving family members and the truth about the past.

Wednesday, May 11
On, Off by Colleen McCullough
McCullough is best known for her historical epic *The Thorn Birds*. See how she handles a murder mystery set in 1965 involving a serial killer and an Ivy League campus.

LitFlicks provides free screenings of book-based movies for adults! Admission is always free.

Wednesday, March 30, 6:00 pm
Eight Men Out, based on the book by Eliot Asinof
John Cusack, Charlie Sheen, John Mahoney, and Christopher Lloyd star in this recounting of the infamous "Black Sox" scandal of 1919, in which the pennant-winning Chicago White Sox threw the series.
  Popcorn and refreshments will be provided.

Stage on the Page
Drama Discussion Group

Meetings take place at 10:00 am on the last Thursday of every month (except July, August, and December). Copies of plays are available for checkout.

Thursday, March 24
Cloud 9
A drama by Caryl Churchill

Thursday, April 28
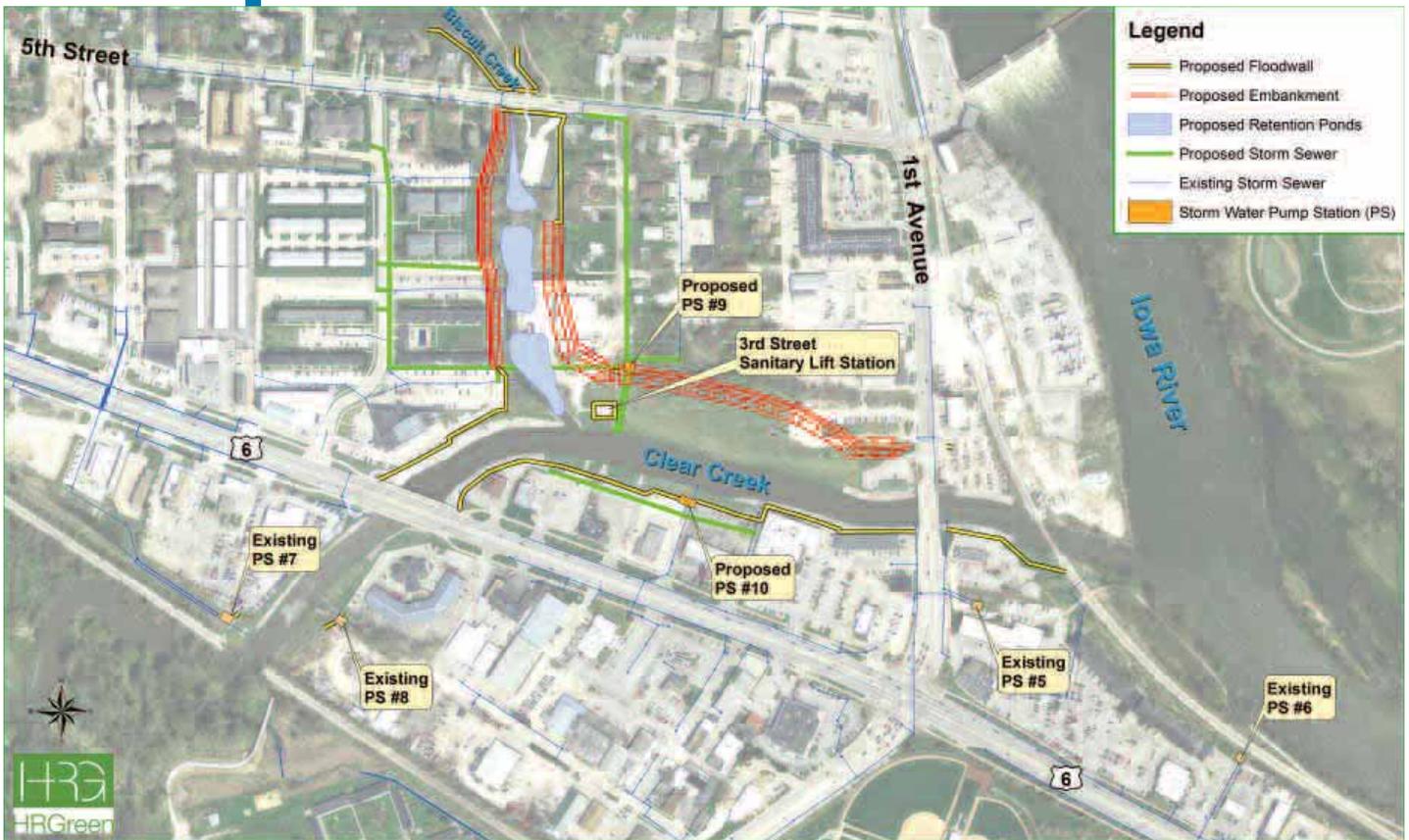*The Real Inspector Hound*
A comedy by Tom Stoppard

Thursday, May 26
Romeo and Juliet
A tragedy by William Shakespeare

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Flood Mitigation Efforts Update

The City of Coralville was fortunate to be awarded three additional grants for continued construction of flood mitigation projects:

- Coralville received an I-JOBS II grant in the amount of $3,657,090 for construction of earthen berms and permanent and removable flood walls along Clear Creek from Highway 6 to 1st Avenue, and along Biscuit Creek from Clear Creek to north of 5th Street. The Howard R. Green Company is the project consultant. Design work has begun with a June 2011 bid date and project completion scheduled for March 2012. Because the grant award was $890,000 less than requested, the City hopes to complete the entire project with value engineering efforts and a good bidding climate.

- Coralville received two $5 million Community Development Block Grants for the construction of two new stormwater pump stations along Clear Creek, upgrading four existing stormwater pump stations along Clear Creek and the Iowa River, and for associated storm sewer collection system improvements. The Howard R. Green Company is the project consultant. Design work has begun on this project with a July 2011 bid date and project completion scheduled for March 2012.

Design work continues on the CRANDIC Flood Mitigation Project which will provide flood mitigation along the Iowa River from the north end of the Iowa River Power Company parking lot to the Rocky Shore Drive area. A July 2011 bid date is anticipated with project completion anticipated for 2012.

Construction work is nearing completion on all of the existing I-JOBS I and Community Development Block Grant projects. All of these projects are expected to be functional by spring 2011.

Annual Sidewalk Inspections

Because sidewalks that are damaged or in a state of disrepair pose a safety hazard to pedestrians, Coralville Engineering Department staff annually inspects the sidewalks in one of five zones to identify public sidewalks not meeting City standards. Property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks adjacent to their property.

In early April, staff will inspect sidewalks abutting public right-of-ways within Sidewalk Repair Zone 2 (see map) and will mark sidewalks requiring repair. If sidewalk repair is needed, property owners will be notified by certified mail and given 45 days to obtain a permit from the City, perform the work, and have the repair inspected. If the repair is not completed within this timeframe, the property will be placed on an assessment project list to be repaired by a contractor hired by the City. If the repair is done by assessment, the property owner will have the opportunity to pay for the repair before it is applied to the property taxes.

For more information, contact Brian Steenblock at the Coralville Engineering Department at 319.248.1720 or at bsteenblock@ci.coralville.ia.us.
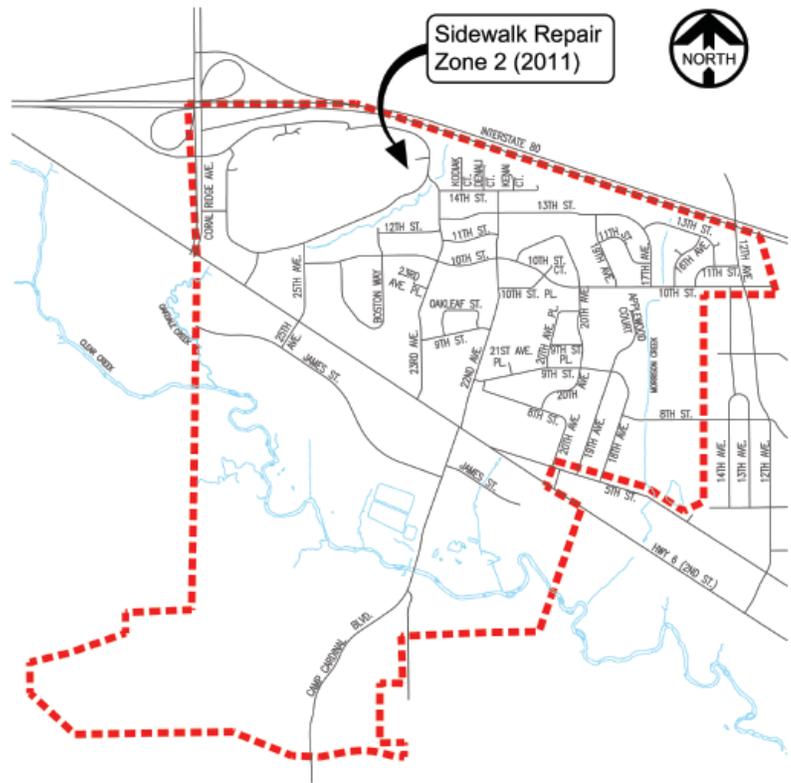
Does Your Sidewalk Need Repair?

Criteria for identifying sidewalk panels needing to be repaired include:
- Sidewalk panel raised 3/4" or more from an adjacent sidewalk panel.
- A crack 3/4" wide or more in a sidewalk panel or the joint between two panels.
- Sidewalk panel raised or depressed from normal grade by 2" or more within 10' (or less) of sidewalk.
- Sidewalk panel cracked into more than three pieces, with one or more loose pieces.
- Sidewalk panel tilted and ponding water covering half or more of the sidewalk width.
- Sidewalk that has 50% surface deterioration with minimum 1/2" surface depressions.

Clear Creek Trail Projects

The City of Coralville is currently designing three more segments of the Clear Creek Trail, including a trailhead facility.

Clear Creek Trail Phase 5 – Part 1 is scheduled to be constructed this summer and will extend the trail 0.3 miles west from the west end of James Street. Included with this project is a trailhead facility to be constructed on the east side of Camp Cardinal Boulevard just north of Clear Creek. Parking, a small water craft launch area, restrooms, shelter, and information kiosk are planned as part of Coralville's first dedicated trailhead.

Clear Creek Trail Phase 5 – Part 2 is scheduled for construction this fall and will extend the trail another 0.6 miles west of the Phase 5 – Part 1 project. The trail will stop just short of crossing over Deer Creek. Future segments are being planned that will extend the trail to Creekside Ballpark on 340th Street and ultimately under Interstate 380 to the City of Tiffin.

Clear Creek Trail – 1st Avenue to Biscuit Creek is in the preliminary design stage and construction is anticipated in 2012. This project will construct a 10-foot wide trail along the north side of Clear Creek between 1st Avenue and Biscuit Creek, and will provide connections to the trail underpasses at the Highway 6 bridge and the 1st Avenue bridge (to be completed this spring).

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Spring Reminder to Improve Stormwater Quality

Coralville residents and businesses have the opportunity to help the creeks, streams, and rivers running through our community become a healthier environment. Many day-to-day activities have a negative impact on aquatic habitats. Below are common practices that will minimize stormwater pollution:

- Follow manufacturer recommended application rates when applying fertilizer to yards. Do not rinse equipment on impervious surfaces, near storm sewer inlets, or waterways. Sweep excess materials from driveways and sidewalks onto the yard instead of rinsing or waiting for a rain.
- Do not dump grass clippings in the storm sewer inlets or waterways. Place excess clippings in yard waste bags or a container with an annual yard waste sticker along the curb for pick up on waste collection day.
- Pick up pet waste. Bacteria from pet waste reduce water quality.
- Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash, grassy area, or drain that connects to the sanitary sewer system. Wash waters carry harmful oils, metals, and other pollutants directly down storm drains.

Clean water depends on us! For more information regarding stormwater quality, contact the Coralville Engineering Department at 319.248.1720.

Dealing with Yard Waste

Yard waste pickup begins the third week in March, weather permitting. Open burning of yard waste is not allowed in the City.

To properly discard of yard waste:
- Use biodegradable yard waste bags (available for purchase at City Hall, Coralville Hy-Vee, and Lenoch and Cilek Ace Hardware for $5 per five bags).
- Use an annual yard waste sticker on a 33-gallon container. Annual yard waste stickers are available for $25 at City Hall.
- Securely tie brush and tree limbs into bundles of no larger than 2 inches in diameter by 4 feet in length; there is no charge for the pickup.

Never sweep or blow grass clippings into the street, ditches, or drains. Grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris are pollutants that plug storm sewers, potentially causing flooding.
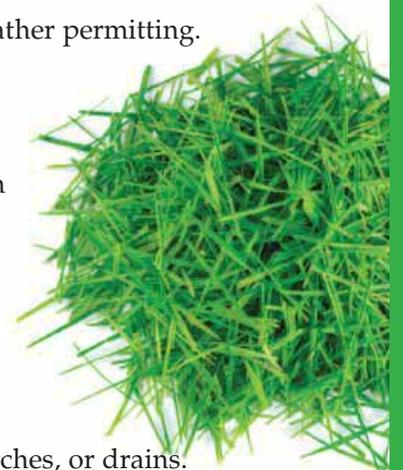
Outside the House: Projects & Tips to Stay Within Code

The Building Department offers the following guidelines to stay within code outside your home.

Permits – Get One!

Permit requirements exist so that repairs and construction are made according to current building codes — something that protects your safety as well as the investment in your home. A building permit application is available at www.coralville.org/buildingpermit or from the Building Department office.

Decks: A building permit is required to build a deck. A completed building permit application, site plan, and drawing or deck plan showing all dimensions (including dimensions for hand railings, stairs, and locations of post holes) are required. The permit fee, which includes all inspections, is based on the project value.

Roofs and Siding: A building permit is not necessary to re-side or re-shingle a single family dwelling or duplex as long as no structural damage is to be repaired. But if part of the structure underneath the shingles or siding requires repair or replacement, a building permit is required. All commercial re-roofing and siding require a building permit.

Sheds: A building permit is required for sheds greater than 200 square feet; all storage sheds must be located in the rear yard. Contact the Building Department to discuss shed placement to ensure that it meets all requirements.

Real Estate Signs

A sign can only be placed in the property for sale, and not on the corner of the street. Signs are not allowed in the public right of way, such as the space between the sidewalk and the street, the median, or roundabout.

Parking

Vehicles cannot be parked in yards. Parking is allowed only on hard surfaces such as a concrete drive leading to a garage or carport. Parked cars should never obstruct the sidewalk, and parking is never allowed between the sidewalk and curb.

For additional information about building or zoning issues, contact the Building Department at City Hall, 1512 7th Street, at 319.248.1720, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, or visit www.coralville.org/building.

Installing a Fence?

Fence installation requires a fence permit. To apply, complete and submit a fence permit application, available at www.coralville.org/buildingforms, and a basic site plan to the Building Department. Fence installation can begin after approval of the permit and payment of the $23.50 permit fee. Contact Iowa One Call at 1.800.292.8989 or www.iowaonecall.com at least 48 hours prior to digging so that underground facilities can be marked.

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Community Fund Awards 2010 Grants

The Coralville Community Fund awarded 2010 community benefit grants in January totaling $5,770, made possible from earnings on the Endowment Gift Fund and support from the Community Foundation of Johnson County, to the following recipients:

- Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, $4,000 – four ground floor seats and two balcony seats
- Coralville Ecumenical Food Pantry, $1,000 – food, and a training program for budget-wise, healthy grocery shopping
- Iowa Firefighters Memorial, $350 – memorial brick
- Safety Village, $420 – seven scholarships for Coralville children

In its first five years, the Fund has provided nearly $25,000 to a wide variety of charitable organizations that benefit the Coralville community. As gifts to the Coralville Endowment Gift Fund increase, more and larger grants will be possible each year.

Contributions to the Endowment Gift Fund in 2011 are fully deductible for Federal income tax purposes, and eligible for a 25 percent Iowa income tax credit under the

Keith Jones (center) of the Coralville Community Fund presents a check to John Lundell and Tonya Naughton for Safety Village. Photo courtesy of Linda Schreiber.

Endow Iowa Program. Contributions to the Coralville Community Fund, an affiliate fund of the Community Foundation of Johnson County, should be sent to Coralville Community Fund, c/o Community Foundation of Johnson County, 325 East Washington Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52240. For more information, contact Mike Stoffregen, Executive Director, call at 319.337.0483.

Summary Sidebar

Summer Parks & Recreation Programming

The summer 2011 *Leisure Line* will be available beginning the week of April 11. Parks and Recreation summer registration begins April 16.

Leisure Line is available at www.coralville.org/leisureline and can be picked up at Coralville Recreation Center, Coralville Public Library, and City Hall. Copies are distributed to Coralville elementary school households via the "back-pack express." Sign up at www.coralville.org/notifyme to automatically receive each *Leisure Line* by email when it's published.

Brown Deer Junior Golf Program

BROWN DEER
GOLF CLUB

The Brown Deer Junior Golf Program is an excellent opportunity for junior golfers. Brown Deer golf pro Sean McCarty and golf staff provide clinic instruction and individual interactions each time the junior golfer comes to the course, teach proper scoring and golf etiquette, and help assess golfers' equipment for a proper fit. Golf staff also offer tips on the driving range, tees, and greens.

Eligible golfers must be ten to eighteen years of age and make a commitment to follow the program guidelines.

The program fee of $300 for the 2011 golf season includes golf during non-peak hours, orientation and tips clinics, bi-weekly communication regarding the game of golf, and other great learning opportunities.

To learn more, Brown Deer Golf Club will host three Brown Deer Junior Golf program informational meetings for youth golfers and their parent(s) on March 24, April 6, and April 27 at 6:30 pm at Brown Deer. Reservations can be made at 319.248.9300.

Additional program details, including clinic dates and times, are available at www.browndeergolf.org or at the Brown Deer Pro Shop. For more information, call the Brown Deer Golf Professionals at 319.248.9300.

Ways to Clean Out and Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle

Rx Take Back Event

When: Saturday, April 30, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Drop off at City Hall and Coralville Walgreens (1st Avenue and Heartland Drive locations

Cost: Free

About: Bring old, outdated, or unused prescription or over the counter medications to a Coralville drop off location. Because ground water contamination can occur when medications are flushed into the waste water system, this opportunity helps to safely dispose of medications.

This event is sponsored by the Coralville Police Department and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. To learn more, contact Officer Dvorak at the Coralville Police Department at 319.248.1800.

City Wide Garage Sale

When: Saturday, May 7, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: throughout Coralville

Cost: $15 to list your sale

About: Each year approximately 50 households are listed, and hundreds attend! Shoppers can start their day at 8:00 am at the Coralville Recreation Center, pick up a map with addresses and directions to participating garage sales, and get fueled with a limited first come, first served continental breakfast.

To be included in the *Penny Saver Select* city wide sale listing, register with the Coralville Parks and Recreation Department by April 27. For more information, call 319.248.1750.

Recycle Swap Day and Community Shred Event

When: Saturday, May 14, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: City Hall Parking Lot (Recycle Swap), Northwest Junior High Parking Lot (Shred)

Cost: Free

Recycle Swap: Keep items out of the landfill. Citizens donate clean, usable items or pick up items donated by others. Items left at the end of the day will be donated to non-profit organizations. Categories: books; canned food for the Crisis Center; clothing; furniture and large appliances; recyclable paper; small appliances, household items, and toys.

To volunteer or learn more, contact Dawn Stoddard at 319.248.1720.

Shred: The Coralville Police Department and Heartland Shredding are teaming up to help prevent identity theft through a free community shred event. Community members can bring up to two boxes worth of personal papers to be shredded on site.

Mayor's Spring Clean Up Week

When: May 16 through May 20

Where: Curbside

Cost: Free (note that garbage and yard waste must be tagged as usual)

About: Dispose of bulky items, such as furniture, that have reached the end of their useful life. Place items curbside up to 24 hours before or by 7:00 am on your regular trash collection day. Items not picked up should be removed from the curb within 24 hours after collection day. Metal will be picked up by a separate truck any may not occur on your regular collection day.

Not accepted: Appliances, construction materials, electronics, or hazardous materials.

For more information, call 319.248.1740.

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**Postal Customer
Coralville, IA**

Holiday Garbage/ Transit Schedule

**Memorial Day
Monday, May 30**

Monday and Tuesday garbage collected on Tuesday.

No transit service.

City Departments

The Coralville City staff welcome comments, suggestions, and/or malfunction reports.

Animal Control	248.1823
Brown Deer Golf Club	248.9300
Building Dept.	248.1720
City Hall	248.1700
FAX	248.1894
City Information	248.1799
Engineering Dept.	248.1720
Fire Dept. Johnson Co. Sheriff's Office Emergency Alarm	911
Fire Station	248.1835
Park & Maint. Building	248.1780
Police	248.1800
Emergency	911
Public Library	248.1850
FAX	248.1890
TDD (Deaf Only)	248.1870
Catalog Computer Dial In	248.1892
Recreation Center/Indoor Pool	248.1750
FAX	248.1899
Rental Housing Inspections	248.1720
Streets & Sanitation	248.1740
Transit	248.1790
Utility Billing Dept.	248.1715
Water Plant	248.1770
Emergency After Hours	530.6225
Wastewater Treatment	248.1745
Emergency After Hours	530.6224

Coralville to Host RAGBRAI® XXXIX

Coralville has been selected as an overnight host community for RAGBRAI® XXXIX (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa), which will take place July 24 through 30. RAGBRAI is the world's oldest, largest, and longest bicycle touring event. Coralville will host over 10,000 riders from across the world on Friday, July 29. Cyclists will arrive from Grinnell and will travel on to Davenport to finish the ride.

RAGBRAI is a great opportunity to become involved with the community. Coralville welcomes volunteers to assist with planning, help at the event, or host cyclists.

Complete and return the form below or fill out a form at www.coralvilleRAGBRAI.com.

Yes, I want to be a part of hosting RAGBRAI XXXIX!

Name _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____ T-shirt Size _____

Please check all that apply:

Volunteer: Visit www.coralvilleRAGBRAI.com for volunteer opportunities, or view a list at the Coralville Recreation Center. Please indicate any particular job you are interested in:
Please list dates and indicate what shift(s) you would be available to work:

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Anytime
_____	☐ Morning	☐ Afternoon	☐ Evening	☐ Anytime
July 28, set up date	☐ Morning	☐ Afternoon	☐ Evening	☐ Anytime
July 29, RAGBRAI® in Coralville	☐ Morning	☐ Afternoon	☐ Evening	☐ Anytime
July 30, Farewell and clean up	☐ Morning	☐ Afternoon	☐ Evening	☐ Anytime

Provide Housing: ☐ Camping spot in my yard   ☐ Bed in my house
List any restrictions: _____

Return completed form to: RAGBRAI VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE
Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th Street, Coralville, IA 52241

Coralville cares
Recycle your Connection