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Calendar

December 9

Board of Adjustment meeting, 5 p.m., Emma Harvat Hall in City Hall. *Page 2.*

Grant Wood Neighborhood Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Grant Wood School Gym

December 10

Historic Preservation Commission meeting, 6 p.m., Emma Harvat Hall in City Hall. *Page 2.*

December 14

Deadline for public comments on draft plan of 2011-2015 CITY STEPS.

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City collaborates on security lighting program for southeast neighborhoods

The City of Iowa City, MidAmerican Energy, and the ACE Hardware store on 1558 Mall Drive have partnered on a program to help provide reduced-cost security lighting kits for residents of the southeast side of Iowa City to help with crime prevention.

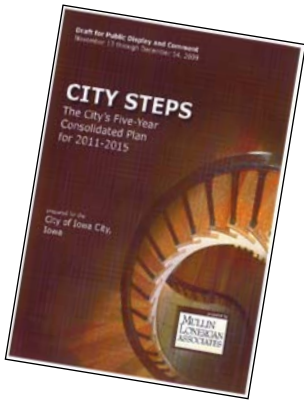
Through the Neighborhood Services division, the City requested and was awarded a MidAmerican Energy Community Grant for \$250 to help purchase motion detector / floodlight kits for residents who live in the Grant Wood and Wetherby neighborhoods. The grant will be combined with City funds and a special purchase agreement from ACE Hardware to purchase 37 lighting kits which will be made available to southeast-side residents for only \$5, beginning Saturday, December 12. The specially-priced kits will be sold only at the Mall Drive store, and will be available only while supplies last. Residents must present a coupon from their December neighborhood newsletter to purchase the light kit at the reduced rate.

For more information, contact Marcia Bollinger, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, at 356.5237 or e-mail marcia-bollinger@iowa-city.org.

CITY STEPS public comment period ends December 14

The public comment period for the draft plan of CITY STEPS — the comprehensive plan that the City of Iowa City uses as a guide to determine the allocation of resources for housing, employment, and services for low- to moderate-income residents — will officially end on December 14. The plan is used each year to help prioritize the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds in the City. For information on how to access a copy of the plan and/or submit comments, see page 2.





CITY STEPS

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To view a copy of the draft CITY STEPS plan, visit the City's website at www.icgov.org/commdev, go to the "What's New - Highlights and Project Updates" section, and click on "Public comment period underway for CITY STEPS draft plan." To submit public comments on the plan:

■ Mail:

Mail or drop off comments to:
Department of Planning and
Community Development
Attn: Tracy Hightshoe
410 E. Washington Street
Iowa City, IA 52240

■ E-mail:

E-mail comments to:
tracy-hightshoe@iowa-city.org

■ Phone:

Call Tracy Hightshoe at 356.5230

■ In person:

Attend the City Council meeting on December 14 to make comments during the public hearing. The meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. in Emma Harvat Hall in City Hall at 410 E. Washington Street. Following the public hearing, the City Council can either make changes to the plan, or recommend it for approval.

For more information, contact Tracy Hightshoe at 356.5230 or e-mail at tracy-hightshoe@iowa-city.org

Neighborhood PIN grant funds used to build Longfellow connector trail

A connector trail linking the railroad underpass and the alleyway in Longfellow Manor has been completed. The connector, which was funded by a City of Iowa City Neighborhood PIN grant, is now part of the Longfellow Nature Trail located off Sheridan Avenue. The connector offers an alternative route for bicyclists, joggers and other exercise enthusiasts, and pedestrians. Total cost of the project was \$3,510.

For more information, contact Neighborhood Services coordinator Marcia Bollinger at 356.5237 or e-mail marcia-bollinger@iowa-city.org.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS

Board of Adjustment

MEETING INFORMATION

Wednesday, December 9, 5 p.m.

Emma Harvat Hall in City Hall, 410 E. Washington Street

AGENDA ITEMS

Special exception: Discussion of an application submitted by Judy O'Donnell for a special exception to allow a specialized education facility to operate in the Intensive Commercial (CI-1) zone at 415 Highland Avenue.

Other: Discussion of special exception criteria and the Board of Adjustment's scope of review for Communications Transmission Facilities.

For more information: Contact Sarah Walz at 356.5239 or e-mail sarah-walz@iowa-city.org

Historic Preservation Commission

MEETING INFORMATION

Thursday, December 10, 6 p.m.

Emma Harvat Hall in City Hall, 410 E. Washington Street

AGENDA ITEMS

Historic Review: Review for Certificates of Appropriateness for projects at the following addresses: 421 Fairchild Street and 846 Rundell Street.

For more information: Contact Christina Kuecker at 356.5243 or e-mail christina-kuecker@iowa-city.org

To view agendas & meeting packets

Agendas and meeting packets for all scheduled meetings are posted to the City website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. To view this information for these or other upcoming meetings, visit the City's Calendar page at www.icgov.org/default/apps/GEN/calendar.asp, click on the date of the meeting, and then on the name of the group that will be meeting.

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