

Summer is officially in Alleman. A hot and dry Summer, too. As has been reported by the local news, Des Moines Water Works has asked everyone to cut water usage by 25%. No watering of lawns or gardens on Monday. Tuesday thru Sunday schedule is based on your house number. As of this time, Polk County is in a burn ban. Check the Alleman web page for information as to when the ban will be lifted. Fireworks are legal in Iowa but the burn ban will not allow for them now. There will be an update on fireworks as the 4th of July draws near.

As many of you have noticed, the city paved NE 141st Avenue from the school entrance on the west end to 6th Street. The project included grading to help with water runoff issues that were plaguing residents on the northside of 141st Avenue. Also work was done on the drainage along the school side. This project was needed due to all the school traffic. There is only one way into the school which causes a lot of damage to our city streets. There isn't a simple solution to the traffic issue; all the city can do is keep a continuous repave schedule going.

Polk County is doing bridge work along NE 134th Avenue. The old one-lane bridge is being removed and replaced with a culvert. The project got started the third week of June, and is projected to take 15 weeks.

Along Dennler Drive is the city water building. This property has undergone a major makeover! The building has been resided and painted, the front lawn was graded to prevent water from running into the building during rain storms, and the back lawn was graded to help water flow into the small creek on the property. The creek has had the biggest facelift! There is now the addition of a holding pond and a bridge walkway that will allow water to flow over.

This is still a work in progress. The grounds will be seeded with grasses and wildflowers, trees will be replaced, and landscaping of plants will be done. When we are ready for plants donations will be accepted and, of course, help would be appreciated. So if you have a green thumb, or even an interest to learn from those with planting experience, come join the fun. Your Park and Rec Committee has asked some businesses that do business within our city for donations for a picnic table for the space. Hopefully you will be able to use the space in the next few months when all the grass is grown....we need rain!

The Community Visioning Committee is continuing to work with Trees Forever. Some of you were sent surveys from Iowa State, some of you participated in a zoom call with Iowa State and many of you took part in the ice cream social Sunday June 13. All of this input on how you would like Alleman to look in the near future regarding sidewalks, recreation space, use of waterways, community branding, community gardens and community center.

This is an ongoing project to gather data for Iowa State and Trees Forever. The end goal is to have enough data to support grants for funding or projects around Alleman. All projects would be funded by grants, with minimal costs to the City of Alleman. The Trees Forever people are a wonderful resource for our city. Their hard work, along with the committee of volunteers in our city, should be able to make Alleman even more beautiful.

The new development along NE 134th Avenue, Meadow Point, should begin soon. They will start by adding dirt and doing the grading for roads and sidewalks to be put into place. The project was reviewed and approved by Polk County, the Ankeny Fire Department, the Alleman Planning and Zoning Board and the Alleman City Council.

Each property will have it's own home builder so each house will have it's own style. The development along NE 142nd Avenue is still in the review process. Alleman works with Polk County for building permits and other facets of the development process,we appreciate all that Polk County is doing to help us make these additions to our town correctly. These are the first major developments in Alleman in a number of years.

In closing, please keep in mind that myself and all the city council members are here to help. If you have a suggestion or an issue, please talk to any of us. Ric Long and Shari Buehler are available at city hall, also. Mark your calendars for Alleman Citywide Clean Up on September 25. More information will be given when the date gets closer. All items will need to be on your curb the night before.

Your Mayor,

Bob Kramme