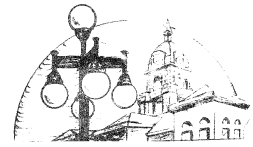


VINTON VIEWPOINT



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Coordinator Notes

The ending of the previous year and the beginning of a new year, leads one to reflect on the year that is passing. What a year it has been.

In February, we said goodbye to someone who left an incredible mark on Vinton. During the 16 years that he served as city coordinator, Don Martin helped guide the city towards new development and preparation for dealing with emergencies. Little did we realize how important that forethought and vision would mean this year.

In June, the city, along with several other eastern Iowa communities, suffered its worst natural disaster when the Cedar River crested nearly 10 feet above flood stage. As a result of the flooding, several city, county and private structures were damaged. We are now recovering with many city facilities restored, including the electric generation facility which is planned to be operational in March 2009. The city is submitting a FEMA HMGP property acquisition application to help those families whose houses were destroyed.

Despite the bad events of this past year and the current economic situation, the future is looking bright. Vin-

ton Unlimited started an economic development subcommittee with several potential development opportunities coming forward. We look forward to having one of the best years yet!

Water/Electric Department

Please make sure that your electric meter and water touchpad are accessible to the meter reader. Please check gates to make sure they are not frozen and clear a path to the devices. If the devices cannot be read, an estimate of your usage will be made for that billing cycle. An estimate could be higher than your actual usage.

Street Department

According to City Code, vehicles are not to park on city streets after a two-inch snowfall until the street is plowed. There are two very good reasons for following this ordinance. The first obvious one is to avoid getting a parking ticket and/or having your vehicle towed.

The second reason, which is as good as the first, is that it allows the street department to properly plow a street after the snowfall. By having to drive around a parked vehicle, the plow will push snow over the parked car and may also need to return in order to properly plow the street.

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