

## Stormwater Rate Increase

Customers will soon see the stormwater rate on their utility bills increase from \$3.00 per ERU to \$4.00 per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit). This rate increase will be effective May 1, 2013. This means customers will see this increase on their bills for the first time on bills due June 15, 2013. Residential customers will see a \$1.00 per month increase in their entire stormwater cost. Commercial and industrial users will see a \$1.00 per month increase per ERU which is the amount of impervious surface area they have divided by 2,750 sq. ft.

### SUMP PUMP NOTICE

The City of Storm Lake wants to remind residents and businesses that City Code **REQUIRES** that the sump pumps outlet to the outside of the house and **NOT** into the sanitary sewer system. (Ordinance 3-2-5 (B))

Sump Pumps that outlet to the sanitary sewer system add water to the collection system that can cause backups in your home and your neighbors' homes during rain events.

## Current Projects

### East Central Storm Water Project

The East Central Storm Water Project is designed to remove storm water from a residential area of Storm Lake and move the water to it's natural drainage area, Lake Storm Lake. As part of the removal process the project will develop a number of current best management practices to help filter and clean the storm water run off prior to out letting the water into Lake Storm Lake. The project includes innovative storm water components such as: detention ponds, rain gardens, iron fillings, and filtration ponds.

### West Fifth Street Overlay Project

The West 5th Street Overlay Project will consist of the overlay of West 5th Street from Lake Avenue west to Vista Drive. Because part of the project is funded with State of Iowa funds the City will be required to bring all sidewalks at intersections to the most current ADA (American Disability Act) standards which will include some modifications to the sidewalk grade and the addition of truncated domes. In addition to the overlay and sidewalk repairs, the contractor will repair and/or replace sections of deteriorated curbs and will patch deteriorated portions of the sub base under the current asphalt overlay. The finished project will be an asphalt overlay on the street.

More information and updates on both projects can be found on the website by clicking on "Projects."

## Community Outreach

The Storm Lake Police Department will host another Neighborhood Outreach Program this summer. The goal is to provide more opportunities for the community to interact with staff from public safety and City of Storm Lake. The SLPD plans on having four or five Public Safety officials participate along with City staff members. Booths are set up, and community members are invited to come and chat. "We offer an opportunity to exchange information, give out city related information, and discuss safety related issues," Public Safety Director Mark Prosser says. "We also listen and take note of concerns voiced and assist where possible. Come out and join us!" For more information, go to [stormlake.org/outreach](http://stormlake.org/outreach).

May 23 - 1600 block of Tulip Lane  
June 12 - 1400 block of Seneca Street  
June 26 - AWAYSIS Park

July 10 - 700 block of West 8th Street  
July 23 - Oates Street & 5th Street  
August 9 - Oneida Street & 2nd Street  
August 20 - 12th Street & Erie Street

All events are held  
from 6 - 8 PM,  
weather pending.

# City Tidbits



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# MAY 2013

## IMPORTANT NOTICE: ATTENTION ALL WATERCRAFT OPERATORS AND RIDERS

Use extreme caution when navigating the dredge work area. Boaters should **NEVER** attempt to pass over the dredge pipe or go between the dredge and the shore. Always go around the dredge operation and buoys at low speeds. Learn more at [stormlake.org/dredging](http://stormlake.org/dredging).

## Upcoming Events

- City Wide Garage Sale.....May 3 & 4
- Youth Art Classes..... 10:30 AM on May 4  
Ages 2-6 | Witter Gallery
- Blood Drive..... 12:30 - 6 PM on May 7 & 21  
Specialty Clinic
- Youth Art Classes..... 10:30 AM on May 11  
Ages 7-12 | Witter Gallery
- Mother's Day.....May 12
- Memorial Day.....May 27

## No Parking Across Sidewalks

Keep sidewalks clear of vehicles so that pedestrians can make use of the path.

