DEDICATION – CENTENNIAL PARK

The dedication for the improvements at the City swimming pool and Centennial Park is planned for Sunday, May 24th at 1:00 PM. The Mayor, City Council members, Parks Committee and Friends of the Swimming Pool Project will be on hand to dedicate and open Centennial Park and the City pool to the public. Free splash day is also planned that day which will include a new zero depth addition, handicap access and improved pump and water circulation.

Centennial Park will also include new picnic tables, playground equipment and a sand volleyball court.

Swimming pool admission prices will remain the same for 2009. Season passes go on sale soon. For more information, contact City Hall.

CITY/SCHOOL TV CHANNEL

The new Cox Cable City/School TV channel was launched recently. Turn to Channel 6 to find out what is happening in Humboldt. To find out more call City Hall at 473-3232.

PLANNING COMMISSION TO FINISH ZONING REGULATIONS

The City Planning Commission has finished updating the new zoning regulations. A draft is now available at City Hall or you can see it at www.humboldtkansas.org. A date will be announced to hold a public hearing to allow citizen comment.

WATER PROJECT TO START

Later this year, the City will take construction bids to begin a $1.5 million improvement project on the City water lines and fire hydrants. A $400,000 grant has been awarded by the State of Kansas to help with the project. The City also plans to finance approximately $1.1 million from the US Department of Agriculture for the balance of the project. Included in the plans will be repairs and replacement of water lines and fire hydrants that are costing the City in excessive repairs and lost water distribution. During last year, the City lost over 18 million gallons of water (20% of its annual production) due to problems in the system. For more information, contact City Hall or watch for updates on the City web page and on Cable TV channel six.
STREET PROJECTS PLANNED

The City is planning to continue its street improvement projects later this year. The Council has directed City staff to work on Indiana Street north of the swimming pool and Central Street in front of the local grade school. The City has also made an application for funding to KDOT (Kansas Dept of Transportation) for improvements to East Bridge, 13th and east Central Street to the City limits.

The City is also making plans, subject to funding for some added maintenance, for reconstruction and widening projects starting in the southwest part of town. For more information, contact City Hall.

RIVER PARK PROJECT

The City has approved partial funding for improvements to River Park in Humboldt. Plans include a platform on the west side of the Neosho River to allow easier access to fishing. In addition, grant applications and fund raising efforts are continuing to support other added improvements including tables, benches and playground equipment.

The City has been notified that Bikers from Across Kansas are coming to Humboldt on June 11th. Plans are underway to host from 800 to 1,000 bikers at the High School and City parks during their visit.

BIKERS ARE COMING

For more information, contact City Hall or the USD 258 school district office.

STORM SEASON COMING

The City reminds people that the spring storm season is approaching. The National Weather Service will be hosting a work shop at the Bowlus Center in Iola, April 1st at 6:30 PM to make citizens more aware of our Kansas storm season. Both Allen County and the City of Humboldt are making plans to help keep us safe. Remember that local public storm shelters are available at the following locations:

- Water Plant  14th & Bridge St.
- Cannon park  8th & Charles
- Swimming Pool  8th & Indiana
- Luther Church  910 Amos
- Emprise Bank  725 Bridge

The City also encourages you to sign up for local Weather Alert messages by contacting the Allen County Emergency Management Center at 620-365-1400.