ANIMAL CLINIC SCHEDULED

With support from the new Allen County Animal Rescue Facility (ACARF), an animal clinic has been tentatively set for Wednesday, February 16th at Camp Hunter Park Cabin from 2 pm to 7 pm to help register animals and offer vaccinations. The rescue facility will also offer micro chipping at a reduced rate.

All dogs and cats in Humboldt must be tagged and registered each year. Tags will go on sale January 3, 2011. Registration fees are:

- Dogs & cats—spayed/neutered $ 5.00
- Dogs & cats—non-spayed/neutered $10.00

A penalty of $5.00 will be assessed for tags purchased after March 1st.

All new dogs and cats brought into the City must be tagged and registered within 30 days. When registering, you must provide proof of rabies vaccinations and spay/neuter. All unclaimed dogs are now being taken to ACARF in LaHarpe. A $75.00 fee is now required to reclaim dogs from the rescue facility.

Reporting Gas Leaks

If you smell gas, be sure to evacuate your house or business, go to a neighbors and call City Hall. City crews will be dispatched to your house or business to investigate, identify and correct the potential gas leak problem. After business hours or weekends, call 911. Play it safe and let trained City personnel keep your house or business safe during this winter season. BE SAFE!

BE SURE TO INSPECT AND TEST YOUR SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.
PLANNING COMMISSION TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING

The City Planning Commission has been studying extra-territorial zoning and has scheduled a public meeting for Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 7 pm at City Hall to answer questions for those that could be affected. Only non-agriculture land can be zoned outside of the City limits. The Commission is currently looking at a territory that would be approximately one mile around the current City limits. If you have any questions, contact City Hall.

WATER LINE PROJECT NEAR COMPLETION

The contractor is near completion of the water line, valve and fire hydrant replacement project. Final tasks include closing off the old lines no longer needed and repairs to streets and yards damaged, once warm weather returns. Thanks to all those that have supported the project with their assistance and patience. With the project completed, it will make the water utility system more efficient and easier to maintain. With the addition of new fire hydrants it will make the community a safer place to live.

DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE

The Downtown Action Team and Humboldt Pride will receive final design plans in January for streetscape improvements around the City Square Park. Included in some of the preliminary plans are added light posts, with brick patterned pavers and plants and new crosswalk designs to guide people around the City Square. Possible funding includes state grants and local community fund raising. For more information, contact City Hall.

THE MOVE IS COMPLETE

City Hall and the Police Department have moved into the New City Hall building at 725 Bridge Street. Office hours continue to be 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, but utility bill payments can still be made after hours at the south drive thru area drop box. To contact the City in case of an emergency after hours, call 911. Please note that handicap access is available at the south entrance.

NEW STORM SHELTER OPEN

Included in the new City Hall will be a storm shelter in the south basement. In case of a storm warning, the Police Department will open the shelter for public access and the other shelters located at Cannon and Centennial Parks, the Water Plant and the basement at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Remember, the City's storm siren will sound loud and soft wavers when severe weather is approaching.