

## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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### WEEKLY UPDATE:

1. Bi-State/Economic Development: Bi-State Regional Commission would like your input on the Greater Quad Cities Area's transportation system and economy. Your feedback will be used to help guide the Quad Cities 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and the Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Join the conversation and let your voice be heard at <http://bistateregion.mindmixer.com>. This site will be available for public input through May 31, 2014. Please share this message with others to help us reach the broadest audience possible. Thank you for your time and participation.
2. Spring Cleanup: Reminder that the week of April 21-25 is Spring Cleanup Week. Please see the attached flier.
3. Trail: follow up to your message on March 24th I am providing the anticipated schedule for the Musser Park - Wiggins Road Trail. Preliminary Plans Submittal: September 2014, Bid Letting: February 2015, Construction: April 2015 - October 2015
4. TIF: Please see the attached update. Specifically, the TIF bill that passed out of committee. I have reviewed this with GMCCI and we have both heard that this issue will not be advanced this year, but there is an intention to bring a modified bill forward next year. No longer having the ability to annually appropriate could severely curtail the use of TIF as an economic development tool. It is always good for our legislators to hear directly from our Mayor and Council and the league has provided talking points (attached). We will continue to monitor this legislation.
5. IDNR: Attached is a letter from IDNR regarding the landfill. Staff is working to set up a meeting onsite with IDNR representatives, the landfill operator and our engineers. We will follow up with more information subsequent to the meeting.  
UPDATE: Per Laura Liegois, Solid Waste Manager - As I told you on the phone this morning, we have some good news for the landfill. Here are details from my phone meeting with DNR and our progress for the landfill. I had a conference call with the Des Moines office of Iowa DNR, the field office DNR, and our engineer, Doug Luzbetak from HLW Engineering. It was decided the 20 ft. area of landfill cell that has not had waste on it is to be left without waste on it until we build the Phase 5 cell. When we connect the liner to Phase 4 and 5, the area in question will be inspected and checked with the liner installation company. This solution is a win for us because putting waste on that slope is going to be difficult and take up our lower haul road. I feel very confident that this is a good way of handling this. As for the other issues from DNR's letter, we have done litter detail and the operator had noted that it was high wind the day the inspector noted litter issues. We have addressed concerns with several industries on special waste issues and have new policies for the disposal, letting DNR know what they are. We will be addressing the tree issue on the closed cap area (which are a few small ones) this summer. At this moment, I feel confident that we are going to get things handled in the right direction and the conversation with DNR went well today. I will be responding to the NOV issues in the near future to Kurt Levetzow of DNR. If you have any questions, please let me know. Laura J. Liegois, Solid Waste Manager