



In The S W O R K S

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - WORKING WITH YOU, WORKING FOR YOU



MAY/JUNE, 1999

Highlights In This Issue

- **Capitol Corner**
- **News Around the Complex**
- **Operation Bold Move**
- **Printing Goes Digital**
- **Silver Lining In Project Changes**
- **The Season For Smarter Purchases**
- **Sun, Showers and Capitol Complex Flowers**

Eye On The Storm



Iowa is hit with an average of thirty-eight tornadoes each year and, according to the National Weather Service, May and June are peak tornado months. The Iowa Emergency Management Division wants everyone to remember these important safety guidelines during spring storm season.

SPRING SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. Learn the danger signs.

Thunderstorms: Dark, towering, or threatening clouds; distant lightning and thunder. (Remember: In the past thirty years, more than sixty deaths have resulted from lightning. Take thunderstorms seriously.)

Tornadoes: Large hail; wind dying and air becoming still; approaching cloud of debris; funnel clouds; a roaring, "freight train" noise.

2. Be aware that situations can quickly escalate and become serious. Tornadoes are spawned by thunderstorms. Flash flooding can occur with thunderstorms. Think ahead and make plans.

3. Listen for weather announcements and warnings.

The National Weather Service issues

the following thunderstorm and tornado announcements.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Conditions are such that a severe thunderstorm, with damaging winds of 58 miles per hour or more, or hail three-fourths of an inch in diameter or greater, is likely to develop.

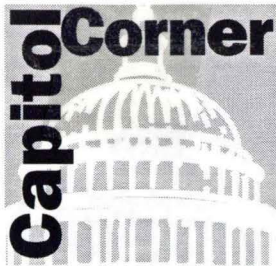
Severe Thunderstorm Warning: One has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

Tornado Watch: Weather conditions are such that tornadoes are likely to develop.

Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar.

4. Heed warnings and follow instructions to take cover. On the Capitol complex, the public address system is used for weather watches and warnings. The PA system has recently been expanded into the tunnels so you can continue to receive instructions after reaching the tunnel. Personnel on each building floor have been designated to provide you additional guidance in an emergency.

5. Do not leave until an all-clear is issued. An all-clear announcement is made on the Capitol complex on the public address system.



Springing Into Action

Adjournment of the Legislature is the signal for the Capitol restoration project to spring back into action.

Interior restoration continues throughout the summer in the southeast section of the Capitol. This means more people will get a turn testing their moving skills and tolerance of disruption. Affected agencies are the Department of Management, the Auditor's Office, and some Senate staff.

Department of Management personnel

currently in the offices on the east side of the ground floor of the Capitol are moving to the Legislative Dining Room. Personnel in the Auditor's offices on the east side of the corridor on the first floor are moving to the first floor Lucas Hearing rooms while their offices are renovated. Senate staff will move into other legislative space in the Capitol.

The temporary relocations will continue throughout the summer.

Capitol Support Services Office Established

Services critical to restoring and maintaining the Iowa State Capitol are under the watchful eye of one person following a realignment of DGS resources into a Capitol Support Services Office. The enhanced coordination of critical services is aimed at reducing the possibility that service needs are not met.

Dick Nesselroad, project manager for Capitol restoration, is also staffing the Capitol Support Services Office in the north wing of the ground floor. Dick is a liaison between Capitol occupants and related building support services provided by DGS.

Building support services include maintenance, engineering, custodial and restoration painting.



To Request Building Cleaning, Maintenance and Repairs
242-5120

Capitol Support Services Office
(Dick Nesselroad)
281-0284



Up and Down

An elevator will be installed in the southeast corner of the Capitol during this summer's construction. The elevator will run from the ground floor south corridor to the third floor behind the Senate. The elevator will be accessible to the public although a card reader will control access to certain areas.

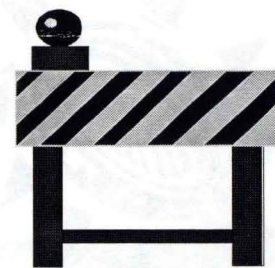
Did You Know?

Regarding the central dome requires Artisans to dangle in a harness fourteen stories above the ground. While suspended, they apply two inch by three inch sheets of gold gilding that is 1/250,000th of an inch thick.

And Springing A Leak

A broken water main caused the water leak in the tunnel from the Capitol to the Lucas Building. Although water seeps in that section of the tunnel in the spring due to ground thawing, this year the water was worse than usual. Until workers could isolate the problem, water continued to run in from the broken main.

The aging Capitol - Lucas Tunnel is slated for construction. Structural designs to repair and improve the tunnel are being developed. Of the three miles of tunnels on the complex, this section is most in need of structural upgrades.



Entrances Affected By Construction

Construction this summer on the south side of the Capitol may close both south entrances. Construction managers are attempting to develop a schedule that will close only one entrance at a time - either ground or first floor, but not both. However, there is a possibility both must close at once, if necessary, to assure safety.

The first floor entrance on the west side will be temporarily closed to finish the stone restoration. The west steps and entrance will be done by late spring.

For Men Only

Although improvements won't be obvious to half the population, the men's restroom on the ground floor of the Capitol will be remodeled this summer. During construction the restroom will be closed. Remodeling will not start until all construction materials are on site to ensure there are no delays in completing it. Those who favor this location will be asked to use restrooms on other floors during construction.



Like all divisions and offices of state government, the Department of General Services is committed to cost control and protecting our environment. We ask that you join in our efforts by routing or posting this newsletter for other readers. If additional copies are needed, please feel free to duplicate.

If you have a topic or question you would like to see addressed, please contact: Editor, In The Works, phone (515)242-6118, fax (515)242-5974 or e-mail jdetmta@max.state.ia.us.

To inquire about DGS services call 242-5120.

"In the Works" Staff

**Julie Economaki Susan Challender
Julie Hedlund Barbara Jay**

Silver Lining In Project Changes

Managers of the Iowa State Capitol Restoration and Operation Bold Move, restoration and renovation of the Lucas and Old Historical Buildings, are changing along with the buildings. Mark Willemsen, who provided leadership and project management for both, recently accepted a new job.

Although the Department of General Services feels the loss of Mark's experience, Iowa State government is fortunate to retain his talent and expertise in construction. Mark is now a facilities manager for the Iowa State Legislature. Mark will provide support to decision-makers concerning infrastructure issues and building space managed by the Legislature.

Dick Nesselroad has assumed responsi-

bility of the Capitol Restoration Project. Dick has twenty-five years of experience as a facilities manager and four years of project management experience. He is working out of a Capitol Support Service Office in the Capitol's north wing, ground floor. You can reach Dick at 281-0284.

Doran Pruisner, recently named manager of moves on the Capitol complex, is responsible for managing Operation Bold Move. Doran's experience includes thirteen years at a private architectural firm and twelve years in design and construction at the Department of General Services. Doran is already familiar with Operation Bold Move due to his role in move management for the project.

Doran can be reached at 281-3761.

The Season For Smarter Purchases

If it is true that "to everything there is a season", this has been the season to upgrade major state systems to prepare for the Year 2000. A Y2K compliant state purchasing system, implemented in early April along with IFAS (Iowa Financial Accounting System), will also allow the state to purchase smarter.

The new purchasing system has enhanced features for those who make purchases and must account for funds. For users, the system is easier to navigate and help is provided on-line. For agencies, the system provides more accurate information on the type of purchases made. Reliable reports that support agencies' needs to be accountable to the governor, legislature, and Iowa taxpayers can now be produced.

A significant commitment from all state agencies made implementation possible. While change is never easy, the determination of everyone involved meant the system was ready by the deadline. And although there are a few bugs to work out, it has operated since its inception with no major failures.

Purchasing Help Line

281-3069

Purchasing System Training

281-8851

(Classes held monthly on the third Friday)



OPERATION BOLD MOVE

A Look at Lucas

Two Floors Done, One Underway

Construction on the Lucas Building fourth floor was underway as the Department of Public Health and numerous visitors to the cafeteria enjoyed improved surroundings on the fifth and sixth floors. Abatement of asbestos will be finished on the fourth floor by the end of May. Remodeling begins in June.

When completed, the fourth floor will house the Department of Inspection and Appeals and the remainder of the Department of Public Health, with the exception of the Office of Vital Records. That office will stay on the first floor.

Outside Work Resumes

Additional construction workers arrive with warm weather to resume work outside the Lucas Building. Workers will repair the stonework outside the building. Before tuckpointing, workers must clean the building. This requires closing an entrance for a short period of time to ensure safety during the process.

Inside Old Historical

The State Library continues to brave construction inside the Old Historical Building although a way to fund relocation is still being pursued. Load requirements and shelving for books make relocating the library more complex and expensive than relocating most offices. Others have already moved from the building.

Restoration in the rotunda of the Old Historical Building will continue throughout the summer as it is returned to its original colors. A combination of research methods were used by DGS restoration painters to determine accurate colors, including reviewing old documents and carefully removing newer layers of paint to uncover the original colors underneath.

Have you changed your address book?

Board of Regents and the Crime Victims Assistance Office -- 100 Court Avenue

Corrections -- 420 Keosauqua Way

Legislative Service Bureau, Iowa and Administrative Code Divisions -
- 1st floor Lucas

File This



Clean Out Your File Day (COYF) usually held in the Spring, is moving to September. Hosted by custodians and other state personnel, COYF will be held in conjunction with National Professional Housekeepers Week. Look for details in future issues.

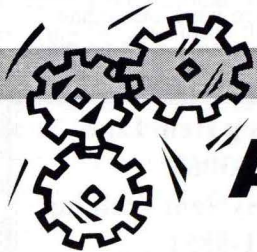
Copyright 1998 by The Iowa Department of General Services. No permission is necessary to reproduce or disseminate articles in this newsletter for state agencies or their employees. For all other purposes, please direct requests for reproduction to:

J. Economaki, Iowa Department of General Services
Hoover State Office Building, Level A
Des Moines, IA, 50319-0104
Phone (515) 242-6118
Fax (515) 242-5974

Citizen's Aide/Ombudsman
William Angrick, Ombudsman
Micrographics Bldg.
LOCAL



Read a copy of "In The Works" at www.state.ia.us/government/dgs.
If you would like to be on our mailing list, please e-mail the title of your position,
department, and address to jhedlun@max.state.ia.us, or call 515-281-3196.



WORK IN PROGRESS

Around The Complex

Sun, Showers and Capitol Complex Flowers

Where should you go if you want a scenic place on the Capitol complex to picnic or take a stroll?

General Services employee and Capitol grounds landscaper Jim Meisch can help you answer this question. Jim says ten flowerbeds full of perennials and 4000 flowers planted annually, over 1000 trees, monuments and memorials, and seventy-five acres of grass on 187 total Capitol complex acres give you plenty of options.

Jim recommends the Wallace Building early in the season as daffodils surround the building. Later in the year head south of the Capitol and visit the Allison Monument and adjoining garden. Plant beds with both perennials and annual flowers, among them mums and hibiscus, encircle the monument.

On rainy days, Jim suggests you visit the Wallace Atrium. The atrium hosts 12,000 square feet of plants and pond life. The 1650

gallon pond is home to three turtles named Mama, Chip, and Little Dave.

Or take a virtual visit; a map and pictures of the Capitol complex monuments are on the DGS Web Site at www.state.ia.us/government/dgs.



Printing Goes Digital

Departments now have access to high-speed Xerox reproduction equipment due to improvements in state printing. New digital equipment better matches departments' printing needs with production capacity. Improved access to high-speed reproduction equipment from satellite locations and the capability for electronic document storage, a service that may be further developed in the future, are two of many benefits.

In addition, a new color copier can now

Did You Know?

Spring cleaning occurs outside as well as inside. 200 tons of salt and sand used over the winter on parking lots and other areas on complex will be cleaned by DGS Capitol Complex Maintenance crews.

reproduce your work with reliable color resolution. And when fully operational, a new printing web site will allow you to submit your printing jobs electronically.

The improvements are aimed at reducing turn-around time and will help limit the need for future price increases. Additional details on how you can best take advantage of these upgrades will be published in upcoming issues. Please contact your department's printing coordinator or call the Printing Customer Service desk at 281-5231 with questions.