You may recall, this past summer the City mailed out survey forms to all the residents of Carlisle asking for your input with regards to living in Carlisle. The questions were focused on four basic categories:

- Communication
- Quality of Life
- Public Safety
- Economic Development

The survey was the culmination of months of planning with Mayor Ruth Randleman, former City Administrator Neil Ruddy and a newly formed Communications Committee.

The response to the survey was much better than anticipated. The survey was mailed to 2,139 households through the US Postal Service and 224 residents responded. The industry average for direct mail responses is typically 2%, however we achieved a response rate of 10.5% for this survey. Thank you.

The city’s population was well represented by the survey response which was very encouraging to everyone involved with the survey.

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The name of the respondent was optional, however 154 out of 224 residents included their name on the survey.

### Communication:

To help the city improve communication, respondents were asked to decide which medium would be best for them. The survey included two choices; email, mailing address or both. Respondents were practically split down the middle with 52.85% selecting mailing address and 51.22% selecting email.

Respondents were then asked which from source would they choose to receive information about the City of Carlisle. The result

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Carlisle Welcomes New City Administrator
by Shannon Godwin

This Fall marked the retirement of Carlisle’s City Administrator, Neil Ruddy after holding the position for the last 17 years. The position was filled by newly hired, Andrew Lent of Vinton, IA.

Mr. Ruddy started his career in public administration in 1979 in Redwood Falls, MN. He then moved to River Falls, Wisconsin, prior to taking the position as City Administrator in Carlisle in 1996. Mr. Ruddy has worked under three administrations, including the current Mayor, Ruth Randleman.

During his term of service for the City of Carlisle, Mr. Ruddy has positioned the community for future growth and security. These initiatives were not inexpensive, however, Mr. Ruddy was resourceful, not only in securing competitive bids, but in bundling grant moneys from multiple sources to minimize the financial burden to the citizens of Carlisle.

In 2003, Mr. Ruddy, leveraged $1 million dollars in grants for the reconstruction of the North 1st. St. Bridge, covering roughly 83% of the total construction costs. Then in 2005, to improve the quality of life in Carlisle, Mr. Ruddy again sought grants and other funding sources to pay over 45% of the total cost of the city’s new Aquatic Center.

Due to his diligence in identifying available funds and grant writing, Mr. Ruddy was able to implement several large improvement projects while saving the city (taxpayers) over $10 million dollars in just 10 years. One of many examples of his service and dedication to the community over the last 17 years.

It was with this same sense of service that Mr. Ruddy lead the search for a new City Administrator. For the last several months, city leaders undertook a search process to find a new city administrator. In August, the committee selected Andrew Lent to fill the position.

“Of all the candidates we interviewed, it was our firm belief that Mr. Lent brought the experience of both the large city and small, growing community” stated, Mr. Ruddy. He continued, “His extensive resume made Mr. Lent the most viable candidate for the position”.

Mr Lent is excited about the new challenges that await him in Carlisle.

After graduating from high school in Clarion, IA, Mr. Lent attended Iowa State University where he received his bachelors degree in political science. He then spent the next 5 ½ years in the U.S. Army where, after a year at the language institute learning the Polish language, he served in Southern Germany, Macedonia and Croatia as a linguist and translator before being honorably discharged.

Mr. Lent returned to Iowa State whereupon he received his Masters of Public Administration in 1999.

After college, Mr. Lent worked as a Project Coordinator for Des Moines Housing Services, a Project Associate for Iowa League of Cities, City Clerk in Mitchellville and lastly City Coordinator in Vinton, Iowa.

While in Vinton, Mr. Lent sought assistance from FEMA and other agencies after parts of Vinton were devastated by flooding. “We were able to secure approximately $1 million dollars worth of grants to purchase homes and properties damaged by the flooding, helping out families and owners of 28 properties.” Lent said. He added, “Once we cleaned up those properties we converted them into green spaces and community gardens.”

Recently, he led a public relations campaign to land a $6 million dollar regional facility for New Century Farm Services bringing both jobs and tax base to the city of Vinton.

Lent continues, “That’s why I like working in a small town environment, because you have an opportunity to make the most impact and work directly with the decision makers and the people. It’s rewarding to know that you are meeting the needs of both the people and the community.”

As he looks ahead at the job in Carlisle, Mr. Lent recognizes two immediate needs; economic development and infrastructure. “We want to continue to work with Warren County Economic Development to get our name out there for prospective businesses. I also want to look into the RISE (Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy) Grants to help improve the infrastructure necessary for supporting additional industry and businesses in Carlisle while at the same time, we need to finish the Trails Project that is already underway.”

After finding a home, Mr. Lent moved to Carlisle with his wife Susan and daughter Ann.
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The City of Carlisle wants to remind everyone that the City does have a Snow Ordinance (Ord. # 69.11) and we ask everyone to please take note of the ordinance as we move into more snowfall.

When the ordinance goes into effect, no person shall park, abandon or leave any unattended vehicles on any public street or alleyway during the snow emergency parking ban, unless it is an exempt street (see below). A snow emergency park ban shall be declared when:

1. There are two inches or more of snow or ice which has recently fallen in the Carlisle area.
2. The National Weather Service predicts that two inches or more of snow or ice will fall in the Carlisle area.
3. The Chief of Police extends or puts into effect the ordinance.

Once the snow emergency parking ban has been issued, it shall continue for a period to include 24 hours after it was placed into effect or is lengthened upon proclamation by the Chief of Police. Individuals may park on the streets once the snow is completely removed or plowed from the street or alley and the snow has ceased to fall and the blowing of the wind has stopped.

The following streets are exempt EXCEPT there is no parking during the hours of 11:00pm to 6:00am. Those areas are: 1st Street from Highway 5 to Main Street, School Street from 2nd Street to the railroad tracks, and Garfield Street from School Street to Main Street.

Persons parking on the streets that are in violation of the snow emergency parking ban ordinance can receive a ticket for parking violations. Accidents also can occur from both vehicles moving snow.

Be sure to watch the weather, television or listen to your local radio station for updates. If you have any questions about the ordinance, please contact the City of Carlisle or the Carlisle Police Department.