

As the month of May comes to a close and June soon approaching I look back on the things the Council and I accomplished in the past year. One of the most important things we do is to provide a safe, clean, healthy environment for you and your family. This involves many things including law enforcement, land use planning, financial management, care and maintenance of our City streets, parks and open space, as well as providing educational and informational opportunities you and your family need. Your participation in the City's work efforts is vital to our success. When you offer your time and talent to help our community, you are going a long way towards investing in our City. I want to say congratulations to Jo Glueck which was April's Yard of The Month. Her efforts to keep a nice yard paid off. WAY TO GO JO! Kevin will be judging May's Yard of The Month Sunday. Will you be Vanduser's next Yard of The Month? A few changes will be going on in the next few months and one of those changes is the City Clerk position. In April's council meeting it was unanimously voted on to hire a new City Clerk. With this being said we are taking applications at City Hall for this position. Please be patient as when we do hire a clerk he/or she will forego on the job training for this position and mistakes are expected to be made. Our prayers go out to Diane Verble as her health conditions are being taken care of. Diane has served as the City Clerk since 2005. Liz Casey will be filling the position of City Clerk until a new clerk is hired. Many residents are asking when the streets will be paved. Again this will be in August or September per Smith & Company which is the engineering firm for the improvements. When we installed the Tornado Siren back several years ago, Scott County E-911 was instructed to test this weekly on Fridays at noon unless severe weather is in the area. The testing of the tornado siren will continue indefinitely. Storms ripped through the area last week and caused many trees to fall. The citizens came together and cleaned neighbors yards. It was an awesome sight to see everyone pitch in to help one another. The debris was placed behind the Fire Department and the City will be burning this in the next week or so. Bring your hot dogs! I am often asked what the best part of being Mayor is. I can say without reservation that times spent improving our town and spending time with neighbors rise above all else. What better purpose is there than to make Vanduser a better, safer, happier, more beautiful and healthier place. So as this Mayors Monthly Message comes to a close I say Thank You for the continued efforts to make Vanduser a better place to live.

Sincerely,

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