

# **City of Des Moines**

## **Flood Control Operations**

**Media Advisory: Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 3:00 PM ----**

**The following is a summary of new flood-related information:**

### **Levee Repair**

City of Des Moines Public Works and a private contractor have begun temporary repairs on the Birdland levee that was breached on Saturday. Work will be completed as soon as possible and will lessen the threat of another breach in the event of high water on the Des Moines river for the remainder of this flood season.

### **Street Openings**

The City of Des Moines will be re-opening both Fleur Drive and 2nd Avenue at 3:00 p.m. today. This re-opening will greatly ease traffic flow into and out of downtown from both the north and south.

### **River and Stream Elevations**

Des Moines and Raccoon rivers are flooding; however, they have crested and are going down in level.

Des Moines River Elevation at 2nd Ave: 26.68, Flood Stage 22.40.

Des Moines River Elevation at SE 6th Ave 30.13, Flood Stage 24.0.

Saylorville Elevation: 888.18.

*\*Flood Stage is a historical number created by determining a fixed gauge reading at which minor flooding (minimal or no property damage) begins and is valid only for the reach of the gauge.*

### **Sandbag Update**

In addition, to placing up to 12 sandbags at curbside, there are now three sites for residents to drop off used sand bags:

East Side Library parking lot - 2559 Hubbell Ave. (east lot)

Northwest Pool parking lot – 50<sup>th</sup> and Madison

Nahas Pool parking lot - 1101 Porter

Please drop off your bags in the designated areas.

As always, for more information or assistance in locating the proper contact information, the public may contact the Information Center at 283-4500 or the Public Works 24-hour Call Center at 283-4950.

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