

# Hiawatha Parks and Recreation



**To:** Park and Recreation Commission  
**CC:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Angie Cole, Park and Recreation Director  
**Date:** May 8, 2013  
**Re:** Park and Recreation Report

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## **Color Run Update**

The Color Run 5K Splash A Smile Proposal was from Community Health Free Clinic was approved at the Council meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The profit for the event goes to reach over 3000 people who need dental assistance and do not have insurance. The hope is to not only provide emergency care but preventative care at some point. They currently have \$12,000 in sponsorships committed. After city department recommended the estimate charged to Community Health Free Clinic is \$2000 or more if time and services are found to be higher if City Council would like to allow this event to be hosted in Hiawatha. The date is September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.

## **New Recreation Programs Offered - J&S Total Fitness:**

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation and J&S Total Fitness will be partnering on three new summer programs starting June 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be instructing a Nutrition Class, an Adult Bootcamp and a Kids Bootcamp (flyer attached). We are very excited to be working with them on these programs as we believe they will bring in excellent participation numbers and increase revenue for our department. See the attached flyer.

## **Truck Bids**

I am requesting the Commission and City Council to approve bid for the Parks Department #910 2003 Ford F250. We have \$25,568.00 in the equipment replacement fund for this vehicle in FY14. We do not have a trade-in as it has been converted to a truck to use for watering and sanding. We received the following bids for this truck:

Junge Center Point	F250 Reg Cab	\$25,789.00
Zimmerman Ford	F250 Reg Cab 8 ft box	\$28,977.00
Zimmerman Ford	F-150	\$30,920.49

My recommendation is to purchase the F250 Reg Cab from Junge Center Point at \$25,789.00. Vehicle purchase and deliver for a 2013 truck would occur after July to fit into FY14 budget.

### **Hiawatha begins tree inventory**

The week of June 10th we have professionals from IDNR coming to Hiawatha to start the inventory in our parks and street trees to record:

- How many parks and street trees there are
- Species and size of trees
- In what condition are they including any damage or any hazards to public safety
- Management/maintenance plan including site characteristics to be aware of

There are many good reasons for doing a tree inventory in your community. The inventory may be used:

- To prioritize maintenance schedules in order to reduce the potential liability that results from hazardous trees. It also streamlines the efficiency of parks and street crews and facilitates long-term budgeting.
- To determine the quantity of Ash Trees and other high-risk trees in order to be proactive in planning for the emerald ash borer and other diseases.
- To facilitate the planning that is essential to the community's quality of life.

Volunteers with considerable tree knowledge are welcome to help as this inventory is a work in progress. The proper equipment has been purchased to allow the city to keep the inventory updated.

### **PARK UPDATE:**

Three seasonal employees are being trained and are now working the weekends to cover park maintenance, Community Center and pavilion rentals.

We had 1 tree at Guthridge near the learning center removed so far. We have one by the tennis courts and one at Tucker to remove when the weather cooperates. Two of them were dying and one had some storm damage. I made the decision to have them done asap to avoid any injuries. Again, this is where a tree inventory will help us watch for possible problematic trees.

I had a joint meeting with the city of Cedar Rapids Parks Department and Linn County to discuss their action plans regarding when the ash borer enters Iowa. Marion did a Street Tree inventory several years ago. As a result of the study the Marion City Council approved the implementation of an Urban forest Utility Fund. This fund will be used for the removal of Ash Trees, the planting of replacement trees and for equipment and staff in the future. The city of Cedar Rapids is removing 200-300 ash trees each year. The majority of these trees are those under power lines, in poor health or that have structural defects and those small enough to be replaced easily within a few years. They also perform a few removals to reduce the population on streets where every tree is an ash in the hope that the new trees will provide some canopy cover when the rest of the ash on the street die. Our hope is to coordinate metro wide so that our crews and private companies have a plan and aren't completely overwhelmed. Collaboratively there will be a lot

of debris to deal with in every area. Our hope is to do some research and work together addresses some of the real world consequences of the arrival of this insect.

**RECREATION UPDATE:**

**Soccer Registration:** Start Smart Soccer officially started June 3<sup>rd</sup>! We had 157 kids register with 39 volunteer coaches. There was a coaches meeting on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Eastern Iowa Sports Complex going over coaches expectations, team rosters and demonstrations for the parents. There are 18 teams total this year. Each week the teams will scrimmage each other down at Tucker Park for 45 minutes. St. Lukes Surgery Center has sponsored this program for us again this year.

**Tennis Registration:** Tennis session 1 starts Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. We have had an increase in participant numbers compared to the previous years which we are very excited about. West Field Tennis Club will be the instructors again for this summer’s clinics.

**Blastball:** Registration ends Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. So far we have 138 kids registered. Kelly is using the online Cogran system to set up teams again. We have received more volunteer coaches for this program compared to Soccer making the process for organizing teams a lot easier. We will be using Jonnie 5 Apparel out of Iowa City for our t-shirt printing.

**Adventure Camp** begins June 10<sup>th</sup>. Our parents meeting went very well and the employee credentials went very far as to making parents comfortable. We are planning a very fun season this year and have 36 in Playground, 11 in Youths and 18 in Tot-lot which is the fullest we’ve ever been. As a reminder the city pays for only the wages of the employees, all other expenses are covered by the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation.

Paypal activity	Sales	Fees	Net Revenue	# transactions
July	\$1,870.00	\$66.11	\$1,803.89	39
August	\$2,355.00	\$78.94	\$2,276.06	35
September	\$970.00	\$31.78	\$938.22	12
October	\$1,360.00	\$43.10	\$1,316.90	12
November	\$1,105.00	\$34.48	\$1,070.52	8
December	\$590.00	\$18.63	\$571.37	5
January	\$3,079.00	\$103.91	\$2,975.09	48
February	\$3,753.00	\$122.45	\$3,630.55	45
March	\$7,717.00	\$247.38	\$7,469.62	78
April	\$6,148.00	\$213.07	\$5,934.93	115
May	\$4,965.00	\$172.21	\$4,792.79	93
June			\$0.00	
Annual Total			\$32,779.94	

