Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

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Recreation:

- **Zumba 2019:** All are welcome to free fitness classes at 6pm in the Community Center on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in 2019! Classes include Zumba, Zumba Toning, Zumba Gold, Belly Dance, STRONG by Zumba, BollyX, and POUND Fit (using drumstix!) April 10th is WERQ. WERQ is the fiercely fun dance fitness class based on pop, rock, and hip hop music. The warm up previews the dance steps in class and the cool down combines yoga-inspired static stretching and balance poses. Come join the fun!

- **Whispering Pines Classes:** Bring your own snacks and beverages and learn to paint at the Hiawatha Community Center. April 17th will be "All Cracked Up" a collection of three adorable chickens. Fee is $35 cash or check only. To register text Donita at 319-270-1112 Check Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Facebook to see what May's class will be!

- **Motivational Mondays sponsored by True North**: True North has graciously donated $1,000 to allow our community members free fitness on every Monday of the Month during the 2019 year starting on April 8th. Classes will take place from 6-7pm in the Hiawatha Community Center.

- **Live Healthy Iowa 5K:** Saturday, April 13th at 8:00 a.m. in Guthridge Park the City of Hiawatha Parks & Recreation have once again partnered with Live Healthy Iowa to host 1 of 14 5K races around the state of Iowa in conjunction with the Live Healthy Iowa 10 Week Challenge. This partnership is a collaborative effort in a way to combat Iowa's growing obesity problem and to make strides toward the goal of making Iowa the healthiest state in the nation! The 5K will begin at 8:00a.m. with a kids 1K to follow at 9:00a.m. Register at LiveHealthyIowa.com We will need volunteers for this event specifically for registration, handing out medals and post-race refreshments. Volunteers should arrive at 7:30am.

- **Ride to Wrigley:** Join the Marion and Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Departments for a chartered trip to one of baseball's greatest and most historic venues...Wrigley Field. Leave the transportation and parking to us and travel in comfort in a chartered motor coach to watch the Chicago Cubs battle the New York Mets from the bleachers. Food and drink is permitted on the bus. More information and a detailed itinerary will be available closer to the game date. HURRY, SEATS WILL GO FAST!

  FEE: $100* per person (includes game ticket and bus fare)
  *Payment must be made in the form of cash or check
  (checks made payable to: Ride To Wrigley)
  DAYS/DATES: Friday, June 21

TIME(S): Pick-Up @ 5:30 a.m.; Drop-Off @ 11:30 p.m.
PICK-UP/DROP OFF LOCATION: To Be Determined
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Until All Tickets are Sold
NOTES: First pitch is scheduled for 1:20 p.m.

- **Farmers Market:** Vendor applications are coming in hot! Everyone is thinking spring. The first market of the year is April 28th. If you or anyone you know is interested in being a vendor visit https://hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/parks-recreation/forms/

- **Spring Conference**: Kelly and Ambyr attended the 2019 Iowa Park and Recreation Association Spring Conference in Des Moines on March 25 through the 28. They attended many educational sessions and networking events. Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation received a $925 grant for Tucker Park also!

- **Chase Norton Memorial:** April 14, 2019 Come enjoy a great disc golf tournament at Fay Clark Park. The annual Hiawatha Open kicks off the year for disc golfers throughout the eastern Iowa corridor. Find more information at www.iowadiscgolf.net.

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Join us for the annual Hiawatha Easter Egg Hunt with special guest Hiawatha Easter Bunny! Bring your cameras and show up early! Hunting starts at 9am and is over within seconds! Volunteers should be there at 7:30am.

- **Big Bang Football Clinic:** Our clinic will focus on the fundamentals of the game such as passing, catching, agility and blocking. All the tools you need to give you the edge. Our clinic is designed to push players to their limits, motivate them and give them the confidence to excel. This is a Co-Ed event. Registration Deadline is April 24th. Clinic will be split into two different groups: 8:00 am - 11:30 am Ages 5-9 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm Ages 10-14

- **Hiawatha Garage Sales:** This annual city-wide event brings in hundreds of Garage-Salers from around the Corridor, with hopes of finding great bargains on clothing, household items and so much more. Maps will be available Friday, May 3rd at Hiawatha City Hall and Hiawatha Library. Date: Saturday, May 4 Time: Determined by resident Be a part of this great event! Register your address by calling Hiawatha City Hall at 319-393-1515 or by e-mail at aseverson@hiawatha-iowa.com

- **Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet:** The LHI Kids Track Championships is a FREE Event for kids ages 7 - 14! This is a grassroots track event. No track experience needed! No spikes are allowed and the events are simplified. Field events include a Standing Long Jump and Softball Throw. This is a great way to introduce your child to track and field! Roughly 38 communities will host a local meet and the winners of each event at each location will advance to the Live Healthy Iowa State Track Championship Meet in Marshalltown on Saturday, June 22! This is a free event, but all participants must register. Registration opens February 25 and closes May 3. To register, go to https://events.clearthunder.com/LHIKTCREG2019 and select "Cedar Rapids/Hiawatha/Marion". For specific questions regarding this meet, Grant Weber at g.weber@cedar-rapids.org or 563.320.6025. To learn more about the event, go to: https://www.livehealthyiowakids.org/for-athletes/

- **MLB's Pitch, Hit, Run:** Major League Baseball's Pitch Hit & Run (PHR) is a FREE, 1-day event for boys and girls ages 7–14. PHR is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. Participants compete in either the Baseball Division or Softball Division and have the opportunity to advance through four levels of competition including Locals, Sectionals, Team Championships and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game. TO REGISTER: All registrations are done online for this event. Please visit https://pitchhitrun.leagueapps.com/events/961111 to register your child for the event. Sectional and Team Championship locations and dates will be made available as the date gets closer.

Parks:
We now have a new Park Maintenance Employee, Jeff White. Jeff was a seasonal last summer and is a highly motivated individual with great work ethic. We are excited to have him on board and dive right in to our spring season!

Opening Parks for the season: Ted and Jeff are in the process of getting restrooms open and picnic tables out. All restrooms will be open by the first farmers market on April 28th!

Guthridge Trail: The asphalt plant will be opening mid-month and hope to get the trail completed during the month of May. I have been in communication with Pate Asphalt to get on their schedule as soon as possible. Our park users are ready to have their trail back!

Dog Park: We have officially removed all the trees that were marked and we are ready to remove stumps. Because of the wet spring, we hope to have stumps removed during the month of May. Doug Johnson with Total Scapes is a certified tree arborist and has helped us with tree selection. He has been a great resource in the planning process and will be the one to remove the stumps. After stump removal, we will insert our pedestrian bridge to connect both sides of the park and complete grading. We are excited to get this project moving and hope that we can have some dry weather ahead to slow things down.