AGENDA

HIAWATHA PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

No meeting this month

Reports:

- **Taste of the Tropics:** Learn how to transform fresh ingredients into delicious meals. This hands on class will show you how to work with fresh citrus zest and ginger. We will make 2 recipes for you to sample. We will make a cake in the microwave and a healthy appetizer. Bring your own drink. Registrations due by April 3rd. April 17th at 6pm in the Community Center.
- **Zumba:** Join us in the Hiawatha Community Center to try something new and burn some calories too! Brooke Lenz, Zumba certified instructor, will get you in the groove as you dance for 30 minutes and have some fun! Come try it out for FREE! April 13 at 5:30-6:00pm in the Community Center. Last Class!
- **Candlelight Yoga:** March Candlelight Yoga had 5 in attendance. Come try it for yourself in the Community Center at 6:45PM on April 27th. This will be the last spring class offered!
- **Super Sitters:** This was our third year hosting Super Sitters in the Hiawatha Community Center. Michelle Altimaier from Mercy Medical Center and her assistant will be taught a certified babysitter class through the American Red Cross. This took place on March 15th from 8:30am to 2:30pm. Fee was $20. Hiawatha received an $80 donation for hosting the program.
- **Photo Backup Class:** Unfortunately, this program did not take place this year.
- **Live Healthy Iowa 5K:** The City of Hiawatha Parks & Recreation have 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 **5K Early deadline (**March 31) $20.00 ($10.00 for Live Healthy Iowa participants) **Late deadline** (April 7 NOON) $25.00 ($15.00 for Live Healthy Iowa participants) T-Shirt not guaranteed not guaranteed a T-shirt. **Kids 1K $5.00** On site entry $5.00. This year we have 242 pre-registered people which is the highest year yet! We expect many more registrations for the day of with the nice weather this weekend.
- **Chase Norton Memorial:** April 9, 2017 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
- **Hiawatha Easter Egg Hunt:** The Annual Hiawatha Easter Egg Hunt is a fun, family event filled with surprises! Eggs will be spread in the grass at Guthridge Park. Children will also get to visit with the Hiawatha Easter Bunny. Event is held rain or shine. This event is sponsored by Roasters Coffee House. Saturday, April 15th 9:00 a.m. in Guthridge Park Don't be late! Eggs vanish in minutes!
- **Hiawatha Farmers Market:** The first Hiawatha Farmers Market takes place on April 23rd and continues through October 29th "Hiawatha Farmers Market brings the taste of Iowa Producers to you." 10th Avenue parking lot of Guthridge Park Sundays 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. It's your neighborhood get-together! Market is held rain or shine.

Dawn, Ambyr and Kelly had a meeting on April 4th at 6:30pm in the Hiawatha Community Center to go over rules, expectations and placement for the year. They are looking at changing the layout to put all vendors in the middle section of the 10th avenue parking lot to make a continuous circle for all vendors to have the same visibility. This will also help tidy things up and look more structured. During the meeting, there was quite the uproar due to the changes. We believe this will be a positive change after the first market is under way and vendor understand the whole concept.

- **Adult Volleyball:** This league is not for the faint of heart! Starting Wednesday, May 3rd through June 28th at 6:15 or 7:15pm adults will kick up some sand in Guthridge Park and ace, kill and dig some balls. Scott Bell is helping run this league this year. The nets and new sand will be placed on the courts soon!
- **Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet: NEW!** Children ages 7 through 13 will compete in various competitions for a chance at competing in the State meet in Marshalltown, Iowa. This event will take place on May 13th at Marion High School Track at 10am. Hi-Crew Kiwanis Club has agreed to volunteer for this event. This is a FREE event for kids to participate in! Spread the word! This will be the second event that we are partnering with Marion on.
- **Memorial Day Weekend Kickoff:** Kids and parents are invited to the bike rodeo from 4:30 to 6pm Friday, May 26th at Guthridge Park 7th Ave parking lot. Bike safety information, interactive lessons and information on hand signals will be taught by members of the Hiawatha Police Departments. Free helmets will be available to the first 50 kids who need them. After the rodeo, stick around for the bike parade around the park! Following the parade, Copperhead Creek will perform our first Concert in the Park from 6-9pm! Come enjoy the summer kickoff!
- **Hiawatha Adventure Camp:** We are in need of transportation! The Cedar Rapids School District and surrounding metro area has ended transportation for our summer field trips. If anyone knows of any churches, private companies or organizations that have a bus please let us know! We are having a hard time finding anyone that isn't an arm and a leg. We will have many disappointed parents and campers if they can't go on field trips.

Parks:

- All park restrooms are now open!
- All of our parks seasonal staff have been hired and will start this month. We have had great luck with our candidates this year.
- We still need Adventure Camp staff! If you know of anyone 17+ please let us know.
- We are still in the mix of finding information out about the HKL Solar Panel. They have been awarded the grant but still have many unanswered questions. We will be working with the City Attorney to see if this is the best option and what an agreement would look like. We will bring this item back to the park board in May.
- We have two Eagle Scouts interested in projects this year. One will be helping with a retaining wall on the back side of the Guthridge Park trail and the other will be landscaping around the benches at Clark Park to give them a face lift.