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# Hiawatha Insights

## Happy 60th Birthday Hiawatha!!!

Fay M. Clark had a vision of a new community that would provide fire and police protection for the immediate area. Mr. Clark owned the buildings that began our city. "First" was a well-known word for Fay - first fire chief, first police chief and first mayor. Fay spent time with Indians in his younger days and decided a good Indian name should be used for the new city - thus Hiawatha was born.

Of course, to have fire protection and a city, water was needed. Fay privately owned a well and installed water lines to the residents and businesses. As Hiawatha grew, so did water demands. The first water tower was erected in 1960 with Fay selling his interest to the City. The City Council created the Water Board of Trustees to manage the water utility. Hiawatha now has two water towers, six wells and an iron removal plant.

These are just some of the facts you'll learn on our celebration day, May 16, 2010. The Hiawatha History Committee, Water Board, and City Council will be available that day to talk about our City's history. We will have pictures, a timeline, and many stories to tell. Take a step back in time to learn and visit. If you have pictures or items you'd like to share, contact Linda Bendixen at 393-3137.

**Sunday, May 16, 2010 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Hiawatha Community Center, there will be displays, pictures from the beginning of our existence to the present, and individuals who have been here since the beginning to share their stories. Enjoy a piece of cake from our 60 foot long cake prepared by HyVee, and a special bottle of Hiawatha water.**

**Saturday, June 19, 2010, beginning at 10:30 a.m. the Hiawatha Lions Club Hog Wild Days parade will honor our founder, Fay M. Clark, by having his wife, Marvel, as the Grand Marshall. There will be a special float and classic vehicles to bring back all the nostalgia of the 1950's. After the parade, enjoy free music in the park sponsored by Hiawatha Bank & Trust Co., bingo operated by the American Legion Post 735, flea market browsing and new games.**



## Do You Nixle?



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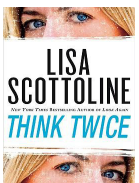
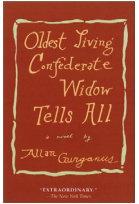
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## Hiawatha Public Library Spring Programs

Spring has sprung at the Hiawatha Public Library! We have a wide array of programs and activities coming up in April and May! As always, for more information on any of these programs, you can always visit the Hiawatha Library's website at [www.hiawathalibrary.com](http://www.hiawathalibrary.com) or you can call us at 393-1414.

Our Friends of the Hiawatha Library are having their semi-annual book sale on Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 18, 2010, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The sale will take place at the library in the Glenn Schminke Community Room and will offer books, magazines, and movies for sale to the public! The cost is \$5 a bag on Saturday and \$1 a bag on Sunday. Don't miss the opportunity to find some great bargains!

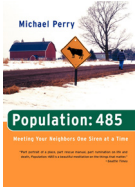
The *Out Loud! Author Series* is back beginning in April! We are fortunate to have a diverse range of authors this year. To kick the series off, we will be welcoming Allan Gurganus to Theatre Cedar Rapids on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. He is best known for his book, *Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All* which spent eight months on the *New York Times* Best Seller List. Gurganus will read from his work, take audience questions and sign books that evening. On Saturday, May 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., we welcome bestselling author, Lisa Scottoline to take the stage at Theatre Cedar Rapids. Scottoline is best known for her Rosato and Associates series and will read from her book *Think Twice*, take audience questions and sign books at her appearance that evening. Finally, we are excited to welcome this year's Linn Area Reads author and Out Loud! Series author, Michael Perry on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. Perry is the author of *Population 485: Meeting your Neighbors One Siren at a Time* which was selected as this year's Linn Area Reads book. He will read from that book, take audience questions and sign books at his appearance that afternoon. For more information on these authors and the others selected to be a part of this series, please visit [www.metrolibrarynetwork.org](http://www.metrolibrarynetwork.org).



Come out and visit the library to see how "Communities Thrive @ Your Library" during National Library Week from April 11 - 17, 2010!

On Tuesday, April 20, 2010, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., we will once again be hosting the SCORE small business series roundtable discussions. This month's topic is "Assessing Your Ideas's Chances: Getting Real." This series is part of a larger metro-wide series with the Cedar Rapids Public Library and the Marion Public Library. These programs are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [www.metrolibrarynetwork.org](http://www.metrolibrarynetwork.org).

As part of Linn Area Reads programming, plan to visit the Marion Public Library on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. to see local firefighters and EMT personnel discuss their jobs and their thoughts on this year's selection *Population 485: Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time* by Michael Perry. Hiawatha's own Fire Chief, Mike Nesslage will be one of the featured guests on the panel.



Finally, on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., we're pleased to partner with the Cedar Rapids Public Library in welcoming Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson for a performance at the Cedar Rapids Public Library in Westdale Mall. Hudson will perform his one man show entitled "The Relativity of Albert Einstein." Watch as Albert Einstein explains the Theory of Relativity in a fun and exciting way without the knowledge of physics or mathematics required! This show will excite students and adults alike to look at the Universe with new eyes.

## Highlighting Hiawatha Businesses...

### Best of Iowa Community Credit Union

Best of Iowa Community Credit Union opened for business in 1956 in order to serve the employees of Iowa Electric Light & Power Company. As time went on, the Credit Union added several additional Select Employee Groups, until acquiring a community charter in 1995. Now the Credit Union can serve anyone living or working in any of the following counties; Benton, Buchanan, Delaware, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Muscatine.



Best of Iowa Community Credit Union is an insured cooperative that provides quality financial products and services to its member/owners. If you would like to "Experience the Credit Union Difference", give us a call at 395-7670 or stop by for a visit. We are located at 405 S Blairsferry Crossing in Hiawatha.

### Prairiewoods

Prairiewoods is a spirituality/ecology center with 70 acres of green space surrounded by the City of Hiawatha. The staff of the center, in connection with outside presenters, offers programs and services that integrate mind, body and spirit. The land offers shelter for wildlife and natural flora as well as spaces of solitude and peace for those seeking a spiritual connection with the land. Established in 1996, Prairiewoods is a spiritual ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of La Crosse, Wisconsin.



The Prairiewoods campus includes the Center, a 20-room Guest House and two hermitages, small cottages that are located in the woods. Within the woods are about two miles of trails and a labyrinth designed for meditative walking. Both are available to the public at no cost. New in the past year is a multi-bank of solar panels (visible from Boyson Road) that provide electricity for Prairiewoods' main building, additional bank of panels will be installed during the summer of 2010.

## The Importance of Flushing Water Lines

If the residents of Hiawatha notice the water crew working at fire hydrants and see water running into the street, you may think that the Department is ignoring it's own philosophy on conserving water. The process of periodically "flushing" fire hydrants, however, is an important preventative maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, this process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers.



Flushing the water system on a routine basis removes sediment from lines and keeps the entire distribution system refreshed. Hiawatha Water Department maintains over 40 miles of domestic water lines throughout the City.

As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and deposits and does not affect the safety of the water. The water is still drinkable. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your own home by running all water faucets for a minute or two. We also advise to postpone doing your laundry until all internal pipes have been cleared.

The water line preventative maintenance philosophy should be used in your own home. Your home's water heater should be drained and flushed at least once a year to keep it working efficiently and to protect the quality of water inside your home. Also, if you go out of town and there is no water use in your home for a week or more, when you return it's always a good idea to run all your faucets for a minute or so before using the water. This ensures that you don't use any stagnant water that may have developed in your home's pipes while you were away.

**Starting Monday, April 19, 2010 through Friday, May 21, 2010, weather permitting, Hiawatha Water Department will be flushing hydrants.**


## Hiawatha Recipient of Trees Forever Branching Out Program

Hiawatha has again received funding through the Branching Out grant from Trees Forever Alliant Energy Branching Out program. A check for \$1,708 was hand delivered by Alliant Energy to Angie Cole, Hiawatha Park and Recreation Director, to fund 31 trees to be planted at Fay M. Clark Memorial Park. The Branching Out program continues to have measureable, positive effects in Hiawatha and across the state. A special thanks goes out to all those hard-working volunteers that have helped plant so many trees throughout the community and to Peck's Landscaping and Nursery for their donation.




## Lions Club presents FREE events at Hog Wild Days!

The Hiawatha Lions Club provides the following events free to the public during this year's Hog Wild Days, June 17-20, 2010:

 **Thursday, June 17, 5:00 p.m. - JR MR. & MISS HIAWATHA CONTEST.** All boys and girls, ages 6 to 10 years old are welcome to apply. Write a 50 word essay "I HAVE FUN IN HIAWATHA BECAUSE..." with your name, age, and phone number by June 15, 2010, and mail to Lions Club, P.O. BOX 262, Hiawatha, IA 52233. Also this year for Hiawatha's 60th birthday, we are having the HIAWATHA'S MOST FAVORITE GRANDMOTHER CONTEST. Write a 50 word essay on why your grandmother is the best, include her name and phone number and your name and phone number by June 15, 2010, and mail to the above address. Prizes will be awarded to all and the winners will ride in the 10:30 a.m. Hog Wild Day Parade on Saturday, June 19, 2010.



 **Saturday, June 19, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - AFTER PARADE PARTY.** Everyone, young or young at heart, is invited. FREE popcorn, frozen treats, face painting, tattoos, balloons, and music in the park.



**Saturday, June 19, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - IOWA KIDSIGHT.** Lions Club FREE vision screening for children ages 6 months to 4 years old. See website for details. [www.hogwilddays.com](http://www.hogwilddays.com)



**Sunday, June 20, 2:30 p.m. - PING PONG DROP.** FREE for all children 12 years old and younger. Every child wins a prize.

## Council Action

March 3, 2010

**Ordinance 657 - Amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 163 Housing Code in its entirety and adopt a revised Chapter 163 Housing Code, designating the responsibilities of persons for maintenance or structures, equipment and exterior property within the City.**

**Ordinance 658 - Amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 153 Geothermal Well Standards §153.02 Definitions; §153.04 Application Procedure; §153.05 Material Requirements and §153.06 Review and Approval Process and amending and adding subsections §153.12 Testing System and §153.16 Failure to Comply.**

**Ordinance 659 - Adding Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 164 Property Maintenance relating to the adoption by reference of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition.**

**Ordinance 660 - Amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 21 City Administrator §21.02 Appointment and Term by deleting term of two years.**

**Ordinance 661 - Amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 35 Fire Department §35.05 Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief by deleting term of two years.**

**Resolution 10-036 - Approving the adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 with a levy rate of 15.31001.**

**Resolution 10-037 - Directing sale of \$665,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2010A.**

**Resolution 10-038 - Authorizing the redemption of outstanding general obligation capital loan notes, series 2004, of the City of Hiawatha, State of Iowa.**

**Resolution 10-039 - Authorizing staff to proceed with solicitation of proposals for the replacement of the 2000 International Dump Truck with Snow Plow and Sander, Unit 520.**

**Resolution 10-040 - Authorizing City Staff to proceed with the sale of the 2000 International Dump Truck with snow plow and sander, Unit 520 and additionally authorizes staff to accept the bid of the highest responsible bidder.**

**Resolution 10-041 - Authorizing contract for Fire Alarm Monitoring, Fire Alarm System Inspections and Fire Alarm System Maintenance for seven (7) facilities in an amount not to exceed \$3,550.00 with weekday hourly rate of \$100.00 and after hour's fee of \$150.00 for maintenance with Midwest Alarm of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.**

**Resolution 10-042 - Authorizing contract of Fire Sprinkler Inspection, Maintenance and Repair for the Hiawatha City Hall, Public Works Building and the Fire Department at a total cost not to exceed \$600.00 annually with a week day hourly rate of \$100.00, after hours hourly rate of \$150.00 and holiday hourly rate of \$200.00 for maintenance with Iowa Fire Protection Inc., of Hiawatha, Iowa.**

**Resolution 10-043 - Preliminary resolution for the construction of water main and sanitary sewer improvements for North Center Point Road from Tower Terrace Road, and approximately 1490 feet north to the City of Hiawatha, Iowa corporate limits.**

**Resolution 10-044 - Authorizing purchase of thirty-four (34) double-sided vinyl street banners, to be used as 2010 60th Birthday Celebration decorations for street lights along Center Point and North Center Point Road at a total cost not to exceed \$3,485.00 (cost does not include brackets), from Banacom Signs of Hiawatha, Iowa.**

**Resolution 10-045 - Fixing date for a meeting regarding the City's intent to file an application with the USDA Rural Development for Financial Assistance to develop the Northwest Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project.**

**Resolution 10-046 - Authorizing the commercial purchase of property located at 155 Robins Road, the purchase agreement will reflect \$750,000 in cash with the contingencies previously discussed with City Attorney.**

March 17, 2010

**Resolutions 10-047 through 10-056 - Accepting permanent and temporary easements for the Heritage Green Drainage Project.**

**Resolution 10-057 - Authorizing staff to proceed with the Loan/Grant application with USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to develop the Northwest Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project.**

**Resolution 10-058 - Authorizing staff to proceed with solicitations of proposals for Point-to-Point Wireless (WAN) Connection Services from City Hall to Fire Department.**

**Resolution 10-059 - Fixing values of lots for the construction of the North Center Point Road Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project.**

**Resolution 10-060 - Approving funding for an Electronic Recycling Event with Midwest Electronic Recovery for April 24, 2010.**

**Resolution 10-061 - Approving a Community Shred-It event for the shredding of confidential materials on April 24, 2010.**

**Resolution 10-062 - Approving a Community Collection Event for household hazardous waste on April 24, 2010.**

**Resolution 10-063 - Ratifying, confirming and approving publication of Notice of Public Hearing for General Capital Loan Notes, Series 2010B, not to exceed \$250,000.**

**Resolution 10-064 - Instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of General Capital Loan Notes, Series 2010B, not to exceed \$250,000.**

**Resolution 10-065 - Appointing Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa, to serve as Paying Agent, Note Registrar and Transfer of Agent, approving the Paying Agent and Note Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and authorizing the execution of the agreement.**

**Resolution 10-066 - Amending the Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$3,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2010 and levying a tax for the payment thereof, passed and approved on February 17, 2010, by substituting a new Resolution thereof, for a revised loan issued in the total aggregate amount of \$665,000.**

**Resolution 10-067 - Authorizing staff to enter into a purchase agreement for the property located at 155 Robins Road.**

**Resolution 10-068 - Authorizing the residential purchase of property located at 85 Robins Road, the purchase agreement will reflect \$185,000 in cash with the contingencies previously discussed with City Attorney.**

# APRIL 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 a.m. Guthridge Park
4	5	6 Parks 6:30 p.m.	7 Council 7 p.m.	8 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	9	10 Activity Registration Day 8-10 a.m. City Hall
11	12 Library 7 p.m. History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7 p.m.	13	14 Senior Evening Dance 5:15 p.m. Council Airs 7p.m. Channel	15	16	17 Disc Golf Tournament 8:00 a.m. Clark Park
18	19	20 Water 6:30 p.m.	21 Council 7 p.m.	22 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	23	24 City-Wide Clean-up Guthridge Park, 10th Ave. 9-11:00 a.m.
25 1st Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m.-3 p.m.	26	27 P&Z 6 p.m.	28 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel	29	30	



# MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 City-Wide Garage Sale Maps @ City Hall & Library
2 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m.-3 p.m.	3	4	5 Council 7 p.m.	6 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	7	8
9 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m.-3 p.m.	10 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7 p.m.	11 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7 p.m.	12 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel	13	14	15
16 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.	17	18 Water 6:30 p.m.	19 Council 7 p.m.	20 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	21	22
23 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.	24	25 P&Z 6 p.m.	26 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel	27	28 Bike Parade/ Rodeo Concert in Park Photo Contest Deadline	29
30 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.	31					

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## Hiawatha Park & Recreation Events

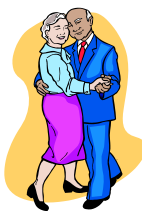
### Activity Registration Day

Saturday, April 10, 2010 beginning at 8-10 a.m.  
Hiawatha Community Center  
Come sign up for all of our programs on a first come-first serve basis.

# REGISTER!

### April 17, 2010 Disc Golf Tournament

Saturday - Sign up begins at 8:00 a.m.  
Come out and join us for a day of fun at our newest park in Hiawatha, Fay M. Clark Memorial Park. Sign up for the tournament begins at 8:00 a.m., and continues until 9:15 a.m. The tournament begins at 10:00 a.m., with a lunch break after the first round at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be catered in by a local vendor. The second round begins at 1:30 p.m. Participants will play two rounds of 18 holes. Registration and prices will be posted closer to the date of the tournament.  
*Questions? Please contact Doug Peyton at 373-2301.*



### April 14, 2010 Senior Evening Dance

Come out and join us!  
Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. Dance starts at 6:00 p.m. Suggested donation for the band is \$4 per person or \$7 per couple. Cost for dinner will be a suggested donation: \$3 per meal for people over 60 years of age and \$4 per meal for people age 59 and younger.

### April 25, 2010 Farmer's Market Begins

April 25, 2010, through October 24, 2010  
"Hiawatha Farmer's Market brings the taste of Iowa Producers to you." Market is held rain or shine in the 10th Avenue parking lot of Guthridge Park on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It's your neighborhood get-together!



### May 1, 2010, Saturday

City Wide Garage Sale  
Call City Hall to add your address to our list of sales at (319) 393-1515 or email [recept@hiawatha-iowa.com](mailto:recept@hiawatha-iowa.com)



## Hiawatha Fire Department Recreational Fire Review

Spring is upon us, and already, we are starting to see people out in their back yards enjoying recreational fires. Many people in Hiawatha enjoy the ambiance of a small backyard fire pit, fire ring, or even an outside fireplace. Conducted properly, recreational fires present little hazard.

Open burning is prohibited in the metro area by Linn County Health Department. The ONLY fires that are allowed by the general public are recreational or cooking fires. In order for a fire to be recreational, it should be less than 36 inches in diameter, attended at all times, and burn only clean, untreated wood. A fire for burning yard waste or trash is NOT recreational, even if it meets the other criteria. A fire with clean wood that is unattended is also not a recreational fire. Recreational fires should be clean burning and produce little smoke.

When the Fire or Police Department receives a complaint on a recreational fire, they look at the following to determine if it is in violation. Is the fire attended? What are the people attending the fire doing? How much smoke is the fire making and is the smoke adversely affecting neighbors?

Please remember to be considerate of your neighbors. If the smoke is blowing into neighbors house, put it out. If you have a complaint about your neighbor burning, please politely address it with them before calling the Fire Department or Police. Remember, if you call 9-1-1 and report a fire, it activates your entire 50 person volunteer Fire Department. Saying "just come check it out" doesn't work. If the situation is bad enough to call 9-1-1, it warrants a regular Fire Department response. Providing false information to the dispatcher, such as "some type of fire next door" when you know it's a small recreational fire, is wrong, unethical, and dangerous to the responding public safety officials.

Some other suggestions for a safe recreational fire include keeping the fire 25 feet from any structure, having a water source in case of emergency, and fully extinguishing the fire when it is no longer attended. If you have questions regarding recreational fires, please contact the Fire Department. We have a small brochure that is available both at City Hall and the Fire Station.