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Hiawatha Insights

Hiawatha Fire Department Recognizes Achievements

On March 2nd, 2013, the Hiawatha Fire Department recognized a number of individuals for their achievements during the last year. While a number of members were recognized for their participation, training achievements, and length of service, several members received significant recognition.

Chris Weininger has been a member of HFD since 2003. On Oct. 26, 2012, Chris was at work at Van Meter in Cedar Rapids, when a co-worker collapsed. Chris initiated CPR. When the Ambulance and Cedar Rapids Fire Department arrived, they were able to use a defibrillator to shock the victims heart back to normal. With extensive care in the hospital, the victim returned to work two weeks later. Hiawatha Fire is very proud of Chris and his actions, and presented him with the "Heartsaver Hero Award" from the American Heart Association. The full story is in the winter edition of Mercy Touch magazine.



Fire Chief Mike Nesslage and Heartsaver Hero Recipient Chris Weininger

John Zlabek has been a member of HFD since 2005. Prior to that he has served as a volunteer in a number of communities including time as Chief of the Walker Fire Department. John is the volunteer training coordinator for the Linn County Firefighters Association. He has trained hundreds, if not thousands, of firefighters. John's efforts toward firefighter training was recognized as he received the Iowa Fire Service Instructor of the Year award from the Iowa Fire Service Instructors Association.

Several members who have left the department were recognized for their service to the community. Greg Brenneman left after six years of service to take a job in Minneapolis, MN., as a full time paramedic. Lt. Josh Holland left after seven years of service. Lt. Nathan Schmitz left after twelve years of service to take a full time job in Jefferson City, Mo., as a paramedic, and Fr. Neil Manternach left after serving as the departments Chaplain for seven years, when he went to a new parish. All these individuals service is greatly appreciated. Marty Labs was recognized as the "Rookie of the Year".

Numerous other members were recognized for training achievements. Nineteen members obtained new certifications in 2012. Seven firefighters obtained Firefighter 1 certification, six obtained Firefighter 2 certification, seven obtained Driver Operator certification, several obtained Fire Instructor 1 and 2 certification, and Deputy Chief Andrew Sweeney was certified as Fire Officer 2. Several other members either upgraded or obtained EMS certifications.

The guest speaker was Ray Reynolds, who currently serves as the Director of the State Fire Marshall Division. Ray seeks to raise awareness through a state wide fire prevention message as he serves as the State Fire Marshall for Iowa. He gave a presentation on the importance of the fire service in making a difference in the community.

The annual appreciation banquet has been held since 1997. The purpose is to recognize the contributions the members of the mostly volunteer fire department make to the community. In 2013, the Fire Department responded to 979 calls for service. Since 2005, the FD has responded to 6,083 calls for service. It is estimated that the services provided by the volunteer fire fighters save the City of Hiawatha between \$1.5 and \$2 million dollars a year in labor costs.

Farmers State Bank

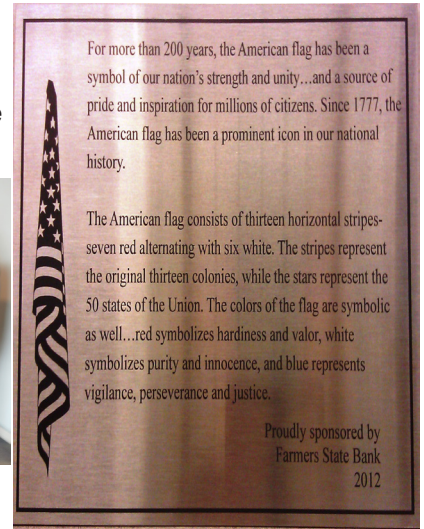
On February 28, 2013 Mayor Theis and Recreation Coordinator, Kelly Friedl presented Farmers State Bank with a plaque thanking them for their generous contribution to the Guthridge Park flag pole and flag near the tennis courts.

Together, the City of Hiawatha and Farmers State Bank publicly display their gratitude to our country, community and to the brave military men and women for their daily sacrifices by waving a United States flag. The Flag that waves in the wind is a symbol demonstrating patriotism, loyalty and pride in our Country and honors the sacrifice of all those who have made this great Nation possible.

Farmers State Bank donated \$2,689 for the placement of a flag pole, flag and electrical lighting.

For more than 200 years, the American flag has been the symbol of our nation's strength and unity.... and a source of pride and inspiration for millions of citizens. Since 1777, the American flag has been a prominent icon in our national history.

The American flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes - seven red alternating with six white. The stripes represent the original thirteen colonies, while the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well....red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.



Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Recognizes Larry Eveland

Larry Eveland was presented an award at the February 12, 2013 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in recognition for his twelve years of dedication and service to the Commission.

He has helped with many Parks and Recreation events including leading Hiawatha Kids Movie Night, Playing for Keeps, Hiawatha Kid's Bike Rodeo and has been instrumental in the establishment of many of our new park projects.

We thank him for his service and wish him the best.



North Center Point Road Corridor Building Moratorium

On March 6, 2013, the City Council passed a resolution establishing a temporary building moratorium for the North Center Point Corridor for 180 days for the purpose of developing a new zoning district.

The moratorium area includes approximately 300' on each side of North Center Point Road between Blairs Ferry Road and Boyson Road and includes approximately 300' east of Robins Road to Chaffee Drive. This area is called the "North Center Point Corridor".

The purpose of a moratorium on development preserves the status quo for a reasonable time while the City develops and adopts a land use strategy to respond to new or recently perceived problems. The moratorium imposes a ban on the consideration and approval of all development and building applications within the area of the community.

Due to the experience of increased traffic along the North Center Point Road Corridor, request for zoning provisions, new accesses accommodations, and special sign provisions, the Council has determined the placement of a temporary moratorium. The moratorium would protect the City's substantial investment in the widening of the road system along with landscaping, sidewalks, bike trails and decorative street lights and the Town Center Master Plan until they can adopt a zoning district along the North Center Point Corridor that both enhances the Town Center development and is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. The moratorium will include regulations on road access management and develop signs to protect public safety and its welfare.

Veenstra and Kim, Inc., an engineering consulting firm that specializes in the fundamentals of zoning, is assisting the City to ensure that all development along the North Center Point Road Corridor is consistent with the adjacent residentially-zoned district and that all new development fits into the existing development context as outlined in the City of Hiawatha's Comprehensive Plan and the new zoning district. We anticipate the work on the analysis and developing the appropriate zoning and support regulations could be completed in a time frame of about five (5) months. The time line is based on four (4) meetings with a Steering Committee, spaced at 3-4 week intervals during the course of the project and one public hearing, one meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission and one meeting with the City Council.



Arbor Day Proclamation

At the March 20, 2013 Council meeting, the City Council proclaimed April 26th as Arbor Day. Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees. It originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska in 1872. J. Sterling Morton was the founder of Arbor Day. The first Arbor Day (from the Latin arbor, meaning tree) was held on April 10, 1872, and an estimated 1 million trees were planted that day.

Trees are an important component of the natural landscape because of their prevention of erosion and the provision of a weather-sheltered ecosystem in and under their foliage. They also play an important role in producing oxygen and reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, as well as moderating ground temperatures.

They are elements in landscaping and agriculture, both for their aesthetic appeal and their orchard crops (such as apples). Wood from trees is a building material, as well as a primary energy source in many developing countries. Trees also play a role in many of the world's mythologies.

Park & Recreation Director, Angie Cole expressed why Arbor Day is so important to our community, "We all benefit when communities, such as Hiawatha, place tree planting and caring for trees as a priority. Trees shade our homes and add beauty to our neighborhoods along with providing environmental and economic benefits".

Hiawatha will continue with an annual floating Arbor Day celebration. We will schedule tree planting events along with educational sessions as part of our observance. The City of Hiawatha, over the past 13 years, has planted over 328 trees, 39 of those scheduled for this spring. That's an average of over 25 trees per year, showing Hiawatha's commitment to continuous tree planting and beautification of our community.



Fire Department Explorer Program

Across our state (and the nation) the number of volunteer firefighters is on the decline, and the fire service has been working on recruitment and retention of new volunteers. An excellent tool developed by the Boy Scouts of America Learning for Life Program is the Fire Department Explorer Program.

The program gives young people the opportunity to learn about local fire, rescue and emergency medical service organizations in a safe, controlled, educational and fun way, while providing departments with an excellent recruitment mechanism. Benefits of Explorer program includes:

- Allowing youth to gain insight and interest in becoming long-term members of emergency services.
- Increasing awareness among youth about volunteering and supporting the fire and emergency services.
- Providing departments with additional help in accomplishing non-firefighting or non-emergency tasks.
- Leadership development for America's youth, who are tomorrow's leaders.
- Educating parents and mentors on the importance of encouraging volunteerism.

Using Exploring's tools, a department can involve firefighter explorer in many educational opportunities to learn about the fire service and gain some real life skills, all in a controlled setting and without putting them in harm's way.

It's a win-win for the department, the young firefighter and the community. We acknowledge these young individuals hard work and dedication to our community and their future growth.

There are currently seven individuals participating in the Fire Department's Explorer Program.

History Commission - Graybill

Graybill Electronics, Inc. (GEI) was established in 1971 by Chuck and Norma Graybill of Hiawatha, Iowa. Originally located at 98 Emmons Street in Hiawatha, GEI began by selling and servicing CB Radios, Scanners, Marine Electronics and conventional FM Two-Way radio systems. Throughout the 70's and 80's, GEI's primary focus was on FM Two-Way radio systems for the agriculture and private business sectors.

In late December of 2000, Chuck and Norma retired from the day-to-day operations and appointed their son, Kevin Graybill, as the new President and Director of Operations and daughter-in-law, Shauna Graybill as Vice President.

In early 2001, Graybill Electronics, Inc., formally changed its' name to Graybill Communications (GC) to better reflect their commitment to the communications industry. In 2001, GC made its' primary focus on the public safety sector. Within just a few years, GC had become a recognizable provider in the Eastern Iowa public safety market.

Continuing to broaden their products and services, GC began to maintain multiple City and County 911 Centers. New products and services included 911 Infrastructure, Emergency Vehicle Upfitting, Video Monitoring, Security and Controlled Door Access to name a few.

After over 30 years in the same location, GC relocated its operation to a new state of the art facility at 305 Miller Road, Hiawatha, Iowa in February 2007.

Graybill Communications continues to define the standard for quality in public safety and business communications systems. GC will continue to be a leader in the industry and explore new technologies today and well into the future.



Council Action

March 6, 2013

- Resolution 13-062 - Authorize Police Dept purchase of one (1) 2013 AWD Ford Police Interceptor Sedan, replacement Unit 830 and necessary equipment.
- Resolution 13-063 - Adopt the proposed FY 2013-2014 Budget.
- Resolution 13-064 - Determine an area of the City to be economic development area, and rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of area is necessary in the interest of public health, safety or welfare of residents of the City; designating area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; adopt Amendment No. 8 to Hiawatha Urban Renewal Plan.
- Resolution 13-065 - Fix date (March 20, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.) for meeting on proposition to authorize a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013, not to exceed \$2,000,000.
- Resolution 13-066 - Fix date (March 20, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.) for meeting on proposition to authorize a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013, not to exceed \$7,000,000.
- Resolution 13-067 - Fix date (March 20, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.) for a meeting on proposition to authorize a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013, not to exceed \$700,000.
- Resolution 13-068 - Fix date (March 20, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.) for a meeting on proposition to authorize a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013, not to exceed \$100,000.
- Resolution 13-069 - Authorize Parks & Recreation Director to accept nomination as Vice President/President of the Iowa Parks & Recreation Association.
- Resolution 13-070 - Approve payment for replacement of five self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) face pieces for the Fire Dept.
- Resolution 13-071 - Award contract for purchase and installation of trees for Phase D of the North Center Point Road Streetscape Project and replacement of trees along the south end of Center Point Road to Hughes Nursery and Landscaping of Cedar Rapids, IA., for an amount not to exceed \$10,150.00.
- Resolution 13-072 - Award contract for Premium Diesel Fuel to Linn Co-Op Oil Company of Marion.
- Resolution 13-073 - Authorize relocation of overhead utility lines underground by Mediacom Communications Corporation in connection with RISE Improvement Reconstruction of North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street and North of Boyson Road.
- Resolution 13-074 - Institute a building moratorium along North Center Point Road from Blairs Ferry Road to Boyson Road in connection with the Downtown District/Town Center.
- Resolution 13-075 - Authorize City Staff to enter into agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., to provide consulting engineering services including land use planning and update of zoning classifications for the Downtown District/Town Center area of North Center Point Road.
- Resolution 13-076 - Approve a Community Shred It Day with Shred-it, Ltd., on Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 9:00A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

March 20, 2013

- Resolution 13-077 - Authorize Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to Evidence the obligation of the City thereunder Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013.
- Resolution 13-078 - Authorize a Loan Agreement and issuance of Notes to Evidence the obligation of the City thereunder Not to Exceed \$7,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013.
- Resolution 13-079 - Authorize a Loan Agreement and issuance of Notes to Evidence the obligation of the City thereunder Not to Exceed \$700,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013.
- Resolution 13-080 - Authorize a Loan Agreement and issuance of Notes to Evidence the obligation of the City thereunder Not to Exceed \$100,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013.
- Resolution 13-081 - Direct advertisement for sale of \$3,880,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013A on April 3, 2013 and approve electronic bidding procedures and Official Statement.
- Resolution 13-082 - Direct advertisement for sale of \$1,060,000 Taxable General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013C on April 3, 2013 and approve electronic bidding procedures and Official Statement.
- Resolution 13-083 - Direct advertisement for sale of \$4,545,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013B on April 3, 2013 and approve electronic bidding procedures and Official Statement.
- Resolution 13-084 - Approve an Amendment to the terms of Revenue Bonds (Coe College Project) Series 2007 of City of Hiawatha, Iowa, issued in the principal amount of \$4,500,000 specifically to correct a scrivener's error and related matters.
- Resolution 13-085 - Set public hearing date (April 3, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.) consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 135 Street Use & Maintenance §135.09 Excavations (5) Bond Requirement adding Penal Bond/Maintenance Bond Requirements.
- Resolution 13-086 - Set public hearing date (April 3, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.) consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 136 Sidewalk Regulations §136.07 Permit/Bond Requirement adding Penal Bond/Maintenance Bond requirements.
- Resolution 13-087 - Supporting an Arbor Day Proclamation on April 26, 2013.
- Resolution 13-088 - Accept improvements and release letter of credit for Longfellow Square First Addition.
- Resolution 13-089 - Approve Invoice No. 1 for payment of the City's portion of costs to Compass Commercial Services, LLC for the construction of sidewalk trail extension along Boyson Road.
- Resolution 13-090 - Declare official intent to reimburse the City for certain expenditures in connection with consulting engineering services by Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., including land use planning and updating zoning classifications for Town Center Development/ North Center Point Road Corridor.



APRIL 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Council 7pm	4	5	6 Live Healthy Linn 5K Run/ Walk Guthridge Park 8:00 am
7	8 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	9 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	10 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	11 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	12	13 Disc Golf Tournament Fay Clark Park 8:00 a.m.
14 Youth Basketball Camp 9-1pm	15	16 Water 5:30 pm	17 Council 7pm	18	19	20 Earth Day Guthridge Park 9-11:00 am
21	22	23	24 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	25 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	26	27
28 Farmers Market Begins 11-2pm Guthridge Park	29 P&Z 6 pm	30				Visit our website: www.hiawatha-iowa.com



MAY 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Council 7pm	2	3	4 City Wide Garage Sale
5 Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park	6 Amnesty Pickup Begins	7	8 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	9 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	10	11
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19 Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park	20	21 Water 5:30 pm	22 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	23 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	24 Bike Rodeo & Concert in the Park Large Midgets	25
26 Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park	27 P&Z 6 pm	28	29	30	31	

Walk Sequence Postal Customer Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

**DELIVER BY:
SATURDAY,
04/13/2013**

Hiawatha Water Department

Maintenance on the Boyson Road Water Tower:

Maintenance work on the Robins Road water tower has been completed and looks very nice. It is now time for the Boyson Road water tower to get a bit of a makeover as it is about 20 years old. Our anticipation is for Utility Service of Perry, GA., to begin work sometime in the spring of 2013.

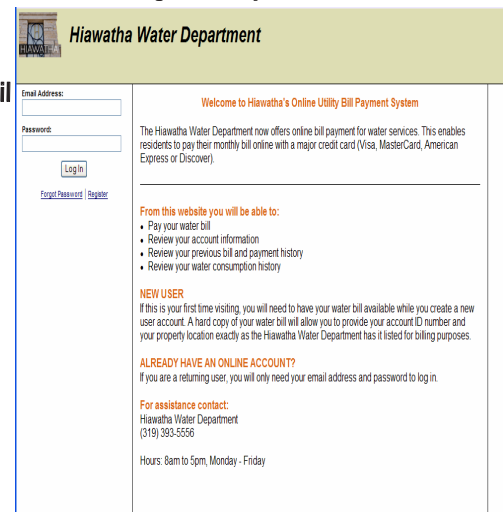
This maintenance program will clean up our water towers and continue with a regular maintenance schedule to keep them in good shape inside and outside for many years to come. Much like your water pipes at home, we need to eliminate any built up rust and sediment from the towers to ensure clean and healthy water is provided in our community. The inside of the Boyson Road tower will be sandblasted and both the inside and outside of the tower will be cleaned and re-painted.



E-billing and online payments:

We would like to take a moment to remind our customers of our E-billing and online payment options. The Water Department is trying to be a little more eco-friendly by allowing water bills to be sent by e-mail and accepting payments on our website through our billing software.

If you would like to sign up for e-billing or make payments through our website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com, go to Departments on the left-hand side of the page and select Water. Once on the water home page, you can submit your e-mail address for e-billing and pay your water bill. Please be sure to have a copy of your water bill in hand when creating an account as you need your account number and property location. Property location is located right above the perforated line of your water bill. You must enter your property location exactly as shown on your water bill.



The screenshot shows the login page for the Hiawatha Water Department's online utility bill payment system. It includes a header with the department name, a login form with fields for email address and password, and a 'Log In' button. Below the form, there are instructions for new users and returning users, along with contact information for assistance.

Hiawatha Water Department Hydrant Flushing

The Water Department began flushing hydrants March 19, 2013. Weather permitting; we are hoping to be finished by April 19, 2013.



Hiawatha Water Department Meeting Time Change

The Hiawatha Water Board of Trustees has passed a resolution changing the Water Board meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month.

Backflow Prevention Devices

Reminder to Hiawatha Residents: If you have an RPZ valve (Backflow Prevention Device) on your water line, please remember that this needs to be tested yearly (preferably in the spring) by a registered technician per City Ordinance. Inspection forms may be picked up at City Hall or your registered technician should have similar forms.

If you have any questions about the above information, please feel free to contact the Water Department at (319) 393-5556 option #4.