

HIAWATHA INSIGHTS

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Hiawatha's "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Campaign Needs your Help

At their July 16, 2008 meeting, the City Council endorsed plans to raise at least \$100,000 to assist the Cedar Rapids area recover from the devastating June flood. The City's fundraising campaign has two goals:

1. Raise a minimum of \$75,000 to donate to the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation's Small Jobs and Business Recovery Fund to assist the 800 businesses struggling to recover from the flood.

2. Raise a minimum of \$25,000 to donate to the Cedar Rapids School District Foundation to assist the 1,800 students who were displaced by the flood.



The City launched a Hiawatha Business Partners Fund campaign on July 23, 2008 to help our 800 business neighbors impacted by the flood get back to business. The City Council approved a lead donation to seed the fund made up of \$21,504 raised by the former Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce and will add an additional \$3,496 from other sources to round the lead donation to \$25,000. None of the funds will be public money.

There are over 800 business neighbors that have sustained direct physical or economic damage and are in desperate need of financial assistance to remain a vital part of the Metro-wide business community.

Hiawatha has also created a "Fill The Sandbags For Students" Fund to assist the 1,800 students displaced by or in other ways impacted by the flooding in Cedar Rapids and Palo. Councilman Dick Olson and his wife Rita, a retired Cedar Rapids teacher, have generously made a lead donation of \$10,000 to seed the fund.

"Neighbors helping neighbors has no jurisdictional boundaries. The 1,800 students in Cedar Rapids and Palo displaced by the flood need our help to make as smooth a back-to-school transition as possible," stated Olson. The City will partner with the Cedar Rapids School District Foundation in their efforts to provide back-to-school supplies, clothing, shoes and other needed items. "The City of Hiawatha wants to help ensure a fulfilling new school year experience for all those students and their families who are impacted by the flood," concluded Olson.

The "Fill The Sandbags For Students" Floodfest will be a community-wide event with a goal of raising a minimum of \$25,000 to assist the 1,800 students. On September 6, 2008 from 1:00 PM to 1:00 AM. The City will sponsor a festival at Guthridge Park with food and games for kids of all ages, including live music through out the event. The City Council encourages the entire community and people throughout the Metro area to help the students by filling sandbags with monetary donations. 100% of the Floodfest's net proceeds will be used to help flood-displaced students and their families.



Details of the September 6th event will be announced and promoted in late August and early September. The students need your helping hand. Please mark your calendars and join us on September 6th. Bring the entire family for a day of fun and help provide assistance to the 1,800 displaced neighboring students. Thank you for helping Hiawatha "Fill The Sandbags For Students" Floodfest and raise \$25,000 to provide much needed assistance for the students. Your generous support of the students will long be remembered.

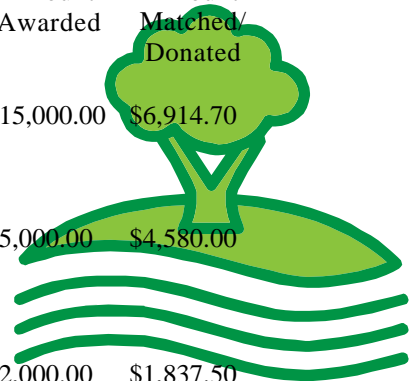
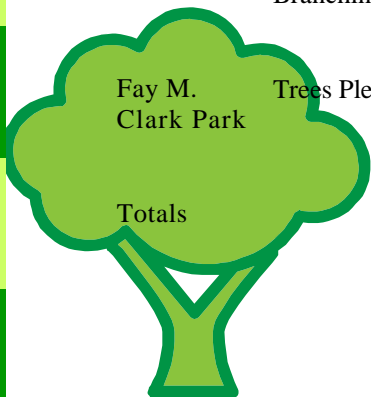
August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Farmers Mkt Every Sunday 11:00a—3:00p					1	2
3	4	5	6 Council 7pm	7	8	9
10 Public Safety 6pm	11 History 1:30pm Board of Adj 6pm	12 Parks 6pm Library 7pm	13 Work Session 6pm	14	15	16
17	18	19 Friends of the Library 6:30pm Water 6:30pm	20 Council 7pm	21	22 Concert in the Park 7pm Well Lit	23
24	25	26 P&Z 6pm	27	28	29	30
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Tree Planting Grants

Hiawatha received three grants this spring to plant trees at the New City Hall, Fay M. Clark Memorial Park and along Center Point Road from the trail to Boyson Road. The table below shows information regarding the different grants and the landscaping projects

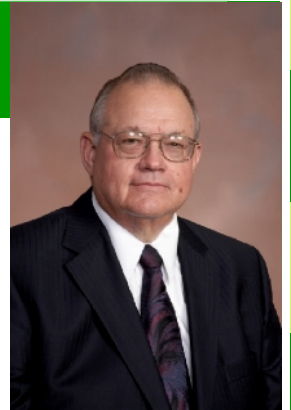
Location	Grant	Branch	Total Trees	Shade	Flowering	Amount Awarded	Amount Matched/Donated
Center Point Rd	Trees Forever	Iowa's Living Roadways	127	89	38	\$15,000.00	\$6,914.70
City Hall	Trees Forever Branching Out	Alliant Energy	64	30	34	\$5,000.00	\$4,580.00
Fay M. Clark Park	Trees Please	Mid American Energy	33	33	0	\$2,000.00	\$1,837.50
Totals			224	152	72	\$22,000.00	\$13,332.20



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		P&Z 6pm				

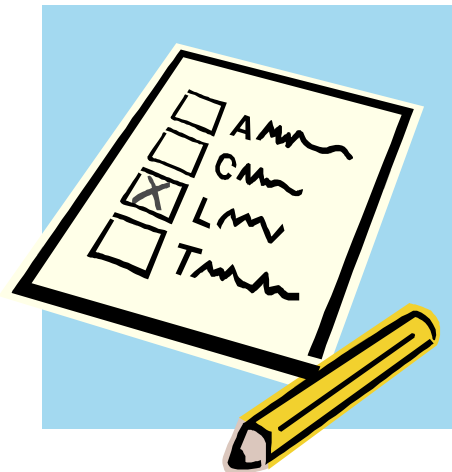
Hiawatha Citizen's Survey



There is a saying that “voters usually get what they want”.

February’s newsletter informed you that we were in the process of creating a citizen’s survey with the hopes that it would be ready by summer.

Your City Council and I want to know your opinion on how we are doing, what are we doing right and how we can improve?



With that in mind, it is important that you find a few minutes to respond to the Hiawatha Citizen’s Survey. We tried to ask questions about all City services. If we missed something important to you, please add your thoughts in the comment section.

As City officials, we are always trying to use your tax dollars to the best benefit of the entire city. This is one way for you to show us what you want from us. We will tabulate the results and pass them on through the newsletter. Help us by giving us your ideas on how you would make Hiawatha an even better place to live and return the survey no later than August 29, 2008.

Mayor Tom Theis

Water Department History

Hiawatha Water Company was founded in 1949 by Fay M. Clark. The Water Company was a privately owned company which served 11 customers at the time. It was purchased from Fay M. Clark by the City of Hiawatha in 1960. At that time, the residents of Hiawatha voted to set up a Water Board of Trustees to operate the Water Department. Today, the Water Department operates five wells, an iron removal plant and two 500,000 gallon elevated storage tanks. We also maintain approximately 40 miles of water main, 400 fire hydrants, 800 water main valves and 2300 water meters. Our average daily demand is approximately 750,000 gallons per day which increases to 1.2 million gallons per day in the summer months. Along with removing iron, we adjust the fluoride, disinfect the water with chlorine and add polyphosphate for corrosion control.



Notes from the Chief's Desk



K9 Officer, Sara Melsa & "Mod"

Lifetime Fence owner Kate Ries

Police Chief, Dennis Marks

The Hiawatha Police Department has received product donations from the following business' and would like to recognize them for their contributions.

Lifetime Fence Company Inc., of 6009 16th Ave SW in Cedar Rapids. We would like to thank owners Kate & Gene Ries for Lifetime's donation to our K-9 program.

Personal Safety Corporation of 204 Collins Rd. NE in Cedar Rapids. Thank you Mr. Dick Olson for Personal Safety Corp's equipment donation to the police department.

We have received reports about mail delivery issues over the past few months. As a reminder the Hiawatha Code of Ordinances prohibits parking "...Within 20 feet on either side of a mailbox which is so placed and so equipped as to permit the depositing of mail from vehicles on the roadway."

All parking violations, except snow route parking violations and improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit, are \$10.00. Snow route parking violations are \$25.00 and improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit is \$100.00

Dial 811

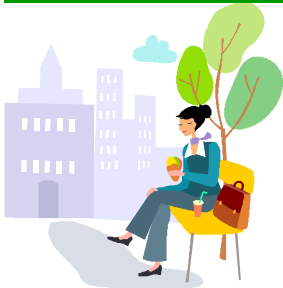


Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

As of April 2007, the national 811 three-digit dialing system allows easy access to Iowa One Call. Now it's easier than ever to request underground facility locates, just dial 811.

Iowa law states that if you are excavating, including digging, you must call Iowa One Call at least 48 hours in advance (of your digging) in order to minimize the risk of damaging any type of underground facilities (electric, gas, communications/television, water and sewer). The service is free, and so is the phone call. Making the phone call can help eliminate the risk of disrupting service and greatly reduce the potential risk of serious personal injury.

My Eagle Scout Project—Joshua Svenson



I am a Life Scout and am a member of Boy Scout Troop 766 of Cedar Rapids. My Eagle Scout project was building a covered bench in Fay M. Clark Memorial Park in Hiawatha. On June 14, a group of nine volunteers from Troop 766 and Venture Crew 2000 helped to build the bench and plant flowers around it. The bench is located along the walking trail near the stream and it will provide a place along the trail to sit in the shade.

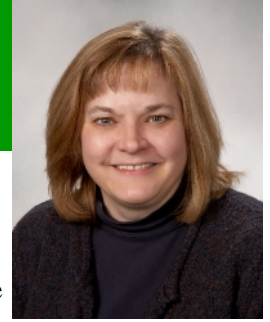


Free fill dirt available at Fay M. Clark Memorial Park.

Please call Angie Cole to set up an appointment to get dirt. 319-393-1515



Hiawatha Library Accredited



The State Library of Iowa has announced that the Hiawatha Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in "In Service to Iowa: Public Library Measures of Quality, 4th ed."

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. Of Iowa's 543 public libraries, 331—including the Hiawatha Public Library—are accredited. The Hiawatha Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library administration including governance and funding; staffing; library collection; services; public relations; and access and facilities. The accreditation is valid through June 30, 2011.

Iowa's accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. Libraries are cornerstones of our communities. They reflect and help strengthen the economic health of communities, as well as the people who use them.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the State Library of Iowa's Enrich Iowa/Direct State Aid program. They also receive an official Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Chet Culver, State Librarian Mary Wegner, and Iowa Commission of Libraries Chairwoman Monica Gohlinhorst.

Said Wegner, "The director and board of trustees of the Hiawatha Public Library and the city of Hiawatha are to be commended for this achievement and their commitment to excellence in public library services for their community."

Council Action Summary

July 2, 2008

Ordinance 619 - adoption of amending Chapter 106, Resource, Recovery and Refuse Disposal, Sections 106.01.27 and Section 106.01.28.

Ordinance 620 - adoption of amending Chapter 57, Dangerous and Vicious Animals, Sections 57.01, 57.02 and 57.04.

Resolution 08-112 proceeding with improvement installation of Longfellow Square 6th Addition.

Resolution 08-113 approving final plat for Longfellow 6th Addition, including Development Agreement.

Resolution 08-114 approving and authorizing execution of agreement for private development between Hiawatha and Longfellow Square L.C.

Resolution 08-116 awarding project for temporary fencing along city hall's east parking lot to Lifetime Fencing.

Resolution 08-117 allowing RV's to temporarily reside in mobile home parks within the City of Hiawatha from 7/2/08 to 10/31/08.

Resolution 08-118 authorizing staff to proceed with the implementation of the citizen's survey.



July 16, 2008

Ordinance 621—adoption of amending Chapter 90 Water Service System to reflect sections 90.01 Purpose, 90.02 Board of Trustees, 90.03 Wells Prohibited, 90.04 special Exceptions, 90.05 Existing Wells, 90.06 Violations and 90.07 Obedience to rules and regulations.

Ordinance 622—adoption of adding Chapter 153 Geothermal Well Standards.

Resolution 08-119—rescinding Resolution 08-116 regarding temporary fencing along the City Hall's east parking lot.

Resolution 08-120—awarding contract for the FY08-09 Pavement Marking to Gee Asphalt Systems Inc.

Resolution 08-121—awarding and approving 2008 N Center Point Road Asphalt Repairs to L.L. Pelling.

Resolution 08-122—waiving mobile home hook-up inspection fee for FEMA flood related manufactured homes.

Resolution 08-123—rescinding Resolution 08-107 and replace with Resolution 08-123 to allow Hiawatha Committee Chamber dollars to be donated to Job & Small Business Recovery Fund for flood recovery and the 1,800 students for the use of back to school supplies, clothing, shoes and other necessary items.

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Applications for Volunteer Firefighters and EMT's now being accepted

The Hiawatha Volunteer Fire Department is now taking applications for Volunteer Firefighters and EMT's.

Are you interested in helping your community? Do you enjoy learning about new things? Are you up for both the physical and mental challenge of being a volunteer firefighter? Do you want to be part of a great team? The FD is hosting a recruitment open house on Sunday, August 17th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Find out about the requirements and the challenges of being a part of the Hiawatha Fire Department. For more information call 393-4180.

Here are some common questions that I receive about being a volunteer firefighter.

Q: The last you reported, you had over 45 members on the fire department. With so many members, why are you recruiting?

A: We respond to over 700 calls a year and try to spread the work out across every member. We are also trying to be proactive: we occasionally lose some members to job and life changes. By being proactive in our recruiting, we can be sure to have enough members to answer each call.

Q: You have paid firefighters now. Why do you need volunteers?

A: We have a very small paid staff and those positions are focused on support of the volunteer members and handling calls when fewer members are available. Even as we will add more full time firefighters and paramedics, volunteers will continue to play an important part of our team for some time.

Q: What is required of volunteers?

A: In town firefighters, which we are recruiting now, will need to go through an "academy". It will be on a certain day of a week for about 16 weeks. During that time new recruits will learn about firefighting and enough information to stay safe and be able to function at a fire under a more experienced person's guidance. Following that, we have training twice a month, on the second Sunday and the fourth Tuesday, both at 7pm for about 3 hours.

Q: There seems to be people at the fire station all the time. Do I have to be there all the time?

A: No. People who live in or close to Hiawatha can be on call from home. You are on call for medicals and minor calls one night a week, and one weekend out of five. Of course, all members are expected to respond to any major call, as long as it doesn't put their own family or job in jeopardy. We also have people who live as far away as Marion or Kirkwood. They are usually the ones you see "hanging out". The fire station is a pretty social place; some people just choose to hang around when they are on duty.



City Projects

Pavement Striping Contract

The Council received and reviewed three (3) bids for the FY08-09 Pavement Markings Contract, which includes 17 crosswalks, four (4) RR crossings, 22 stop bars, all turn lands and center lines, dividers and shoulder stripes. This contract was awarded to Gee Asphalt Systems Inc., of Cedar Rapids at a cost of \$10,330.00 for each application of all city centerlines, dividers, and shoulder stripes, along with other striping and costs associated as submitted in bid proposal for the three (3) year period beginning in 2008.