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Summer Fun

Do you ever wonder who makes fun happen at Guthridge Park in Hiawatha? We do!

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department provides a summer day camp for children entering grades kindergarten through the 8th. The day camp includes Playground, Tot-lot, and Youth in Parks with three separate sessions throughout the summer

On Wednesday, July 1st, Summer day camp staff put together a picnic lunch at Guthridge Park to celebrate the Fourth of July. With children presenting information on a president they had researched to their parents and City Hall guests. The Hiawatha firefighters helped grill out for this event.

Also attending this grand event were three special guests from City Hall: Mayor, Tom Theis; City Administrator, Gary Rogers and City Clerk, Kim Downs.

The 53 children enjoyed spending the afternoon with their parents, meeting important city figures, and celebrating our country's Independence day.



Left: Mayor Theis and Tot Lot Children



Right: Mayor Theis and Playground Children

Water Department—Iron Plant Improvements

The Water Department has completed the addition to the Iron Removal plant on Boyson Road. Streets, Parks, Water Department staff along with Loren Leach; our project engineer, all worked hard toward the completion of this project.



The new addition will house a water testing lab and control room for our water system. The old water lab area will be used as a meter shop for testing and repairing water meters.

City Staff completed most of the work along with special help from the following local businesses: Hawkeye Electric, Foreman Ford Glass Company, Aluminum Seamless Gutter Service, Decorative Concrete of Iowa, and Peck's Green Thumb Nursery Inc. The project was completed under budget with a total cost of \$36,000.

Hiawatha Fire Department Annual Report, New Fire Truck and MegaCode Kelly

The Fire Department just ended its 2009 fiscal year, with another busy year for both the Fire Department and Ambulance service. Together, the two services responded to 847 calls. This is up 22% from the year before. Since 2005, the Fire Department/Ambulance service has seen a 60% increase in calls for service. While 80% of the calls continue to be medical calls, the operation of the ambulance service has allowed us to generate revenue to offset the increased cost of delivering the services. It's also allowed us to place paid staff at the fire station during the daytime, improving both service and response times.

As a breakdown, in the last year, 694 calls were medical or rescue, 36 calls were related to fires or explosions, 22 were related to other hazardous conditions, such as fuel spills, hazardous materials leaks, power line problems or carbon monoxide, 37 were public service calls, and 58 were false alarms, either malfunctions or "mistaken identity calls". While it appears that we have very few fire calls, please realize that many calls start out being "fires" and end up being something else, for example arcing wires.

We responded to 664 calls inside the city limits, and 33 calls in adjoining Monroe Township. We responded to 56 mutual aid calls to other fire departments. With the flood, the Benton Linn Ambulance service out of Palo had to cease operations so we continue to assist our friends in Palo and Shellsburg with the ambulance service, responding 94 times last year.

While we added paid staff the last year, volunteers continue to be at the core of our service model. The average firefighter responded to 158 calls in the last year. Firefighters also put in 10,542 documented hours in training and support activities this year. Additionally, volunteer firefighters put in 9777 hours of documented, unpaid, station stand-by time. Overall, the average firefighter puts in anywhere between 4-8 hours a week in training, responding, and other FD related activities. If you do the math, you realize that they are leaving their families three times a week to care for their neighbors.

Some of the major accomplishments of the past fiscal year include:

- The addition of Andy Sweeney, as a full time Deputy Chief of EMS, who oversees the operation of the ambulance service.

- The addition of eight volunteer firefighters and EMT's

- Improving Hiawatha's ISD insurance rating from a class 5 to a class 4.

- Ranking highest in the state for fundraising for MDA.

- Helping with successful Floodfest relief effort

- Hosting the annual Holiday Parade and visit from Santa at the fire station.

- Hosting the annual Father Daughter Dance at the Hiawatha Community Center.

- Providing a quality Fire and Ambulance Service



The Hiawatha Fire Department thanks the citizens of Hiawatha and the surrounding areas for their support.

New Fire Truck

Hiawatha residents will soon see a new fire rescue truck around town. On July 2, the Fire Department took delivery of a new Rescue Engine from Pierce Manufacturing, of Appleton, Wisconsin. The new truck, which is valued at \$549,000 will replace two aging pieces of equipment, a 23 year old pumper that was purchased in 1986 and a 16 year old rescue truck purchased in 1993. By combining the functions of two trucks into one, the Fire Department is able to improve it's efficiency. The Fire Department was also able to save money by combining two trucks into one.

The new truck has the same capabilities as both the old pumper and the old rescue. It carries 750 gallons of water, 30 gallons of foam, and can pump 1500 gallons of water per minute. It also has a system for filling firefighters air cylinders and a 20KW generator. It has a full set of rescue equipment, and seats six firefighters. Additionally, we were able to add some scene lighting equipment, which will improve safety at fire grounds. The new truck is loaded with new safety features including better seat belts, airbags, and roll protection. The new truck will provide a safer and a more efficient firefighting tool, and will carry all the equipment necessary to handle the basic fire and rescue calls.

Currently the firefighters are in the process of installing equipment and training on the new truck. Each person who drives and operates the truck must undergo orientation training and complete a certification process. The Fire Department hopes to have the truck responding to calls by August 1, 2009.

MegaCode Kelly

The Hiawatha Fire Department was recently awarded a Rural Health Care Endowment Grant from the St. Luke's Health Care Foundation. The Fire Department requested funding for a MegaCode Kelly Automated Training Manikin. On May 29th they notified us that we had won an award of \$4,615.62 to be placed toward the purchase of a MegaCode Kelly advanced training manikin. The best way to describe this is as a "really fancy CPR manikin". This manikin allows us to practice a number of skills, from taking a pulse, starting IV's and the use of advanced airways and chest decompression techniques. You can feel for a pulse, listen to lung sounds, and defibrillate at full power. The manikin will make noise, moan, scream, or even answer yes or no. Trainers are able to create computer simulations, allowing EMT's to respond to specific signs and symptoms in real time. This manikin will improve our ability to train all of our medical personnel, allowing us to meet our goal of delivering great patient care.

The cost for the Manikin was \$9,906.89. The grant funding was \$4,615.62. The difference was made up with other donations, Local Option Sales Tax, and operating fund money. Pictured are Fire Medic Lonni Koch and EMS Deputy Chief Andy Sweeney, who are practicing advanced patient management skills in the back of an ambulance.



Right Of Way—It is more than the Street!

The Right-of-Way (ROW) includes the street, terrace, sidewalk, and a one foot strip of land between the sidewalk, home and/or business.

The uses of the ROW is limited to public purposes. The uses include transportation, utilities, mail systems, street, street trees and the like.

The City of Hiawatha, like most every city in America, does not allow private use of the ROW by adjoining property owners. The City has specific prohibitions regarding car washing, playing, parking, excavation, or posting of signage in the ROW.

If you have a question regarding the use of ROW or any Community Development concerns, you can call Mark Powers at (319) 393-1515 extension 229 or Gary Rogers at (319) 393-1515 extension 526.

Hog Wild Days Summary

The 26th annual Hog Wild Days was filled with the usual fun and excitement this event is known for. Our traditional parade had over 200 entries. We had 12 vendors from funnel cakes to strawberry smoothies, carnival rides for the children to enjoy and music at nighttime entertainment. Families enjoyed a wonderful fireworks display on Monday night that lit up the sky. Several events were held and the winners of each of those events are as follows:

Junior Miss Hiawatha	Stefanie Hansen
Runner-up Miss Hiawatha	Sarah Hansen
Karaoke Contest Winner	Nicole Geary
Karaoke Contest 2nd Place	Dani Rogers
Karaoke Contest 3rd Place	Stephanie Dee
Ping Pong Ball Bike Winner	Kassi Mincey
Ping Pong Ball Bike Winner	Micholas Hansen
Raffle Top Prize Winner	Richard Pierce



There were over 240 participants in the 5K run/walk with the Police Department providing the pace vehicle.

The Hiawatha Lions Club would like to thank the City of Hiawatha and the citizens for their support during Hog Wild Days and thank you for ensuring it's continued success.

Library Sees Circulation Increase Again!

You might think that working in a public library is a nice, quiet job. Think again. Business is booming at the Hiawatha Public Library for a variety of reasons.

First, it is summer and that brings our summer reading programs for patrons of all ages. We have registered 1,197 children, 278 teens, and more than 250 adults for our summer reading programs. In June alone we had 1,045 youth attending library programs. The Hiawatha Public Library circulated 30,497 items in June; 12,643 of those items were from our children's collection and 1,047 were from our young adult collection. The adult collection is being widely used, too. In June, adult circulation was 6,286 and DVD/video circulation was 6,118.

Another reason that we are so busy has to do with the fallout from last year's flood. With the closing of the Cedar Rapids downtown library we gained many new patrons. Before the flood, Hiawatha's circulation accounted for roughly 9% of the total circulation for the Metro Network (Hiawatha, Cedar Rapids, and Marion public libraries.) After the flood we are averaging 16% of the total circulation. We thought things might slow down with the opening of the expanded Cedar Rapids Library at Westdale Mall and the new downtown location. In fact, we have seen no slowdown at all.

The final reason that we are so heavily used is the economy. Libraries across the country see increased patronage whenever there is a recession. More people are using the library to help find employment. In June we served 1,961 patrons who needed Internet access. Our patrons used our nine Internet computers for a total of 1,503 hours, an average of 57.81 hours per day. In addition, our patrons use the library for access to free materials including books, CDs, magazines, DVDs, audio books, and downloadable audio books.

Whatever the reason, we are excited to be able to serve so many community members, and we are pleased that people are flocking to the library. Hopefully, we can accommodate our patrons with a quiet place to read or study, but often we are very busy with all the commotion that brings. Regardless of your needs, we are here to serve you. "Keep 'em coming," we say.

Jeaneal Weeks, Library Director



Council Action Summary

July 1, 2009

Council moved to postpone any action regarding the Medical Director stipend till the next scheduled council meeting, July 15, 2009.

Council moved to accept and place on file the Town Center Master Plan Report.

Council moved to deny the request allowing RV's and campers to reside within mobile home parks.

Resolution 09-097—Authorizing the City to enter into a settlement agreement with the owners of the Clark Street Apartments, LLC and to direct the Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

Council moved to set public hearing date of July 15, 2009 to consider amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 30 Police Department deleting §30.08 Departmental Rules.

Council moved to set public hearing date of July 15, 2009 to consider amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking adding the north side of Clark Street from the intersection of 4th Avenue, 270' to the east and only allow for city vehicle parking and the east side of 9th Avenue, from the north side of the intersection with Eisenhower extending south to 50' beyond the intersection.

Council moved to set public hearing date of July 15, 2009 to consider amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.06 Parking Prohibited by adding 19. C. Limited parking to City Hall business or events during normal business hours for both the east and west parking lots.

Council moved to set public hearing date of July 15, 2009 to consider amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.09 Truck Parking Limited by adding campers, mobile homes and boats.

Council moved to set public hearing date of July 15, 2009 to consider applications for voluntary annexation and adjoining roadways as listed.

Council moved to set hearing dates of July 15, 2009 to consider Nuisance & Abatement hearing appeals.

Resolution 09-098—Approving Pay Estimate #2 for Mitchell Drive Pump Station and Force Main Extension/By-Pass project in the amount of \$39,268.19.

Resolution 09-099—Approving (Final) Pay Estimate #4 for the 8th Avenue Watermain and Subdrain Project in the amount of \$93,336.52 to Tschiggfrie Escavating Co. of Dubuque.

July 15, 2009

Resolution 09-101—Approving voluntary annexation applications of Jane Fink Revocable Trust, Rodney & Vicki Saari, Francis J. Pruss, Dell Ridge LLC., Forrest Kramer and the adjoining roadways Loggerhead Road, Todd Hills Road, Hay Lane and includes Interstate 380.

Ordinance #641—Amending Chapter 30 Police Department by deleting §30.08 Departmental Rules.

Ordinance #642—Amending Hiawatha City Code of Ordinance Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 **No Parking adding the north side of Clark Street from the intersection of 4th Ave., 280' to the east and only allow for city vehicle parking and the east side of 9th Ave., from the north side of the intersection w/Eisenhower extending south to 50' beyond the intersection.**

Ordinance #643—Amending Hiawatha City Code of Ordinance Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.06 **Parking Prohibited by adding 19.C.Limited Parking to City Hall business or events during normal business hours for both the east and west parking lots.**

Ordinance #644—Amending Hiawatha City Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.09 **Truck Parking Limited by adding campers, motor homes and boats.**

Resolution 09-102—Amending the Resolution 09-085 and approving the revised FY 09-10 Pay Plan with a 3.75% COLA, to be retroactive to July 1, 2009.

Resolution 09-103—Rescinding Resolution 09-092 and approving the revised FY 09-10 wage & salary schedule beginning July 1, 2009 reflecting a 3.75% increase.

Resolution 09-104—Approving Fire Department Medical Director Stipend increase of 3.75% COLA and to allow for a COLA annually thereafter as set by FY Pay Plan.

Council moved to postpone any action regarding the 5-year Development Agreement with Genesis Wellness Ecosystem, Inc. till further notice.

Council moved to set public hearing date of August 5, 2009 to consider amending Hiawatha UDC adding Storage Site Plan Use I-1 & I-2 Zoning with restrictions.

Council moved to set public hearing date of August 19, 2009 to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 167 Grading, Filling and Erosion Control

Council moved to set public hearing date of August 19, 2009 to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 102 Illicit Discharge §102.02.

Council moved to set public hearing date of August 19, 2009 to consider amending Resolution 07-040 filing & permit fees and Resolution 09-053 setting permit fees.

Resolution 09-105—Authorizing the City staff to proceed with the sale of the 1998 International 4700 single axle dump truck with snow plow and dump box sander.

Resolution 09-106—Authorizing the purchase of additional fire equipment for the new fire truck with an estimated cost of \$7,163.00.

City Projects

Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection/Realignment:

The Department of Transportation is currently reviewing the Concept Statement submitted in May, the City will work with them in the coming months to obtain necessary clearances and proceed with project development.

Heritage Green Creek Maintenance:

Easement documents are being prepared to present to individual land owners in the coming weeks.

Mitchell Drive Pump Station and Force Main Extension/Bypass 2008-Design:

The pump station supplier met with City maintenance staff regarding the control and operation of the station.

2008 Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Project (joint project with Marion):

Televising, line cleaning, and lining work are currently underway.

2009 Northwest Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Extension Project:

Design is currently underway. We plan to have plans for Council's review at the end of the summer.



August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Council 7p.m.	6	7	8
9	10 History 1:30p.m. Board of Adj 6p.m.	11 Parks 6p.m. Library 7p.m.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Water 6:30p.m. @ Iron Plant	19 Council 7p.m.	20	21 Concert in Park—Holiday Road 7p.m.	22
23	24	25 P&Z 6p.m.	26 Senior Evening Dance	27	28	29
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September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Council 7p.m.	3	4	5
6	7	8 Parks 6p.m. Library 7p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14 History 1:30p.m. Board of Adj 6p.m.	15 Water 6:30p.m.	16 Council 7p.m.	17	18 Kids Movie Night 6p.m. TBA	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Placekick, Punt & Kick Competition
27	28	29 P&Z 6p.m.	30			

Walk Sequence

Postal Customer Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

School Time Safety from your Hiawatha Police Department

With school beginning soon, all drivers are urged to "drive safe" and student pedestrians are urged to "be smart" and make safety a priority. Here are some general safety tips:



1. Obey all traffic signals, signs and markings whether walking bicycling or driving.
2. The speed limit in Residential and School zones is 25 miles per hour. You should drive with added caution when children are present.
3. Do not park or stop to unload children in no parking zones or on the roadway. Use the school's designated drop off and pickup zone. This will help cut down on the potential for accidents during periods of congestion.
4. Have your children enter and exit vehicles on the passenger side of the car and only in loading areas or next to the sidewalk when legally parked.
5. Remind your children to look in all directions before crossing the street.
6. Cross the street only in a marked crosswalk or at a corner, not mid block.
7. When riding a bicycle, you should always wear a helmet. If riding on the street, you ride your bike with the flow of traffic.



The Hiawatha Police Department monitors specific areas near Hiawatha and Nixon Elementary schools and violators will be issued citations for unsafe driving.

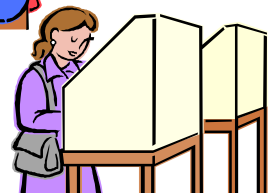
November City Council Elections

OFFICIAL NOTICE:

You will be voting on candidates to fill two City Council seats on the November 3, 2009 ballot.

Hiawatha residents who wish to be candidates for election to a City Council seat must:

1. Pick up the official paperwork at City Hall from City Clerk Kim Downs, (393-1515; cityclerk@hiawatha-iowa.com) and the Linn Co. Auditor's Office.
2. Gather 25 signatures of eligible Hiawatha voters on the official paperwork.
3. File the paperwork at City Hall beginning August 24, 2009 and ending September 17, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

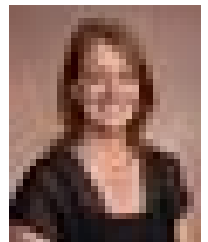


Profiles of all candidates for Hiawatha City Council seats will be included in the October newsletter. Please submit information about yourself, a photo, and a statement explaining the reasons for your candidacy.

Finance Department Report

Once again, your elected officials have done a great job of keeping property taxes stable. This was accomplished by making hard decisions weighing the needs and benefits of projects and services against their associated costs. The tax rate will not change from last year's rate of \$15.31 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable valuation. An owner of a home valued at \$100,000 will pay \$698.16 in taxes to the City of Hiawatha in the next fiscal year.

Hiawatha's tax valuation grew by 1.36% after the state mandated roll-back formula. The main contributing factor is the new residential and commercial/ industrial construction in the community. The quality businesses that have located in Hiawatha continue to be a great asset to our community. In effect, residential property owners pay a lower percentage of total taxes as business development continues to occur. The overall result is a balanced tax base for the community.



Cindy Kudrna

Hiawatha has been able to keep our tax rates reasonably low and stable due to the diligent efforts of your Mayor and Council Members on economic development and fiscal matters. With their continued efforts, Hiawatha will continue to provide taxpayers and best cost-of-living value in the area.