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# Hiawatha Insights

## Hiawatha's Birthday Grand Finale

The 27th Annual Hog Wild Days Parade, held on June 19, 2010, completed our City's 60th birthday celebration with Marvel Clark as the Grand Marshall. Marvel was the wife of our City's founder Fay M. Clark. When asked what Fay would say today about Hiawatha, Marvel simply said "He'd be grinning from ear to ear". The parade was a huge success with 95 entries. The City celebrated our 60th birthday by entering a 60th birthday cake float. The float was a three tiered cake with a five foot birthday candle, stuffed with 8,000 white napkins, marking our City's birthday. The float, creatively designed and constructed by the Hiawatha Water Department, City Staff: Kim Downs, Kelly Kornegor, Anna Ronnebaum, Council Members: Linda Bendixen, Nancy Melsa, and residents Mike and Deb Hook, Brenda Powers and Banacom Signs, who designed the beautiful 60th Birthday banner. Our History Commission: Bev Daws, Don Gable, Edith Wheeler, Clarence Sampson, Roberta Hamdorf, Dick Larson, and Jerry Seifried, proudly rode the float throwing commemorative wooden nickels to spectators, along with the Hiawatha Water Department celebrating their 50th anniversary by passing out water bottles.



Spectators stood proud with their caps off and their hands over their hearts with great respect for our American Legion Post #735 Color Guard and U.S. Marine recruits. We additionally honored our Miss Hiawatha, Katlyn Stephan and Mr. Hiawatha, Patrick Hansen, and Hiawatha's Favorite Grandmother, Blanche Homire.



## Thank You Linda Bendixen & Welcome Bob Wheeler

Effective July 7, 2010, the City Council accepted the resignation of Linda Bendixen. Linda has been a part of the Hiawatha City government with eight years as City Clerk and two and a half years as Council Member. Mayor Theis, Council Members and other Hiawatha teams would like to extend a sincere Thank You to Linda Bendixen for her dedication to the City and it's citizens.



On August 4, 2010 the City Council appointed Bob Wheeler to fill the Council seat vacancy. Bob Wheeler will finish out Linda Bendixen's term, ending January 1, 2012.

Bob Wheeler has lived in Hiawatha since 1954. He and his wife, Donna, have five children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bob worked for the City of Hiawatha as a maintenance employee, part-time police officer and a volunteer firefighter for 29 years. He has also served on City Council from 1978 - 1982 and again from 1987 to 1993.

Bob belongs to the Cedar Valley Detachment #099 of the Marine Corps League and the Hiawatha American Legion Post #735. Welcome Bob!





## Muscular Distrophy Association

Hiawatha Fire will again be hosting a local Muscular Distrophy Association Fill the Boot campaign the weekend before and the weekend of Labor Day 2010. Voluntary Fill the Boot locations include the intersection of Boyson & Robins Road, in front of the Fire Station, Edgewood Road Hy-Vee and Sam's Club. Funds raised support local medical research, equipment loans, medical care and overall support for those impacted with dozens of neuromuscular diseases. Fire fighters across the country have supported MDA through Fill the Boot for many decades.

"MDA provides critical care, equipment and emotional support to those impacted with neuromuscular diseases," said Josh Holland, campaign co-chair and Hiawatha Fire volunteer. "Our family has seen firsthand the forever impact of MDA during our uncle's battle with the horrors of ALS."

**Thanks to the generous residents of and visitors to our city,** Hiawatha is often among the top three volunteer departments in the state in terms of Fill the Boot success each year. Hiawatha Fire volunteers and their families will give nearly 150 hours of time to Fill the Boot in 2010. Since 2007, Hiawatha Fire Fill the Boot campaign has raised more than \$37,500 for those who MDA serves.

## Is Your Sump Pump Correctly Hooked Up?

Homeowners have commonly used sump pumps to battle moisture and flooding in their basements and crawl spaces in their homes. If the pump discharge is correctly hooked to the storm drain systems or pumps water back to your yard (at least 15 feet from the street) then your sump pump is correctly connected. Water from sump pumps should **NOT** be discharged to the sanitary sewer system and must be directed away from hard surfaces.

### The Problems with Cross Connections

If your sump pump is connected to the sanitary sewer system, it is called a cross connection. This is usually seen as a hose leading to a laundry tub, floor drain, or hooked directly into your plumbing system. Any water that drains in your house leads to the sanitary sewer system and must be treated before being released back to the environment.

### Why You Should Care

This is affecting you and other Hiawatha citizens wallet's. The City of Hiawatha must pay for treatment of any water that is directed to the sanitary sewer system. Illegal hook ups and rainy season infiltration increases in the amount of water that needs to be treated.

The water that is in the sanitary sewer system is measured for flow quantity in the pipe and the City pays for the flow generated within Hiawatha. This amounts to approximately \$115,000 extra to treat clean water for last year and would relate to the City having a population of 8500 citizens.

If you have questions regarding proper connections for your sump pump and other storm water issues, please contact the Community Development Department at (319) 393-1515.



## August at the Hiawatha Public Library

It's been a record breaking summer at the Hiawatha Public Library! In the month of June alone, we checked out over 33,832 items, in comparison to June 2009, when we checked out 30,497, an increase of a little over 3,300! We also hit another milestone on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, when we had 806 patrons come through our doors in one day! Whew!

Our summer programs have been a huge hit! Here are some photo's of the Teen Luau, Sushi Making for Teens and finally, Watercolors with Joyce.





## Parks & Recreation Updates

### Tot-Lot, Playground & Youth in Parks

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 grade. The day camp includes Tot-Lot, Playground, and Youth in the Parks with three separate sessions throughout the summer.

On Friday, July 2, 2010, summer day camp staff had a picnic lunch at Guthridge Park to celebrate the Fourth of July. Over 40 children enjoyed spending the afternoon with their parents and celebrating our country's Independence Day. Thank you to our Mayor Tom Theis, for attending this event, as well as the Hiawatha firefighters that assisted with grilling.



### Friends of the Parks and Recreation

A Friends of the Parks and Recreation group is being started in Hiawatha. The mission will be to develop, enhance and support the public parks, open spaces, and community recreational programs and facilities for the benefit of the citizens of Hiawatha. The preliminary members of this organization have already started organizing:

HIBRAI: August 28-29, 2010 - Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa

Playing for Keeps: October 2, 2010 - a fundraising event for summer children's programs

Please contact Britta Zweibohmer at 393-1063 or email [brittaz@hotmail.com](mailto:brittaz@hotmail.com) for more information.

### HIBRAI

The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation will hold an 8th annual *Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa*. This will be a 140 mile - 2 day trip to Tama's Meskwaki Hotel and Casino. Riders will have access to fully stocked rest stops along this scenic route. The Ride will begin in Guthridge Park Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 7:00 a.m.; return from Tama will be Sunday, August 29, 2010.

Overnight riders will have the opportunity to experience several diverse amenities including a Prime Rib buffet, outdoor Rock Jam concert, and several other forms of entertainment and food. Registration fee is \$30 dollars (plus hotel cost - camping is available). Registration forms are available on our website at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com). For additional information, please contact Liz Goater or Angie Cole at (319) 393-1515.

### Keep Cool in the Shade

Four shade panels have been installed at Guthridge Park to provide shade around the splashpad. The panels were purchased from Shade Creations of Waterloo. Funding for this equipment was allocated through the Local Option Sales Tax funds. The Panels will be removed during the winter months to extend the life-time of the shades. Enjoy!



## Parks & Recreation Department Introduces.....

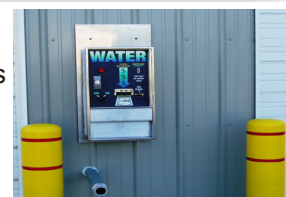
Liz Goater was raised in the Cedar Rapids/Marion area; graduating from Linn-Mar High School in 1998. She attended Kirkwood and obtained an Associates degree in Business Administration followed by Mount Mercy College, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business with a minor in Human Resource Management. Liz has gained additional knowledge and experience since graduation in the customer service, marketing, sales, and web design fields. Previously she worked for the City of Marion, including independent projects for the Marion Parks and Recreation department where she expanded her knowledge of city planning and practices.



Liz is very excited about her new role as the Recreation Coordinator. She is eager to apply her knowledge and creativity in marketing Hiawatha's programs, as well as enhance our recreational programs and special events.

## Bulk Water Sales

Hiawatha Water Department is now offering the sale of bulk water. The bulk water station is available on the west end of the Public Works building at 1410 Robins Road. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and the cost is \$1.00 per 100 gallons of water payable in \$1 bills or quarters. No change will be given if the wrong amount is placed in the machine. Directions on how to use the machine are posted at the bulk water site. If you should have any questions regarding the bulk water station, please contact the water office at (319) 393-5556.



## Council Action

July 7, 2010

**Ordinance 670 - Approve rezoning of property at 1905 North Center Point Road AG (Agriculture) to I-1 (Restricted Industrial).**

**Resolution 10-156 - Adopt Preliminary Assessment for Third Ave from Marion St to Clark St Pavement Reconstruction Special Assessment Process with Amendment.**

**Resolution 10-157 - Placing plans, specs, form of contract, directing publication of notice to bidders for Third Ave from Marion St to Clark St Pavement Reconstruction Special Assessment Process.**

**Resolution 10-158 - Approve Final Plat for Sherman Square Sixth Addition.**

**Resolution 10-159 - Setting public hearing date of July 21, 2010 to consider placing plans, specs, form of contract, estimate of cost and direct publication of notice to bidders for 2010 Litchfield Dr and Boyson Rd Drain Tile Project.**

**Resolution 10-160 - Issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 Midwestern Disaster Area Revenue Bonds Series 2010.**

**Resolution 10-161 - Setting public hearing date of July 21, 2010 to consider approving, adopting and placing on file Hiawatha's 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update.**

**Resolution 10-162 - Authorize Mayor to vote for Option Number 1 on Connection 2040 Plan at July 15, 2010 Corridor MPO.**

**Resolution 10-163 - Authorize Mayor to sign Water Service Chapter 28E Agreement between Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha.**

**Resolution 10-164 - Authorize Police Reserve Officer Rob Archibald to carry a weapon.**

**Resolution 10-165 - Authorize Hiawatha City Clerk to participate in Mentoring Program with another city.**

**Resolution 10-167 - Approve purchase of seven (7) vehicle docking stations for tablet computers from Mobile Demand in amount not to exceed \$5,500.**

**Resolution 10-168 - Approve donation of old turnout gear and defibrillator to needy agencies.**

**Resolution 10-169 - Approve purchase of six (6) sets of Firefighter Turnout Protective Gear at cost not to exceed \$10,000.**

July 21, 2010

**Resolution 10-070 - Placing plans, specs, form of contract, estimate of cost on file for 2010 Litchfield Drive and Boyson Road Drain Tile Project.**

**Resolution 10-071 - Approve, adopt and place on file the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update dated May 26, 2010.**

**Resolution 10-072 - Setting public hearing date of August 4, 2010 to consider proposed plans, specs, form of contract, cost on file and directing publication of notice to bidders for Third Ave St Pavement Reconstruction Project from Marion St. to Clark St.**

**Resolution 10-073 - Approve sidewalk deferment along North Center Point Rd frontage adjacent to property located at 1905 North Center Point Rd as requested by CCB Packaging Inc.**

**Resolution 10-074 - Authorize purchase of a Code Enforcement (Firehouse) Software System "CodePal" for the Community Development Department and Fire Department tablet computers from Sybotech of Springfield, IL in amount not to exceed \$9,791.50.**



## Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department finalized a new Comprehensive Plan for 2010-2011. The planning process took five months and included surveys, public meetings, and many meetings with the Hiawatha Park and Recreation Commission. The purpose of the plan is to provide general policy direction regarding park and open space planning and maintenance.

Primary objectives included:

- Inventory and analyze existing park facilities and recreational programs
- Document significant natural resource features within the community
- Identify and prioritize improvements to existing park facilities
- Recommend appropriate locations for new park facilities, recreational trails, special use facilities, and community green ways.

Some key recommendations noted from the plan include:

- Land acquisition for facilities where the City is growing and where existing residents are underserved by the City Parks.
- Guthridge Park - additional pavilion, improve ball diamonds
- Tucker Park - add basketball court
- Fay M. Clark Memorial Park - plant native prairie grass to add to disc golf course, add lights around trails, small water feature
- Begin a Community Recreation Center/Pool Feasibility Study

To review the full plan, please go to [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com) under News.



# AUGUST 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Farmers Market 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Council 7pm	5	6	7
8 Farmers Market 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	9 Board of Adj. 7p.m.	10 Library 7p.m.	11 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	12 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	13	14
15 Farmers Market 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	16 History 1:30 p.m.	17 Water 6:30 p.m.	18 Council 7pm	19	20 Concert in Park & Volunteer Appreciation Picnic	21
22 Farmers Market 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	23	24	25 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	26 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	27	28 HiBRAI
29 HiBRAI Farmers Market 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	30 P&Z 6p.m.	31				

# SEPTEMBER 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Council 7pm	2	3	4
5 Farmers Market 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	6	7	8 Parks 5:30 p.m. Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	9 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	10	11
12 Farmers Market 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	13 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7p.m.	14 Library 7p.m.	15 Senior Evening Dance Council 7pm	16	17	18
19 Farmers Market 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	20	21 Placekick, Punt & Throw Competition Water 6:30 p.m.	22 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	23 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	24 Kids Movie Night 6:30pm Movie: TBA	25
26 Farmers Market 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	27 P&Z 6p.m.	28	29	30		

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## Introducing Hiawatha Businesses...

### Home Town Restyling

Home Town Restyling, 1205 N Center Point Road, Hiawatha, is proud to be a part of the City of Hiawatha since 1986. Now over 24 years later, we have grown from a small company to a company nationally recognized. Home Town Restyling offers quality products, installation with trained employee labor and provides service after the sale. One of the added consumer benefits is that they provide a showroom where the public can visit and view full-size displays and samples. They started their business focusing on windows, doors, siding, and sunrooms. Home Town Restyling is now a full service remodeling company including kitchen and bath remodels and room additions. They can be located on the web at [www.hometownrestyling.com](http://www.hometownrestyling.com). Business hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Sat 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



### New Horizons Computer Learning Center

New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Cedar Rapids, 1850 Boyson Road, Hiawatha, is the leading provider of learning solutions for Information Technology, PC Desktop Applications, Project Management, Business Skills, and Healthcare Information Management training. They specialize in integrated learning models that increase knowledge retention and the ability to apply what is learned on the job. Whether you are searching for an answer for the complex training needs of large, multi-location business, or an individual seeking the skills to excel in a new or blossoming career path, New Horizons is the ideal learning solution partner. They can be located on the web at [www.newhorizonscr.com](http://www.newhorizonscr.com). Business hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



## Hiawatha Welcomes Eastern Iowa's Largest Internet Company!

On July 8, 2010, Hiawatha officially welcomed Go Daddy, the world's largest Web hosting provider and #1 domain name registrar to 1 Parsons Drive. The Grand Opening included Go Daddy employees and human resource staff, along with local dignitaries and reporters. Go Daddy President and COO Warren Adelman and Iowa's own Lt. Governor Patty Judge were on hand to "cut the ribbon." During the event, Hiawatha Mayor Tom Theis welcomed Go Daddy to Hiawatha and presented Mr. Adelman with a proclamation, declaring Go Daddy, "Eastern Iowa's Largest Internet Company."



Go Daddy chose to expand in Hiawatha to keep up with the company's tremendous growth and leverage Iowa's employment pool, made of up hard-working people with a passion for technology. Go Daddy CEO and Founder Bob Parsons has roots in Hiawatha-the new office is the same building that housed Parsons Technology, Mr. Parsons' first business, some 15 years ago. Go Daddy is looking to fill dozens of positions immediately and expects to hire up to 150 more over the next year.

## New Hiawatha Reserve Police Officer

On July 16, 2010, Mayor Theis swore-in Rob Archibald as the Hiawatha Police Department's fifth Reserve Police Officer. Reserve Police Officers have similar training and certifications as full-time officers and carry out many of the same duties.

The addition of a Reserve Police Officer will certainly contribute to the safety and well being of our community.

February, March, April, May, and June traffic contacts in conjunction with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Grant: Accidents: 31 Property Damage Only

Operating While Intoxicated (OWI): 102 Contacts 28 Arrests  
Seatbelt/Child Restraint: 64 Speeding: 365

Following an increase in the reportable accidents in December and January, we now have a marked *decrease* in reportable accidents for the stated period. Increased speed contacts and driver awareness of vehicle speed contributed to this decrease. In keeping injury accidents low your attention to seatbelt usage remains critical and must continue to be a priority while you travel. Please drive safely.

