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Insights

Hiawatha Fun Fest!

August 24-25th, 2018

FRIDAY

6-9pm Dirt Road Rockers Band
9-11pm Movie Under the Moon (voted on in July)



SATURDAY

8am	5K Fireman's Run	
8am-10am	HiCREW Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	
11am-8pm	Food and Beverage Vendors	
11am-12pm	Hiawatha Parade	
12pm-8pm	Activities for Kids & Adults	
	Hiawatha Library Craft and Story Time	12pm-3pm
	Children's festival games	12pm-4pm
	Face Painting	12pm-5pm
	Rock Wall/Army Vehicles- National Guard	12pm-5pm
	Trackless Train	12pm-5pm
	Hiawatha Kids League/5 Seasons Heating and Cooling	
	Inflatable's	12pm-7pm
	Euro Bungee and Zip line	12pm-7pm
	Kids Tractor Pull 3:00pm registration, 4:00pm start time.	
	Clark Park Glow in the Dark Disc Golf Tournament 7:30pm	



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12--9 Entertainment

Community Entertainment
12pm-2pm
(CR Spirits, CRAG Gymnastics, Marion Music Academy, Dancers Edge, and Westside Music and Dance)
Hanson Family Jugglers 2:30pm-3:10pm
Eastern Iowa Arts Academy 3:30pm-5:30pm
Past Masters 6pm-9pm
Fireworks at Dusk!!! 9:00pm-9:30pm



All Fun Fest activities promote our local non profits!

Come join the fun!

Guthridge Park—704 Emmons Street, Hiawatha, IA



Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) Held Their Seventh Annual “State of the City”



Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) Chair Kyle Kunz welcomed approximately 200 attendees to their seventh annual “State of the City” on July 12 held at our Hiawatha Kirkwood Regional Center on Boyson Road.

HEDCO Chair Kyle Kunz presented their 2018 Annual Report highlighting networking events, business success stories, company spotlights and expanded investment campaigns. 100% of the dollars raised goes back into the Hiawatha community promoting business retention, expansion and new development initiatives.

Following HEDCO’s annual report Mayor Bennett highlighted the city’s 2017 successes, challenges, and opportunities through a question and answer segment. Hiawatha’s strategic priorities reflect due diligence and commitment. Priorities:

- Lowering of property taxes - in this fiscal year, city council lowered the levy rate from \$15.41 per \$1,000 to \$15.20 without jeopardizing city services. Mayor Bennett stated, “We did this through manipulating employee benefits and our city’s growth of 7% made it doable.”
- Leading planned growth - The 2036 Comprehensive Plan sets guidelines based on public participation providing a direction for city council and staff.
- Leading the efforts in communicating the continued need for the Tower Terrace Interchange by staying in front of the Iowa Department of Transportation and our metro communities and to ensure the FY22 construction of the Tower Terrace Interchange stays intact.
- Leading and incentivizing the redevelopment of city land near and around the Emmons Street/Robins/Center Point Road is one of the city’s top priorities for 2018. Citizens will see movement on this yet this year.
- Lastly, sustainability initiatives of storm water and green energy continue to be top of mind as well as continued transportation improvements.

Mayor Bennett reflected on the city’s growth both residential and commercial. Hiawatha’s projected population growth in the next 10 years will be nearly 10,000; the city’s current population is approximately 7,200. “These numbers are certainly a reflection of our economic development growth and future outlook,” stated Mayor Bennett. “Just in our 2018 construction outlook we are adding 184,345 square feet of commercial buildings with an estimated value of \$22,847,528.00.” The construction development also retains 93 full time employees, 20 part time employees and creates another 124 full time employees and 25 part time. 2018 could surpass 2017 commercial growth of almost \$55 million. Mayor Bennett also highlighted continued residential growth with another 50 acres west of Edgewood and along Todd Hills Road. This residential development will consist of 90 additional lots. This subdivision will add to the other three subdivisions with lots totaling close to 300 roof tops.

With successes comes challenges and added opportunities. Regionalism in a metro community presents itself with both. First, the opportunity Mayor Bennett spoke of was the regional work being done by our metro communities with Hiawatha being the lead in moving the Tower Terrace Interchange forward. “Our continued efforts will ensure the success of a much needed project within our community and to all of those along Tower Terrace Road from I-380 to Highway 13. It touches us all, Cedar Rapids, Marion, Robins and Linn County,” said Mayor Bennett. The Iowa Department of Transportation has officially included the interchange in its five year construction plan and preliminary design work is being completed now. The metro group will present to the Iowa Department of Transportation in October to update the commissioners with new information and developments. Current challenges and opportunities the city faces are sustainability of our metro transportation system and the promotion of creating a joint jurisdictional emergency dispatch program that has potential to improve the quality of services and long-term could be a cost saving measure. “Only a crystal ball can predict where these two will land,” said Mayor Bennett.

A trivia question was posed to those in attendance asking, “It has been said the City of Hiawatha grows during the day. What does that mean?” Interestingly the City of Hiawatha has 350 plus active businesses throughout its community. 14,841 people come in and out each day. 3,470 leave Hiawatha for work; with 10,711 who stay or come into our community to work. 20,000 vehicles alone enter Hiawatha at the Boyson Road Interchange.

The City’s 2018 Projects were highlighted and consists of the following:

- Hiawatha Library Remodel and Expansion
- Edgewood Road north white topping road construction
- Redevelopment and creation of the City’s Village Center concept
- Future Park Facilities in the northern quadrant of the city, and
- Robins Road Overlay and future roadway study from Boyson Road south to Chaffee



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Hiawatha Council Action

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained on-line at www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/ or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

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The city also celebrated a recent award from the Iowa Community, Attraction and Tourism grant in the amount of \$468,877 adding to the successful fundraising efforts of the library remodel and expansion project. The city plans to notify bidders in August and award bids in September. Estimating a one year construction project. Recently, the city added 13 acres of projected park land adjacent to Tucker Park and another 18 acres off of our Edgewood Road north for future development of walking/biking trails and other amenities to enhance the future residential development. City officials will be setting a public hearing date to sell all city owned land near and around the Emmons Street/Robins Road/Center Point Roads to a developer(s) promoting multi-family, assisted/independent living and another 75,000 square feet of retail and commercial space in the short coming weeks.

Mayor Bennett spoke briefly of the city's fiscal performance. Hiawatha is an A1 bonding community with a long-term history of balanced budgets and satisfactory reserves. The city is in a position to maintain a healthy financial portfolio due to its on growing tax base and regional economy. The city's number one revenue is through property taxes at 61% of their revenue budget and their number one expenditure is public safety at almost 50%. The city ended their 2018 fiscal year end budget with expenditures at \$4,262,853 and took in \$4,775,021 of general fund revenues.

Lastly, Mayor Bennett thanked HEDCO for the opportunity to share Hiawatha successes and its future projections along with thanking our event sponsors Alliant Energy and ITC and all city staff. "Without the great city staff we have, my job would not be as easy." "They are great people and I am thankful to be working with them."

Edgewood Road Paving Project Completed

The paving project with Linn County Engineering to construct Edgewood Road from County Home Road to the south city limits is now completed. The Contractor, Horsfield Construction, started work on June 11 and has the project substantially complete with the exception of punch list items.



The next few weeks, the contractor will be working on these clean-up items in order to get the project ready for final acceptance. The City and Linn County are jointly preparing the required ordinances to change the posted speed limit on the roadway to a 35mph limit. As this area develops, the 35mph limit is more appropriate for an urban area.

For further information, contact the City Engineer at jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com.

Emmons Street Reconstruction Project 2018 Nears Completion

Phase II of the removal and replacement of two sections of Emmons Street is now complete. The street remains closed as the final construction of the trail and drives are finished. The detour is established on 4th Avenue and Willman Street.



The phase I project, the area between 9th Avenue and 10th Avenue, is completed and open to traffic. The contractor, Rathje Construction from Marion, is ahead of schedule and should be done with the work before the anticipated completion date in late August.

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August Calendar

- 01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 05 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 08 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 12 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 13 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 14 Parks Commission Meeting 6:15 PM
- 14 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 24 Hiawatha Fun Fest (24th & 25th!)
- 26 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 27 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

September Calendar

- 02 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 03 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 05 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
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Cupcakes for K9

On Friday, July 13, 2018 That One Cupcake Place on North Center Point Road in Hiawatha generously hosted a “Cupcakes for K9” cupcake sale to benefit the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit. This event has been very popular with the community the past two years. The owners of That One Cupcake Place, John and Teresa Pinkerton, first offered to host this event as their way to donate a sponsorship for the K9 Golf Outing that the Hiawatha PD K9 Unit hosts annually in August. The cupcake sale is a great compliment to the golf outing because it provides a quick, easy, and delicious opportunity for community members to make a valuable donation to the K9 Unit.

That One Cupcake Place made four different cupcakes this year; The Puppy Chow, CopCake, Vanilla Latte, and Chocolate Donut Pancakes and Bacon. The cupcakes sold for \$5 each and all of the proceeds were donated to the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit. The sale went from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and there was a line at the door when they opened for business. Several patrons who came into the business to purchase their own favorite flavors of cupcakes chose to provide a monetary donation to the K9 Unit Tip Jar.

K9 Handler, Officer Erik Naaktgeboren, and his K9 partner RESO, were at the event from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. People were able to ask questions about RESO, the K9 Unit, the Golf Outing, and most kids stopped to pet and have their picture taken with RESO. We were thrilled to see the steady flow of customers all day. That One Cupcake Place wished to keep the final donation amount private, but they were able to double their donation from last year. Thanks to Teresa, John, and all the employees at That One Cupcake Place for their hard work on Friday and their generous support of the HPD K9 Unit.



The Campaign to Renovate and Expand
the Hiawatha Public Library

approved by 76% of Hiawatha voters in a referendum in November 2017. The library campaign committee raised the remaining \$2 million to make this project a reality.

**Hiawatha Library Remodel and Expansion Project
Reaches its Fundraising Goals!**

We are excited to announce that the Hiawatha Public Library has reached its \$2 million fundraising goal to expand and renovate the library! This project will add 13,457 square feet to the existing 8,543 square feet resulting in a 22,000 square foot building. The project cost is \$4.133 million with the City of Hiawatha providing \$1 million in Local Option Sales and Service Tax and up to \$1.2 million in bonding

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Thank you to the many citizens, businesses, civic organizations, government agencies, and foundations for contributing to our success by donating to the project. The final \$468,887.00 came as an Enhance Iowa award from the Iowa’s Economic Development Authority. Enhance Iowa provides grant funds to assist projects that provide recreational, cultural, entertainment and educational attractions, as well as sports tourism. The funds help communities create transformational projects that enhance the vitality of a region and the state overall.

Special thanks to the Hiawatha City Council for structuring the city’s financial support so that citizens face no increase in taxes. Thanks, also, to our patrons for patience with us as we worked to accommodate the growth in our usage and in our services. The library board and the expansion steering committee worked very hard to advocate for the library, to tell our story, and to bring awareness to libraries and our place in the community. Finally, thanks to the library staff for providing great service to our patrons and for trusting that we would reach our goal.

The **Vision of the Hiawatha Public Library** is to provide the members of our community with access to information, which can improve their minds, broaden their lives, and fulfill their cultural, civic, intellectual, educational, and recreational needs.

The **Mission of the Hiawatha Public Library** is to improve the quality of life by making the library a comfortable and welcoming place for the entire community, by providing resources and programs that stimulate the imagination, and by providing resources and programs that foster the creation of young readers.

“Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities.” - R. David Lankes

The Hiawatha Public Library aspires to be great!

Hiawatha Water Department Hires New Staff

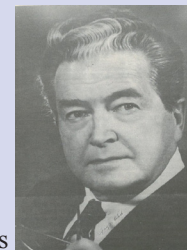
Logan Perkins has been hired on with the Hiawatha Water Department as an Operator I. In Logan's prior positions, he worked for the Wisconsin DNR in a fish hatchery for five years and as a Lab Technician for Quaker Oats for the past year and a half. He enjoys fishing, hunting and spending time with friends and family. Welcome Logan!



Hiawatha History Commission Presents

July 12 was the birthday of Hiawatha founder Fay Clark! Clark, who passed away in 1991, would be 111 years old today.

In 1950, Clark and another 45 residents petitioned the Linn County District Court to become the 17th incorporated town in Linn County. The town would be named after Clark's trailer company. The Hiawatha was the first house trailer commercially manufactured in the United States.



Northwest Land Purchase for New Park Development

The Parks and Recreation Department is happy to announce the purchase of 18 acres for a new park development on the NW side of town! This acreage can be found off of Edgewood Road and Fitzroy Road between the new developments of Pines of Turtle Creek and Dell Ridge. The City will be asking for community input as the development stages begin. We are excited to offer more outdoor opportunities for our residents in the coming years.

Another Good Neighbor Policy: Fences

The City of Hiawatha regulates fences in an effort to maintain neighborhood utility easement drainage ways and community appearance while respecting individual property rights. The regulations for these structures are found in the building code for structural requirements, the Unified Development Code (UDC) for setbacks and appearance and the City engineering standards when located on or near an easement. As small as these structures are, fences can still cause considerable distress between neighbors.



Fences are as varied as the materials of construction known to man. They can be made of plastic, wood, metal and living plants to name only a few. Fences are built for many varied reason as well: to protect property, screen uses from neighbors and the public, prevent trespass, secure pets or simply as lawn ornamentation.

Regulations apply to all types of fences by addressing specific concerns. In Hiawatha the regulations control height limitations, screening requirements and fence location in relationship to property lines, structures and streets. Fences are divided into two categories based on "opaqueness." *"Opaque" is defined as a structure which blocks or otherwise prevents the passage of light through 50 percent or more of its surface area.*

Of the fences pictured above only the living fence would be considered "opaque." The other fences are considered non-opaque. Opaque fences qualify as screening when required to conceal storage, screen transitional yards or to separate non-compatible uses. Opaque fences are restricted to shorter heights when adjacent to a street since they impede visibility at corners. The general limits for **residential** fences include:

- All fence installations require a building permit.
- Fences in the rear yard and between houses may be six feet in height.
- Fences in front of houses may be:
 - Four feet in height for non-opaque types
 - 30 inches in height for opaque types
- Fences along the side street of a corner lot will vary in height based on location and type.
- Fences are allowed in utility and drainage easements if constructed to allow the free flow of storm water. Fences in an easement damaged in the process of utility maintenance are the responsibility of the owner to repair.
- All fences must be located completely within the owner's property.
- All fences are required to be properly maintained by the owner.

These are only the general regulations for fences. Your local homeowners' association may have additional restrictions for these installations. As an example, some neighborhoods do not allow fences.

It is important to contact your homeowners' association, the Building Department of Hiawatha and call "811" Iowa One Call before you attempt to install a fence or accessory structure.

For more information on fences you may go to the City of Hiawatha website and onto the Community Development page to access our online permit portal for more forms and information: www.hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/community-development/.

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The City of Hiawatha Welcomes Benefit Solutions, Inc. - 1055 Longfellow Drive, Suite B

Benefit Solutions, Inc. has provided group and individual benefit services to clients throughout Iowa since 1985 and most recently expanded into Illinois and Wisconsin. They take pride in their innovative solutions to employee benefit planning.

Their mission statement identifies their exceptional range of services - health, dental, vision and disability insurance plans for the individual consumer, and in that work designs a well-rounded, cost conscious employee group benefit package to fit any industry and any sized company.

The City wishes Benefit Solutions and their team continued success and a bright future in your new location.



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