Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

REPORTS

Parks: We have two more weeks full of rentals. Once school starts, we will start to taper off. Our park seasonals and full-time staff have done a great job, although we always feel behind. There is so much to do with so little time. One of our seasonals will be finished on August 17th to head back to college, which will leave us with one more to help us finish the season. Splash pads will be turned off after Labor Day weekend. We will be resurfacing Guthridge Park splash pad this fall, similar to Tucker Park.

Dog Park: We are making so much progress! This has been an exciting time for the dog park. We recently got our pedestrian bridge installed, will have our first round up application applied next week, and will be seeing fencing installed during the last two weeks of August! Grass seed will be drilled the week after Labor Day which we will let settle until next spring when we see what else needs to be added. We are so excited for the opening in 2020, this has been a project full of questions and hurdles and it will be a great accomplishment on opening day!

Recreation:

- **Pound 2019:** Pound with Trisha will be Wednesday, August 14th at 6pm. Trish will be taking the spot of Tara Allan for the rest of the 2019 year.
- **Whispering Pines Classes:** Bring your own snacks and beverages and learn to paint a mandala at the Hiawatha Community Center. August 21st at 6pm. Fee is $35 - cash or check only. To register text Donita at 319-270-1112
- **Motivational Mondays sponsored by True North**: August 12th – Strong, August 19th – Yoga, August 26th – HIIT, September 2nd – No Class and September 9th – PIYO. All take place in the Community Center at 6pm.
- **Blastball:** Blastball went really well this summer! We had 85 kids who learned the basics of t-ball and had a lot of fun! The weather held out for the whole season, so no make ups were needed!
- **Adventure Camp:** We wrapped up second session and had another successful summer! The staff was great with the kids and handled everything well. We hope some of them will be able to return next summer! There were many parents already asking when registration would open for 2020! This program has taken off over the last 4 years and its all because of the staff leaders that make it fun for the kids.

- **Big Dog in Town:** $1,678 dollars were raised for the Dog Park during the Big Dog in Town contest! Jake, a super friendly and adorable pug, took home the Big Dog in Town title. He looks forward to attending many events to represent his new title. His owner has already done a great job posted to our Facebook page and showing interest in many events to come.

- **Iowa State Fair Bus Trip:** Join us for a trip to the Iowa State Fair! Thursday, August 15th $35 – tickets and bus fare included. Pick up at Hiawatha City Hall at 8am and drop off at Hiawatha City Hall at 7:45pm. We currently have 18 seats left! This will be our biggest year so far and also another partnership with the City of Center Point and the Friends Foundation. We were able to secure an $800 sponsorship from Hiawatha Bank and Trust and Center Point Bank and Trust.

- **Fun Fest:** The 4th Annual Hiawatha Fun Fest was a success! We had a great turn out having the event take place the first week in August compared to the third week. We can't thank all of our nonprofits enough for all their hard work and helping with activities. All the City Departments helped with set up, tear down and being in the parade, we have quite the team here in Hiawatha! Our Friday night concert and laser tag was a huge family success, we will be bringing laser tag back for 2020. Saturdays kids events went very well, and the entertainment brought in larger numbers then any other year! This event has been a good addition to our community with lots of positivity. Kudos to all that helped make this event a success!

- **Touch a Truck:** We handed out over 558 construction hats to kids checking out the tractors, gator, bug, cement truck, garbage truck, school bus, combine, tow truck, ambulance, firetruck and police car this year! This event is one of our easier ones to plan and brings in the most families. It also worked well in conjunction with Fun Fest.

- **HiBRAI:** The 17th year of HiBRAI will take place on August 17-18. We have 120 cyclists ready to ride down to Riverside Casino for the weekend. This this the biggest fundraiser for the Friends Foundation. This event helps cover the costs for Adventure Camp and new park amenities. We are hopeful for beautiful weather and a safe journey for all of our riders.