Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

To:	Park and Recreation Commission
CC:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Kelly Willadsen, Park and Recreation Director
Date:	December 6, 2017
Re:	Park and Recreation Report

Reports:

Kids Movie Night – About 60 people were in attendance for Cars 3. It was a great turn out for the last Kids Movie Night ever. The library and school will still be continuing with their movies.

Letters from Santa – About 20 letters from Santa have been requested so far. We hope to send out 60 plus this year. Letters are $3 and are due by December 18th. People can sign up online or in person at Hiawatha City Hall.

Yoga – The last yoga of the year was December 5th and four people participated. Next year, Hiawatha Parks and Recreation will sponsor yoga to offer it free to the community the last Thursday of every month at 6pm in the Hiawatha Community Center.

Yoga sponsored by Back in Line – 26 people came to Yoga with Marsha sponsored by Back in Line. BIL is looking forward to sponsoring more community events in 2018.

Reindeer Run- Santa, cookies and hot cocoa? Oh my! What a day for our inaugural Reindeer Run! We had 107 participants run through Grey Wolfe neighborhood and Fay Clark Park. Santa from Hiawatha's American Legion was in attendance which added the perfect touch to our event. We went from 25 participants to over 100 in the last two weeks. The weather was perfect and everyone was in high spirits for the holidays season. We look forward to next year and hope to have another beautiful day.

Snowman Painting Class- We have added two snowman painting classes in December held by Whispering Pines out of Monticello. We will be partnering with Danita throughout the 2018 year. On Monday, December 11th and 18th participants will learn how to paint a snowman masterpiece. Both classes are completely sold out with 30 participants. We are very excited for the projects she is going to offer.

Lil' Cougar Dance Clinic- Sunday, January 28th 1:00-2:30 p.m. The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

Department and the Kennedy Dance Team will be holding a Dance Clinic for grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Each child should wear gym pants, a T-shirt, tennis shoes, and socks to the clinic. We would like each child to bring plenty of spirit and most importantly, their smiles!! Pom Poms included with your registration fee. In case of inclement weather, the program will be moved to February 11th.

Activity Brochure- We are finalizing our 2018 Brochure with many great programs and events. Cedar Graphics will be printing for us again this year. Online registration will open January 8th for all 2018 programs. We look forward to another successful year.

Parks- Rick and Ted are preparing for our first snow fall, getting equipment tuned up and putting flags out for plowing.

Community Center Rentals- Rentals continue to keep us busy through the winter months. We have every weekend booked until mid-February. Prices and deposit will go up starting the first of the year.

Dan Gogel- We're sad to inform you that Dan will not be renewing his term on Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Commission. He has accepted a new position and will be traveling often for work.

****Thank you for everyone's contributions in 2017! It is hard to believe the year is coming to an end. Thank you for your volunteerism and helping with the success of our Parks and Recreation Department. Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy 2018!****