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Hiawatha Insights

An Appreciation at Prairiewoods

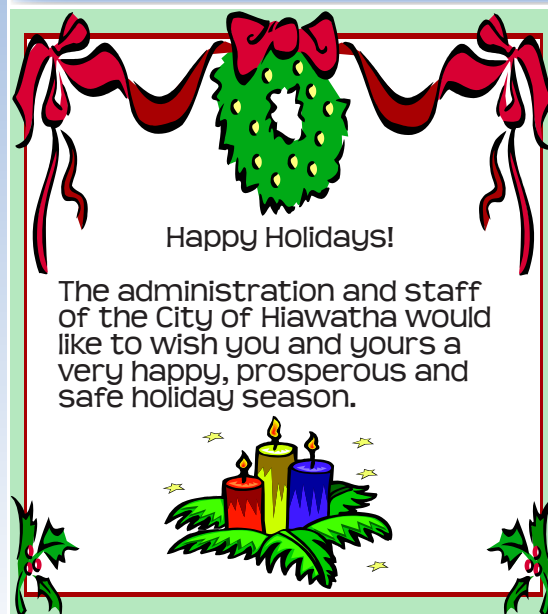
The City hosted our third annual retreat/appreciation dinner in November. The members of the boards and committees, ranging from the Library Board to the Board of Adjustment were thanked for their service to the Community.

Fire Chief Mike Nesslage gave a presentation outlining Nixle and discussed the value of this "no cost" community information system. If citizens have questions regarding Nixle, please check our website, check out www.nixle.com or call the Chief with questions at (319) 393-4180.

A presentation was also provided for economic development. The attendees were asked to identify business/services the City should pursue. Several businesses were identified that the City will be pursuing. Needs/suggestions included: a sit down restaurant; assisted living for seniors; hotel; recreation & aquatics center; specialty shops near the bike trail; funeral home; flower shop; Cost Cutters; movie theater; retail.

This was a very positive evening with the Mayor and City Council expressing appreciation to all that serve the community. If you have ideas, contacts, or would just like to discuss economic development opportunities, please contact the Mayor or City Administrator at (319) 393-1515, you can also email your thoughts through the City website www.hiawatha-iowa.com.

'Tis the season...



The City of Hiawatha **does not** currently **offer** city wide Christmas tree pickup and removal. It is the responsibility of the resident to contact their garbage hauler and make arrangements for the pickup and removal of their Christmas trees after the holidays.



Fire Department Chili Dinner

The Hiawatha Fire Department held its Annual Chili Dinner on November 7, 2009 at the Fire Station. Preparations begin months in advance when Chili Chairman Bill Mackin begins gathering the ingredients for the Fire Department's secret recipe. On Wednesday and Thursday before the dinner, there isn't a dry eye in the fire station as firefighters begin cutting up the onions and other vegetables. Friday the first batches of chili start cooking and it continues through Saturday.

This year, over 730 people attended, and we raised over \$3,000. Money from past chili dinners was used to purchase new rescue equipment for the new fire engine that was recently purchased. Fire fighters demonstrated some of that equipment, including stabilizing jacks that can be used on cars that are upside down and rope rescue equipment to be used for confined space rescue.

The Fire Department wants to thank everyone that came and enjoyed some social time and a good bowl (or two) of chili. We also want to thank all the businesses that donated door prizes and funds to be used toward our expenses for the dinner. We want to extend a special thanks to Bill Mackin, who coordinates the chili event every year, and to Betty Mark, who takes the time to solicit, coordinate, and distribute door prizes. This year the top door prize was two free flight certificates to anywhere AirTran flies in the United States! The tickets were won by Stephanie Tarvestad. Congratulations Steph!



FF/EMT Elisa Forcht serves up desserts.

Firefighters demonstrate extrication equipment.



The City of Hiawatha Welcomes.....

Back in Line Family Chiropractic & Wellness is the ONLY healthcare facility in the state of Iowa offering Chiropractic care as well as Active Release Technique and Graston soft tissue rehabilitation services. This allows our patients to get better faster and stay healthier longer. Back in Line Family Chiropractic and Wellness is located at 102 A Avenue and can be reached by calling (319) 892-3363. Office hours: Monday 8-6, Tuesday 11-8, Wednesday 8-6, Thursday 10-6 and Friday 8-4.



Gentiva Home Healthcare offers a full spectrum of homecare services ranging from nursing assistance with everyday needs, to physical therapy and speech therapy, to high-end procedures. Simply being in comfortable, familiar surroundings has proven to be one step towards a speedy recovery. Gentiva coordinates numerous aspects of patient care and offers a full range of in-home services by quality nursing staff, including: Nursing; Cardiac Care; Disease and Pain Management; Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy; Infusion Nursing; Wound Care.

Gentiva Home Healthcare is located at 1067 N. Center Point Road (behind Focal Point Interiors) and can be reached by calling (319) 393-4742.

Office hours:

Policy and Administration Introduces.....

Kelly Kornegor has recently been promoted to the Deputy Clerk position. Kelly has been employed with the City for four years as the Community Development Department Administrative Assistant. Kelly's experience as a clerk for assorted boards and commissions, customer service, knowledge of the City and her excitement in taking on new challenges will be of great value to the Policy and Administrative Department.

Congratulations Kelly!!

Judy McGrath has joined our staff as the new full time receptionist. Judy has been on staff working for the Water Department for the past year and brings with her years of customer service experience. Her customer service experience makes her a wonderful fit for our front line staff. Her smiling face will greet you at the front counter, please help us in welcoming Judy to the City.

Congratulations Judy!!



Park & Rec Board Introduces.....

The Hiawatha Park & Recreation Board welcomes their newest member, Bruce Henthorn.

Bruce served in the U.S. Army from 1981 to 1991, stationed in Germany, Texas, Kansas and Saudi Arabia. After an honorable discharge, Bruce moved to Iowa, living in Marion for a couple of years and finally moving to Hiawatha in 1993.

Bruce and his Fiancee, Deborah Wieser have 4 grown children between them and have been blessed with 3 grandchildren.

Bruce is a member of the Hiawatha American Legion Post #735 and holds the office of post adjutant. He is also a member of the Hiawatha Lions Club and has been involved with Hog Wild Days for the past six years.

Bruce is employed by Con-Way Frieght as a local semi-truck driver.



Library Board Introduces.....

The Hiawatha Library Board welcomes their newest member, Brenda Powers.

Brenda and her family have resided in Hiawatha since 1977. During these years, she has served on the Hiawatha Parks & Recreation Commission, on the first City planning committee and has provided many hours of support to the Hiawatha Fire Department. Brenda has also served as a Cub Scout leader and was active in PTA when her children were in school.

Brenda is employed by the Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services and holds the position of Personnel Technician.

Brenda is an avid reader and has much respect for what the library brings to our community. She feels she could bring a new voice and ideas to the Board as well as broaden her civic knowledge.



Council Action

November 4, 2009

Ordinance #653 - Amending the Hiawatha Code of Ordinance by adding Chapter 134 Right-of-Way.

Resolution 09-142 - Pledging financial support for services provided by Entrepreneurial Development Center, Inc. for services in the amount of \$10,000.00 for FY 2010-2011.

Resolution 09-143 - Authorizing staff to sign the Creighton University-Creighton EMS Education and Training - establishing a Field Internship Program for Emergency Medical Technicians-Paramedic Inters and EMT Basic Intern students with the City of Hiawatha beginning November 5, 2009.

Resolution 09-144 - Authorizing the Fire Chief to sign all future education training agreements for the purpose of providing educational training for emergency medical technicians, such as "Ride Along" or Field Internship Programs.

Resolution 09-145 - Approving the Shared Road Maintenance and Winter Snow and Ice Control agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Linn County Secondary Road Department to provide for maintenance and upkeep of roads and for winter snow and ice control by entering into an agreement for maintenance and upkeep of roads and for winter snow and ice control on those roads listed.

Resolution 09-146 - Authorizing the Public Works Department to proceed with the purchase of a used pick-up truck for the purpose of spreading de-icing chemicals, hauling water and hydro-seeding and other activities when needed in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

November 18, 2009

Resolution 09-151 - Proclaiming November 20, 2009 as Arbor Day in the City of Hiawatha and note that Arbor Day will be floating day in Hiawatha to promote tree planting throughout the year.

Resolution 09-152 - Authorizing the classification of TIF indebtedness as per Iowa Code Section 403.19 (5) (a).

Resolution 09-153 - Certification of TIF Funds as per Iowa Code Section 403.19 to the County Auditor by December 1, 2009 prior to fiscal year 2011, \$1,707,686 will be certified to the Linn County Auditor for FY 2011 collections.

Resolution 09-154 - Approving the issuance of an "at your own risk" building permit for Midwest Janitorial Services.

Resolution 09-155 - Authorizing engineer services to proceed with design plans for the 2009-2010 North Center Point Road Sanitary Sewer Project (North of Tower Terrace Road to the North of City Limits).

Resolution 09-156 - Approving payment for the 2008 Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Project with the City of Marion, that satisfies the 28E Agreement between the City of Marion and the City of Hiawatha.

Project Updates

Storm Sewer EPA - We continued labeling storm intakes during the month of September as required by the City NPDES permit. Visual inspections of the point discharge locations as required by the NPDES permit continued as well.

Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection/Realignment -The Iowa DOT had provided comments on the concept statement and on the preliminary design plan set. We are making the changes to address the comments and will resubmit to the Iowa DOT when they are complete. We should expect a project agreement within the next two months.

Heritage Green Creek Maintenance - We have completed a wetland determination for this project and submitted the reports to the Corps of Engineers. After discussion with the Corps, we have adjusted the project to a channel widening with flattened slopes to provide for controlling the flow and obtaining detention within the channel. The Corps have reviewed and approved this concept under a general permit. We have sent letters to the adjoining property owners and will begin meeting with them in December as well as conducting another general meeting.

2009 Northwest Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Extension Project - We have continued design on this project with plans and specifications currently at 90%. We are preparing easement documents and will be contacting property owners in December.

2010 North Center Point Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Project - The City Council authorized design work to proceed on this project. Survey work will begin in early December.

I-Jobs


Legislation was passed during the 2009 session approving I-Jobs, Iowa's infrastructure investment initiative. I-Jobs is an \$830 million investment in job creation that will help rebuild a smarter, safe and stronger Iowa. I-Jobs is funded by bonds supported by existing gaming revenue. I-Jobs is designed to support "shovel-ready" projects all across the state. The funding will be distributed in two fiscal years. The City of Hiawatha is projected to receive a total of \$62,790. We have received \$28,376.97 in July for our FY10 disbursement. The remaining will be received in July of 2010 for FY11. The funds must be spent within two years. The FY2010 allocation must be expended by June 30, 2011, and the FY 2011 allocation by June 30, 2012.

The I-Jobs funds can be used on engineering and planning services that directly relate to the construction, reconstruction, repair or maintenance of city streets. It can be used for improvements to maintenance facilities if the facility is used exclusively for roadway maintenance purposes.

DECEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Council 7p.m.			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Parks 6:30p.m. Library 7p.m.	Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	Council Airs 10 a.m. Channel 18	4th Annual Holiday Parade & Festival 6p.m.	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj 7p.m.	Water 6:30p.m.	Council 7p.m.			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	Holiday - City Hall Closed Council Airs 10 a.m. Channel 18	 Holiday - City Hall Closed	
27	28	29	30	31		
		P&Z 6p.m.		Holiday - City Hall Closed		

JANUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					 Holiday - City Hall Closed	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Council 7p.m.			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj 7p.m.	Parks 6:30p.m. Library 7p.m.	Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	Council Airs 10 a.m. Channel 18	Kids Movie Night 6:00p.m.	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Water 6:30p.m.	Council 7p.m.			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		P&Z 6p.m.	Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	Council Airs 10 a.m. Channel 18		
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Walk Sequence

Postal Customer

Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

December Activities at Hiawatha Public Library

Though regular story times do not meet in December, Hiawatha Public Library offers a stocking full of alternative opportunities for preschoolers to celebrate. Add these programs to that already brimming to-do list.

Learning Safari, Kwanzaa Gifts: Friday, Dec. 4 at 10:30 a.m.

For most children, the best part about Kwanzaa is the sawadi, or homemade gifts. We'll read a story about a family's Kwanzaa celebration, and then make a Kwanzaa celebration stick which doubles as both a craft and a snack!

CR Symphony Music Together Demonstration: Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Music Together is a program designed to help parents nurture their child's musical growth. Stop by with your preschooler and learn firsthand how this works.

Clifford Visits the Library: Monday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

He may be your favorite big red dog but you are also his most cherished friend. Join Clifford for stories, songs, high fives and hugs!

Kindermusik Demonstration: Friday, Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

The purpose of Kindermusik is to enhance total child development through exploratory musical activities. Child and care providers are invited to engage in a free demonstration together.

Kiwanis Holiday Gift Wrapping



The Hi-Crew Kiwanis Club will be at the Hiawatha Public Library wrapping gifts to raise money for local community projects. Wrapping your gifts for a donation.

HI-CREW Holiday Gift Wrapping
Saturday, December 19
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Hiawatha Public Library

Corner of W. Willman and Center Point Road.



Arbor Day Proclamation

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees and the holiday be called Arbor Day.

November 20, 2009, Hiawatha celebrated its first Arbor Day by handing out information to children regarding the benefit of trees, protecting our trees, and recycling from Trees Forever.

Our purpose of recognizing Arbor Day will be to support the efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. We encourage all citizens to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

An annual floating Arbor Day celebration will continue for tree planting as part of our observance.

