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# Hiawatha Insights

## Thank You Hiawatha!

It is often said that our City couldn't survive without the participation of our many volunteers. Hiawatha has eleven boards and commissions, a Mayor, City Council and a volunteer Fire/Rescue service. That equates to approximately 115 residents that share their time and talents to help the City run smoothly.

Occasionally, we have members resign for many different reasons. At this time we want to thank Dr. Richard Zeaske, Mark Schile, Dian Boyson, Rick Nash and Gail Winker for their many hours of unselfish service to the City.

At their first meeting of the new year, the City Council approves all appointments. This year, they welcomed Bruce Henthorn, Bill Hornett, Troy Anderson, Bonnie Galbraith, Travis Christopher, Brenda Powers, Dave Fisher, Keith Sams, Don Gabel, Clarence Sampson, Don Earl and Reta Saylor. We look forward to their expertise in helping with decisions that make us a better community.

We are always looking for people who are willing to share their time and talents by volunteering as a board or commission member. Most boards and commissions meet monthly. The City has enjoyed a long tradition of participation in local government. Through representation of citizens on boards and commissions, Hiawatha residents are offered an important avenue to help create effective and equitable laws and policies. Citizen involvement contributes not only to the success of their government, but to their overall quality of life as well.

A complete list of our boards and commissions is available on our website. If you would like to be part of the decision making process in your community, contact the Mayor for consideration of your interest in the City.

In selecting members, the Mayor strives to create geographic and gender representation on each board. This helps ensure that decisions reached and services rendered more adequately reflect the wants and needs of the entire community.

## Get Ready to Celebrate Hiawatha's 60th!

The City of Hiawatha will celebrate our 60th Birthday on May 16, 2010. Hiawatha was founded in 1950 by Fay M. Clark when he and 45 residents signed a petition seeking to become the 17th incorporated town in Linn County.

Two events will be held in celebration of our 60th birthday, one on May 16, 2010, sharing our history and a 60' long cake; the other, June 19, 2010, during the Hog Wild Days parade. Mark your calendars!!!

### In addition.....

The Hiawatha Lion's Club invites the public to join them as the Hiawatha History Committee presents an informal talk on the history of Hiawatha as we celebrate 60 years!

Come and learn all about the history of the great city you live in, Tuesday, March 2, 2010 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, Lower Level, City Hall.



## Census 2010 - Protecting Your Personal Information

The Census Bureau depends on your cooperation and trust, and promises to protect the confidentiality of your information. Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. In addition, other federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act, reinforce these protections.

The Census Bureau uses your information to produce statistics. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five (5) years, or both.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

## Radio-Read Water Meters

The Hiawatha Water Department reads water meters via a radio-read handheld system. We began installing this system in 1997 and by 2002, we had completed the installation process.

Prior to 1997, the Water Department had a manual reading system. We would mail out bills to all our customers, each customer would read their own water meter, and then mail their payment back, with the meter reading written on the back of the return stub. We would then manually enter all 1300 meter readings into the computer and the computer would figure the bills. Next step would be to start the process over again.

This was a very slow process, we had a hard time getting readings back and reading the customer's hand writing was difficult at times. With the installation of the radio-read system, we are now able to read 2200 water meters within the City and download them into the computer in one day. Then seven (7) days later, we are able to start the billing process and have the bills off to the Post Office for mailing in two (2) days.

The Water Department has worked very hard to change our meter reading and billing processes, making them more efficient and cost effective. We feel this has been very beneficial to the City of Hiawatha.



## Community Development Department Introduces.....

Sara Lunsford was born and raised in Burlington, Iowa; graduating from Burlington Community High School in 1995. She then attended Southeastern Community College in West Burlington, IA, where she received her Associates Degree in Computer Aided Drafting and Architectural Design. After graduation, Sara went to work for a local mechanical contractor and gained experience in estimating and project management.



In 2003, Sara moved to Ames, Iowa to attend Iowa State University and finish her Bachelors Degree. After a year in Landscape Architecture, she changed her major to Community and Regional Planning and graduated in 2006. Sara was then offered a job in Kansas City, MO., where she worked at an engineering firm doing planning for new and existing developments.

Sara decided to move back to Iowa to be closer to her family and has been in the Cedar Rapids area for almost three years now. Previously she worked for Pool Tech Midwest in Sales and Design of concrete in-ground swimming pools for their residential customers.

Sara is very excited to be working for the City of Hiawatha and looks forward to gaining further knowledge and experience as the City's Permit Technician.

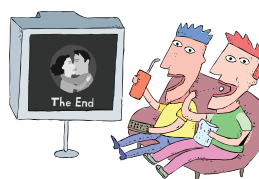
## Kids Movie Night/Special Needs Movie Night

The Hiawatha Park and Recreation Commission gives children the opportunity to see a movie for FREE! Movies are shown on a big screen. Juice and popcorn are also provided. Watch for flyers at the elementary schools for movie titles!

**February 12, 2010 6:30 p.m.** Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs.  
**March 19, 2010 6:30 p.m.** Movie TBA



Join your friends at 6:00 p.m. at the Hiawatha Community Center for a movie and refreshments. The movie that will be shown is geared towards the younger Special Needs population. All are invited to attend with parents or respite workers. Grab your blankets and be prepared to laugh and have a good time.



**Friday, February 19, 2010 6:00 p.m.**  
 Movie: TBA

## Hiawatha Designated as a 2009 “Tree City USA”!

Hiawatha qualified as a “Tree City USA” for 2009! The “Tree City USA” designation is more than an award, it is positive proof of our community’s long-term commitment to tree planting and maintenance that will offer multiple benefits to present and future citizens. Hiawatha is one of over 120 Iowa communities, and over 3000 nationwide, that received the “Tree City USA” award this year from the Nation Arbor Day Foundation, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Iowa Urban and Community Forestry Council.



## HPL February/March Youth and Adult Programs

Hiawatha Public Library offers a variety of programming options for area youth. Take advantage of these upcoming events.

**Anime-Nia**, an anime club for eighth through twelfth graders, returns on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. This month, preview *Romeo x Juliet* and enjoy some after school munchies.

New readers, stop by on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. to share a story with Milly, Drummer, Max, Stella, Griff, Clara, Guinness, Jesse or Sophie. These canines just love **Children Reading to Dogs**, a program that will boost your child’s confidence and reading skills. Sessions are limited to fifteen minutes and are filled on a first-come/first-serve basis, ending at 7:00 p.m.

Science geeks unite! **Dr. Dvorak’s Weird and Wacky Wednesdays** meets at 4:00 p.m. on February 24, 2010. K-5th graders are welcome to Dr. D’s lab where he is always cooking up his latest experiment.

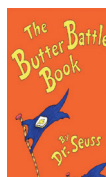
In recognition of Black History Month, teens are invited to a **Book Discussion: Day of Tears** by Julius Lester. This event is Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. Register at the circulation desk or by calling 319-393-1414 and you will receive a copy of the book.

Say hello to **Doodlebugs**, a new program presented by Cedar Rapids Museum of Art and Hiawatha Public Library. On Friday, February 26, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., education director Erin Thomas presents **Harold and the Purple Crayon**. Learn about Harold’s favorite color and discover the amazing things a line can do.

Celebrate Read Across America with the **The Great Butter Battle** on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. Share a classic Seuss tale. Then we will attempt to magically turn cream into butter. Kindergarteners through third graders can register by calling 319-393-1414.

Michelle Poe, education director of the African American Museum, invites kids on another **Learning Safari**. on Friday, March 5, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., it’s **How to Grow Olympic Feet**, just in time for the Winter Olympics.

Don’t forget, story times for various ages are held at Hiawatha Public Library. Call the library, check our website [www.hiawathalibrary.com](http://www.hiawathalibrary.com) or email Alicia Mangin at [mangina@hiawatha-iowa.com](mailto:mangina@hiawatha-iowa.com) to learn more about these or any other youth services programs.



The weather outside may be frightful, but we have lots of great adult programs lined up at the Hiawatha Public Library to keep you warm this February! If you need any more information about the programs listed below, visit our website at [www.hiawathalibrary.com](http://www.hiawathalibrary.com) or call us at 393.1414.

### Master Gardeners Series

They’re back! The Linn County Master Gardeners will be coming back in February for another series of all new classes! All classes will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Glenn Schminke Community Room and are free to the public. No registration is required.

**February 17th** Know Your Mushrooms - What’s Good To Eat? with Dick Faas.

**February 24th** Gardening Green with Ellen Skripsky.

### Black History Month Book Discussion

Come out and join us on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for a book discussion of *Passing* by Nella Larsen in honor of Black History Month. *Passing* is the story of Irene Redfield, who is married to a successful physician and prominently ensconced in Harlem’s vibrant society of the 1920’s. Irene leads a charmed existence until a chance encounter with a childhood friend who has been “passing for white.” Registration is required for this program and is limited to 10 participants. All participants will receive a free copy of the book. Drinks and treats will be provided that evening.

### SCORE Program - Small Business Series

Want to know what you need to succeed at starting your own small business? Stop by the Hiawatha Public Library on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and participate in a roundtable discussion “Will It Sell? How Easily to Size Your Market and Assess Your Chances.” This discussion is part of a Metro-wide series with Cedar Rapids and Marion libraries.

### Linn Area Reads

It’s official! This year’s selection for the county-wide Linn Area Reads is *Population 485: Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time* by Michael Perry. This year’s selection offers readers a look from Perry’s perspective about fires and tangled wrecks, bar fights, smelt feeds, and what it means to live in a small town. Michael Perry will be speaking at Theatre Cedar Rapids on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

### Cold Nights, Hot Reads

Need a way to survive the cold Iowa winter? Come out and participate in our Adult Winter Reading Program from February 1 - 28, 2010! Stop in and pick up your pamphlet after February 1, and select a free book simply for signing up! For each book you read, fill out a slip and drop it in our handy, dandy trash can at the front desk. We will have weekly drawings for hot prizes and a final grand prize drawing at the end for all who participated! We would like to extend our gratitude to Starbucks Coffee, Coffee Emporium and Roasters for their sponsorship of this reading program.

## Council Action

### January 6, 2010

- Resolution 10-001 - Authorizing staff to proceed with Request for Proposals for Fire Alarm Maintenance Monitoring.
- Resolution 10-002 - Authorizing staff to proceed with Request for Proposals for Fire Sprinkler Maintenance.
- Resolution 10-003 - Authorizing the City staff to proceed with the sale of the 1986 Pirsch Fire Truck No. 284 to interested Fire Districts/Fire Department with responsible bid.
- Resolution 10-004 - Setting Regular Council Meeting Schedule for the year 2010.

### January 20, 2010

#### Ordinance 654 - Amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances by adding Chapter 163 Housing Code

- Resolution 10-006 - Authorizing the purchase of one (1) toddler swing and two (2) regular swing sets for Guthridge Park in an amount not to exceed \$7,400.00 from Boland Recreation, Inc.
- Resolution 10-007 - Authorizing the purchase of (4) shade panels around Guthridge Park Splash Pads.
- Resolution 10-008 - Authorizing the purchase of a 2010 F-550 Multi-Purpose Response Vehicle from Clarey's Safety Equipment.
- Resolution 10-009 - Authorizing the Fire Department to proceed with the purchase of seven (7) tablet computers utilizing 95% grant funding and 5% Department minor equipment general/water funds.
- Resolution 10-010 - Authorizing the transfer of the Police Department 2007 Toyota 4-Runner to the Community Development Department and authorize the purchase of a 2010 SUV Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Department.
- Resolution 10-011 - Authorizing certification to the County Treasurer's Office for the collection of a delinquent account for services performed by the City of Hiawatha Staff for removal of trash for property located at 205 and 207 B Avenue.
- Resolution 10-012 - Authorizing travel expenses for the City Engineer, one (1) individual to attend the Washington D.C. Conference February 8-10, 2010.
- Resolution 10-013 - Declaring an official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the City for certain original expenditures paid in connection with projects.
- Resolution 10-014 - Authorizing the residential purchase of property located at 103 4th Avenue.
- Resolution 10-015 - Authorizing City Staff to investigate the purchase of other property discussed in closed session.

## Hiawatha Night at the RoughRiders

Join us for Hiawatha Night at the RoughRiders! Friday, March 5, 2010, at 7:05 p.m. Call the RoughRiders Ticket Office at (319) 261-4625. Reference that you are attending for HIAWATHA Night and receive your \$2-\$3 ticket discount. Please purchase tickets before March 4, 2010, to receive your discount.

## Projects

### Storm Sewer

This project is currently continuing with visual inspections of the point discharge locations as required by the NPDES permit.

### Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection/Realignment

The Iowa DOT has 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. This project agreement is expected within the next two months.

### Heritage Green Creek Maintenance

We have completed a wetland determination for this project and submitted the report 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 began meeting with them in December. We have received four (4) signed easement documents for this project.

### Northwest Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Extension Project

We have continued design on this project with plans and specification currently at 90%. We have prepared easement documents and have contacted property owners.

### North Center Point Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Project

The City Council authorized design work to proceed on this project. Survey has been completed and preliminary design is underway.



## Save The Date - City-Wide Spring Cleanup

Mark your calendars for April 24th, 2010. This is the scheduled date for our City-wide cleanup at Guthridge Park. In the past, we have conducted electronic recycling, hazardous household waste disposal, flag disposal, new sales, and document shredding. This year we will be adding eyeglass donations (recycling), hearing aid donations (recycling) and medication disposal.





# FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Yoga Begins Council 7p.m.	4	5	6
7	8 Board of Adj 7p.m.	9 Parks 6:30p.m. Library 7p.m.	10 Senior Evening Dance 5:15p.m. Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	11 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	12 Kids Movie Night 6:30p.m.	13
14	15  Holiday - City Hall Closed	16 Water 6:30p.m.	17 Council 7p.m.	18	19 Special Needs Movie Night 6:00p.m.	20
21	22	23 P&Z 6p.m.	24 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	25 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	26	27
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For more information: go to <a href="http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com">www.hiawatha-iowa.com</a>						

# MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Hiawatha Lions Club - Hiawatha History 7 p.m. City Hall Council 7p.m.	3	4	5 Hiawatha Night at RoughRiders 7p.m.	6
7	8 Board of Adj 7p.m.	9 Parks 6:30p.m. Library 7p.m.	10 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	11 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	12 Kids Movie Night 6:30p.m.	13
14	15	16 Water 6:30p.m.	17 Council 7p.m.	18	19 	20
21	22	23 St. Lukes Smart Sitter Class	24 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	25 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	26	27 Women's Street Smart Self Defense Class
28	29	30 P&Z 6p.m.	31			
For more information: go to <a href="http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com">www.hiawatha-iowa.com</a>						

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## Snow Ordinance Reminder

Our Snow Ordinance will be in effect when the National Weather Service predicts a snowfall in which three (3) or more inches are expected. While the Snow Emergency is in effect, **there is no parking on any city street**. Vehicles found parked in violation of this ordinance will receive a \$25 parking ticket and/or be impounded.

The Snow Emergency declaration will be given to all the local media including but not limited to: KGAN (Channel 2), KCRG (Channel 9), and KWWL (Channel 7).

The declaration will also be posted on the City website and be sent out via Nixle. If you have not yet signed up for Nixle, it is a free service can be located on the web at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Your cooperation is appreciated.

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 MAKE CAR \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SORRY, YOU ARE CHARGED WITH VIOLATION MARKED BELOW**

1. OVERTIME PARKING ..... \$10.00   
 2. IMPROPER PARKING ..... \$10.00   
 3. NO PARKING ZONE ..... \$10.00   
 4. PARKED WRONG SIDE STREET ..... \$10.00   
 5. PARKED IN ALLEY ..... \$10.00   
 6. DOUBLE PARKING ..... \$10.00   
 7. OTHER VIOLATION ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YOU MAY PAY THIS TICKET BY PLACING THE PROPER AMOUNT IN THIS ENVELOPE, ATTACH SUFFICIENT POSTAGE AND DEPOSIT IN U.S. MAIL OR BRING TO CITY HALL, 101 EMMONS ST. AFTER HOURS DEPOSITORY IS PROVIDED.

IF NOT PAID WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS, VIOLATOR IS SUBJECT TO ARREST AND CITATION BEFORE THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 HIAWATHA, IOWA

## A Big Thank You to All Residents

Another wild winter has descended upon us with snow, sleet, ice and rain. The Public Works Department would like to thank all the residents who have been helping us by clearing snow from fire hydrants and catch basins.

Also, thank you to all the people who kept their cars off the streets during snow plow operations. This really speeds up the process and helps reduce costs because we do not have to replow streets after cars have been moved. Hopefully the rest of the winter will be mild. Bring on Spring!



## Hiawatha Trivia Time!!



How much do you know about Hiawatha History?

This photograph is from our archives, and was an integral part of Hiawatha society in it's day.

Do you know what this is and where it was located?

Answer:  
 Hiawatha Lumber Yard on W. Clark Street.