



Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle had been found in Linn County at a rest stop on I-380 just north of Johnson-Linn county line. This was confirmed by Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship on October 19, 2015.

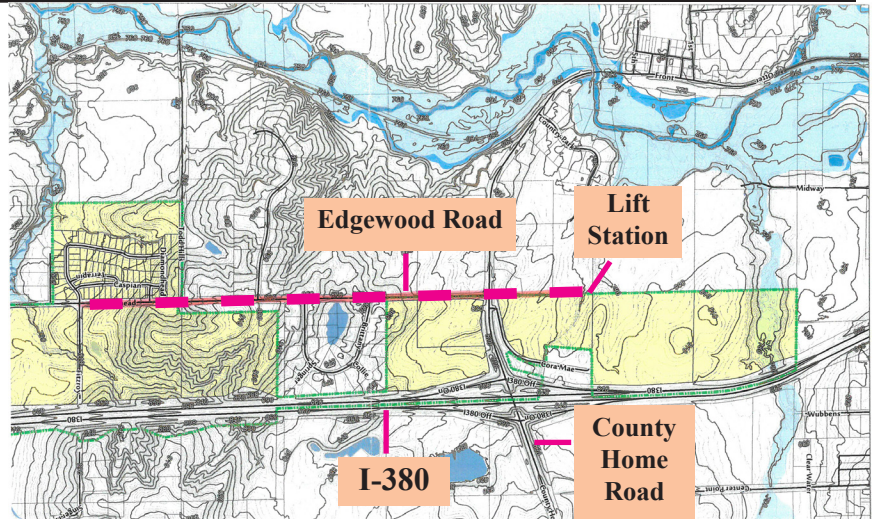
The EAB is a small green invasive wood boring beetle that attacks and kills ash trees. The adults live on the outside of ash trees feeding on the leaves during summer months. The larvae look similar to white grubs and feed on living plant tissue underneath the bark of the ash trees. The trees are killed by the tunneling activity of the larvae under the tree's bark, which disrupts the vascular flow.

The City of Hiawatha is currently working on developing a tree management plan with the help of the Iowa DNR and the Sustainable Tree Grant who provide education and training on how to retain and grow a healthy tree stock during the 2016 year.

For the time being, residents should be informed about what they can do to start taking action to protect their ash trees by evaluation. Look for thinning or dying branches, water sprouts half-way up the trunk of the tree, feeding notches on the edge of leaflets, woodpecker feeding sites, many bark flakes on the lawn, S-shaped feeding galleries under the dead bark and D-shaped exit holes. These are all major signs of an infected ash tree(s). Cities are responsible for trees in the right-of-way where residents are responsible for trees located on their personal property.

To stop the spread of the EAB there are two (2) options residents have. As a resident you can have affected trees treated with insecticide usually applied by a commercial pesticide applicator. This option is available if tree(s) are relatively healthy, vigorously growing and valuable to your landscape.

The other option available to residents is to arrange for the affected tree(s) to be removed. Residents can contact commercial tree removal services to assist in your tree removal.



Start of Construction on the Water and Sewer Extension to New Annexed Area

The contractor for the water main and sanitary sewer extension project along Edgewood Road (formerly Loggerhead Road) has begun construction. The construction extends from the intersection of Fitzroy Road north to the newly annexed property of County Home Road and east of I-380. The project includes approximately 6,000 feet of 12 inch water main and 4,000 feet of sanitary pressure line. Also included is a new lift station north of County Home Road.

Ricklefs Excavating Inc. from Anamosa, Iowa was awarded the \$1,300,000 contract in November of 2015 which has been funded with Capital Project Funds and Local Option Sales Tax Funds. The schedule for the project anticipates completion and service by the fall of 2016.

This project will provide water and sewer service to over 100 acres annexed to the City of Hiawatha in late 2014. The total area that could be served with this project in the future exceeds 300 acres. The City has scheduled an update to the current comprehensive plan in 2016. The update will include indentifying future land use anticipated in this area.

Any additional information on this project can be requested by calling the Engineering Department at 319-393-1515 ext 511.

Our hope in developing a tree management plan is to be able to reduce or slow the EAB's spread of disease and eliminate any danger an affected tree may create.

Dustin Hinrichs with Trees Forever will be available at Hiawatha's Earth Day Event on April 30 to answer any questions on EAB at 10:00 AM in Guthridge Park.



Ben Kamm was recently promoted to Police Captain. Captain Kamm began his career with the Hiawatha Police Department in 2004. In 2008 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and has supervised the day shift for the last seven years. Congratulations Captain Kamm!



Shelby Van Weelden is the newest member of the Fire Department staff. She started as a full-time Fire Medic in January 2016. Shelby is a Paramedic and has been an EMS for six years. She earned her degree from Kirkwood in Paramedicine. She is also a FF2 and has five years of previous fire experience. Welcome Shelby!



Zach Brunscheen joined the Fire Department staff as a full-time Fire Medic in August 2015. Zach graduated in 2014 from the University of Iowa's Paramedic Program. He is a certified FF2, Driver Operator and has been on the department as a volunteer since 2012. Congratulations Zach!



Smoke Detector "Blitz"

On January 9, a crew from the Fire Department performed a smoke detector "blitz" in the Sunset Village neighborhood. This neighborhood was the location of a recent major house fire. The firefighters went door to door offering the residents their assistance and expertise in checking smoke detectors. Members changed batteries in smoke detectors and also installed new detectors in numerous homes that did not have working smoke detectors. They also offered a home safety check and answered any fire related questions. Preventing fires and emergencies is a mission the Fire Department takes to heart. Ryan Neuhaus, one of the firefighters that assisted with the event said it best, "The most important thing we can do when not on a call is prevent the next one. On a cold day it was heartwarming to know we may have given a family the extra minute or two they need to get out in the event of a fire. For every battery and detector we installed, we helped to protect a family 24 hours a day. It really multiplies the impact the Fire Department can have on the community."



Smoke detectors save lives and give you the needed time to escape your home in the event of a fire. Please remember to change the battery in your detector once a year and test it monthly to ensure it is in working order. Not many people realize that smoke detectors have a recommended life span of 10 years, detectors older than 10 years should be replaced. If you ever have any questions or need assistance with your smoke detectors please call the fire station and we will be more than happy to help you.

Play and Learn Parent PLUS Coming Soon!

Play and Learn has provided hours of fun for kids and caregivers at Hiawatha Public Library. Now the library is upping the ante by offering an 8-week session called Play and Learn Parent PLUS. The workshop will meet on Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, beginning February 27. This FREE parenting workshop, led by a Parent Education Consortium educator features snacks, childcare, activities and materials.

Registration is required and space is limited. Follow the link below to sign up today:

www.parenteducationconsortium.com/parenting-workshops/current-workshops/workshop-registration/?event=Play+and+Learn+Parent+PLUS&location=Hiawatha+Public+Library



Mark your calendars!

The new City Celebration name for August 26-27, 2016 will be.....
Hiawatha Fun Fest!!!



Thank you to our Board Members! We would like to thank each of you who have served and are currently serving. We are fortunate to have you as a part of our community and helping serve our community with the best interests of the City and its citizens in mind. New Board Appointments and Re-appointments:

Kenny Jones	Planning & Zoning Commission Member	Expires 12/31/20
Darryl Cheney	Planning & Zoning Commission Member	Expires 12/31/20
Tim Wilson	Board of Appeals Member	Expires 12/31/18
Dick Whitmore	Board of Appeals Member	Expires 12/31/18
Rob Archibald	Board of Appeals Member	Expires 12/31/18
Pat Semelroth	History Commission Member	Expires 12/31/18
Tom Theis	History Commission Member	Expires 12/31/18
Lynda Hembera	Parks & Recreation Member	Expires 12/31/17
Gerald Mohwinkle	Library Board Member	Expires 06/30/21
Troy Andersen	Water Board Member	Expires 12/31/21

Hiawatha Council Action

January 6, 2016

Motion approving appointments of Mayoral & Council Appointments of Board & Commission members as follows: appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member: Kenny Jones, effective 1/1/16-12/31/20, appointment of Library Board Member: Gerald Mohwinkle, effective 1/1/16-6/30/21, re-appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member: Darryl Cheney, effective 1/1/16-12/31/20, re-appointment of Parks & Recreation Member: Lynda Hembera, effective 1/1/16-12/31/17, re-appointment of Water Board Member: Troy Andersen, effective 1/1/16-12/31/21, re-appointment of Board of Appeals Member: Tim Wilson, effective 1/1/16-12/31/18,

re-appointment of Board of Appeals Member: Dick Whitmore, effective 1/1/16-12/31/18, re-appointment of Board of Appeals Member: Rob Archibald, effective 1/1/16-12/31/18, re-appointment of History Commission Member: Pat Semelroth, effective 1/1/16-12/31/18. RESOLUTION #16-001 authorizing city staff to proceed with filing an application & committing to provide local matching funds for the Boyson Road Project from Hawkeye Drive to Robins Road & the Boyson Road Project from Robins Road to east City Limits in connection with Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) FY19 Funding.

RESOLUTION #16-002 accepting a Warranty Deed for the conveyance of real estate located at 1004 Robins Road to the City of Hiawatha by Alan B. & Patricia S. Hanson & Diane Minney. RESOLUTION #16-003 authorizing the Parks & Recreation Department to contributing funding out of the department budget into a separate Farmers State Bank Account in order to fund a joint bus trip know as "Ride to Wrigley" with the City of Marion. RESOLUTION #16-004 approving naming Cedar Rapids Gazette as the official City Newspaper.

January 20, 2016

Motion approving Mayoral & Council Appointments of Board & Commission members as follows: appointment of Police Chief Dennis Marks & Fire Chief Mike Nesslage to E-911 Board, appointment of Fire Chief Mike Nesslage & Alternate Mayor Bennett to Linn County Emergency Management Commission, appointment of History Commission Member: Tom Theis, effective 1/1/16 – 12/31/18.

RESOLUTION #16-005 setting a public hearing date (2/3/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.65 Site Plan Requirements to allow site plan approvals by Community Development Department staff & eliminate the required Planning & Zoning Commission approval. RESOLUTION #16-006 authorizing the Fire Department purchase of 7 sets of firefighter protective Turn Out Gear at a total cost not to exceed \$17,069.08, with Heiman Fire Equipment.

RESOLUTION #16-007 approving Work Order #5 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Hiawatha & Hall & Hall Engineers, Inc. for the completion of a Concept Study for the Boyson Road/North Center Point Road Intersection Improvement Project to determine the need for new signal upgrades, new timing & phasing concepts, & a new traffic lane configuration at a total cost

not to exceed \$10,000.

RESOLUTION #16-008 approving Amendment #2 including additional reimbursable costs to the Agreement between the City of Hiawatha & Terracon Consultants, Inc. for the removal of underground storage tanks on the Lantern Square property located at 85 North Center Point Road to perform well monitoring as required by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources resulting in additional cost to the Agreement in a total amount not to exceed \$12,775, reimbursable through the Underground Tank Storage Fund, to install up to 5 groundwater monitoring wells & conduct water analysis to determine contamination level.

RESOLUTION #16-009 approving the issuance of a 30 day Notice to Vacate Premises located at 89 North Center Point Road & 93-95 North Center Point Road. Under this Notice to Vacate Premises all property owners, tenants & occupants of said properties must vacate the premises located at 89 North Center Point Road & 93-95 North Center Point Road no later than 3/1/16, pursuant to condemnation proceedings approved by Resolution #14-243 & Resolution 14-241 in connection with the Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Project. RESOLUTION #16-010 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Non-Binding Letter of Intent with Ebulient Living, LLC.

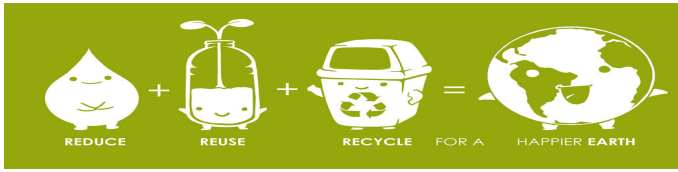
February 2016

February Calendar

- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 09 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 09 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 15 **Holiday - City Hall Closed**
- 16 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 17 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18

March Calendar

- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 09 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 14 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 25 **Holiday - City Hall Closed**
- 28 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM



Earth Day Event - Coming Soon!

Why is it important to celebrate Earth Day? Earth Day raises an awareness to save the Earth. Especially in times of global warming, the City of Hiawatha celebrates Earth Day to remind us to conserve our natural resources for future use. On this day, Earth Day, the City promotes the phrase "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!" Earth Day is important because it is a day to help the earth and keep it safe and clean. Earth Day is a great opportunity to show appreciation for Mother Earth by "Going Green" including: Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. The City of Hiawatha will celebrate Earth Day on April 30, 2016 at the Guthridge Park 10th Ave parking lot. More details to come in the March Newsletter and at www.hiawatha-iowa.com.

Please note: The City Wide Garage Sales will be held on April 23 and Earth Day on April 30 (there is a misprint in the Hiawatha Parks & Recreation Activity Brochure).

*****REMINDER*****

Fluoridation

Hiawatha Water Department has been adjusting the fluoride in the drinking water since 1980 when we received a grant from the Iowa State Health Department. A public hearing was held to get input from the community and no objections were received.



After 35 years of adjusting fluoride in the drinking water; the Water Department is again asking for input from its Hiawatha residents. You will notice in the message line of your **February** water bill a question regarding fluorinating the water. We are asking you to answer the question: Should we continue fluoridation? Please answer the question on your billing stub by marking YES, NO or INDIFFERENT. Please return the bottom portion of your water bill as you normally would. If you are an ACH or e-billing customer, you can place your response in our after hours drop box.

If you should have any questions regarding the fluoridation of Hiawatha's water, please contact the Hiawatha Water Department at 319-393-5556 opt. #4 Monday thru Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Thank you,
Water Superintendent, Carl Ransford

Ride to Wrigley

Wednesday, June 22nd

Join the Hiawatha and Marion Parks and Recreation Departments for a trip to see baseball's best rivalry...Cubs vs. Cardinals at historic Wrigley Field. Pick a side and wear your team gear! Your fee covers your bus ride, ticket, and parking at the game. You will be responsible for food, drink, souvenirs, etc.



Fee: \$70 per person cash or check ONLY (made out to Ride to Wrigley)
Hiawatha! *Limited number of spots available.* **MARION Parks & Recreation**
Windstar Charter Pick-Up/Drop-Off Locations:
 Hiawatha City Hall & Lowe Park Arts and Environment Center in Marion
 Charter leaves at 7:00 a.m. arrives back around 10:00 p.m.
Open To All Ages— Must be accompanied by an adult if under 18
Registration available at...
 Lowe Park (4500 N Tenth Street) or Hiawatha City Hall (101 Emmons Street)
Registration Deadline: June 3rd, 2016
 Questions? Contact (319) 393-1515 or (319) 447-3590



Thank you to our supporting sponsors:



Become a Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation Member!

You're Invited!

Monday, February 29, 2016
 5:30 pm - 7:30pm
 Third Base Brewery
 500 Blairs Ferry Road NE
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Join us for a social and learn more information about our foundation!
 We are currently looking for members who know how to have fun, enjoy life and want to make sure others enjoy life too!

Fundraising events include:
HiBRAI

Hiawatha's Bike Ride Around Iowa! Start in Hiawatha's Fay M. Clark Memorial Park and ride south to Riverside Casino and Golf Resort. Stay overnight in one of their luxurious rooms and then head back to Hiawatha the following day. The ride includes fully stocked rest stops and lunches both days and a poolside happy hour once you've arrived at Riverside!

Other events and socials include:
 Memorial Day Bike Rodeo and Parade
 Movies Under the Moon

Member Commitment:

The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation meetings are held quarterly at various locations in order to keep things fresh and exciting. All we are asking for is a bit of your time for planning, coordinating and executing fundraising events and overall foundation sponsorships.

Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Hiawatha Park and Recreation is the development, enhancement, and support for public parks, open spaces, and community recreational programs and facilities for the benefit of the citizens of Hiawatha.

Strategic Plan 2015

In 2015, City Council and staff participated in a strategic planning session. The City was near the end of its 2010 Strategic Plan with the completion of almost every item. As a dynamic community requires constant attention and nurturing; often communities become what they have based their choices on over a period of time. Strategic Plans are shaped by the decisions we make or fail to make. Some are made with knowledge about their impacts but others are not. Some lead to unanticipated outcomes. However, the lack of a decision also comes with consequences.

The City Council and staff recognize the strategic plan as a useful tool for any community that wishes to continue to grow and are forward thinking. The plan helps us see where we want to go and aids us in making decisions on how to get there. It is our guidebook and helps us choose the best path for your community as a whole.

This plan takes a community from a pie-in-the-sky vision to specific actions creating a vision of what the community wants to be and become in the future. It provides a big picture of how the community's economy and working environment looks and lays out an action plan with achievable goals.

The 2015 plan and future priorities were identified by the Mayor, City Council and staff are as follows. The priorities reflect both external and internal goals for our city to grow and prosper.

Top Priority Programs

- Seek development opportunist for Oakbrook Area
- Develop a multi-year budget plan
- Continue to be open to voluntary annexation opportunities
- Continue to conduct citizens surveys
- Outsource employee handbook update
- Fee study for Community Development Services
- Create a portal to city departments and permitting through website based portal

Along with the above priorities, Council continues to focus on:

- Continue to lobby for Tower Terrace Road/I-380 interchange
- Continue to seek MPO funding for Edgewood Road extension
- Expansion of Library facilities
- Continue emphasis on Town Center Plan
- Boyson Road improvements
- Fire station expansion

No strategic plan is complete just because it is written down on paper. The hard work of implementation comes next. We understand that not everything can be done at once, so we have developed a working plan and continue to enhance our past and present strategic plans.

The work program contains realistic estimates of expenses and income, described tasks, identities who will do the tasks and a timeframe for completion.

A strategic plan is work in progress and is never finished. This information may change under unexpected circumstances, our work program is detailed and as realistic based on the information we know today.

League of Women Voters Linn County Iowa Legislative Forums Begin

The first of the 2016 League of Women Voters (LWV) Linn County Iowa Legislative Forums was held on Saturday, January 16 from 10:30 to 11:45 AM in the Hallagan Center at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. Senators Rob Hogg, Wally Horn, Liz Mathis and Dan Zumbach, Reps. Liz Bennett, Kraig Paulsen, Ken Rizer, Kirsten Running-Marquardt, Art Staed, Quentin Stanerson and Todd Taylor were in attendance. These forums are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month while the Iowa Legislature is in session.

These free public forums are a venue for state representatives and senators to discuss issues of concern and to answer questions from constituents. In addition to the January 16 event, other forums will be February 20, March 19 and April 16. All of the 2016 forums are in the Mercy Medical Hallagan Center from 10:30 to 11:45 AM.

The League of Women Voters of Linn County conducts the forums as part of its voter education program. The League of Women Voters Linn County is a non-profit, non-partisan volunteer political organization that encourages citizen participation in government. All members of the community are invited to join LWV. Persons not eligible to vote are welcomed as Associate Members.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Groundbreaking for the new St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish took place August 2008. Following a Mass and blessing of the land, Msgr. Russell Bleich, representing the Archdiocese; Pastor, Fr. Neil Manternach; Associate Pastor, Fr. Dennis Cahill; former Pastor, Fr. John Gossman; and about 700 parishioners came with shovels and cameras to gather around an outline of the new facility and begin digging. Grading and site preparation began in the fall of 2008. Construction on the church began in April 2009. It was fully enclosed by the end of the year and completed six months later.

Presented by the Hiawatha History Committee

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Exceptional Health & Weight Loss Solutions, PLC

Exceptional Health & Weight Loss Solutions, PLC, a micropractice open since September 2015, is a clinic dedicated entirely to obesity and weight loss.

Linda Hodges, DO is founder and president of the clinic, where every interaction is with a physician - from emails to office visits. Dr. Hodges is determined to teach every patient what foods work well with their own bodies to have the best chance for success, as well as what food practices fit within their lifestyles while still meeting weight loss goals.

Dr. Hodges is an American Board of Obesity Medicine Diplomate. ABOM Diplomates are specialists in obesity medicine who undergo rigorous training and an extensive examination process to achieve this designation. This designation represents the highest level of achievement in the medical specialty of obesity and weight loss. Dr. Hodges is the only ABOM Diplomate in the area.

A graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Hodges completed her residency in Internal Medicine and was then selected to participate in a two-year critical care fellowship program at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She is board certified in Internal Medicine, Critical Care Medicine and Obesity Medicine. Dr. Hodges also practices critical care medicine.

Clinic location: 1350 Boyson Road ~ Building D, Suite 1 ~ Hiawatha - Clinic information can be found at www.exceptionalweightloss.com



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