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Town Village Center - Economic Resilience

The ability of a community to achieve economic resilience hinges on three main ingredients: Development of community attributes such as physical infrastructure, a safe environment, effective transportation systems, and quality education: promotion of a critical mass of business/commerce-sector activity, and an understanding of the impact of socioeconomics and work forces issues on the community.

As our community began to grow and continues to grow, a group of men and women discussed this very concept back in 2003. This group was named the Town Center Committee. Their intent was to create a vibrant, walkable neighborhood that would attract and retain talented people and companies that want to hire them. The concept would expand economic opportunity within our community, and create a culture of engagement. It would help our region grow and make our city stand out within our region as a destination to shop, dine, visit, move to, or invest. It would be a chance to celebrate our community's diverse history, create new opportunities for long-time neighborhood residents, and to achieve the triple-bottom line of a more equitable community, stronger economy, and protected environment.

The committee established the details of this concept through public engagement, strategic planning, public comment, and ongoing support, creating a sense of place- uniting community, attracting visitors, and supporting local businesses. By investing in the reconstruction and beautification of old Highway 150 better known as Center Point Road/North Center Point Road from Blairsferry Road to Tower Terrace Road and constructing the trail system providing the critical transportation and citizen activity creating that sense of place. Beautification along our arterial road paints the quality of life picture and separates our community from another. Pride was instilled in our community establishing ownership and the desire to create more.

We have witnessed the growth on the northern end of Center Point Road now that the final piece of Center Point Road intersection of Robins and Emmons Street infrastructure is complete; it is time to tackle the redevelopment of city owned property in the heart of our community more specifically Oakbrook. This we feel will be the kick off to the redevelopment of the Town Village Center that many of you have either participated in the visionary plan or attended a town hall meeting.

We are currently soliciting developers and drawing in interest. Our intentions are to solicit creative, high quality solutions in the proposed uses, site design, architecture, financing, construction and management of the project. Our desired uses would be a mix of residential and non-residential, including retail, entertainment and service space, though the exact mix may be determined by market demand. In our most recent survey, the greatest focus would be to have a balance of day and night time activities such as eateries, retail/commercial amenities as well as after work amenities. Type of amenities suggested: health food eating establishments, shopping, restaurants, grocery, nice pubs off trail, boutiques, martini bar, area for live music, restaurants with outdoor sitting, brewery, small business, pharmacy, fitness centers, single family housing stock, townhouses, apartments and senior living.

2003 or 2023 economic resilience is still be a factor in our community's success. When you look at our economic resilience score card we can be proud of our accomplishments as we check off physical infrastructure improvements (water, sewer, storm water, and streets), continued focus on providing a safe environment, effective transportation systems, and quality education: promotion of a critical mass of business/commerce-sector activity; and an understanding of the socioeconomic impact and workforce issues in and around our community.

Planning for New Tower Terrace Interchange Continues

Iowa Department of Transportation Commission has included \$15 million in the state five year plan for the new Tower Terrace Interchange at I-380. The funds are allocated in fiscal years 2021-2022. Local groups have pledged \$5 million to the project, \$4 million as a grant from the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO). The Iowa Department of Transportation continues with an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) and environmental study with all this work scheduled to be completed in spring 2018. The purpose of the study is to analyze the proposed widening improvements to I-380 from Iowa 100 to County Home Road, **including a new proposed interchange at Tower Terrace Road and reconstruction of the Boyson Road Interchange.**

The City of Hiawatha is the lead agency for the second request of an additional \$1 million of CMPO funds for fiscal year 2022.

Emmons Street Repairs Planned for Summer of 2018

The newly adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) identifies two sections of Emmons Street for repairs as the street is in a much deteriorated condition. The areas proposed include from 9th Avenue to 10th Avenue and the section remaining from the intersection relocation project west of City Hall to the railroad tracks. This area was included in the intersection project, but was moved to 2018 for construction. The current CIP budget includes funds to remove and replace the existing street paving with the needed new rock base and drain tile. A traffic study conducted during the design of the Emmons/Robins/North Center Point Road Project identified approximately 4,800 cars per day use Emmons Street west of the new intersection.

City Council has approved an engineering contract for design work. The proposal outlined the scope, schedule, and fee to prepare plans and specifications for the removal and repaving of these two areas of Emmons Street during the summer of 2018. Also of interest is the public involvement phase, which will include a public meeting for input from local businesses and school. Notification of this meeting will be sent to properties along the street and be posted on the city website.

For further information, contact the City Engineer at jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com.

Water Bill Payment Options

The Water Department offers many payment options for your convenience. As always you can mail a payment or even stop by our office to pay by check, cash or card. In addition to those options we offer online, phone and automatic withdrawal payments. If you have any questions about the information below please call us at 319-393-5556.

Online Option:

*Go to our website: www.hiawatha-iowa.com

*Select Water under Departments then click "Pay Water Bill" under *Helpful Links*

*On the "Pay Your Water Bill" screen you will want to select "Pay My Bill"

*On this screen, you will want to register to create an account. In order to create your account, you will need your property location and account number located on your water bill just above the perforated line. Once an account is created you will be able to access and pay your water bill at anytime thru our website.

Phone Option:

*Call 1-877-690-3729

*You will be asked for a jurisdiction code. It is 2510

*Be sure to have your account number and the amount you want to pay

ACH Option:

Automatic withdrawal payments come directly from a checking or savings account. You can stop by the Water office to pick up a form and supply a voided check. Or go to the Water Department page on our website to get a form:

*Under *Helpful Links*

*Select forms and it is the "Pre-authorization Payment Form" under Automatic Withdrawal.

*You will need to fill out the form and supply a voided check.

Go Paperless:

If you are interested in going paperless we do offer E-billing:

*Go to the Water Department page on our website. Scroll down and click "E-billing Sign Up"

*Select the "Sign me up for E-billing!" link



Hiawatha Council Action

January 3, 2018

<p>ORDINANCE #888 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 63 Speed Regulations amending §63.01 General (6) Special Speed Zones (A) 25 MPH Speed Zones by adding Center Point Road from Willman Street north to Parsons Drive & amending (6) Special Speed Zones (C) 35 MPH Speed Zones by adding remaining sections of Center</p>	<p>Point Road. RESOLUTION #18-001 setting a public hearing date (1/17/18 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Hawkeye Dr., LLC & providing for publication of notice. RESOLUTION #18-002 authorizing the replacement of 1 elevated light tower on Fire Engine 284, with a Burt Night Scan elevating light tower, including the</p>	<p>replacement of lighting on the fire engine to upgrade to LED lighting, utilizing insurance money & previously budgeted Local Option Sales & Service Tax (LOSST) dollars. Motion approving of the appointment of 1 volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Deborah Rasmussen. RESOLUTION #18-003 approving naming Cedar Rapids Gazette as the official City Newspaper.</p>
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January 17, 2018

<p>RESOLUTION #18-004 approving & authorizing execution of a 5 year Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & Hawkeye Dr., LLC. RESOLUTION #18-005 approving the partial release of a Development Agreement between City of Hiawatha & Forrest Ridge LLC for properties located at 3065 Dell Ridge Lane, Lot 6 Dell Ridge Third Addition & 3063 Dell Ridge Lane, Lot 7 of Dell Ridge Third Addition. RESOLUTION #18-006 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Hall</p>	<p>& Hall Engineers for design services in connection with the 2018 Emmons Street Reconstruction Project 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$43,469. RESOLUTION #18-007 approving & adopting a Tree Sustainability Ash Borer Management & Tree Trimming Policy for the City of Hiawatha, & further authorizing the use of LOSST funds in the amount of \$30,000, each fiscal year for the 6 year period of FY18 – FY23, with carryover of funds allowed as needed to support the program.</p>
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League of Women Voters Legislative Forums

The 2018 League of Women Voters Linn County Legislative Forums will be split between Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha. The Saturday, February 17th forums will be in the Hallagan Center at Mercy Medical Center, 701 10th Street SE in Cedar Rapids. The Saturday, March 17th and Saturday, April 21st forums will be at the Kirkwood Community College Regional Center, 1770 Boyson Road in Hiawatha. All forums 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM.

All eleven Linn County Legislators have been invited. These free public forums are a venue for state representatives and senators to discuss issues of concern and to answer questions from constituents. If internet signal strength allows Pro Video will stream the forums live on the LWV Linn County and Pro Video Productions Facebook pages. Following the forum, a video of the event can be viewed via the Neighborhood Network News link on the League website www.lwvlinncounty.org. The forums are held on the third Saturday of the month while the Iowa Legislature is in session.

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 volunteer political organization that neither supports or opposes any candidate or political party, encourages citizen participation in government and is open to everyone 16 years and older.

Thank you to our Past and Present Board Members!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who have served and are serving as a city board/ commission member. We are so fortunate to not only have you as a part of our community but also your commitment to serving our community with the best interests of the City and its citizens in mind.

Board and Commission Appointments and Re-appointments:

Brain Vogel
Mike Freeman
Michelle McIllece
Eric Hoover
Brandon Lynch
Sandy Brewer
Tom Day
Andy Sweeney
Wayne Winn
Kevin Neef
Carl Ransford

Board of Adjustment & Board of Appeals
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Parks & Recreation Commission
Planning & Zoning Commission
Parks & Recreation Commission
History Commission
Board of Adjustment
Board of Adjustment
Board of Appeals
Board of Appeals
Water Board

February Calendar

- 07 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 12 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 12 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 13 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 13 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
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Don't Miss the Hiawatha Earth Day Collection/Recycling Event on April 21, 2018

The City of Hiawatha is celebrating Earth Day by hosting our annual collection/recycling event at the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility at 1410 Robins Road. This is a chance for all Hiawatha residents to drop off the following items for recycling and proper disposal:



- Household hazardous waste sponsored by Linn County Solid Waste
- Electronic equipment sponsored by Midwest Electronic Recovery
- Documents for shredding sponsored by Heartland Shredding
- Unserviceable flags and purchase of new flags sponsored by American Legion Post 735
- Gently used cell phones to be donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers sponsored by the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Chapter 735
- Eyeglasses and hearing aids sponsored by the Hiawatha Lions Club
- New or gently used children's book collection (Reach Out and Read Program) sponsored by the Hiawatha Lions Club and the Unity Point Clinic
- Prescription/medication waste sponsored by Hv-Vee Pharmacy

The 2018 Earth Day event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. Load up your car and stop down to the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility at 1410 Robins Road.



Tree Sustainability Program



The City has been developing a Tree Sustainability Plan as part of our efforts to improve the livability in Hiawatha. We completed a tree inventory in the parks and public right of ways with the Iowa Department of Natural Services in the summer of 2016. With the inventory collected, we have discovered many trees that need some sort of maintenance including trimming or removal.

We have divided the city into three zones and over the next three years council has authorized staff to use Local Option Sales and Service Tax funds to provide needed maintenance. As part of our inventory we are also developing a plan on how to mitigate diseased Ash trees. In the Fall, a public informational meeting about the Emerald Ash Borer and its affects on Ash trees and options residents may have if you have an Ash tree on your property. More information will be posted on the date, time and location as it gets closer.

Hiawatha Public Works Department - Snow Removal

- The winter snow season is winding down! We have had a couple decent snow events so far and our crew has handled them well. We have an experienced staff of five that have been together for over five years. Each snow/ice event is different and requires different tactics to keep roads clear. Our first priority during a snow event is keeping the snow routes clear for traffic. As the snowfall rate decreases and snow routes are clear, we start clearing the residential and commercial streets. Our goal is to just make one trip through the residential streets. Mailboxes are a constant issue and we strive to not hit them.
- If your mailbox is hit or have torn up grass, please contact Public Works at 319-393-6601 or email rjasa@hiawatha-iowa.com. You can also email or call with other concerns or questions. Reminder: Please remove your cars from the street during snowfall events. It really helps with snow removal operations!



Disclosure of Private Customer Records

In this last year's legislative session, the Iowa Public Information Board determined that Iowa Code §388.9A holds in abeyance application to the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter - Examination of Public Records which would otherwise be subject to inspection and copied and as to those records, the Iowa Code Chapter §22.2 right to examine a copy is suspended at the discretion of the utility.

On December 20, 2017 the City Council passed a resolution to allow all private utility customer records to be maintained as private records and the right to examine and copy private customer records to be suspended. This policy gives the city the ability to limit the request we receive from solicitors for names and mailing addresses but would not disallow the city's internal uses.

The Water Board approved a similar resolution following the same policy at their December 19, 2017 meeting.

Hiawatha Police Department Participates in Secret Santa Program

This past December the police department had the opportunity to be a part of a very moving act of kindness. We were approached by a local anonymous donor. The donor wanted to fund a Secret Santa Program for the Hiawatha Police Department. The basic concept was discussed and a plan was formed. Each officer was given new, crisp \$100 bills. The officers were told to explain the program and give the money to people who may be going through a rough stretch or could otherwise just benefit from an act of kindness.

Realizing the holiday season is a stressful time was the perfect opportunity for this type of program. For the month of December officers were able to find many people who needed just a little boost to make the holidays a bit less stressful. This was through the many contacts our officers have responding to calls and carrying out other functions of their daily duties.

This proved to be a very emotional program both for the recipients and officers carrying out the donor's wishes. Many of the recipients were initially in disbelief, then many tears of joy were shed. The officers were also very moved by the encounters. I spoke with several of my officers who did not realize they too would be affected. Witnessing the impact \$100 can have on a single mother wondering how she was going to put presents under the tree was a powerful moment.

I am very grateful to the anonymous donor and their willingness to include the Hiawatha Police Department in carrying out their act of kindness. I am also very proud of the officers for their dedication in finding the many deserving recipients.

Dennis Marks, Hiawatha Police Chief



Parks and Recreation Department - Seasonal Positions Available

Seasonal Parks Maintenance Positions - The City of Hiawatha is accepting applications for three Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions for the 2018 summer season. The Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions are responsible for performing a wide variety of activities related to the city parks and other city facilities. The city is looking for self-motivated individuals with good communication skills, ability to follow instructions and ability to work as a team.

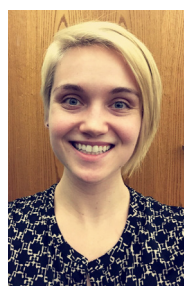
Daily tasks will include maintaining the cleanliness and orderliness of park grounds and facility structures. Essential duties include, but are not limited to, mowing, trimming and weeding, routine facility clean-up (after park and community center rentals), minor equipment maintenance and assist other departments as directed.

Non-standard work week, weekends and holidays may be required. Any combination of education and experience providing the required skills is beneficial. Pre-employment physical and a valid driver's license required. Must be 18 to apply. Rate of pay starts at \$11.00.

Seasonal Adventure Camp Employees - The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department are looking for Summer Leaders and Directors for the Hiawatha Kids Adventure Camp Program. Responsibilities include working with children from the ages of 5-12 in daily activities and field trips from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday through Friday; program dates June 11, 2018 - August 10, 2018. Must be 18 years of age. Hourly rate: \$9-\$10.80.

Employment application and job description can be found at www.hiawatha-iowa.com under job opportunities or by contacting the City Clerk's office at 101 Emmons Street, Hiawatha, Iowa 52233. EOE. Positions open until filled.

Hiawatha Library Hires New Staff



Meet Rachel Schiller, the newest addition to the Hiawatha Public Library! Rachel joins us as the new Library Programming Assistant after receiving her Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Northern Iowa. Passionate about community engagement and unique educational programming, this move to Hiawatha Public Library is a natural fit! In her free time Rachel enjoys spending time with her extended family, playing tennis, and listening to audio books. Welcome Rachel!

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 24-25, 2018

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Local Real Estate Company Announces Relocation

The new office, located near the intersection of Blairs Ferry and Miller Road in Hiawatha, gives the six-year-old company with more than 40 years of real estate experience, more flexibility in serving clients, according to co-owner Teri Graf.

“Being located in a rapidly-growing area puts us in a better position to respond quickly and efficiently to the people we serve,” Graf said. “We have had such a positive response to our guarantee buy program that we wanted a more visible location.”

A grand-opening and ribbon cutting was held December 21 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the new office at 2252 Blairs Ferry Road.

Graf Home Selling Team and Associates currently has 11 licensed real estate agents and two licensed assistants, but Graf noted that there are plans to expand the business. American Escrow, owned by Julie Recker, is also accompanying the Graf Team in the move.

For more information about Graf Home Selling Team and Associates, including a map to the new office, visit the website at ghst.com or call 319-826-1861.



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