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### Cedar Valley Trail Head Signalization for Pedestrian/Bicyclist Crossing

The city was contacted by two organizations: Linn County Trail Association (LCTA) and Hawkeye Bicycle Association (HBA) with their concerns of safety for the pedestrians and bicyclists crossing at the head of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail at Boyson Road and further down across Tower Terrace Road.

On January 25, the LCTA and HBA presented their concerns to the City Council where they shared what they believed to be the best option for signalization at the trail head crossing at Boyson Road to provide safety for the pedestrians and bicyclists. Their proposal includes the installation of a flashing pedestrian signalized yield sign, similar to what has been installed at the Lindale Drive crossing in Marion for the Grant Wood Trail.

City staff investigated the proposal and agree the signalization is appropriate and necessary due to the high traffic area. The quote for the pedestrian signalized yield sign with beacons facing both east and west that includes a rapid flashing beacon. The estimated cost is \$10,097. The City Council would like to place the same type of signalization at the Tower Terrace trail crossing. The total project cost is \$20,194.

The project would consist of two (2) TAPCO rectangular rapid flash solar beacon (RRFB) double sided with push button activated bollards. The beacons provide greater visibility; ideal for high-speed and multi-lane pedestrian crossings. The RRFB has produced 80%-90% driver compliance in yielding to pedestrians at high-risk uncontrolled crossings. The city would also provide pre-emption crossing ahead signage along with painting the necessary street markings at the crossing.

LCTA and HBA pledged \$15,000 toward the signalization project because they felt so strongly about the trail crossing improvements and creating a safety mechanism for the crossings at Boyson Road and Tower Terrace Road.

The city would be the lead on this project and would be reimbursed by the organizations after the work is completed. The work would be done this coming spring.



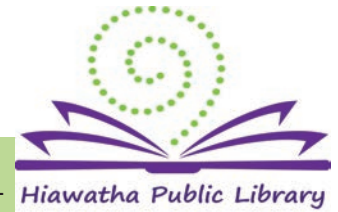
### HIAWATHA FUN FEST - AUGUST 25-26, 2017

Come join in the fun at the second annual Hiawatha Fun Fest! This family-friendly annual event will kick off with a Friday night concert in the Park featuring **8 Seconds** from 6:00-9:00 PM. A Movie Under the Moon from 9:00-11:00 PM brought to you by the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends Foundation. Saturday morning the festivities will begin in Guthridge Park with a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the HiCREW Kiwanis Club (8:00-11:00 AM) and a 5K Fun Run by the Hiawatha Fire Department (8:00 AM). At 11:00 AM, a parade will begin at Parsons Drive, through town and ending

in Guthridge Park with a wide range of activities to follow for all ages, including inflatable's, food, live music, fireworks and much more! Our featured entertainment for Saturday evening will be the **Breakfast Club** (6:00-9:00 PM) featuring a wide range of classic rock hits! Don't miss another year of fun!

**Location: Guthridge Park Dates: August 25, 2017 from 6:00 - 11:00 PM and August 26, 2017 from 8:00 AM - Fireworks**

**The Hiawatha Public Library is excited to welcome several new employees!**



Renee Greenlee is our new Youth Services Assistant. Renee has worked as a paraprofessional in the Cedar Rapids Community School District, most recently as Franklin Middle School. Renee enjoys playing games with her family, reading, and teaching fitness classes. She thinks the energy at Hiawatha Public Library is fantastic and loves helping library patrons and being surrounded by books!



Julie Jewell is the new part time Community Relations Coordinator for the Hiawatha Public Library. She comes to the library with over 10 years in higher education as an instructor and still teaches Business Management courses and a variety of community classes. Julie has her PhD in Organization and Management. She is also a local artist, a published author, international speaker and has published several peer-reviewed articles including topics in Disaster Management and Human Resources. In her free time Julie enjoys traveling, baking and gardening with her husband and 5 1/2 year old son.



Marta Petermann was recently promoted to Library Assistant at the library. Marta previously worked as a Library Page, at the Cedar Rapids Public Library as a Patron Services Specialist and as the Director of the Wregie Memorial Library in Oxford Junction, Iowa. Marta is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Environmental Policy and Management. Marta loves coffee, travel, chocolate, reading, smiling and various outdoor activities. She enjoys helping people find a book that will draw them in and take them on an adventure.



Julia Venzke is a new Library Assistant. Julia earned her Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Iowa and was previously employed at the University of Iowa College of Public Health. Julia volunteers for PAWS & More Animal Shelter and loves cats - she even has a Crazy Cat Lady coffee mug to prove it! She's a 20 year member of Toastmasters International and also enjoys photography. Julia enjoys meeting and assisting the folks who come into the library.



Jackie Brock is a new Library Page. Jackie is a senior at Xavier High School and enjoys writing, reading, trying new foods, soccer and cheerleading. Jackie loves helping people find whatever they are looking for at the library because it's kind of like a scavenger hunt.



Elise Williams is also a new Library Page. Elise is a junior at Kennedy High School and participates in speech, debate and tennis. Elise enjoys working at the Hiawatha Public Library because she grew up visiting the library often and working at the library has been a great opportunity to be involved in the community she loves.

Please stop in and say hello to these new employees and everyone on staff at the Hiawatha Public Library!

**Yoga Story Time Debuts February 6 at Hiawatha Public Library**

Adults are well aware of the benefits acquired from yoga but did you know that these benefits apply to children as well? Just like mom and dad, kids will attain increased strength, balance and sense of well-being. Through yoga movements, they can develop an increase in body awareness and mindfulness about their bodies' capabilities. Hiawatha Public Library is pleased to introduce Yoga Story Time. This fun interactive story time is geared towards young children and their caregivers and will encourage participation in yoga movement together. Caregivers are asked to bring bath towels for their children in order to give them a sense of their own space. Child-friendly yoga movements will alternate with stories to facilitate the development of literacy as well as the need to simply move!

Each week Yoga Story Time will feature a different theme. The stories may connect to a certain yoga pose, such as a tree pose, or the important themes of friendship, caring and acceptance. Yoga Story Time will conclude with a few minutes of relaxation time which will include breathing exercises with fun stuffed friends. We hope you and your child will be able to join us on Mondays at 10:00 AM beginning February 6 (please check calendar for dates).





# Hiawatha Council Action

February 2017

## January 4, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-001 authorizing city staff to proceed with filing an application and committing to provide local matching funds for the Tower Terrace Road Interchange Project.	#17-002 approving Amendment #3 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Hall and Hall Engineers, Inc. to change the standard hourly rates for service.	the appointment of one Volunteer Fire-fighter: Zachary Shalla.
RESOLUTION	Motion of approval of	RESOLUTION #17-003 approving naming Cedar Rapids Gazette as the official City Newspaper.

## January 18, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-004 setting a public hearing date (February 1, 2017 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the proposal to enter into a 5 year Development Agreement with Mother Goose Daycare and Preschool Center, Inc. and providing for publication of notice.	RESOLUTION #17-006 setting City Attorney compensation/fee structure beginning July 1, 2017.
RESOLUTION #17-005 approving a 28E Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and other participating metro agencies for the sharing of Cedar Rapids properties for Police Department training purposes.	RESOLUTION #17-007 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #4 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project, and directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., in the amount of \$63,189.62.

### City Officials and Staff Complete City Government Training

Bill Bennett, Mayor; Aime Wichtendahl, Council Member and Kim Downs, City Administrator, were among the 165 city officials from across the state to be recognized for their participation in the Municipal Leadership Academy (MLA). The workshop series is conducted every other year after the regular municipal elections and is the only training opportunity that gives city officials in Iowa a broad-based look at the many aspects of city government. Topics covered during the workshops included council meeting procedures, city budgeting and economic development.

Bennett, Wichtendahl, Downs and other MLA graduates were recognized for their accomplishments during a special awards ceremony at the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference & Exhibit in Des Moines. Over 500 city officials attended parts of the MLA workshops; however, to graduate an official needed to attend three out of the four MLA sessions. After the recognition event, graduates received a certificate honoring their completion of the training.

MLA offers a comprehensive overview of municipal government and is presented by staff of the Iowa League of Cities, the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Iowa and the Office of State and Local Government Programs at Iowa State University Extension.

MLA participants demonstrate a commitment to leadership worthy of special recognition; often taking time out of their personal lives to attend trainings on evenings and weekends.

### February Calendar

- 01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Council meeting airs  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)  
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 13 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 Council meeting airs  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)  
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 27 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

### March Calendar

- 01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Council meeting airs  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)  
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 13 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
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**CITY OF HIAWATHA EARTH DAY COLLECTION/RECYCLING EVENT - SAVE THE DATE**

Each year, the City of Hiawatha celebrates Earth Day by hosting a collection/recycling event. This year we are changing the venue to the **Hiawatha Maintenance Shop** located at 1410 Robins Road. Earth Day is an opportunity for Hiawatha residents to do some early spring cleaning and take advantage of some free recycling and disposal of unwanted materials.

The 2017 Earth Day event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9:00 -11:00 AM**. Watch for more information on the 2017 Earth Day Event, including a full list of acceptable materials for drop off in the March Hiawatha Insights.



**Kids Movie Nights**

The Hiawatha Park and Recreation Commission gives children the opportunity to see a movie for FREE! Families bring your blankets to watch the movies on the big screen in the Hiawatha Community Center. Juice and popcorn are provided. Watch Virtual Backpack and Facebook for online flyers at the elementary schools for movie titles!

**2017 dates scheduled for Fridays:  
March 10, September 8 and November 10  
Movies begin at 6:30 PM**

**KIDS MOVIE NIGHTS SPONSORED BY:  
The University of Iowa Credit Union**



**March 10th– The Secret Life of Pets**

The Hiawatha Park and Recreation Commission and UICCU gives children the opportunity to see a movie for **FREE** in the Hiawatha Community Center!



**Bring your blankets and pillows and enjoy popcorn and juice on us!**

**Movie starts at 6:30pm**



**Hiawatha Public Library “Read to Feed”**

The Hiawatha Public Library held “Read to Feed” through the month of November. The library partnered with HACAP for this food drive to collect food for the HACAP Food Reservoir in Hiawatha. Library patrons were encouraged to participate in “Food for Fines,” a program to forgive library fines with non-perishable food donations. Library patrons also donated food items while attending various library programs. We are so pleased to announce that we donated 1,342 pounds of food, 1,118 meals, back to the community. Thank you for your generous giving!



**Hiawatha Volunteer Firefighters**



This month we feature volunteer firefighter Tim Hofferber. Tim joined the Hiawatha Fire Department in January of 2011. Since that time, Tim has served in a number of positions on the fire department including MDA Co-Chair and Treasurer of the Firefighters Association. In October of 2015, Tim was promoted to Lieutenant and oversees the Thursday night duty crew. He is certified Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Hazardous Materials Operations Level and Driver Operator.

We asked Tim why he joined the fire department and what he enjoyed the most about being on the fire department. “I always held firefighters in high regard and wanted to be a part of a group of people that would give their time to help people who need it. I like the camaraderie, meeting new people and the science behind fire fighting. Driving the fire trucks is also pretty cool.”

Many of you may know Tim from the community. He has been married to Carli for over 20 years and they have three children. Daughters Sydney and Naomi are both students at the U of I and Isaac is a student at Harding. Tim stays busy with family activities and speaks proudly of his families accomplishments. He has been active in scouting, serving as the Cubmaster of pack 63 for two years and currently serves as a committee member of Troop 766. He works as a Project Engineer at Windstream.

Tim wanted to pass on this fire safety tip: “Smoke detectors save lives. Make sure you have one in every bedroom and at least one on every level of your home. Regardless of how often you change the battery, test them frequently. When you do change the battery put electrical tape over the terminals of the old battery so there is no potential of shorting in the trash and starting a fire.”

If you want more information on volunteering with the Hiawatha Fire Department, or need assistance with your smoke detector, contact the fire department at 319-393-4180.

### Sidewalk Maintenance Program Study

Our City believes in maintaining a safe environment for our citizens and visitors through a good neighbor policy of sidewalk maintenance. City Ordinance 136 deals with the construction and maintenance of all sidewalks in Hiawatha. This section of the code describes who is responsible for maintaining sidewalks, the standards for maintenance and the process for assuring the sidewalks are maintained.

A property owner is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk adjacent to their property (Sect. 136.04). This responsibility includes the maintenance of the sidewalk itself. Section 136.02 further defines the “Defective Sidewalk” issues which must be corrected.

- Vertical separations equal to three-fourths (3/4) inch or more
- Horizontal separations equal to one-half (1/2) inch or more
- Holes four (4) inches in diameter and missing full depth parts of sidewalk
- Excessive spalling and cracking
- Excessive dips and bumps in the sidewalk



Currently the Community Development Department receives the complaints concerning unsafe sidewalks and resultant injuries. Our department verifies the complaint and sends notice to property owners regarding unsafe sidewalks requesting them to be corrected. The City then works with the owner to develop appropriate time frames for corrections, issues the necessary permits and completes the associated inspections to assure the installation of a complying sidewalk. However, if the owner fails to fix the unsafe sidewalk the City has authority to repair the sidewalk and to assess the owner for the costs associated with the correction.

The City of Hiawatha is studying a preventive maintenance program for our public sidewalks. The intent of the program is to be proactive in addressing the natural aging of our sidewalks. The program will:

- Prevent further injuries by repairing defects before accidents occur,
- Spread maintenance costs over time,
- Coordinate sidewalk projects with street projects

The first step in assessing the program possibility is to inventory our sidewalks. We are currently dividing the City into sections for survey purposes and will begin the inventory this spring. Our municipal league insurance partner; ICAP is assisting us in our inventory process.

Stay tuned for more information as we move forward in this effort to keep our city safe. As always, we encourage all property owners to maintain safe sidewalks as part of being a good neighbor in Hiawatha.

### Hiawatha's Seat at the Table

The Cedar Rapids School District has begun their journey to Reimagine, Re-envision and Reinvest in the future of their students and school facilities. One way to do that is to develop a Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan by holding public input meetings and examining existing and future facility needs. The purpose of the plan is to develop and communicate an efficient process to change the District's School Facilities to better accommodate and support its current and future educational programs and finances on a regularly updated basis.

In formulating a Facilities Master Plan, the school district asked the Cities of Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha to project their cities growth areas and their ability to partner in a public/public partnership. The shared or “joint” use of school facilities and/or school grounds between school districts and local entities are a strategy with the potential to:

- enhance school and community services and amenities
- improve a local communities built environment and public health
- increase interaction between a municipality and its school district(s), and
- encourage efficient use of developed space



City Administrator, Kim Downs and Community Development Director, Pat Parsley expressed their desire to continue the partnership between the school district and the city. For years the School District and the City have partnered in logistic issues, street sweeping, trail construction and ambassador visits. The City of Hiawatha agrees the school facilities and grounds are integral components of public infrastructure and the ability to formulate public/public partnerships can save tax payer dollars while adding space for children to learn, socialize and exercise.

As interest grows in addressing pressing concerns such as childhood obesity, lack of recreation/open space, suburban sprawl and the need to efficiently use limited public resources, many consider joint use of school facilities as one strategic approach to help address these very issues. The School District's Facility Master Plan will be completed later this summer.



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## The History Commission Honors Long Time Member Bev Daws

The History Commission would like to recognize and show appreciation to one of their original members, Beverly (Bev) Daws. Bev served on the History Commission since its establishment in October 2007, recently making the decision to step down at the end of her term as of December 31, 2016.

The History Commission is currently made up of residents of Hiawatha who have strong ties to community as well as a wealth of knowledge on the history of this great City. Bev has been a resident of Hiawatha since 1955, she worked at the City for 48 years, filling the positions of City Clerk and Water Clerk. Bev is currently serving as the Vice-Chair of the Hiawatha Water Board where she has been a board member for the last eight years.

The History Commission gives a big THANK YOU and a shout of praise to Bev for her integral role in assisting with collection and preservation of historical materials that will tell the story of Hiawatha for years to come!



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