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Hiawatha Insights

Homeless Children will have a Merry Christmas Thanks to Generosity of Our Community and Friends

Hiawatha residents opened their hearts and their wallets during this holiday season to help the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) Toys for Homeless Children. On December 7, 2011, at our regularly scheduled council meeting, Hiawatha Mayor Tom Theis presented HACAP with two large boxes of toys and a check for \$15,000. The donations will be given to children throughout Linn County in hopes of making this year's Christmas season one of excitement and good blessings. It is estimated that in Linn County 2,900 children have no place to call home.



City Council Member, Dick Olson, read a letter from HACAP to the City of Hiawatha, thanking them for their generosity. Olson also read the names of the people who scrambled to make the project happen, so that the toys and money could be distributed the following week.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their giving spirit during this Christmas season:

Ahmann Properties
CCB Packaging
Cedar Rapids Toyota
Dave & Jayne DeCoste
Hall & Hall Engineers
Hawkeye Electric
Hiawatha Bank & Trust
J & A Printing

JP Gasway
Ketelsen RV
Lederer Weston Craig PLC
Master Tool Mfg
Personal Safety Corp
Pines at Turtle Creek, LLC
ROI Marketing
RUD-Chain

Seltec
Speer Financial
True North Companies
Woodharbor
World Class Ind
Wright-Way Trailers
YMH Torrance, Inc

Along with donations from several private citizens and Hiawatha Staff members, we could not have done this without you!

L.O.S.S.T. Special Election March 6, 2012

On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, the Cedar Rapids Extended Sales Tax (CREST) presented a petition to the Linn County Board of Supervisors requesting a special election for a local option sales tax, and

On December 21, 2011, the Hiawatha City Council, at their regular meeting, agreed our participation in the extension of the Local Option Sales and Service Tax is in the best interest of our citizens.

The Hiawatha City Council approved a resolution directed to the Linn County Auditor's Office requesting submission for the extension of the imposition of a 1% Local Option Sales and Service Tax for a period of ten years commencing on July 1, 2014 to the registered voters of Linn County residing in Hiawatha.

The Hiawatha City Council requests submission of the question of extending the imposition of a 1% Local Option Sales and Service Tax for a period of ten years to the registered voters of Linn County residing in Hiawatha at a special election to be held on March 6, 2012 and that revenues from the 1% Local Option Sales and Service Tax which may be imposed in this City. The ballot will read as follows:

1. Up to 10% for property tax relief
2. The specific purposes for which the revenues shall otherwise be expended is/are 100% for any lawful purpose including, but not limited to, retirement of outstanding obligations, water & sewer system improvements, street improvements, public safety, library, and park & recreation improvements.

For more information or questions you may have regarding the Local Option Sales and Service Tax, please contact Mayor, Tom Theis - email: mayor@hiawatha-iowa.com or City Clerk, Kim Downs - email: cityclerk@hiawatha-iowa.com or call (319) 393-1515.

Hiawatha Library - New Year, New You Series

Looking for a way to achieve those New Year's Resolutions? Join us for this exciting series of presenters and learn new techniques that will help you fulfill those resolutions! *Reservations are required for each program. Please email at keatingm@hiawatha-iowa.com or call at 393-1414 to reserve your spot today!*

- Do you want to find new and creative ways to save money? Join local expert Amanda Carlisle on **Wednesday, January 18th** from **6:30 - 7:30 pm** and learn "a few shortcuts!" Amanda will teach you the basics of couponing, including: where to find coupons, local coupon policies, how to maximize savings with coupons, drugstore saving basics, coupon overage and stockpiling.
- Need a little support in meeting your goals for the New Year? Come learn from Licensed Mental Health Counselor Julie Lemon on **Tuesday, January 24th** from **6:30 - 7:30 pm** and find out how to "live healthy and live happy". Julie will discuss ways to achieve your goals in the New Year by making them realistic, achievable and fun. She will also discuss staying positive and how to deal with disappointments that come along the way.
- Tired of waiting until just before dinner to decide what you and your family are going to eat? Join Hy-Vee Registered Dietitian Christy Frese on **Thursday, January 26th** from **6:00 - 7:30 pm** and learn that all it takes is a little "meal planning!" Learn the methods for putting together a week's worth of delicious and healthy week-night dinners. Food samples, recipes and meal planning materials are included in the class.

Red Cedar Chamber Music presents Chamber Music Now! Listen to the sweet sounds of Red Cedar Chamber Music on **Saturday, January 28th** from 12 - 1:00 pm. This performance is part of the "Chamber Music Now!" series.



Live Healthy Iowa 100 Day Wellness Challenge Jan 23 - May 1, 2012

As part of the Iowa Sports Foundation, Live Healthy Iowa began in 2002 as a friendly competition encouraging Iowans to "Lighten Up" and adopt healthier lifestyles through increased physical activity and healthier nutrition choices. For the past 10 years, Live Healthy Iowa has been making an impact on individuals, families, schools, businesses and communities across the state. In 2011, more than 152,000 Iowans, adult and youth, took part in a Live Healthy Iowa program. The 100 day Wellness Challenge is a simple and affordable challenge encouraging Iowans to make healthy choices. Over the course of 100 days, teams (2-10 people) engage in friendly competition tracking activity minutes and/or weight loss through the Live Healthy Iowa website.

Register at www.livehealthyiowa.org with the Hiawatha Group ID: LHIHIA



Park & Recreation End of Season Report

The Recreation Department had an exciting and successful season. We would like to thank all the volunteer coaches that led our Blastball and Soccer programs. The numbers of participants in these programs increase each year, with this years numbers totaling almost 200 in each program. Our Youths in Parks, Playground and Tot-lot programs also had a great year which included new themes each week, guest speakers and field trips. Tennis lessons continued this year on our courts at Guthridge Park, partnered with Westfield Tennis Club and a dance clinic in the Community Center. We are continually adding to programs offered in the afternoons at the Community Center with additional activities for senior citizens. Hiawatha's special events dominated this summer with four entertaining Concerts in the Park, our Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa, and Memorial Day Bike Rodeo and Parade. The Park and Recreation Department also offers a wide range of discount amusement park tickets, Farmer's Markets on Sundays and we are beginning our series of Kids Movie Nights. For a list of our current recreational opportunities or community center information, please find us on Facebook or check out our website at www.hiawatha-iowa.com.

The Hiawatha Recreation Department is always looking for people to teach classes of a specific talent or skill. Can you teach people about cooking, painting, drawing, writing, resume writing, organization, musical instruments, or other specialized children's classes?

Are you a business or citizen that would like to get involved in your local community? Become a sponsor or help organize a Hiawatha event. There are lots of exciting opportunities for Hiawatha's businesses. Have some ideas of what you would like to see happen in Hiawatha? Contact Liz Goater, Recreation Coordinator or Angie Cole, Park and Recreation Director.

Urban Chickens Ordinance Fails it's Third Reading

At the December 7, 2011 Council meeting, Council members listened to the comments of the citizens that were either for or against the Urban Chickens Ordinance. The Urban Chicken Ordinance would have allowed chickens to be kept on a permitted property or a zoned lot that has one single family dwelling located on that property or zoned lot.

Upon listening to the citizens and some discussion on what is allowed under individual subdivision covenants, the third reading of Ordinance #716 Urban Chickens failed on a 4 to 1 vote not in favor.

Ground Breaking at Enseva

A Waterloo company that designs, constructs and operates secure computer data storage centers is planning a \$12 million facility in Hiawatha.

Enseva, a data co-location firm, broke ground Monday, November 28, 2011, for the 17,000 square foot multiple tenant data center at 755 Metzger Dr., off Hawkeye Drive in Hiawatha. The facility, which will open in the fall of 2012 and have 10 full-time employees, can be expanded with three additional 12,000 square foot modules.

The Enseva Data Center will be a collaborative project with Iowa Health Systems of Des Moines, Professional Office Services of Cedar Falls, the City of Hiawatha, Alliant Energy-Interstate Power and Light and Priority One with financing provided by Grundy National Bank of Grundy Center. Cardinal Construction will be the general contractor.

Doug Sevey, president and chief executive officer of Enseva, said the Hiawatha data center will use proprietary electrical and cooling technologies designed to offer a greater fault tolerance. Sevey said the company worked with Alliant Energy-Interstate Power and Light to identify and provide the electric infrastructure to enhance electric reliability to the center.

Enseva will be one of the initial businesses to locate in Tower Commerce Center, a 58-acre, 26-lot business park between Stamy Road and Hawkeye Drive in Hiawatha.



Tower Commerce Center



319-364-6533

www.towercommercecenter.com

Tower Commerce Center is a new 57.7 acre, 26 lot business park located in Hiawatha, Iowa between Stamy Road and Hawkeye Drive, only 1.55 miles from Interstate 380 and Boyson Road.

Daycare Facilities, Banks, and Restaurants Within One Mile.
Easy Access to Interstate 380.
Nearby Walking and Biking Trail.
For more information, call (319)-364-6533 or visit www.towercommercecenter.com


**A Quality
Hiawatha
Commercial
Real Estate
Development**

Hiawatha Water Dept. Releases Utility Billing Web Access!

The wait is FINALLY over! The Hiawatha Water Department is excited to announce that as of January 1, 2012, we can accept free online payments and viewing of your water bill through our City website. We know our customers have been patiently awaiting this new update to our software and we are THRILLED to finally release it.

To access your water account online and pay your water bill, please go to our website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com. Scroll down to Departments and select Water, then click the "Pay Your Water Bill Online" link. Once here, 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. Once an account is created you will be able to access your water bill at any time by entering your e-mail address and password.

If you are interested in going paperless, ask the Water Department to have your water bills e-mailed. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the Water Department at (319) 393-5556, option #4 and we will walk you through the steps necessary to begin accessing your water account online.


Hiawatha Water Department

Email Address:

Password:

[Forgot Password](#) | [Register](#)

Welcome to Hiawatha's Online Utility Bill Payment System

The Hiawatha Water Department now offers online bill payment for water services. This enables residents to pay their monthly bill online with a major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover).

From this website you will be able to:

- Pay your water bill
- Review your account information
- Review your previous bill and payment history
- Review your water consumption history

NEW USER
If this is your first time visiting, you will need to have your water bill available while you create a new user account. A hard copy of your water bill will allow you to provide your account ID number and your property location exactly as the Hiawatha Water Department has it listed for billing purposes.

ALREADY HAVE AN ONLINE ACCOUNT?
If you are a returning user, you will only need your email address and password to log in.

For assistance contact:
Hiawatha Water Department
(319) 393-5556

Hours: 8am to 5pm, Monday - Friday

Council Action

December 7, 2011

Ordinance 717 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 159 Board of Appeals §159.02 Membership, modifying board member classification & providing the ability to appoint licensed contractors or individuals with experience in building & home construction when unable to acquire a licensed contractor.

Ordinance 718 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones, adding parking restrictions for portions of the north & south side of Kacena Road between North Center Point Road & Stamy Road.

Resolution 11-290 - Approve sewer waivers on second water meters for 1625 Boyson Road and 1751 Boyson Road.

Resolution 11-291 - Fix date of (December 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm) for meeting on proposal to enter into seven (7) year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development Agreement with Enseva L.L.C. & providing for publication of notice.

Resolution 11-292 - Appoint Paying Agent, Note Registrar & Transfer Agent, approve Paying Agent & Note Registrar & Transfer Agent Agreement & authorize execution of Agreement for \$1,795,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011B.

Resolution 11-293 - Approve & authorize form of Loan Agreement & authorize & provide issuance of Capital Loan Notes & levy tax to pay the Notes for \$1,795,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011B.

Resolution 11-294 - Approve purchase of equipment including an EKG & Autopulse CPR device, cot & stair chair to furnish new 2012 Chevrolet G4500 Type 3 Ambulance in total amount not to exceed \$45,018.77, utilizing available funds in 2011-2012 Capital Improvement Plan.

Resolution 11-295 - Authorize staff to proceed with sale of 1998 Ford Lifeline Ambulance (old unit A-87) & authorize staff to accept highest most responsive responsible bid.

Resolution 11-296 - Waive City's right to review final plat of Feather Ridge Estates Fourth Addition to Toddville, Linn County, Iowa within the 2-mile jurisdiction.

Resolution 11-297 - Grant Right of Way permission to NewCom Technologies for installation of fiber optics under the west side of North Center Point Road beginning from existing handhole & ending at St. Luke's site development at 1001 North Center Point Road under approval & compliance with conditions outlined provided by Hall & Hall Engineers & Hiawatha Water Department.

Resolution 11-298 - Grant Right of Way permission to ImOn Communications, LLC to bury fiber optics for Iowa Network Services along westerly side of Hawkeye Drive to point approximately 600' south of Metzger Drive under approval & compliance with conditions outlined by Hall & Hall Engineers & Hiawatha Water Department.

Resolution 11-299 - Grant Right of Way permission to Iowa Network Services to bury fiber optics along westerly side of Hawkeye Drive to point approximately 600' south of Metzger Drive for Verizon Cell Tower located at 1528 Hawkeye Drive under approval & compliance with conditions outlined by Hall & Hall Engineers & Hiawatha Water Department.

December 21, 2011

Boyson/I-380 Infrared Light

Starting the week of December 5, 2011, the City will have installed new traffic detection cameras at the I-380 ramp and Boyson Road intersection between the Interstate and North Center Point Road. The project, which entailed mounting cameras on the signal masts and running new wires underground, took about a week.

Cameras were installed to improve the signal's detection of vehicles waiting on the off-ramp for the light to change. These cameras have a wide view of the intersection to better detect vehicles than the existing detectors located in the pavement. Please note that these are not "red-light ticket" cameras and cannot work as such. Their purpose is to improve the operation of the intersection's traffic signals.





JANUARY 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Library Closed	2 City Hall Closed	3	4 Council 7pm	5	6	7
8	9 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7p.m.	10 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7p.m.	11 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	12 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	13 Kids Movie Night 6pm Movie: TBA	14
15	16	17 Water 6:30 p.m.	18 Council 7pm	19	20	21
22	23	24 Elected Officials Meet & Greet City Hall 5-7pm	25 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	26 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	27	28
29 Lil' Cougar Dance Clinic 1:00-2:30 pm	30 P&Z 6 p.m.	31				



FEBRUARY 2012



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City Clerk's Office

The Hiawatha City Clerk's office invites you to learn more about your City government. Our department motto is to "Welcome, assist and serve!" So let the Clerk's office assist you in finding the information you need.

Appointed by the City Council, the City Clerk attends all council meetings and is responsible for the duties defined by the Code of Iowa designated by the City Council.

Currently, there are three staff members in the City Clerk's office who are responsible for maintaining all public records, which consists of storage, retention and scanning of official records. In addition to its overall mission of maintaining the official records of the City of Hiawatha, the Office of the City Clerk performs the following duties:



- Prepares for and staffs all city council meetings, public hearings, council action planning sessions, additionally supports the Hiawatha History Commission and the Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation.
- Processes various types of municipal licenses and permits.
- Processes and manages all records of appointments to various boards and commissions.
- Provides administrative services to the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, researches and compiles information on topics and follow through is a must.
- Publishes all public notices as required by law.
- Receives and opens all official bids of the City of Hiawatha.
- Performs duties in respect to elections as required by the Code of Iowa and the City Municipal Code.
- Receives and processes requests for public records.
- Human Resource management services - payroll functions and benefit programs, aid in hiring process and administer City policies and procedures.
- Administers all communication efforts, city newsletter, website, press releases, attends all metro area meetings.
- Provides information technology systems services.
- Administratively supports the following departments as needed: Community Development, Park & Recreation, Water, Public Works, Library, Fire, Police and Finance.

Parks & Recreation Dance Clinic and Online Registration

On January 29th, the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department will partner with the Kennedy High School Dance Squad to offer a **"Lil Cougar Dance Clinic"**. The clinic is offered to all children, ages pre-kindergarten to 5th Grade, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm., in the Hiawatha Community Center.

Dancers will be provided with pom poms, included in the \$15 registration fee. The children should wear shorts and a t-shirt and make sure to bring their smiles and spirit. To register, go to www.hiawatha-iowa.com and click on the Parks and Recreation tab or stop in to Hiawatha City Hall.

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department has invested in a new software to help make your activity registrations, pavilion rentals and community center rentals easier to do. Now you will be able to check pavilion and community center rental dates, reserve online, and sign up for youth and adult activities. To do this:

- Go to the Hiawatha website: www.hiawatha-iowa.com
- Click on the Parks and Recreation Department tab
- Click on the link to reserve a facility or register for an activity
- Enter your household data
- After registering for an activity or reserving a facility, you may pay online or send in a check.