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Hiawatha Insights

Homeless Children's Trust Campaign

Our hats go off to our Hiawatha citizens, businesses and its staff. They have opened up their hearts and their wallets during the holiday season to help the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) Toys for Homeless Children. These individuals raised \$13,821 and provided nine (9) boxes of toys that were presented to HACAP at the December 5, 2012 Council meeting. HACAP's CEO, Jane Drapeaux acknowledged the City of Hiawatha and Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation for their fund-raising efforts and their generosity during this holiday season.

For many years, the program's primary event has been the Community Christmas Event. The event is held each year with over 100 volunteers that work to hold a Christmas party for the children and their families, while parents are allowed to choose gifts for their children provided by funds from the Trust. The party includes a healthy breakfast and lunch that is interspersed with activities coordinated by several volunteer organizations in the community and culminates with a visit with Santa.

This year on December 8th, our community was able to provide over 300 Linn County area children with a holiday season they will remember with excitement and good blessings.

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

Ahmann Design
Armstrong Development
Back In Line
Brickside Cafe
CCB Packaging
CEC
Cedar Graphics
Cedar Rapids Toyota
Compass Commercial
Dancer's EDGE
Darrah's Towing
Drs. Tyler, Link & Barnes
Enseva, LLC
Farmers State Bank

First Construction
Hall & Hall Engineering
Hawkeye Electric
Hiawatha Bank & Trust
Honkamp Krueger
ImOn Communications
J&A Printing
JP Gasway
Lederer, Weston & Craig
Master Tool & Mfg., Inc.
Mobile Command
NAS Surety
New York Life
Novak Design

Novak Heating & Air
Parker Hannifin
Personal Safety Corp
Ramsey Communications
RF Micro
ROI Marketing
Seltec Company
Speer Financial
True North
UltraLawn
World Class Industries
WrightWay Trailers
YMH Torrance

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



Clerk's Internship Program

In July 2011, Council approved a resolution authorizing the Clerk's Department to implement a Policy and Administrative Internship program. To date, we have had five (5) interns, each of them have completed 10 weeks of field experience. We have partnered with Mt. Mercy University, Kirkwood Community College, and Kaplan University.

The basic values of an internship include:

- Gaining experience by applying their knowledge and skills in work related situations.
- Gaining practical real work experience.
- Expanding their knowledge by seeing how others problem solve.
- Establishing network opportunities.

An internship is much more than sorting mail, fixing coffee or running errands. These types of experiences do little to engage one in the application of their skills. A good internship program will encourage the student to stretch themselves by expanding their knowledge and applying their skills.

Although we have no obligation to later hire an intern, it can provide us with a pre-recruiting tool. Past interns provide an excellent pool of potential candidates from which to choose when a job position opens.

Interns have provided us with a person that can work on special projects, fill in while full-time staff members are vacationing and perform a variety of regular staff functions, mainly for front line staff and Park and Recreation. An internship is not a paid position, it is strictly volunteer. We have been very flexible with the interns scheduled hours; most often they are going to class and working outside of their internship. The required hours range from 160 - 192 hours depending on their college curriculum. Each candidate is interviewed by a panel of staff members from the Clerk's Department and Park and Recreation. We encourage interns to demonstrate initiative, show their eagerness to learn, think creatively, challenge themselves, ask questions and enjoy the time they spend with the City of Hiawatha.



Iowa Sex Offender Registry

The Police Department has received some inquiries as to the notification to the public regarding registered sex offenders. The Linn County Sex Offender Task Force, on which the Hiawatha Police Department is represented, meets and discusses individuals required by law to register as a sex offender. This group takes into account a variety of factors and makes determinations on a case-by-case basis about whether or not there appears to be a need for law enforcement involvement in notifying the public that may be in close proximity to a registered sex offender's home or place of work.

The information provided in the notification you may receive is pursuant to Iowa Code 692A and is public information. Depending on the type of notification determined to be necessary you may find a flier at your home or place of work that has been printed from the Iowa Sex Offender Registry or a Police Officer may contact you. The goal is to increase the awareness of the public that a particular individual lives near them who is required by law to register as a sex offender. Anyone with internet access can find information on registered sex offenders at www.iowasexoffender.com. Anyone interested in receiving e-mail, phone, or text messages related to the registration of sex offenders can sign up for those alerts at the website. As always, you are welcome to contact the Police Department at 319-393-1212 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Iowa Sex Offender Registry

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This Website is Updated Hourly

The Iowa Sex Offender Registry became law on July 1, 1995 and is found in Chapter 692A Code of Iowa

On or after July 1, 1995, an individual who has been convicted or adjudicated of a criminal offense against a minor, sexual exploitation, or a sexually violent crime or who was on probation, parole, or work release status, or who was incarcerated on or after July 1, 1995 is required to register. Registration does include individuals that have received a deferred sentence or deferred judgments and can include convictions from other jurisdictions such as other states and/or federal convictions.

The information on this website is provided from the Iowa Sex Offender Registry to the public pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 692A. The purpose of this information is to allow members of the public a means to protect themselves from individuals who have committed an offense that requires registration on the Sex Offender Registry. If you see information on our website that is wrong about an offender, please notify the sheriff of the county where the offender lives. You may also email this agency via the "contact" link located on this website.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) has a history of dedication and service to the citizens of Iowa and those who visit our state. Since it was first established in 1939, DPS has been the chief law enforcement agency in the State of Iowa. [DPS Home](#)

The Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) was created in 1921 to provide investigative support and expertise to law enforcement agencies across the state. [DCI Home](#)

As part of the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act the United States Congress passed the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offenders Registration Act, which bears the name of an 11 year old boy who was abducted at gunpoint and never seen again. The Act set forth guidelines for states to establish sex offender registry programs.

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Lil' Cougar Dance Clinic Registration

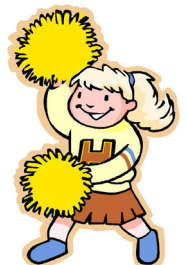
On January 27th, the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department will partner with the Kennedy High School Dance Squad to offer a 'Lil' Cougar Dance Clinic. The clinic is offered to all children, ages pre-kindergarten to 5th grade, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in the Hiawatha Community Center. Each child should bring plenty of spirit and most importantly, their smiles!!!

Dancers will spend the first part of the afternoon learning a routine to perform at the end of the clinic for their parents/guardians. All dancers are provided with pom poms, included in the \$15 registration fee. The children should wear shorts, a t-shirt, tennis shoes and socks to the clinic.

To register online, go to www.hiawatha-iowa.com:

- Click on the Parks and Department tab
- Click on the link to reserve a facility or register for an activity
- Enter your household information
- After registering for an activity, you may pay online or send in a check.

If you are unable to register by computer, you are welcome to stop in to City Hall to register your child as well.



History Commission Remembers The Cobbler Shop

In the 1980's, Hiawatha had its own shoe repair business. Dick and Pat Selemroth, proprietors of The Cobbler Shop, opened its doors at 93 N Center Point Road in 1980, next to the Roadhouse, with George Bowler as their landlord. Later it moved across the street to the quonset owned by Jim Patton, 90 N Center Point Road, by the A-1 Barber Shop.

It's goal was to provide quality repair for people's favorite things. What a variety of items came through those doors! The typical soles, leather or rubber and heels for men and women were Dick's specialties. Pat worked on the uppers of the shoes putting her sewing skills to work to repair tears and replacing straps and buckles. She also installed zippers - thousands of them in purses, jeans, coats and even tents! If she could get it on her treadle patcher machine, she would sew it. Dick also repaired luggage. One customer was the band KISS when they were playing at the Five Seasons Center in Cedar Rapids and one of the guitar cases needed a new latch.



The Cobbler Shop was a family business in that their five children were with them. There was a playpen and toys in the back as well as a place for homework. If a customer needed immediate help, sometimes he or she was called upon to hold a baby. The Cobbler Shop t-shirts could be seen around town since the Semelroths sponsored Hiawatha Kids League ball teams and participated in the Hog Wild Days parades.

Belief in the Hiawatha community has continued with their son, Dr. Ted Semelroth, establishing his practice here, Boyson Chiropractic.

2012 Hiawatha Fire Department Chili Supper Recap

The 2012 Chili Supper was held on November 3rd. The weather was cool but clear, and the department welcomed 745 people that day for their home-made chili. Guests at the Chili Supper were able to choose between mild, hot, and Super Hot chili (which was kept in the back, out of harm's way). There was also a wide selection of desserts donated by firefighters and friends of the department, many of them home-made.

Firefighters began planning the event weeks ahead of time. The day before, they gathered at the station to start cooking. 125 pounds of meat were cooked, and a whole bunch of peppers and onions were chopped. By Friday night, a dozen roasters of chili were simmering away in the training room. People walking by could smell it a block away.

Saturday morning firefighters started early, setting up chairs and tables borrowed from Robins Fire Department, Hope Church, and Hiawatha Elementary School. Doors opened at 11 am, as usual, and we served our home-cooked chili in bowls generously donated by Wendy's until shortly after 7:00 p.m., when for the first time, we actually ran out of chili! Attendance was slightly lower than last year, but the appetites must have been larger.

The Firefighters' Association raised \$3,744.00 this year, about \$100 less than last year. People always ask what the Association does with the money they raise. In the past year, funds from the Firefighters' Association have been used for: Sponsorship of two Hiawatha Kids' League teams; Maintaining a department website, plus internet service; Hosting Linn County Firefighters meetings; Contribution for a new flag pole in front of the Fire Department; Firefighters' Memorial Wall contribution; Fire Department shields and plaques for retiring members with long service; and Appreciation flowers for spouses of department members.

Again this year, a special thanks to Hiawatha citizen, Betty Mark, who spent many hours soliciting donations from area businesses for door prizes at the chili supper. Over 250 door prizes were awarded to attendees. Some smaller prizes were combined, but if you attended, you had about a 1 in 5 chance of winning something! The Grand Prize was two round-trip tickets on Southwest Airlines, and the winner was Kreg Crosby of Cedar Rapids. Congratulations, Kreg!

St. Luke's adding Women's Health Services!

St. Luke's Hiawatha Campus opened in September of this year; their success in the area has allowed them to grow and find new ways to better serve their patients. The clinic is thrilled to welcome the addition of two nurse practitioners specializing in women's health.

Lara Lipsett, ARNP-BC and Sashi Solomon, ARNP-BC join Hiawatha Women's Health from St. Luke's Midlife Care for Women Center. Their expertise includes: contraceptive care, pre-conception counseling, IUD, well woman exams, peri-menopause and menopause symptom management and hormone therapy.

The clinic is located at 1001 North Center Point Road in Hiawatha and houses several offices, including St. Luke's Physicians and Clinics Internal Medicine and Urgent Care, as well as Imaging Service, Therapy Plus and MedLabs. The Hiawatha Campus joins the existing St. Luke's Children's Campus, which is just down the road at 1079 North Center Point Road in Hiawatha. They can be reached at 362-0200.



Lara Lipsett,
ARNP-BC



Sashi Solomon,
ARNP-BC

Council Action

November 21, 2012

- Resolution 12-274 - Fix date of (December 5, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.) for meeting on proposal to enter into Development Agreement with Squaw Creek Millwork, Inc., and RL Holdings, LLC., and provide Publication of Notice.
- Resolution 12-275 - Award contract for replacement of Public Works Kubota Unit 300 with snow blower, broom, blade and mower to P&K Midwest of Hiawatha for an amount not to exceed \$35,150.
- Resolution 12-276 - Authorize staff to proceed with sale of 2002 Kubota F-2260 with snow blower, broom, blade and mower, old Unit 300.
- Resolution 12-277 - Approve classification of the City's Tax Increment Financing Indebtedness.
- Resolution 12-278 - Approve certification of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) indebtedness to the Linn County Auditor's Office for Fiscal Year 2014 Collections.
- Resolution 12-279 - Approve and place on file the Annual FY 2012 Urban Renewal Report.
- Resolution 12-280 - Adopt and levy a corrected Final Schedule of Assessments in order to fix legal description on the final assessment schedule for the Stamy Road from North of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Pavement Extension Project.
- Resolution 12-281 - Authorize ImOn Communications LLC., Right of Way permission to bury fiber optics cable along Longfellow Drive and Dina Court for Planet Discovery located at 1009/1011 Dina Court.
- Resolution 12-282 - Approve Temporary Easement Agreement for acquisition of temporary construction easement located at 120 Boyson Road and payment to the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in the amount of \$2,400 including the cost of adding title documents in connection with the Boyson Road/Robins Road Intersection Project.
- Resolution 12-283 - Authorize staff to enter into purchase agreement for properties located at 255 Robins Road and 275 Robins Road.

December 5, 2012

- Resolution 12-284 - Approve and authorize execution of a five (5) year Agreement for Private Development by and among the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, Squaw Creek Millwork, Inc., and RL Holdings, LLC.
- Resolution 12-285 - Approve and authorize execution of a Release and Settlement Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Valmont Industries, Inc., for payment to the City in the amount of \$16,000 for costs related to re-painting of thirty-three (33) purple light poles on North Center Point Road and authorizing City Staff to proceed with the repainting of light pole bases at the City's cost if necessary.
- Resolution 12-286 - Authorize certification to the County Treasurer's for collection of a delinquent account for services performed by City Staff for mowing and trimming on the property located at 205 15th Avenue Court.
- Resolution 12-287 - Approve and authorize execution of an Electric Facilities Extension Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Alliant Energy for underground electric utility relocation and removal of utility poles in connection with the Boyson Road and Robins Road Underground Utility Relocation project.
- Resolution 12-288 - Approve purchase agreement for the acquisition of right-of-way and a temporary construction easement located at 990 Robins Road, owned by Mike and Tracy Marak in connection with the Boyson Road/Robins Road Intersection Project.
- Resolution 12-290 - Approve Permanent Landscape and Utility Easement for property located at 103 North Center Point Road, owned by David Fisher.
- Resolution 12-291 - Approve Permanent Landscape and Utility Easement for property located at 105 North Center Point Road, owned by David Fisher.
- Resolution 12-292 - Approve Permanent Landscape and Utility Easement for property located at 109 North Center Point Road, owned by David Fisher.
- Resolution 12-293 - Approve Temporary Construction Easement for properties located at 103, 105, and 109 North Center Point Road, owned by David Fisher.
- Resolution 12-294 - Approve Temporary Construction Easement for property located at 500 North Center Point Road, owned by James and Penny Freese.
- Resolution 12-295 - Approve Council Meeting Schedule for 2013.
- Resolution 12-296 - Approve replacing the City's current Affirmative Action Program by adopting a new Affirmative Action Plan.
- Resolution 12-297 - Amend 2010 Employee Policy Manual and amending the 2010 Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Employee Policy Manual accordingly with Section I Affirmative Action General Policy Statement and Section I Equal Employment Opportunity revising language to comply with current Federal Regulations and to reflect provisions of the new Affirmative Action Plan.
- Resolution 12-298 - Authorize staff to enter into a new contract with no changes in services due to the original contract with Streff Security being bought out by Per Mar Security Services.

December 19, 2012

- Resolution 12-299 - Set public hearing date (January 2, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 53 Noise Control amending §53.03 Noise Prohibitions and Limited Sound Sources (8.) Solid Waste Collection and/or Hauling Equipment.
- Resolution 12-300 - Set public hearing date (January 2, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider adopting and placing plans, specs, form of contract and estimate of cost on file and direct publication of Notice to Bidders on the Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project.
- Resolution 12-301 - Approve "At Your Own Risk" Building Permit as requested by St. Luke's Hospital to begin construction on a concrete pad for outdoor medical gas equipment at the St. Luke's Medical Clinic located at 400 South Blairsferry Crossing.
- Resolution 12-302 - Authorize Transfer/Interfund Loan of Funds from the General Equipment Reserve Fund to the Capital Project Fund as an Interfund Loan for the Purchase of Property located at 255 & 275 Robins Road.

 **JANUARY 2013** 

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

 **FEBRUARY 2013** 

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	P&Z 6 pm		Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18		

Walk Sequence

Postal Customer

Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

**DELIVER BY:
SATURDAY,
01/12/2013**

Parks - We Heard You

In review of our 2012 Park Season, we have documented our progress in conjunction with the 2010 Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan by comparing our responsiveness in addressing our citizen's needs and comments. The purpose of the plan is to provide general policy direction regarding park and open space planning and maintenance to meet the recreational needs of current and future citizens. Below is data regarding what the community said they would like to see happen.

You said: 44.1% of the community would like more multi-purpose trails. Hiking and walking was one of the top activities in the last six months (61.7%).

- We are working on putting in a multi-use trail along Boyson Road from Miller Road to N. Center Point Road. This is a four (4) year project that we hope to start in FY14.

You said: 40.4% of general public were using the splash pads located in Guthridge and Tucker Park during the summer season.

- New splash pad surfaces were installed in May at Guthridge and Tucker Park providing a new colorful look! This was done with Local Option Sales Tax Funds.

You said: One of the top three (3) reasons for not participating in Hiawatha's recreation programs was because people didn't know what programs were being offered (14.8%).

- We now have a facebook page to reach out to residents and the surrounding areas to help promote our activities and special events. We are up to 168 likes just last month and growing!

You said: One of the top recreational activities that the community would like to see offered was Adult Fitness Classes (30.3%).

- We provide adults with the Live Healthy Iowa 10 Week Challenge that takes place from January-April. This year we will be partnering with Linn County Public Health on their 10th annual 5K Fun Run/Walk. We also provide HiBRAI (Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa) and Adult Sand volleyball leagues.

You said: One of the top five programs the City should offer is concerts in the park (23.9%).

- We offer Music in the Park August concert series on four Fridays in August. The events are free to the public through our sponsor University of Iowa Credit Union. Come enjoy this event at Guthridge Park from 6-9 p.m.

Your Parks and Recreation Department takes our citizen's needs seriously and will continue to review each years programs and status to ensure that we continue to provide quality and attractive programs.

Live Healthy Iowa & 5K Run

Join us in making Hiawatha a healthier place! The Live Healthy Iowa 10 Week Wellness Challenge is a fun, easy and affordable way to engage Iowans in healthy behaviors. This team-based physical activity, nutrition and weight loss program is designed to promote positive changes leading to a healthier lifestyle. The challenge starts January 28 and ends April 5, 2013. Prizes and incentives are offered throughout the program on a team and individual basis. Friends, families and coworkers form teams that track weight loss and/or minutes of activity. Hiawatha has set up a Group ID for teams to register and all Hiawatha residents and businesses are encouraged to assemble your team and register under Group ID LHIHIA at www.livehealthyiowa.com. Registration is available starting December 19th. Stay tuned for upcoming activities and events on the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation website/Facebook page!

Finish off your 10 weeks of Live Healthy competition with a 5K Run in conjunction with Linn County Public Health.

10th Annual Live Healthy Linn 5K Fun Run and Walk

Saturday, April 6th at 8:00 a.m. in Guthridge Park.

Linn County Public Health and The City of Hiawatha Parks & Recreation, in observation of National Public Health Week and celebration of accomplishments by teams enrolled in the 10 Week Wellness Challenge, will be hosting their 10th Annual Live Healthy Linn 5K Fun Run and Walk in Hiawatha.

This partnership is a collaborative effort between Linn County Public Health and the City of Hiawatha as a way to combat Iowa's growing obesity problem and to make strides toward the goal of making Iowa the healthiest state in the nation!

This event is sponsored by Farmers State Bank.

