Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

To:	Park and Recreation Commission
CC:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Kelly Willadsen, Park and Recreation Director
Date:	June 12, 2018
Re:	Park and Recreation Report

Hope you all had a happy 4th of July! Hard to believe the year is half over already! We have a lot going on ahead of us before the year ends. We are working on Year End Reports to give you an idea of what all has been accomplished!

Reports:

- **Soccer** - Summer soccer has come to an end. 93% of those who completed the end of season survey thought our program was good and great! One parent responded "It was so great that we wish it was longer!"
- **Blastball:** Blastball starts July 9th at Guthridge Park. 117 children and coaches will fill the diamonds M-Th until August 2nd.
- **Hiawatha Farmers Market:** Make sure to stop out on Sundays from 11am-2pm, many vendors are starting to stock up! Corn will be here before we know it!
- **Adult Volleyball:** Session one is done and session two starts next week! Wednesdays at 5:30 in Guthridge!
- **Hiawatha Adventure Camp:** We have officially finished first session! The staff has done a great job communicating with parents, keeping the kids engaged and making sure everyone is safe. Next session starts July 16th and will end August 11th. Summer is moving so quickly!
- **Fun Fest 2018:** Don't miss out, Fun Fest 2018, August 24-25th! We are in need of volunteers for the Inflatables and Tractor Pull. If you can commit to help for 2 hours we would greatly appreciate your time given.

- **Tennis:** There's still time to sign up for Session 2 if you're interested! Wednesdays from July 18th through August 15th $65, time depends on age bracket. https://hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/parks-recreation/programs/
- **Ride to Wrigley:** Fly the W! Cubs win! Drop offs and pick ups went smooth. The driver was great! It was overall a GREAT day! We're looking forward to this event again in 2019!
- **Consignment Tickets:** Hiawatha Parks and Recreation has once again partnered with Iowa Parks and Recreation Association to offer discounted amusement park tickets to the public. One dollar of every ticket sold goes back to the department. We have Blank Park Zoo, Lost Island, Noah's Ark and both Six Flags locations. Plan your summer vacations today!
- **Yoga:** Yoga is still going strong! Save the date for June 26th at 6pm in Guthridge. In case of bad weather, it will be in the community center.
- **Movies under the Moon:** A Wrinkle in Time will be our featured presentation on July 27th in Guthridge Park. While there you can vote for what will been seen at Fun Fest's Movie under the Moon!
- **Free Fitness in Hiawatha Community Center:** Wednesday, July 11th at 6pm in the Community Center is Pound Fit (using drumsticks) : Cardio jam session, rockout your workout https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hG9oojzfJAc
- **State Fair Bus Trip:** Join us on our next bus trip to the Iowa State Fair, August 15th with our friends from Center Point. We will have two pick up locations located at the travel plaza in Center Point and Hiawatha City Hall. Spend the day checking out all the attractions and famous food on a stick! Time at the fair will be from 10am-6pm! Avoid the parking and catch a ride with us only $35.00!
- **Touch a Truck:** Learn about and explore trucks, construction vehicles, and public safety equipment that you know and love! Kids of all ages will climb, run around, sit in and even honk horns of many types of trucks and vehicles! Bring a non perishable food donation to help support HACAP. August 3rd in the 10th Ave of Guthridge Park from 4pm to 6pm.
- **Music in the Park:** Bring your coolers and lawn chairs and enjoy the evening with family and friends at Hiawatha's Music in the Park! Concerts are every Friday in August from 6 - 9 p.m. in Guthridge Park. Concerts are proudly sponsored by University of Iowa Community Credit Union. Concessions available by Hi-Crew Kiwanis Club.
- **Whispering Pines Painting:** Bring your own snacks and beverages and learn to paint fireflies at the Hiawatha Community Center. Fee is $35 cash or check only. To register text Donita at 319-270-1112 *Minimum of 6 participants *Maximum of 30 participants
- **HiBRAI:** Join us for the 16th Annual Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa (HiBRAI) August 18 – 19! This 55-mile, intermediate bike ride will take us from Hiawatha south for an overnight stay at Riverside Casino & Golf Resort . HiBRAI has received a special rate for this event of $99.95 King or Double (usually $169.95)!!! Don't miss out on this fun-filled charity ride to benefit the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation, a non-profit organization that supports children's programs and park updates offered by the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department. Fully stocked rest stops will be frequent along this scenic route with snacks and lunches provided by many local sponsors. The registration fee is $45/person, late registration is $60 after August 5th. Support vehicles will be available for any emergancy situations along with a Hiawatha Police officer riding the event.

Parks:

- July 9th I will be walking through our parks with an ICAP representative and going over ADA guidelines to make sure we are meeting the accessibility needs in our parks. The City as a whole is going through this process so that we can take a proactive approach.
- We are patiently waiting for County to approve the dog park land agreements, once those are approved we will be getting to work on tree removal and weed control. We are excited to get the process started!
- Kim and I have been meeting with MSA Planning Professionals on the NW Territory Park planning and Master Plan quotes. We believe pairing the projects together will be beneficial in creating a new park and learning about what our residents would like to see over the next ten years. This planning process will include the Commissions help and feedback, along with the community and Council. We are excited for what is coming our way and hope you are too!

A Free Family Event

Putting Kids in the Drivers Seat

Turn imagination into real-life with a chance to climb into fire engines, police cars, ambulances, garbage trucks and more!

Friday, August 3rd

10th Avenue Parking lot of Guthridge Park

4:00 - 6:00

Bring a nonperishable food item to donate to HACAP's Food Reservoir!

Touch a Truck

Hiawatha!™

Say hello to a great place to live, work and play

MUSIC IN THE PARK

GUTHRIDGE PARK 6PM

AUGUST 3 - 42 ROMEO ROCK BAND

WITH OPENING ACTS FROM EASTERN IOWA ARTS ACADEMY MUSIC STUDIO

AUGUST 10 - AIRWAVES

AUGUST 17 - MAGNETOS

AUGUST 24 - DIRT ROAD ROCKERS

AUGUST 31 - ADAM KEITH BAND

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE BY

HI-CREW KIWANIS

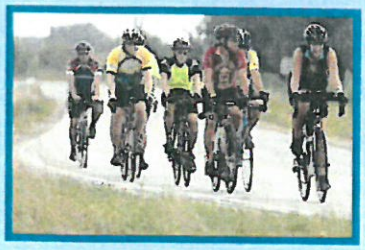
SPONSORED BY

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CREDIT UNION

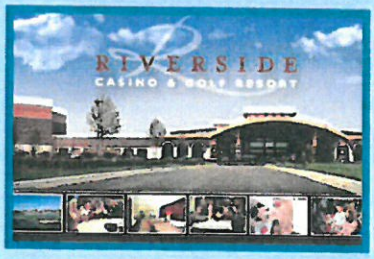
Hiawatha's Bike Ride Around Iowa

Fully Stocked Rest Stops + Intermediate Ride + Support Vehicles

2 DAY/110 MILE



HIAWATHA RIDE WITH OVERNIGHT STAY AT *RIVERSIDE CASINO & GOLF RESORT for $99.95 +*
$45 REGISTRATION FEE
($60 AFTER AUGUST 4th)
Register at RaceDirector.com



Questions???
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