Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

To:	Park and Recreation Commission
CC:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Kelly Willadsen, Park and Recreation Director
Date:	July 7, 2017
Re:	Park and Recreation Report

Reports:

- **Soccer:** Soccer went well! We will be considering changing a few things for the fall season in regards to the age groups and requests.
- **Yoga in the Park:** Yoga in the Park was amazing! Around 30 people came and practiced in the shade near the tennis courts. Yoga will take place again before the Farmers Market at 10am on the First Sunday of the month in August and September.
- **Hiawatha Adventure Camp:** Hiawatha Adventure Camp has gone off without a hitch! Children have gone to the Kernels, had speakers such as The Grout Museum and even a juggler! Next session starts July 17th and is already full!
- **Fun Fest 2017:** We need volunteers! Please gather your family and friends and donate a bit of our time to our community celebration! Koozies are going to be handed out at upcoming events to help market the occasion! We need help at the Kids Tractor Pull, Euro Bungee and kids activities. Let us know where you would like to help out!
- **Tennis:** Session 2 is going well! Didn't get signed up? There's another session right around the corner! Session 3 starts July 24th and goes through August 9th.
- **Blastball:** Blastball starts July 10th on the Diamonds at Guthridge Park where children three to five will hit a ball off a tee and run to first base that HONKS! World Class Industries sponsored this program and we're looking forward to a successful season!

- **Movies under the Moon:** The votes are in! Moana will be our featured presentation on July 21st in Guthridge Park! Relax and enjoy a night with family and friends. Bring your blankets, chairs and coolers and enjoy a movie under the moon! Movies starts at dusk. Free Popcorn available from the Hiawatha Friends Foundation. Other items available at a minimum fee also.
- **Weekday Farmers Market:** We have chosen to cancel the weekday Farmers Market this year due to a long Hiawatha Kids League season and road construction in front of City Hall. We have made many changes to the Sunday market this year and will be waiting to see what location is best for the weekday market for 2018.
- **HiBRAI:** Join us for the 15th Annual Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa (HiBRAI) August 19 – 20! 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 $89.95 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 and poolside happy hour upon arrival at the casino. The registration fee is $45/person, late registration is $60 after August 5th. Support vehicles will be available for any emergency situations along with a Hiawatha Police officer.
- **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 from 6-9 and held at Guthridge Park. Concerts are sponsored by University of Iowa Community Credit Union.
- **Touch a Truck:** August 4th from 4pm to 6pm in the Guthridge Park parking lot. This community event provides families with the opportunity to learn about and explore trucks, construction vehicles, and public safety equipment that they know and love! Kids of all ages will climb, run around, sit in and even honk horns of many types of trucks and vehicles! Please bring a nonperishable food donation to help support HACAP!