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Hiawatha Fire Top Volunteer Department in Iowa for MDA

Every year around Labor Day, firefighters from around the country hit the streets, with boot in hand, collecting for The Muscular Dystrophy Association, also known as “Jerry’s Kids”. Hiawatha Fire raised \$13,018 during their 2008 Fill the Boot campaign. This made HFD firefighters the top volunteer and fourth place in the area over all for departments in Iowa.



During the June 3, 2009 City Council Meeting, MDA District Director, Teresa Cooper presented the Hiawatha Fire Department with a plaque recognizing them for their contribution to MDA. Pictured left to right are MDA District Director, Teresa Cooper; Fill the Boot Co-Chair, Josh Holland & volunteer, Frank Sir-Lois. Hiawatha Firefighters will be back on the streets on weekends leading up to Labor Day 2009.

Just a reminder that the Hiawatha Fire Department does not conduct telephone solicitations for donations. Occasionally residents will receive phone calls from someone who is asking for cash donations for the fire department. The Hiawatha Fire Department receives no benefit from these donations. If you receive any of these phone calls, please contact the fire department. Fire Department personnel who do the “boot block” for MDA are always in fire department attire and there is always a fire department vehicle close by. Boot block is only conducted leading up to Labor Day. If you ever have any questions regarding donations to the fire department, please don’t hesitate to contact the Fire Department.

NIXLE.com

Hiawatha has launched a new Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology. This service, Nixle, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications instantly sent to you by cell phone text message, email, and the web. Nixle is completely free to both the City and to the end user (standard text message rates apply for cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers).

The Police Department, Fire Department, Water Department, and City Hall all have the ability to enter information. This information is loaded and controlled directly by the city. We control the content and the messages. There is no “spam” or advertising-it is all local content. With this, we will be able to deliver messages on road construction, water main breaks, public safety information, concerts and community meetings to you in a timely fashion. You control which level of message you receive and how.

Nixle works like this: Go to the website to sign up. There you choose when and how to receive messages. Typical messages come in two forms. The first form is as a short message. The second message contains more detail. It will normally be in a format similar to a press release. When we input a message, it will be delivered to the email address and or cell phone number you choose.

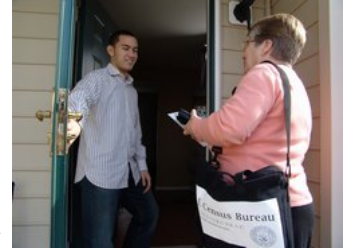
Recently you may have heard of other services that you can sign up through Linn County, including “Code Red”. Those services call your number and leave you a voice message. They are for more severe safety issues, such as a flood or large evacuation, and is tightly controlled by the County 9-1-1 centers. We encourage you to do that, Nixle will allow us to deliver time sensitive information, about Hiawatha, directly to Hiawatha residents and others who sign up for the information.

You can sign up at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Click on the “Register Now, it’s free and easy!” Remember, you must have a Hiawatha Address for the system to deliver information to you. The system gives you the options of registering alternate address points, such as a work address, if needed.



# Hiawatha Census 2010

The 2010 census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. Soon every household in the country will receive a questionnaire in 2010. To ensure an accurate and fair count of all populations at all geographic levels in the nation, the Census Bureau needs you or someone in your household to respond to the census questionnaire.



- It's important.**—Census data affecting funding for your community, your community's representation in Congress and your community leader's planning decisions.
- It's easy.**—The census questionnaire takes only a few minutes to answer and return by mail.
- It's confidential.**—Your responses are protected by law (Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9). All Census Bureau Employees have taken an oath to protect confidentiality and are subject to a jail term, a fine—or both—for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.
- It's required by law.**—The information you provide is combined with responses provided by your neighbors and other households across the country, to provide summary statistical data that are used by various local, state and federal agencies.

**It's important.—Census affects funding in your community.**

Census data directly affect how more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and much more. That's more than \$3 trillion over a 10-year period. Spending just a few minutes to fill out your census form will help ensure your community gets its fair share of federal and state funding.

# Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce Presentation

On June 23, the City hosted the first Hiawatha Business Council meeting in the Community Center. Forty-five Business leaders attended an early morning gathering and were given a short review of some of the good things that have happened in the City over the past few months by Mayor Tom Theis. Some of the interesting points made were the dedication of the new City Hall in May 2008, the city's new website, the monthly newsletter and the broadcasting of City Council meetings on Mediacom public access. The businessmen and women were also brought up to date on the Boyson Road project, Tower Terrace Interchange and the city's recent annexation agreements.

The meeting was sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and the key speakers were Shannon Meyer, President and CEO and Allen Witt, Board Chair. They explained how the Chamber can help businesses locally and how they may be able to help with their Washington D.C. trips. Shannon told the group that the Chamber hopes to have a Hiawatha "get together" at least quarterly.



Shannon Meyer,  
President & CEO  
Cedar Rapids Chamber of  
Commerce



Allen Witt,  
Board Chair  
Cedar Rapids Chamber of  
Commerce

# Notice of Water Rate Increase

## NOTICE TO WATER CUSTOMERS

Effective July 1, 2009, the Hiawatha Water Board has increased water rates by the minimum rate of 3%. The new water rates for the first 1000 gallons are as follows:

Minimum Charge:	Meter Size
\$ 6.03	5/8 inch, 3/4 inch
\$ 6.83	1 inch
\$ 8.84	1½ inch
\$ 10.68	2 inch
\$ 14.22	3 inch
\$ 21.05	4 inch



The Commodity Charge has increased \$.20 from \$3.07 to \$3.27 per 1000 gallons thereafter the first 1000 gallons. The rate increase will additionally be reflected in your sewer usage.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact the Water Department during the hours of 8-5 Monday thru Friday at 393-5556.

## EYE-380 Grant

Landscape workers have installed a variety of shrubs and flowers at the southwest quadrant of the Interstate 380 Boyson Road interchange in Hiawatha, a design that may become a model to beautify the freeway at a number of locations in the Cedar Rapids metro area.

The planting, approved last fall by the Hiawatha City Council, was made possible by a grant from the roadside improvement fund of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). IDOT officials, led by Mark Masteller, worked with the Hiawatha Parks Dept. and Eye-380, a volunteer group seeking ways to beautify Interstate 380 in the metro area.

Angie Cole, Director of the Hiawatha Parks Dept. and a member of Eye-380, said planning for the project began in late 2007. Eye-380 members, meeting at Trees Forever offices in Marion, were also aided by horticultural



380, care of Trees Forever, 770 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Marion, 52302.

Ever-Green Landscape Nursery & Supply planted the Boyson Eye-380 shrubs and grasses. Initial maintenance will be done by Creekside Gardens.

students at Kirkwood Community College. The final design, she explained, was produced by the volunteer work of Eric Shepley, a landscape architect at Hall and Hall Engineers in Hiawatha.

All of the plants used at the Hiawatha site meet the IDOT requirements for Iowa roadside hardiness and compatibility with traffic safety. The design incorporates heavy use of native species. After a two-year establishment period, the maintenance of the plants becomes the responsibility of local sponsors. Similar projects have been undertaken in other Iowa cities.

The next step will be to determine interest in duplicating the Eye-380 design at other locations along the interstate through Cedar Rapids. Shepley said long-term annual maintenance costs are estimated at \$750 per site. The Eye-380 committee hopes individuals, organizations and companies will support the interstate roadside improvements. Contributions may be sent to Eye-



## Summer showers—Storm water

The summer showers will be a welcome change from all of this snow and ice. When it rains, the storm waters end up back in our water sources. The storm drains lead to lakes, streams, and rivers. Storm water transports pollutants into our drinking and recreational bodies of water. So please help protect our water quality by following a few simple rules.

1. Grass and weeds should be kept at 8" or less. The recommended grass length is 3". When your lawn is 3" tall, it allows water more time to absorb into the soil versus running into the street or onto the sidewalk and towards the storm drains.
2. Grass clippings should never go into the street. This clogs storm drains and affects the quality of our water.
3. Direct your downspouts away from paved surfaces. All drainage needs to be dispersed on your own property. This helps to prevent pollutants such as motor oil or detergent from entering our water sources.

Thank you for your help in preserving our valuable water sources. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Community Development Department at (319) 294-2929.



## Council Action Summary

### May 18, 2009

- Ordinance #638—Amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 165 The Unified Development Code Appendix “A” Planting Guidelines and Suggested Tree Planting List §III Suggested Tree Planting list removing Ash Trees.
- Ordinance #639—Amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 151 Trees §151.02,3 Adding Ash Trees as a Prohibited Tree.
- Resolution 09-076—Approving the Mayor or Designee to sign a one-year maintenance agreement for City Hall heating and cooling system at cost not to exceed \$1,330.00.
- Resolution 09-077—Approving Development and Annexation Agreement between City of Hiawatha and Dell Ridge, LLC.
- Resolution 09-078—Approving Development and Annexation Agreement between City of Hiawatha and Francis J. Pruss.
- Resolution 09-079—Approving Development and Annexation Agreement between City of Hiawatha and Rodney C & Vicki L Saari.
- Resolution 09-080—Authorizing engineer services to proceed with design plans and specifications to proceed with a bid letting for the 2009 Northwest Sanitary Sewer Project.

### June 3, 2009

- Resolution 09-082—Authorizing interim funding for the EYE-380 Landscaping Project in the amount of \$37,000 for landscaping materials and two (2) years maintenance along I-380 right-of-way at the Boyson Road interchange.
- Resolution 09-083—Setting the Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2009/2010.
- Resolution 09-084—Amending the City of Hiawatha, Linn county, Iowa exemptions/non-union employees pay plan wages FY 08/09, by adjusting for FY 09/10 wages and a 4% cost of living adjustment, effective July 1, 2009. Failed
- Resolution 09-085—Amending the City of Hiawatha, Linn County, Iowa, exemptions/non-union employees pay plan wages for FY 08/09, by adjusting for FY 09/10 wages and a 3.5% cost of living adjustment, effective July 1, 2009.
- Resolution 09-086—Approving column A wage/salary schedule for FY 09/10 reflecting a 3.5% COLA increase.
- Resolution 09-087—Acknowledging the need for Police Department Services at the 2009 Hiawatha Hog Wild Days Event.
- Resolution 09-088—Approving a fire protection service agreement with Monroe Township effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

### June 16, 2009

- Ordinance #640—Amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 76 Bicycle Regulations adding §76.15 Authorized Police Bicycle.
- Resolution 09-090—Approving the vacation of unneeded utility easement lots 9 and 10 of Wolf Creek Second Addition.
- Resolution 09-091—Approving Final Plat for the Nabor-Nus First Addition.
- Resolution 09-092—Rescinding Resolution 09-086 wage/salary schedule for FY 09/10 reflecting a 3.5% COLA increase.
- Resolution 09-093 Authorizing the replacement of the 1998 Ford F250 with snow plow with a 2009 F250 Pickup 4-wheel drive and standard cab 3/4 ton with a lift tailgate at cost not to exceed \$27,410.00 from Junge Center Point.
- Resolution 09-094—Approving the structural fire training agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Judy Hamilton and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement.
- Resolution 09-095—Authorizing the purchase of Fire Department Extrication and Rescue Equipment in the amount of \$35, 788.25 and Lifting Air Bags at the cost of \$9,800.00, with a total cost of \$45,588.25.
- Resolution 09-096—Accepting the Rural Health Care Endowment Grant and Authorize the matching funds of \$5,291.27 for the purchase of the Mega code Kelly automated training manikin.

## City Projects

### Boyson Rd and Robins Rd Interchange/Realignment

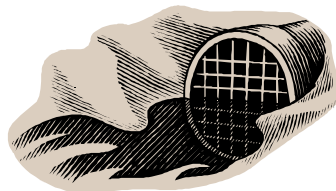
Planned meeting with CN Railroad representatives in July to discuss the project and construction in the railroad right of way. The DOT is currently reviewing the Concept Statement submitted in May, the City will work with them in the coming months to obtain necessary clearances and proceed with project development.

### Heritage Green Creek Maintenance Project

The public information meeting was held June 18, 2009. The City will be moving forward and obtaining the necessary easements and permits for the project.

### Mitchell Drive Pump Station and Force Main Extension/Bypass

MidAmerican Energy completed the gas supply extension in mid June. The contractor is working to complete the gas connection to the generator. Once the gas connection is made, the pump station supplier will meet with City maintenance staff regarding the control and operation of the station. In the coming days, the contractor will complete final project cleanup and the City will begin project close out.



### Northwest Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Extension Project

Preliminary design is currently underway. The City has contacted the DOT regarding crossing the Interstate 380 Right of Way and will be coordinating this work in the future. Hiawatha met with Cedar Rapids Engineering and is working out details on possible joint participation.

# July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Council 7p.m.	2	3 City Hall Closed Holiday	4
5	6 2nd Session Summer Pro- grams Begin	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Blastball begins History 1:30p.m. Board of Adj 6p.m.	14 Parks 6p.m. Library 7p.m.	15 Council 7p.m.	16	17 Concert in Park—5 of Hearts 7p.m.	18
19	20	21 Water 6:30p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27 3rd Session Summer Pro- grams Begin	28 P&Z 6p.m.	29	30	31	

# August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Council 7p.m.	6	7	8
9	10 History 1:30p.m. Board of Adj 6p.m.	11 Parks 6p.m. Library 7p.m.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Water 6:30p.m.	19 Council 7p.m.	20	21 Concert in Park—Holiday Road 7p.m.	22
23	24	25 P&Z 6p.m.	26 Senior Eve- ning Dance	27	28	29
30	31					

## Walk Sequence

### POSTAL CUSTOMER HIAWATHA, IOWA 52233

#### *Park & Recreation Citizen's Survey 2009*

In April, the Park & Recreation Department sent out 800 survey's and 183 were returned, giving the survey a 5.4% margin of error. Jeff Schott of the Institute of Public Affairs reviewed the survey with the Park and Recreation Board. Here are some of the results.

94% are satisfied/or very satisfied with the City Parks

99% agree that they like the overall condition of the facilities are in good or excellent condition

44.1% agree that more Multi-Purpose Trails are needed

65% have utilized the Farmers Market program

30.3% agree they want more adult fitness classes implemented

52.7% agree/strongly agree that the City needs a swimming pool facility

52.4% agree/strongly agree that the City needs a community recreation center



There is a large amount of information for Park and Recreation improvements in the survey. It can be viewed by stopping by City Hall, the Hiawatha Library, or on our website [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com). Thank you to all who participated, we appreciate the time and thought you put into your responses.

#### *American Legion "Hawkeye" Boys State*

Hiawatha American Legion Post 735, and The Hiawatha Lions Club teamed up to send two Kennedy High School students to American Legion "Hawkeye" Boys State June 14-19, 2009. Boys State is a week long, hands-on experience in the operation of the democratic form of government, the organization of political parties, and the relationship of one to the other in shaping Iowa Government.

Boys State is an experience in leading as well as following other's, it's an opportunity to gain pride and respect for our form of government and the price paid by people to preserve democracy. The boys have an opportunity to meet 700 boys from all over the State of Iowa, representing their schools, communities, and local Legion Post. Boys State is annually at Camp Dodge, in Johnston, Iowa. The conclusion for the week takes place in a ceremony on the steps of the State Capital.



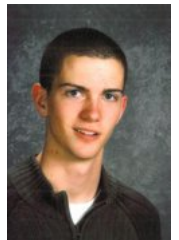
Victor Riojas, the son of Jo Riojas of Hiawatha was one of the Boys State attendees this year. Victor is active in Boy Scouts Troop 63, is a member of The Order of the Arrow, Venture Crew, and is working toward his Eagle Scout. Victor is on the Kennedy High School Track Team. He has also received the Above and Beyond award at Kennedy High School.

Ben Fiedler, the son of Randy and Janette Fiedler of Cedar Rapids, was the second Boys State Attendee. Ben is active in his church youth group, Boy Scouts of America, and Venture Crew 2000. He is also working toward completing his Eagle Scout requirements. Ben has received the Above and Beyond award at Kennedy High School. Ben has worked for various video production studios, and is producing custom wedding videos.

Hiawatha American Legion Post 735, and The Hiawatha Lions Club are proud to be sponsoring boys with these great qualities, and hope that they can use their newly learned skills in a positive way in their schools and communities.



Victor Riojas



Ben Fiedler