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Hiawatha Insights

Splash A Smile 5K Fun Run/Walk

It's official! Hiawatha will be the host city for the Community Health Free Clinic's Splash A Smile 5k Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, September 28, 2013. This 5K run is the first "Color Run" in northeast Iowa. The "Color Run", also known as the Happiest 5K on the planet, is a unique paint race that celebrates healthiness, happiness, individuality, and giving back to the community. This un-timed race caters to participants of all ages and is all about having fun while being healthy! If you're a casual walker or professional athlete, this race is filled with color as you get doused from head to toe in colored powder to create a Splash of Smile from start to finish! This family friendly race only requires two

rules: Wear white at the starting line and finish splashed in an array of colors! Don't miss out on a memorable opportunity that will Splash A Smile on everyone's face. The race will start at 8:00 a.m. at Fay M. Clark Park (1200 N 18th Ave) in Hiawatha. Visit www.communityhfc.org for the available route. Proceeds from this race will benefit the Dental Clinic at the Community Health Free Clinic. Registration opens June 15, 2013 at www.getmeregistered.com.



Coming Soon!

CommunityHealth
FREE CLINIC



Council Meeting Time Change Approved

Tuesday, June 18, 2013, the City Council passed Ordinance #747 approving and setting City Council Regular Meeting times to 5:30 p.m., on the first and third Wednesday's of each month, effective July 1, 2013.

Section 17.04 Meetings: Procedures for giving notice of meetings of the Council and other provisions regarding the conduct of council meetings are contained in Section 5.06 of this Code of Ordinances. Additional particulars relating to Council meetings are the following:

(1) Regular Meetings. "The first and third Wednesday meetings begin at five thirty o'clock (5:30) p.m. Work sessions will be scheduled as deemed necessary by the Mayor and City Council. The starting time of the work sessions may be scheduled by motion of the Council."

HEDCO State of the City

continued GROWTH
COMMITMENT
TO SUCCESS

On July 18, 2013 the Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation will sponsor along with Alliant Energy and ITC, the 2nd Annual State of the City Luncheon. The event will be held in the Hiawatha Community Center, 101 Emmons Street, with registration beginning at 11:15 a.m.

The theme for the day: Continued Growth and Commitment to Success with Mayor Tom Theis as the speaker.

To register: email Kim Downs, cityclerk@hiawatha-iowa.com or Mary Hasley, mth@worldclassind.com with the number of attendees.

Hiawatha Welcomes St. Luke's Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center!

The City of Hiawatha welcomes the St. Luke's Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center, specializing in wounds that stop progressing through the normal healing process which requires highly specialized care. The new St. Luke's Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center opened on April 3, 2013 at 400 South Blairsferry Crossing, Hiawatha, which will expand St. Luke's wound-healing services.

"Many times wounds do not heal due to the progression of diabetes or vascular disease. Other times it is an infection, or it can be a combination of factors. We will develop the diagnosis within three weeks and begin the healing process immediately," said Dustin Arnold, DO, medical director for St. Luke's Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center. "St. Luke's Wound Healing has over a 90-percent healing rate and strives to provide the area's best practice of wound-care management and related services to enhance the quality of life for patients."

The Center treats all wounds that are chronic, including: Diabetic foot ulcers; Venous stasis ulcers; Pressure ulcers; Surgical wounds; Burns; Arterial ulcers and more. This center brings patients from all over Iowa and connecting states.



Movies on the Square Recap

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation, along with New York Life Insurance hosted the first **Movie on the Square** event on Friday, May 17, 2013 in Boyson Square. i107-1 FM, Tatyana's Russian Pastries, Brickside Cafe, New York Life Child ID program, HACAP and many others provided concessions and fun family activities to make this event a success! i107-1 FM handed out glow sticks and tickets to Sesame Street Live for the best kids chalk logo drawing. Free popcorn was provided by the Hiawatha Friends Foundation. The movie, *The Zoo Keeper*, was shown at dusk (8:30 pm) where 175 people sat on their lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy a film under the stars. Thanks to our sponsors: The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation, i107-1 FM, Cedar Rapids General Office of New York Life Insurance Company, Hiawatha Bank & Trust, Health Source, Drs. Tyler, Link & Barnes, Shaw Financial Group, REM, Honkamp Krueger, Ahmann Design, Compass Commercial Services and Fusion Architects for making the first movie a success. The next movie showing will be *Wreck-it Ralph* on Friday, July 26, 2013 with activities starting at 6:00 pm and the movie starting at 7:30 pm. We look forward to another fun family evening and hope to see everyone there!



Hiawatha Annual Bike Rodeo

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department hosted its annual Bike Rodeo on May 24, 2013 in Guthridge Park. The event consisted of helmet fitting sponsored by the Iowa Association of Justice. This allowed participants to receive a new helmet that fit them correctly. "Bicycles are associated with more childhood injuries than any other consumer product except the automobile." Bike helmets have been shown to reduce the risk of head injury. With the donation of helmets hopefully future bike injuries will be prevented.

The Hiawatha and Marion Police Departments, along with the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation, conducted bike safety riding tips and education on hand signals. They were able to demonstrate proper stopping procedures and how to watch for traffic. After completing the bike rodeo, kids decorated their bikes for a bike parade around Guthridge Park. We were able to give out an estimated 60 helmets to participants. After the event, participants stayed for Hiawatha's Concert in the Park with the Large Midgets.



Announcing New City Administrator and City Clerk

Kim Downs has been promoted from the city ranks as the new City Administrator of Hiawatha. Downs, the City Clerk started her new position upon City Council's approval at the June 18th regular meeting. Downs has been acting in this role since Gary Rogers, resigned from the position in January of 2011.

Mayor Theis said the City Council chose Downs because of her experience and knowledge of our local government. "Her leadership skills, energy, passion and personality fit the culture we have desired here in Hiawatha", he said.

Downs has 13 years of experience in local government as a City Clerk in both the cities of Ryan and Hiawatha. She has assumed the role of City Clerk and Human Resource Director for almost eight years and acting as City Administrator for an accumulated total of four years.

She has a Bachelor's in Health Service/Interdisciplinary Administration and Human Resources from Mount Mercy University. She also holds her National Certification as a Master Municipal Clerk and State Certification as a Municipal Clerk.



Kelly Kornegor will fill the City Clerk's position as interim City Clerk. Kelly has been with the City for almost eight years and held the Deputy Clerk position for three and a half years. "She has become a vital part of our administrative team, her energy, skill set and determination to learn the field has proven to be exemplary", Downs said.

She has a Bachelor's in Business Administration and Human Resources from Mount Mercy University. She also holds her National Certification as Municipal Clerk and State Certification as Municipal Clerk and is working toward earning her certification as Master Municipal City Clerk.



Angie Cole Elected VP of Iowa Parks and Recreation Association

We are proud to announce Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Director Angie Cole was elected vice president of the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association.

Her two year term as Vice President is followed by two years as President began on April 10. She was installed during the Spring Conference Awards Banquet held on April 9 in Des Moines. Angie Cole has been with the City for 14 years, nine of which she held as the Parks and Recreation Director. She has been an IPRA and NRPA member since 2004 and served as a Director of the Association from 2006 to 2008 and Treasurer from 2008 to 2011. Angie received the Iowa Park and Recreation Association, Dr. Carole J. Hanson New Professional Award in 2008. Angie is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) through the National Recreation and Park Association. She was recipient of the IPRA/IFPR Fellowship to attend the 2012 NRPA National Congress with no cost to the City. She currently serves as secretary of the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation (IFPR). Angie helps with the implementation of the IPRA Regional Rendezvous and now serves as the co-director of the Leadership Institute which encourages new park and recreation persons to get involved in the association.



Congratulations Angie!

Hiawatha Purchases Street Sweeper

In March of this year, the City purchased our own street sweeper. For the last 15 years, we have been contracting out for street sweeping. Similar to many other local cities, the City of Hiawatha performs what are called Best Management Practices to reduce the amount of pollution reaching our storm drains. Regular street sweeping is one of the most cost-effective Best Management Practices used to remove sediment, metals, petroleum

products, trash and vegetation which accumulates on streets. By purchasing our own street sweeper, we can improve our program and be more effective in removing debris from roadsides and gutters which could ultimately end up in the storm drains. Keeping the storm drains clear not only helps to mitigate water pollution, but also reduces the likelihood of flooding during heavy rain. We have already seen better results in a short period of time. The sweeper was purchased with Local Option Sales and Service funds.



Storm Water Rates

Tuesday June 18, 2013 the City Council set a public hearing date of July 3, 2013 at 5:30 p.m., to give notice to the Hiawatha citizens and business community that they will consider an ordinance amending Hiawatha City Code of Ordinances Chapter 99 Sewer Service Charges \$99.02 Rate, increasing the sewer service charges from 105% to 107%, effective July 1, 2013, for August 2013 billing.

The increase will assist in the growing cost of maintenance, treatment, and disposal of our sanitary sewage within the City in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of our citizens.

Council Action

June 5, 2013

Ordinance #745 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones adding parking restrictions on both sides of the street along the entire length of Ketelsen Drive and other commercial streets.

Ordinance #746 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 101 Storm Water Drainage System §101.03 Rates increasing the monthly rate for business, commercial and industrial City water meters from \$2.50 to \$3.50 and increasing the monthly rate on residential, apartment and dwelling units in mobile home parks from \$1.75 to \$2.25 effective July 1, 2013.

Resolution 13-137 - Approve a 5K Splash a Smile Color Run on September 28, 2013.

Resolution 13-138 - Support a Police Department Golf Outing Fund Raiser with all proceeds strictly for the K-9 program.

Resolution 13-139 - Authorize CenturyLink permission to bury fiber optics cable on Progress Drive, Greywolf, Miller Road and Tower Terrace Road, Kacena Road, and Boyson Road and North 15th Avenue.

Resolution 13-140 - Approve Final Plat for Green Beak First Addition.

Resolution 13-143 - Authorize the Commercial Purchase of Property located at 1550 Stamy Road and entering into a Purchase Agreement.

Resolution 13-144 - Accept the Cost Proposal from KJWW Engineering consulting for the City's portion of costs for the HVAC investigation recommendations in connection with the Commissioning of City Hall.

June 18, 2013

Ordinance #747 - Amend Code of Ordinances Chapter 17 Council §17.04 Meetings (1) Regular Meetings changing the regular Council meeting times from 7:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. effective July 1, 2013.

Resolution 13-147 - Fix Public Hearing date of (July 3, 2013 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 99 Sewer Service Charges §99.02 Rate increasing the sewer service charges from 105% to 107% effective July 1, 2013.

Resolution 13-148 - Authorize Hiawatha Public Library to move forward with a petition in support of a Special Library Levy.

Resolution 13-149 - Award contract to purchase one (1) 2013 F250 Pickup Truck from Junge Ford of Center Point, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$25,789 for the Parks Department.

Resolution 13-150 - Authorize staff to proceed with design plans for the Boyson Road Trail from 15th Avenue to 18th Avenue including the Boyson Road pedestrian median and sidewalk along 18th Avenue to Clark Park.

Resolution 13-151 - Authorize CenturyLink Right of Way permission to bury fiber optics cable along multiple locations within the City of Hiawatha.

Resolution 13-152 - Authorize Swick Cable Contractors Right of Way permission to bury fiber optics cable on Blairsferry Crossing.

Resolution 13-154 - Set Pay Plans for FY13-14.

Resolution 13-155 - Approve FY13-14 Wage/Salary Schedule.

Resolution 13-156 - Amend City's Seat Belt Policy as adopted on June 6, 2011, changing the name of the policy to Seat belt/Restraint Policy and updating seat belt/restraint requirements.

Resolution 13-157 - Approve the Hearing Conservation Program providing employees with procedures and policies to protect them against effects of noise exposure.

Resolution 13-158 - Approve the hiring and appointment of the City Administrator including the established employment package.

Resolution 13-159 - Approve the hiring and appointment of the Interim City Clerk.

Project Updates

Boyson Road/Robins Road Update:

Boyson Road paving east of the Robins Road intersection, as well as driveways and sidewalk along this approach are complete. The intersection and Boyson Road to the west are nearly ready for paving, which should be complete in July. Storm sewer, water mains and traffic signal conduit have been installed. When all paving is complete, the remaining sidewalk and driveways will be finished. Final steps include grading, seeding, signs and traffic signals. The project is on schedule to be completed in September 2013.



The North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street Improvements project was started in April 2013 and will extend the four lane section ending just north of the railroad tracks to connect with the existing four lanes at Fisher Street. The project includes railroad crossing gates, decorative lighting, undergrounding of utilities and landscaping. After a slow start due to weather and utility delays, Ricklefs Excavating is now cruising along having installed most all of the underground utilities. Traffic has been diverted to the east side using temporary pavement in order to keep traffic flowing during construction. Included with the construction was a project to construct a 10-foot wide trail along the east side of North Center Point Road from Boyson Road to Stamy Road. This trail was completed in May 2013.



JULY 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Time Change Council 5:30pm	City Hall Closed		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park	History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park		Water 5:30 pm	Time Change Council 5:30pm			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park			Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18	Movies on the Square @ dusk	
28	29	30	31	Visit our website: www.hiawatha-iowa.com		
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AUGUST 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Visit our website: www.hiawatha-iowa.com					Music in the Park Crazy Delicious 7pm	
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L.O.S.S.T Update

Since July of 2009, the City of Hiawatha has been receiving Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) dollars. As of June 30, 2013 we have received \$3,546,371.42 in LOSST funds. With the additional revenue, we were able to make many improvements throughout the City, including installment and replacement of water and sewer mains, drain tile installation to help with storm water maintenance, park improvements, police and fire equipment, seasonal decorations, library improvements and street reconstruction.

As you can see from the chart, about 57% of the LOSST dollars were used on street improvements. We installed an infrared traffic camera on the off ramp at Boyson Road to help with traffic flow. We buried utility lines along Stamy Road, along North Center Point Road and at the Boyson Road/Robins Road intersection. LED lighting was installed along North Center Point Road and Stamy Road. We reconstructed 3rd Avenue and C Avenue. We purchased two bus shelters, street holiday decorations, and a street sweeper.

The Hiawatha Public Library was able to purchase and install a Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) to electronically scan items being checked out, to help track books, CD's, DVD's, periodicals and other materials more efficiently, to better serve patrons by adding self-check stations and allow for the decrease in handling items for staff, with added security and inventory features.

The Police Department and Fire Department has also benefited from LOSST funds. The Police Department was able to purchase a new Chevy Tahoe for our K-9 and a new Dodge Charger for our investigator. Updates to the interview room and replacement of their computer server were also completed. The Fire Department did some building improvements, purchased Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment and a new light rescue truck with LOSST funds.

The Park and Recreation Department completed a Park Master Plan, installed a software program to allow patrons to register for recreation programs, rent a park pavilion, or rent the community center using the online Cogran system. Other improvements, in Guthridge Park new dugouts were constructed at the ball diamonds, a sunshade near the splash pad, park equipment, replaced the roof in the concession stand, applied a sealant to the parking lot and built a landscape planter. In Tucker Park, we built a landscape planter and applied a sealant in the parking lot.

Water and sanitary sewer mains were extended on North Center Point Road from Tower Terrace Road north to the City limits. The water main was replaced at the Boyson Road/Robins Road intersection along with replacement on 3rd Avenue and on E. Clark Street. As part of the sewer main maintenance program, we televisc a section of the sewer lines to inspect the pipes looking for infiltration cracked or broken pipes or roots from trees that sometimes appear i the lines. The erosion repairs at Ushers Creek area was a project th also was completed.

June 30, 2014 will mark the end of the five (5) year LOSST contributions. With the anticipated revenue of \$900,000 for the final year, we plan to continue to make improvements throughout the City, which may include street improvements, trail extensions, EKG monitors and defibrillators for the police and fire departments, park improvements, and maintenance to the water towers #1 and #2.

LOSST dollars were used in many other areas around the City. Where possible, we have put up signs showing the projects that were funded with LOSST dollars. You may have noticed these around Hiawatha in the parks or along the roadway. With the addition of LOSST as a source of revenue, the City has been able to do some of these improvements that may have otherwise been delayed due to the lack of funding. So, thank you to our voters, we were able to do these projects, along with others we are planning for the future to make your City the best it can be.

