

Insights



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Work Begins on the North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection Project



Hiawatha contracted with Shive Hattery Engineers and Architects to prepare the plans and specifications for the North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection project. The contractor, Ricklefs Excavating of Anamosa started work on the Phase I contract. This contract also provides for the extension of "A" Avenue and the utility relocations on North Center Point Road.

New water mains and sanitary sewers will be installed along with the new franchise utility trench construction. This will allow all the overhead power lines to be removed and installed underground. The schedule for this project calls for completion in August. The construction plan calls for lane closures on North Center Point Road and part-time road closures on Emmons Street and Robins Road. Detours will be established and signed to direct traffic.



Questions can be forwarded to the Hiawatha Engineering Department at 319-393-1515 or at cityengineer@hiawatha-iowa.com.

New Railroad Crossing to be Installed on Robins Road

Hiawatha and the Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad have approved an agreement to replace the existing railroad crossing at the Robins Road location. This is an existing rubber crossing that was completed sometime in the 1990's. The track has settled and the crossing is now very rough.

The agreement with the railroad will be to participate in the cost of the new rubberized crossing. There will be some approach work to blend into the new track elevation. The railroad will perform the work with a cost share estimated to be approximately \$50,000.

The work is proposed to take place in late July early August. This will require the closing of Robins Road north of Boyson Road for approximately two weeks. Detours will be established north of Tower Terrace Road and North Center Point Road.

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Industrial Avenue Reconstruction Project (RISE) Completed

The reconstruction of Industrial Avenue north of Boyson Road with contractor, Horsfield Construction from Epworth Iowa has now been completed. The contractor started work in September of 2015 and completed work in June of 2016. Approximately 1,200 feet of the existing Industrial Avenue was removed and replaced with a new 31 foot wide, eight inch thick concrete paving with new storm sewer. This design was used to accommodate the heavy truck traffic in the area.

The project included all new sidewalk installation and driveway reconstruction on properties along Industrial Avenue. The City has notified all other property owners to complete the extension of the five foot wide sidewalk fronting their property by October 2016. This will provide pedestrian access for the first time to over 300 employees that work in the area.

This project was funded at approximately 50% with RISE funds from the Iowa Department of Transportation.

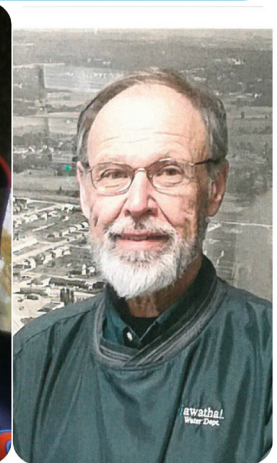
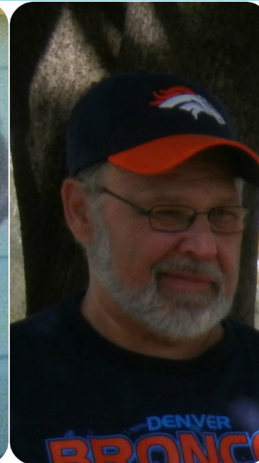


Carl came to work for the Town of Hiawatha in 1976. His job advanced from doing a little bit of everything to becoming Water Superintendent for the City of Hiawatha. He guided the department as growth of the city progressed.

The department started with one employee and has grown to six; two water towers, four wells and 45 miles of installed water mains. As Hiawatha grows, so does the responsibility of the Water Department.

Thank you Carl for your dedication in providing clean water to the City of Hiawatha for 40 years!

Water Superintendent to retire after 40 years We wish Carl many happy years of Retirement!



Live Fire Training

Recently members of the fire department spent a weekend training at Coralville Fire Department's training grounds. Coralville has a large facility that allows firefighters to practice and become proficient at skills in a controlled setting. This type of training is essential to us in providing great fire protection and public safety services to our community.

Crews were able to practice tasks such as attacking fires, laddering structures, search and rescue and pumping. The evolutions and scenarios allowed the firefighters to experience doing skills you cannot simulate by other training methods. The training sessions also allowed our newest members to learn about fire behavior and how a fire reacts inside a building.



Crime Stoppers works for Hiawatha!

This past September one of our officers attempted to stop a vehicle driving at night without headlights. The vehicle sped away from the area of Boyson Road and I-380. The officer pursued this vehicle on I-380 until terminating near downtown for safety reasons. During this short pursuit a local car dealership contacted the police department and reported the fleeing vehicle had just been stolen from their lot.

The investigation resulted in good eye witness information along with possible DNA of the suspect. However, several days passed and the vehicle had not been recovered and the identity of the suspect was completely unknown. The story was featured on local media outlets with a request to contact Linn County Crime Stoppers if you know anything about this case. One viewer recognized the photo of the vehicle and called the tip line. This caller provided the location of the vehicle and the name of the possible suspect. Nine days after the initial theft, the vehicle was recovered in Cedar Rapids based on this tip.

The vehicle was processed and DNA was collected from the suspect. Items were sent to the DCI Crime Lab in Ankeny for analysis. DNA from the crime scene at the dealership was matched to DNA collected from the suspect. In March, the suspect was arrested and charged with Theft 2nd Degree and Eluding. The suspect eventually pled guilty and was sentenced to jail.

This case would not have been solved without the assistance received from a Crime Stoppers tip. Crime Stoppers is a partnership of concerned citizens, local law enforcement agencies and local media working together to resolve community problems through the apprehension of criminals and prevention of crime. All calls are guaranteed to be confidential and eligible for cash rewards. The rewards vary from \$50 to \$2,500. Our caller was awarded \$500 cash for the information to solve this case.

No Crime Stoppers rewards are paid out of local, state or federal tax dollars. All funds are raised through private donations. Crime Stoppers is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation with tax-exempt status.

For more information on Crime Stoppers visit them at: <http://linncountycrimestoppers.com/>.

Hiawatha Permit System Goes On-Line

Recently the City of Hiawatha launched a new website: www.hiawatha-iowa.com. In conjunction, the Hiawatha Community Development Department launched its on-line application and payment process for building permits and zoning applications. Access to the permit portal is through the Community Development page on the city website.

Contractors, designers and citizens are encouraged to submit their permit applications and supporting information such as plans, site plans and work descriptions on-line. You will be notified when your plans and permits have been reviewed. Credit card payments can be accepted on-line after the review has been completed.

This process will soon be expanded to include rental housing registrations for new rentals and for re-registration of existing rentals. The new rental program will include invoice payment options.

Open your account at our permit portal and take advantage of the electronic submittal process. Please contact Jen in the building department at 319-393-1515 for portal registration assistance. We look forward to providing better faster service in our one-stop-permit-shop as we implement this electronic paperless process.



Hiawatha Council Action

June 1, 2016

ORDINANCE #865 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 101 Storm Water Drainage System §101.03 Rates by increasing the residential & commercial storm water rates. ORDINANCE #866 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones setting No Parking restrictions for Diamondback Road & Forrest Meadow Lane. ORDINANCE #867 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 137 Vacation & Disposal of Streets §137.04 Findings Required (1) Public Use. RESOLUTION #16-126 adopting plans, specifications, form of contract & estimate of cost in connection with the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project. RESOLUTION #16-127 setting a public hearing date (6/15/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a

Development Agreement with Warrior Enterprises, LLC & McGrath Automotive Group, Inc. & providing for publication of notice. RESOLUTION #16-128 Appointing Paying Agent, Note Registrar, & Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent & Note Registrar & Transfer Agent Agreement & Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement in connection with \$2,945,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2016A. RESOLUTION #16-129 approving & authorizing a form of Loan Agreement & authorizing & providing for the issuance, & levying a tax to pay the Notes; Approval of the Tax Exemption Certificate & Continuing Disclosure Certificate in connection with \$2,945,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2016A. RESOLUTION #16-130 approving Permanent Utility Easement for property located at 91 Robins Road in connection with the 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road

Intersection Improvements Project. RESOLUTION #16-131 approving Permanent Sidewalk Easement for property located at 207 Robins Road in connection with the 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project. RESOLUTION #16-132 approving Temporary Construction Easement for property located at 100 Center Point Road in connection with the 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project. RESOLUTION #16-133 approving Temporary Construction Easement for property located at 91 Robins Road in connection with the 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project. RESOLUTION #16-134 approving an "At Your Own Risk" Building Permit to begin remodeling an existing commercial building at 1020 N. Center Point Road.

June 15, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-135 approving & authorizing execution of a 5 year Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & Warrior Enterprises, L.L.C. & McGrath Automotive Group, Inc. RESOLUTION #16-136 setting a public hearing date (7/6/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the disposal of a portion of vacated Right-Of-Way on Langston Drive in connection with the Mercy Hospital project located at 1195 Boyson Road & authorization to accept bids for the purchase of Right-Of-Way. RESOLUTION #16-137 accepting a Warranty Deed for the conveyance of a portion of real estate located at 97 North Center Point Road to the City of Hiawatha by PAKAR Management, LLC. RESOLUTION #16-138 approving a Permanent Utility Easement on the property located at 698 Boyson Road. RESOLUTION #16-139 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #3 for the FY 2015 Water & Sewer Extension Project, & direct City Clerk to make payment to Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd. of Anamosa, IA, in the amount of \$205,814.18. RESOLUTION #16-140 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #4 for the FY 2015 Industrial Avenue from Boyson Road to North End Pavement Reconstruction / Storm Sewer Improvements RISE Grant Project, & direct City Clerk to make payment to Horsfield Construction, Inc. of Epworth, IA, in the amount of \$84,142.49. RESOLUTION #16-141 authorizing replacement of the existing pervious

concrete on the west parking lot at City Hall with Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP) & installation of no parking zones, parking strips, & handicap symbols; City Staff will be responsible for removal of the existing pervious concrete & prepping the area prior to the contractor performing work, at a total cost not to exceed \$33,536.68, with Culvers Lawn & Landscaping of Marion, IA. RESOLUTION #16-142 pledging an amount not to exceed \$9,200.00 from the General Fund HEDCO Line Item for the remaining fiscal period of (FY15-16), to support Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO). RESOLUTION #16-143 setting Pay Plans for FY 16-17. RESOLUTION #16-144 approving Wage/Salary Schedule for FY 16-17.

July Calendar

- 03 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 04 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 10 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 11 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 11 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 13 Farmers Market 4:00-6:00 PM City Hall Parking Lot
- 13 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 17 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 19 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 26 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 27 Farmers Market 4:00-6:00 PM City Hall Parking Lot
- 27 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 31 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park

August Calendar

- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 07 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 08 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 09 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 09 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10 Farmers Market 4:00-6:00 PM City Hall Parking Lot
- 10 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 14 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 16 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 17 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 22 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 Farmers Market 4:00-6:00 PM City Hall Parking Lot
- 24 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 26 Hiawatha Fun Fest 6:00-11:00 PM
- 26 Hiawatha Fun Fest 8:00 AM-10:00 PM
- 28 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park

Hiawatha Farmers Market brings the taste of Iowa Producers to you!

Hiawatha's first ever Weekday Farmers Market took place on June 8. Did you miss it? Don't worry, there's more! Stop by Hiawatha's City Hall parking lot, 101 Emmons Street, from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM on the second and fourth Wednesdays of June, July and August for fresh produce, baked goods, plants, meat, salsa and more! Hiawatha's Sunday Farmers Market is already under way every Sunday from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM and goes through October.

Hiawatha's Weekday Farmers Market
Hiawatha City Hall
4-6pm



June 8th July 13th August 10th
June 22nd July 27th August 24th



Hiawatha's Bike Rodeo and Parade

Hiawatha's Bike Rodeo and Parade took place on May 27. Children received a free helmet, thanks to Iowa League of Justice and learned bike safety from the Hiawatha Police Department. Children also decorated their bikes and paraded around Guthridge Park led by a Hiawatha bike officer! Save the date! Next year's Bike Rodeo and Parade will take place on **May 26, 2017!**



Guthridge Park Green Pavilion Mural Painted

The Kennedy Advanced Art Class has completed a mural on our education center located next to the Green Pavilion in Guthridge Park. The Parks and Recreation Friends Foundation covered the cost of the paint and supplies for the completion of this project. The students did a great job on the classic fairy tale themed project!

HIBRAI

HiBRAI, Hiawatha's Bike Ride Around Iowa, will take place on August 13-14, 2016. This charity ride will depart from Hiawatha's Clark Park and make a 55 mile trek down to Riverside Hotel and Casino where cyclist will stay for an evening of fun. The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation will host their 14th Annual Ride to raise funding for Hiawatha's children's programs and park updates. If you would like more information on this fun event, visit City Hall or <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/hibrai-2016-tickets-20783637419?aff=homecard>

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Hiawatha's Bike Ride Around Iowa!!!



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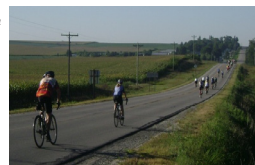
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2 DAY/110 MILE

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 Register at Eventbrite.com



Intermediate Ride

Questions???
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 Net proceeds benefit Friends of Hiawatha Parks & Recreation



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Tree Grant/Inventory

The City received a grant from the Iowa DNR this past fall called the Sustainable Urban Forestry Training and Assistance Grant. The goal of this grant is to educate the staff on urban forestry along with helping the City identify what its needs are. Throughout this grant so far we have looked over our City Tree Ordinance, had training on tree identification and have worked on completing our City Tree Inventory. This has been a great experience for our staff in helping us identify how many ash trees we have when the Emerald Ash Borer infests our area and what we need to do in order to stay ahead. If you see any of the City Staff in your neighborhood inspecting trees in the right of way they are working towards completing the inventory and collecting data to help us keep track of our healthy trees in the City, which ones we need to pay attention to and what trees need removed. It is a timely process but will give the City great information as we move forward in the years to come!



Precision Driver Training



On May 17, members of the Hiawatha Police Department took part in precision driver training at Hawkeye Downs as part of their monthly in-service training. The training was provided by Investigator Rod Fiser, who is our in-house certified precision driving instructor. This training included pursuit policy discussions, estimating patrol vehicle speed and an on track driving course. Hawkeye Downs provided an excellent opportunity to practice on a safe, closed course. Officers were required to maneuver around the course at various speeds and stress levels. This training helps officers know their capabilities as well as the equipment they are driving. Each officer attended a two hour block of training. Every member of the police department receives a minimum of two hours in-service training every month. This helps ensure officers are receiving the best possible training to better assist our residents.



Friday, August 26th
6 p.m.—11 p.m.
&
Saturday, August 27th
8 a.m.—10 p.m.

Friday

- 6—9 Past Masters Band & Kiwanis Concessions
- 6—9 Glow Disc Golf Tournament
- 9—11 Movie Under the Moon



Saturday

- 8 5K Fireman's Run
- 8—10 HiCREW Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- 10—9 Food Vendors
- 11—12 Hiawatha Parade
- 12—6 Activities for Kids & Adults
- 2:30—9 Entertainment
- 9:30 Fireworks at Dusk!!!



Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers and enjoy an evening of fun!



Support Our Vets during the Hiawatha Fun Fest

SMASH A CAR with the Hiawatha American Legion
Hiawatha American Legion Post 735 and Darrah's Towing have partnered in support of our veterans by offering a "Smash a Car" booth during the Hiawatha Fun Fest.

Think you are up for the challenge? Well bring your muscles and come out to the Fun Fest on Saturday, August 27 and show us how it's done! This is your opportunity to grab a sledge hammer and take a couple of your best swings at a car and the best part.....**the money you pay to "Smash a Car" will help send a veteran on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.**



Buy desserts, donate clothing, non perishable food and cell phones to the Women's Auxiliary

The Hiawatha American Legion Women's Auxiliary will be one of the vendors at the Hiawatha Fun Fest on August 27, 2016. Stop by their booth and help them support our veterans!

The Auxiliary ladies' will be selling pie, brownies and cookies beginning at 11:00 AM. While you are there enjoying some delicious treats, drop off your gently used men's clothing and shoes and non-perishable food items for the veterans. The ladies will also be collecting gently used cell phones that will be donated to Cell Phone for Soldiers to provide our military troops serving overseas, free talk time to connect with their loved ones.



Fun Fact presented by the Hiawatha History Committee



Want to know where to find Hiawatha's newest street?

Forrest Meadow Lane is the newest street in Hiawatha. This street can be found in one of Hiawatha's new residential subdivisions known as Dell Ridge First Addition shown in the map on the left.

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Summer Reading Challenge Accepted!

More than 1,700 readers are gleefully exercising their minds as they accept the summer reading challenge at Hiawatha Public Library. Seventy-six babies registered to earn rewards and 1,029 kids have stepped up to the plate. But it doesn't stop there! Add in 316 teens and 319 adults and surely, summer prizes will fly out the library door. It's not too late to join the fun. Register at <http://hiawathalibrary.com/>.

Hiawatha Public Library is excited to offer fun, free programs throughout July. Dori Patrick returns at 6:00 PM on July 15 to give the 21 and older crowd a cork and canvas opportunity with Star Spangled Inspirations. Learn more about it and other adult programs at <http://www.hiawathalibrary.com/#!adult/c3d6>.

Young adults are invited to play games, watch movies and create, create, create. Go to <http://www.hiawathalibrary.com/#!teen-2016-summer-programs/c1o52> to get more details.

There are many awesome program options for children and their caregivers during July. Join us for story times, crafts, mystery, magic and art. Full descriptions, dates and times of events can be found at <http://www.hiawathalibrary.com/#!childrens-summer-events/c1v1n>.

Hiawatha Public Library will wrap up its reading programs with an End of Summer Celebration on July 30 from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. This indoor/outdoor picnic features food, cookie decorating and mini sports camps. Bring a blanket and sit on the lawn as Darrin Crow wows the entire family with his stellar storytelling talents, to bring the day to a terrific close.



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