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# Hiawatha Insights

## Earth Day 2011 Recap

The City of Hiawatha hosted our 7th annual Earth Day Event to honor our home planet by recycling various items. "Shred-It" Company of Cedar Rapids, Linn County Solid Waste Agency, Midwest Electronics Recovery, Hiawatha Legion Post #735, Hiawatha Lions Club and Hy-Vee TAKEAWAY assisted our community in it's disposal of paper, electronics, hazardous household waste, unserviceable flags, glasses, hearing aids and prescription waste.

Our Community saved approximately 5 trees; shredding 420 lbs. of paper, collected 14,680 lbs. of electronic equipment to be recycled, received ten unserviceable flags, 200 pairs of glasses and six hearing aids for donation, prescription waste and a total of 110 individuals participated in the Hazardous Household waste drop off by dispersing 1352 lbs. of chemicals.

Many thanks to all who participated in this event. Each year our goal is to grow our event by adding a vendor and/or the number of participants. As you participated in this event and see the value this event holds, please invite your neighbors to come along and support Hiawatha's efforts in Earth Day.



## 200 Bags of Litter Collected from I-380

Fifty-two volunteers participated in the Interstate 380 clean up on Saturday, April 23, 2011. The volunteers filled an average of four bags of litter each, for a total of 200 bags of litter collected. Collecting litter is a tough job and the City of Cedar Rapids Solid Waste & Recycling Division and the City of Hiawatha would like to thank the dedicated citizens that attended Saturday's event.

If you see litter happening, whether it is someone tossing material from a private car or a professional driving down the road with an unsecured load, call 1-888-NOLITTER (1-888-665-4887) with the license plate number of the vehicle. By working together, we can help keep our community clean.

Several area businesses provided refreshments to the volunteers including: Sam's Club, Donutland, and Quaker Oats. Thank you for your generosity and support of our mission.



## L.O.S.S.T. Vote Update

As you are no doubt aware, official results show that the Cedar Rapids Metro block, the Unincorporated Area block and the City of Walford rejected their respected public measures by very small margins for the 20 year 1% Sales and Service Tax Extension. Hiawatha's results: Yes (457) No (479) with the Metro Area as a whole: Yes (15,855) No (16,076).

Thank You for voting, whether you voted "yes" or "no", we appreciate the time you invest in gathering information to make an informed decision as you step up to the voting booth.

You may be asking yourself, "Can a Local Option Sales & Service Tax (L.O.S.S.T.) Election be called for again?"

The answer is: Yes. If one or more jurisdictions in a county do not currently have the tax imposed or will not have the tax imposed at a point in the future, a Local Option Sales & Services Tax election can be called. The Code of Iowa does not mandate certain wait-time between elections. Therefore, another election can be called immediately for any eligible special election date. As with this past election, the City of Cedar Rapids, with its population of over 50% of the county, is the only jurisdiction that can call for the election. A petition can also be filed calling for a Local Option Sales & Services Tax Election.



## NIXLE Discontinuation

Effective immediately the City will no longer be using the NIXLE information system to notify citizens of such things as street closures and event reminders. The City will continue to provide our citizens with important information through our city website, newsletters and by press releases. Departments such as Fire, Library and Parks & Recreation will additionally use their Facebook page to share information regarding their department activities.

## Severe Weather and Tornado Safety

Now that the worst of winter is behind us, it usually means the worst of spring is just ahead. The arrival of warmer weather also means the arrival of tornados. For those of us in Iowa, tornado season occurs between March and October, and while there is little you can do to prevent damage from a tornado, you can save your life by knowing what to do!

### Watch vs. Warning

A severe thunderstorm watch means that severe weather is possible. A severe thunderstorm warning means that severe weather is in the immediate area. In either case, listen to the radio or television for updates.

A tornado watch means that present conditions could produce a tornado. A tornado warning means that a tornado has been sighted, and that you should seek shelter immediately.

The National Weather Service can alert the public to the potential of severe weather more efficiently than ever. Stay tuned to the radio or the Weather Channel for updates. If your neighborhood is threatened by a tornado, severe weather warning sirens will activate (these sirens are tested on the first Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m.).



### Know where to go

If a tornado has been sighted, take cover in the safest place possible. A basement is always the first choice. Your options include:

- **Building with a basement:** Go to the basement. Stay away from windows and chimneys. Hide under the stairs or heavy furniture. Cover your head.
- **Building without a basement:** Go to the lowest level in the central portion of the building. The first choice is in an interior closet or hallway, away from windows. Cover your head. In all cases you should have a flashlight and a battery operated radio with you. Keep your keys with you - they can disappear in a tornado.
- **Shopping center or large building:** Look for a pre-designated shelter. If you don't see one, go to the middle hallway on the lowest level. Cover your head.
- **Mobile home or car:** Leave at once and find shelter in a building. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert with your hands over your head.



Following these steps can minimize the possibility of death or injury during severe weather. Share these tips with your family, and practice a tornado drill in your home this week.

## Gary Rogers named to Iowa League of Cities Legislative Policy Committee

Gary Rogers Jr, City Administrator, currently serves on the Iowa League of Cities Legislative Policy Committee. The committee meets several times each year. Using feedback from member cities, the committee develops legislative priority suggestions for the upcoming legislative session.

Rogers and 26 other committee members were appointed to the committee by the League's Executive Board President. The committee's recommended Legislative priorities will be voted on by the general membership at the Annual Business Meeting on September 21-23, 2011.

This is Gary's first year on the Legislative Priority committee.

Congratulations Gary, your effort to support our City and the League's Legislative Priority committee are appreciated.

# Hiawatha Mosquito Reduction Program 2011

The City is pleased to announce the acceptance of the 2011 Mosquito Reduction Program. Ground and aerial applications will normally be done evenings and nights throughout the summer. If you have any questions, please contact our City office at 319-393-1515 or Mosquito Control of Iowa at 712-848-3295 or visit their website at [www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com](http://www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com).

**Scheduled applications:**

- Week of June 13, 2011 completed by June 19, 2011.
  - Week of June 20, 2011 completed by June 24, 2011.
  - Week of July 11, 2011 completed by July 15, 2011.
  - Week of August 15, 2011 completed by August 19, 2011.
- Please remember, these dates are pending weather cooperation.



For additional applications, citizens will be notified through radio or television communications.

MSDS sheets (Evoluer 4-4 ULV) are available at [www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com](http://www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com) or [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com).

## History Commission - Viaduct



Do you know where this was?

Center Point Road, along trail, north of Go Daddy.

## Thank You Jan Baumann & Dian Boyson

Effective March 16, 2011, the City Council accepted the resignation of Jan Bahmann from the Hiawatha Library Board. Also on March 16, 2011, the City Council appointed Dian Boyson to fill the vacant position with a term ending date of June 30, 2013.

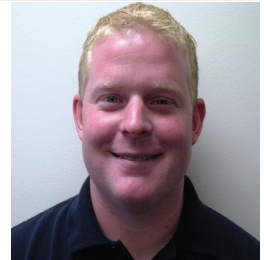


L: Dian Boyson, R: Kim Downs

Thank you ladies for your willing dedication to our Community and to the Library.

## Hiawatha Firefighters Certified in Child Seat Safety

Congratulations to Fire Department Deputy Chiefs, Rob Archibald and Andrew Sweeney in acquiring their "Child Passenger Safety Technician" certification. The National Child Passenger Safety Board has been established to provide program direction and technical guidance to states, communities and organizations as a means to maintain a credible, standardized child passenger training and certification program.



The Standardized Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Training Program was established in 1998 in response to a need for standardization and quality control in course content and instruction.

Child passenger safety certification courses are designed to teach individuals the technical and educational skills needed to serve as child passenger safety resources for their organization, community or state. Certification courses are conducted by a variety of local, state and national agencies and organizations, and those who successfully complete the certification courses are eligible to receive national certification as a Child Passenger Safety Technician through the Safe Kids Worldwide CPS certification program.

Rob and Andy will be able to assist our citizens with important injury prevention measures by providing a child safety seat check inspection.



### What should you, as a caregiver, expect from a Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician?

The car seat installation experience is an interactive one. As the caregiver, you will leave confident that your child's seat is installed correctly AND that you are comfortable reinstalling and using it correctly.

Our Technicians will take **all the time necessary** to ensure that you feel competent and confident in re-securing the car seat into the vehicle and re-buckling your child into the car seat **on your own**.

**Call the Hiawatha Fire Department to set up your safety car seat check inspection appointment now at (319) 393-4180. It will be the best 30 minutes spent in providing for your child's safety.**

## Council Action

May 4, 2011

- Resolution 11-078 - Setting public hearing date (May 18, 2011) to consider amending 2010 Comprehensive Plan changing future land use for 1450 Robins Rd.
- Resolution 11-079 - Fixing date for meeting on development agmt with Ahmann Properties for 1625 Boyson Road.
- Resolution 11-080 - Fixing date for meeting on development agmt with Ahmann Properties for 1641 Boyson Square Drive.
- Resolution 11-081 - Fixing date for meeting on development agmt with Honkamp Krueger & Co.
- Resolution 11-082 - Setting public hearing date (May 18, 2011) to consider adopting, place plans, specs, form of contract, estimate of cost and direct publication of notice on Loggerhead Road and Tower Terrace Road Seal Coat Project.
- Resolution 11-083 - Appointing paying agent, note registrar, transfer agent, approve paying agent, note registrar and transfer agent and authorize execution of agreement on \$3,605,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011.
- Resolution 11-084 - Amending resolution authorizing form of Loan Agreement and authorize and provide for issuance of Capital Loan Notes and levy a tax to pay said Notes.
- Resolution 11-085 - Setting stipend pay rates for Volunteer Firefighters when they cover paid employee shifts and for members of the Fire Dept. when they teach CPR classes.
- Resolution 11-086 - Approving a five year agmt for maintenance repair of primary roads with the Iowa Department of Transportation and authorize Mayor to sign necessary documents.
- Resolution 11-087 - Fixing values of lots, construction of pavement and utility improvements on Stamy Rd from north of Kacena Rd to Tower Terrace Rd Pavement Extension Project.
- Resolution 11-088 - Adopting prelim assessment plat, schedule and engineer's cost opinion and proposed prelim plans and specs on Stamy Rd from north of Kacena Rd to Tower Terrace Rd Pavement Project.
- Resolution 11-089 - Approving Nonsufficient Fund Policy.
- Resolution 11-090 - Adopting Iowa League of Cities Records Retention Manual.
- Resolution 11-091 - Setting FY11-12 Pay Plans.
- Resolution 11-092 - Approving FY11-12 Wage/Salary Schedule.
- Resolution 11-097 - Amend Resolution setting public hearing date for Boyson & Robins Rd Project on Intent to Acquire Agricultural Property.

May 18, 2011

- Ordinance 704 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 3 Boundaries
- Ordinance 705 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 122 Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants
- Resolution 11-099 - Amend Comprehensive Plan changing future land use from Medium to Commercial at 1450 Robins Rd.
- Resolution 11-100 - Amend Res. 10-223 to add fees for ice cream novelties and concessions.
- Resolution 11-101 - Approve Development Agreement with Ahmann Properties for 1625 Boyson Road.
- Resolution 11-102 - Approve Development Agreement with Ahmann Properties for 1641 Boyson Square Drive.
- Resolution 11-103 - Approve Development Agreement with Honkamp Krueger & Co for 1751 Boyson Road.
- Resolution 11-104 - Adopt plans, specs, form of contract and est. of cost for Loggerhead Rd & Tower Terrace Seal Coat Project.
- Resolution 11-105 - Amend FY2011 Budget.
- Resolution 11-106 - Set public hearing (June 14, 2011 @ 7pm), consider resolution of necessity for Stamy Rd from N of Kacena Rd to Tower Terrace Rd Pavement Extension Project Special Assessment Process.
- Resolution 11-107 - Correct date of proposed public hearing, set new public hearing date (June 14, 2011 @ 7pm) for Boyson Rd and Robins Rd Intersection Project.
- Resolution 11-110 - Accepting work and fixing amount to be assessed for 3rd Ave from Marion St to Clark St Pavement Project.
- Resolution 11-111 - Adopt and levy final schedule of assessments for 3rd Ave from Marion St to Clark St Pavement Project.
- Resolution 11-112 - Authorize Fire Dept to proceed with purchase of fire training curriculum using Firefighters Assistance Grant Award for Operations and Safety.
- Resolution 11-113 - Approve Structural Fire Training Agmt with Kathleen K Etzel.
- Resolution 11-114 - Approve 28E Agmt with Cedar Valley Humane Society for Provision of Animal Care Services.
- Resolution 11-115 - Approve Resolution rescinding Res. 11-059 to correct a scrivener's error.
- Resolution 11-116 - Approve Final Plan and Development Agmt with Alvin Frey - Pines at Turtle Creek Second Addition.

## Projects

### Stamy Road Paving and Utility Improvements

The Stamy Road reconstruction project will replace 1300 feet of gravel and sealcoat street with a concrete curb and gutter street from the existing paved end of Stamy Road to Tower Terrace Road. The project also includes water main, storm sewer and sanitary sewer extensions. The City received a \$351,000 Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) grant from the state for this project. Construction is expected in late Summer or early Fall of 2011.

### Industrial Drive Pavement Reconstruction

The Industrial Drive reconstruction project will replace 1300 feet of concrete street which is beyond its service life. The new concrete pavement will be similar to what is used on major streets to support heavy truck traffic. Drain tile and/or storm sewer will also be provided. Construction is anticipated in Fall 2011.

### 2011 Sanitary Sewer Repairs

This project will repair sanitary sewer pipes that are cracked or have leaky joints. It is part of an ongoing annual effort to reduce groundwater inflow and infiltration to the sanitary sewer, with the goal of reducing wastewater treatment costs. Construction is expected in Summer or Fall 2011.

### North Center Point Road from Stamy Road to Tower Terrace Road Pavement Reconstruction

The project is now under construction with the road closed between Ketelsen Drive and Tower Terrace Road. A signed detour route is in place for traveling between Tower Terrace Road and Boyson Road. Ketelsen Drive continues to be accessible by North Center Point Road.

# JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Council 7pm			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	Hiawatha Fire Department Blood Drive 2pm - 6pm		Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7p.m.	Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7p.m.	Council 7pm	Hog Wild Days June 16 through 19 Guthridge Park		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Hog Wild Days		Water 6:30 p.m.	Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	Concert in Park, Full Circle - 7pm	
26	27	28	29	30		
Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	P&Z 6p.m.					

# JULY 2011

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# Walk Sequence Postal Customer Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

**DELIVER BY:  
SATURDAY,  
6/11/2011**

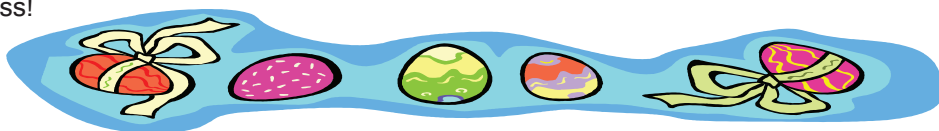
## Water Department Flouride Update

Recently the Hiawatha Water Department reduced the amount of flouride in our drinking water based on the recommendation of the US Department of Health and Human Services. The amount of flouride added to our drinking water was reduced from 1.0 to 0.7 part per million. Flouride is a naturally occurring mineral that is proven to protect against tooth decay by keeping tooth enamel strong and solid. If you should have any questions about your water quality; please contact the Hiawatha Water Department at (319) 393-5556.

## Easter Egg Hunt Recap



The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department, partnered with the Hiawatha Lions Club and Culvers Frozen Custard held the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This event took place on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Guthridge Park. Thank you to all the families that were in attendance to collect the 5000 candy and toy-filled eggs spread throughout the park. A special thanks to all the volunteers that came early that Saturday morning to make this event a success!



## Police Department Summer Safety Reminders

School is out and summer is here. The Hiawatha Police Department would like to encourage everyone to have a safe and enjoyable summer. Please watch for children who are riding bicycles or walking near the roadway. Be prepared to stop as children are not always watching for you. It is also a good time to revisit safety tips with each of your children.

- Never play in the street
- Always wear your safety helmet when riding a bike or skateboard
- Make sure your parents know where you are and when you will return
- Never talk to strangers; report any attempts by a stranger to an adult

**Curfew Reminder** - A curfew is in effect for anyone under the age of 16. Persons under 16 years of age are not permitted to be or remain upon any alley, street, or public places between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a guardian, parent or other person charged with the care and custody who is over 18 years of age. The curfew does not apply to a minor traveling between his or her home or place of residence and the place where any approved employment, church, municipal or school function is being held.

Also, please be considerate of your neighbors if you own a dog. Do not let your dog(s) run at large. Each owner is responsible to ensure their dog(s) do not bark or howl excessively causing neighbors to be unduly disturbed.



## Police Department Fireworks Safety

It is that time of year when fireworks become popular for a few weeks surrounding the 4th of July. Here are a few important safety reminders from the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- After fireworks fully complete their functioning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding to prevent a trash fire.

Adults should always supervise fireworks activities. Parents often don't realize that there are many injuries from sparklers to children under five. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals. Your safety is important to us, by following these simple guidelines, you can ensure your safety and the safety of others.

