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# Hiawatha Insights

## Earth Day - "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle"!

Why is it important to celebrate Earth Day? Earth Day raises an awareness to save the Earth. Especially in times of global warming, the City of Hiawatha celebrates Earth Day to remind us to conserve our natural resources for future use. On this day, Earth Day, the City promotes the phrase "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle"! Earth Day is important because it is a day to help the earth and keep it safe and clean. Just like any other holiday we do things to celebrate them. Earth Day is the day you show how much you appreciate Mother Earth by "Going Green" that includes: Reducing, Reusing, Recycling the uses of some things. The City of Hiawatha celebrated Earth Day on April 21, 2013. It is important we celebrate Earth Day to create more awareness in our community and show we care for the earth. This day people take extra good care of the earth by bringing their personal papers for shredding or dropping off their household chemicals instead of throwing them away in their regular garbage pickup.

Over 260 residents participated in this event, this number is up from 2012 with 245. Our community saved 25.76 trees by shredding paper, collected 1399 lbs of household hazardous waste, 14,828 lbs of electronic equipment, 2-33 lb bags of unserviceable flags, several pairs of eyeglasses, hearing aids and prescription waste. Agencies that participated in our event were: "Shred-It" Company, Linn County Solid Waste, Midwest Electronics Recovery, Hiawatha Legion Post #735, Hiawatha Lions Club and Hy-Vee TAKEAWAY. Many thanks to all who participated in this event, especially staff.



## Council Meeting Time Change

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 the City Council set a public hearing date to give notice to the Hiawatha citizens that they will consider an ordinance for the purpose of altering the time that the Mayor and City Council conducts its regular monthly meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and to be effective on July 1, 2013 at their June 5th meeting that was held at 7:00 p.m.

First reading of Ordinance #747, June 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Second reading and consideration of waiving the third reading and adoption - June 19th at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE #747 is available for inspection by the public at City Hall during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday in the Clerk's Office.

## Dates to Remember!

**June** starts Start Smart Soccer, Summer Adventure Camp, Tennis Lessons and High School Volleyball League

**July** starts Blastball for 3, 4, 5 year olds - sign up still available.

**August's Music in the Park!** This is the first four Friday's in August featuring Crazy Delicious, Full Circle, 5 of Hearts, Do's and the Don'ts.

**August 9th - Touch a Truck** - kids of all ages will love to climb, run around, sit in and even honk horns of many types of trucks and vehicles!

**HIBRAI** - August 17th and 18th. The Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa fundraiser continues to be an enjoyable and lively summer event for intermediate bike riders. Info at [www.getmeregistered.com](http://www.getmeregistered.com).

**Movies on the Square** - July 26 with Wreck It Ralph, September 6 Movie TBA.

## Boy Scout Troop 766 - Arbor Day Celebration

Monday, May 6, 2013, Boy Scout Troop 766 celebrated Arbor Day by helping us plant trees along N. Center Point Road. Scouts were instructed by Trees Forever Coordinator, Dustin Hinrichs, about proper tree planting and assisted the Scouts to put in the final trees of our N. Center Point Road Trees project. This project has installed 132 trees from Boyson Road to Tower Terrace Road through Trees Forever grants. Thank you to all of our scouts for their dedication to our community.



## Hiawatha Pack 63 - Keep America Beautiful

Sunday, April 21, 2013, Hiawatha Pack 63 celebrated Keep America Beautiful by cleaning up Tucker Park. The park flooded some with the heavy rains and it left trash and branches scattered in the park. Several scouts showed up to clean along tree lines and pick up trash.

Thanks Pack 63!



## Hiawatha Parks Memorial Program

Hiawatha Parks continue to grow within our community. As we expand our recreation areas, the need for more shade trees and benches also grows. You can help improve our parks by donating to our Hiawatha Parks and Memorial Program. A memorial tree or bench can be purchased for many occasions such as in memory of a loved one, in honor of a dedicated service member or as a retirement or birthday gift.

For more information, contact the Hiawatha Parks division at 393-1515.



## Toyota Truck

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department received a 2013 Toyota Tacoma 2WD Access Cab for summer use provided by Cedar Rapids Toyota for a leasing cost of \$1.00 to the City. The agreement began in April and the truck will be returned in October with the City being responsible for insurance, fuel and maintenance. This very generous donation from Cedar Rapids Toyota is greatly appreciated and of vital importance to the Parks Department's summer operation. The City of Hiawatha would like to thank Cedar Rapids Toyota for partnering in our City's efforts, opening the door to opportunity along with several other donations providing support of all departments. Thank you Cedar Rapids Toyota!!!



## Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation is moving!

Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation became official in 2010, now reaching 30 members. This organization conducts activities to promote the purposes of the Park and Recreation Department. Their mission is to develop, enhance and support the public parks, open spaces, and community recreational programs and facilities for the benefit of the citizens of Hiawatha. The members of this organization have already started organizing this years events:

- HiBRAI:** Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa continues to be a fun and lively summer event for intermediate bike riders. This year's dates are August 17th and 18th and registration is available at getmerged.com.
- Playing for Keeps:** Annual fundraiser in it's fifth year taking place on October 12th. Held at CR Toyota's showroom, they hold a live and silent auction, serve great food from Bata's Catering, music from Nassor Cooper and wine and beer from Cedar Ridge and 7G. Last year this event raised over \$12,000.
- Adventure Camp:** One reason for the fundraising events is funding for sponsorship of our summer Adventure Camp for children grades K-8th.
- Financial Assistance:** The Foundation also provides financial aid for any child with a need that wants to participate in Hiawatha programs.
- Movies in the Square 2013:** The Foundation is a large sponsor in the upcoming Movies in the Square drive-in movie event. For more information, contact Larry Potter at lpotter@linnareacu.org (319) 981-3663.

## Library Volunteer Recognition

Thank you to more than 50 volunteers who support the Hiawatha Public Library. The Hiawatha Public Library held a special volunteer appreciation reception on April 22, 2013. We invited 54 volunteers to the library for cake and punch. Each volunteer also received a pin and certificate. Each volunteer was able to choose a new book in the library's collection. The library then placed special bookplates in each of the chosen books to remind readers of the rewards and opportunities that come with volunteering at the library. We honored all kinds of service. Our volunteers shelve, take photos, assist with computers, offer children's and adult programming, water plants, organize books in our book sale room, sell books, raise money for the library, assist with summer reading, assist with children's crafts, and offer staff appreciation. We could not offer so much without our volunteers. Thank you!

## Street Project Update

For up-to-date information on the North Center Point Road RISE Street Reconstruction Project and the Boyson/Robins Road Project, visit our website, [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com), under NEWS.

We will continue to update this time-line as we received more current information.



## Mowing Season is Here!

Spring weather has finally arrived, everyone has been busy chasing their lawn mowers to keep up with the always growing grass in their yards.

PLEASE remember to direct the grass clippings back onto the yard where it can decompose and create additional natural fertilizer for the yard. When the clippings are blown into the street, they make their way into the City's storm system, clogging and creating issues for fish and natural wildlife which is part of the metro storm sewer system.

PLEASE remember that a large part of Hiawatha drains into the McLeod natural runoff area. Grass clippings are considered to be an illicit discharge to the City's storm sewer system and could result in actions by the City to recover costs associated with the clean-up of the illicit discharges.



## Congratulations Jason Kisling!

Jason Kisling is our new Water Department employee. Jason started July 25, 2012. Jason has a background in heavy equipment operations, water and sewer installation and repair. He has over 14 years of experience working for local contractors in this area. Jason has worked on a number of private water, sewer and street projects in Hiawatha. As of March 27, 2013, Jason passed his state exam and has earned his Grade I Water Treatment Plant Operator's certificate.



*Congratulations!*

## Employee Safety Stand Down Day

Keeping people safe, helping employees to lead healthy lives and protecting the environment are among the City's top priorities and an integral part of our employee training. How do we improve understanding of safety issues and encourage people to act on them?

One approach is "Safety Stand Down Days", when employees step away from their regular jobs for a day and take part in activities related to environment, health and safety (EHS). This event, that was held on April 3, 2013, allowed our employees to be engaged, the exercises were informative, practical and above all, needed to capture their imagination. These meetings additionally provide effective communication of safety policies, goals, and expectation through all levels of a team. When workplace safety is a high company priority, and the workers are properly trained, they feel more comfortable and confident on the job. There are fewer accidents and productivity is increased. We hold an annual "Safety Stand Down Day" along with quarterly training sessions for all employees as a refresher and in acknowledgement to safety.

## Lions Club of Hiawatha Presents Hog Wild Days June 20-23, 2013

**June 20, Thursday 6:00 pm: MR. & MISS HOG WILD DAYS CONTEST.** All boys and girls ages 6 to 12 yrs old are welcome to apply. Write a 50 word essay on {Who did you help this year}, a family member, friend or total stranger, with your name, age, and phone by June 14, 2013 and mail to Lions Club, PO Box 262 Hiawatha, Iowa 52233. Also this year, we are having the HI-AWATHA'S MOST FAVORITE GRANDMOTHER CONTEST. Write a 50 word essay on why your grandmother is the best, include her name and phone number with your name and phone number by June 14, 2013 and mail to the above address. Prizes will be awarded to all and the winners will ride in the 10:30 am Hog Wild Day Parade on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

June 20, 2013 Silver Wings, a Beatles Tribute band performing at 7:00 pm.

June 21, 2013 Well Lit, playing classic rock and more performing at 9:00 pm.

June 22, 2013 NASHVILLE recording artist Casey Muessignann, from the Voice and his band will perform at 9:00 pm.

June 22, 2013 Saturday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm AFTER PARADE PARTY. Everyone is invited, young or young at heart. FREE popcorn, frozen treats, face painting, tattoos, balloons and music in the park.

June 22, 2013 Saturday 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm IOWA KIDSIGHT. Lions Club FREE vision screening for children ages 6 months to 4 years. See website for details. [www.hogwilddays.com](http://www.hogwilddays.com).

June 23, 2013 Sunday 2:30 pm PING PONG DROP. FREE for all children 12 years and younger. Every child wins a prize.

June 23, 2013 Fireworks at dusk. Send donations to LIONS CLUB PO BOX 262 HIAWATHA IOWA 52233. [www.hogwilddays.com](http://www.hogwilddays.com)

## Council Action

May 1, 2013

Resolution 13-116 - Approve sewer waiver on second water meter for 820 N 15th Avenue.  
Resolution 13-117 - Approve sewer waiver on second water meter for 2912 Diamond Head Road.  
Resolution 13-118 - Amend FY 2013 Budget.  
Resolution 13-119 - Approve a temporary five (5) day Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial) for Eastern Iowa Sports Complex for the May 3, 2013 Roller Girls event.  
Resolution 13-120 - Approve Final Plat for Hunter Commerce Park Fourth Addition and authorize execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Hiawatha and Donald Primus.  
Resolution 13-121 - Set public hearing date (June 5, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones adding parking restrictions on Ketelsen Drive and other commercial streets after review by City Staff.  
Resolution 13-122 - Approve the installation of solar powered LED pedestrian cross walk signs at the intersection of Center Point Road and Willman Street.

May 15, 2013

Ordinance 744 - Rezone of property for parcel of land approximately 53.7 acres located just South of Hunt Road and West of Loggerhead Road from A (Agricultural) to R-1 (Single Family Residence) as requested by Jay Murphy developer of Rolling Prairie Estates Second Addition.

Resolution 13-125 - Amend FY2013 Budget.  
Resolution 13-126 - Approve Preliminary Plat for Rolling Prairie Estates Second Addition.  
Resolution 13-127 - Set public hearing date (June 5, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 101 Storm Water Drainage System §101.03 Rates.  
Resolution 13-128 - Authorize installation of sanitary sewer extension to Lot 1 of Stonegate First Addition as shown in the Revised Plan of Improvements and authorize Mayor to sign the Sewage Treatment Agreement on behalf of the City.  
Resolution 13-129 - Authorize purchase of two (2) City bus shelters for the RISE Improvement Reconstruction of North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street and North of Boyson Road project.  
Resolution 13-130 - Authorize purchase of four (4) City trash receptacles for area projects located near bus shelters.  
Resolution 13-131 - Authorize purchase of thirty-four (34) LED garland snowflakes to be used as decorations for new street lights on North Center Point Road.  
Resolution 13-133 - Approve Invoice No. 1 for reimbursement payment to Hassan Igram for attorney fees associated with the Landscape and Utility Easement acquired by the City in connection with the RISE Improvement Reconstruction of North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street and North of Boyson Road.  
Resolution 13-134 - Acknowledge Council support and encouraging the participation/work of the Hiawatha Police Officers and Fire Fighter Volunteers at the 2013 Hiawatha Hog Wild Days Event.  
Resolution 13-135 - Continue current City Attorney compensation/fee structure through June 30, 2014.

## History Committee - I-380 to Urbana

On August 15, 1984, Hiawatha officials and the Iowa Department of Transportation joined a crowd of about 150 for a ribbon cutting ceremony beneath the Boyson Road overpass on I-380 to celebrate the opening of the 18.1 mile section of Interstate 380 between Boyson Road and Urbana.

A caravan of vintage cars took officials north of Urbana, and a line of about 50 cars and trucks followed. Ken Block of Cedar Rapids drove one of the several vintage cars carrying the dignitaries north of Urbana. Bill Albaugh, owner of Bill's Towing Service of Hiawatha and participant was excited about the opportunities the Interstate was going to bring, "I think the Interstate's going to be exceptional for businesses, especially in the winter". Albaugh said "People aren't going to be used to it, and they're going to barrel into the slippery spots and slide right off". If Bill was in business today, he would still be excited about the opportunity to help someone off the road.

I-380, its interstate system stimulated commercial/residential growth that takes place along the corridor of the interstate highway system that allows suburban areas to flourish, which is evident in Hiawatha today!



# JUNE 2013

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#### 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 Firework 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.



#### Cedar Graphics Awarded!

The Mayor and City Council would like to congratulate Cedar Graphics in their success for being the best and brightest in the printing industry. Cedar Graphics is located at 311 Parsons Drive in Hiawatha. Cedar Graphics was honored at the 25th Annual Gold Ink Awards, taking "Gold" in the directories category.

Cedar Graphics' winning entry was the Printing Industry Midwest 2012 Buyers Guide and is featured in November's edition of Printing Impressions magazine. This company and its work were honored at the Gold Ink Awards & Hall of Fame Gala held during GRAPH EXPO 2012.

Hosted each year, the Gold Ink Awards recognize the best and brightest in the printing industry. Thought to be the industry's most influential competition, this year's contest was judged by experts who considered nearly 1,000 contributions from across the globe, encompassing 48 different categories. Print quality, technical difficulty and visual effectiveness were all qualities evaluated.

"Cedar Graphics is extremely proud to provide capabilities that meet or exceed our customer's expectations," Hassan Igram, president and CEO of Cedar Graphics, stated in an earlier press release.



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