

Hiawatha Insights

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State of the City Luncheon - July 17th



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Join keynote speaker Debi Durham, Director of Iowa Economic Development Authority discuss projects in Iowa and the state. *Limited seating available

HEDCO Annual State of the City Address Luncheon

Come join us on July 17th for the third Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) Annual State of the City Address luncheon. Mayor Tom Theis will welcome guests and highlight the past years accomplishments, along with the City's future goals. The keynote speaker is Debi Durham, Director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development. Debi will give an economic overview of the State of Iowa and share how her goal to create public-private partnerships throughout all of Iowa has improved Iowa's delivery of economic development services. The event is sponsored by HEDCO.

The luncheon will be from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center, 1770 Boyson Road. Reservations are \$40.00 per person and \$400.00 for a table for eight. Registrations may be made online at www.hedco.org or call City Hall 393-1515 ext. 523. Tickets will not be mailed in advance.



Hiawatha Elementary School Fifth Grade Ambassadors

On April 25, 2014, Mayor Theis and City Administrator, Kim Downs visited with a group of Hiawatha Elementary School Fifth Grade Ambassadors. The role of a fifth grade ambassador is an important role and comes with a great deal of responsibility. The purpose of the program is to increase student services to the school and develop leadership skills through various activities. Ambassadors always treat staff and fellow students with respect and are exceptionally responsible. Throughout the year, they assist with school-wide fundraisers, food drives, health fairs, and a career fair. It is a great honor to be chosen as a Fifth Grade Ambassador, as they are the leaders and role models for all students at Hiawatha Elementary School.

Mayor Theis and the City Administrator were honored to have a few moments with each of these students. Their conversations consisted of the responsibilities and role of a leader, such as a Mayoral role and the importance of volunteerism. Volunteerism plays such an important role in the community, as well as in schools and other organizations to help make a difference in peoples lives. Both Mayor Theis and the City Administrator noted, "These Fifth Grade Ambassadors are our future leaders and they will make a difference!"

Hiawatha - Our Town

"Our Town" KCRG-TV-9 has selected the City of Hiawatha as an "Our Town". Hiawatha will join three other cities - Decorah, Washington, and Independence in their "Our Town" series. You will see Hiawatha stories in the 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. news during the week of June 16 - 20th. They will spend time highlighting our community, our area businesses, its growth and our history.

The "Our Town - Hiawatha" week will end with a live broadcast at "Hog Wild Days" event at Guthridge Park on Friday, June 20th!

Come watch the activity!

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June 16-20
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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 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.

Hiawatha Water Department Updates

NOTICE TO WATER CUSTOMERS:

Due to capital improvements and inflationary costs of operations and maintenance; The Hiawatha Water Board of Trustees is proposing to raise the minimum water charge \$2.00 with a 4% increase for capital improvements and 3% increase for inflationary expenses.

This proposed increase has been based upon the completion of a rate study that looks at our overall projection of future expenses. The Water Board will set the new water rates at the July Water Board meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Water Department during the hours of 8-5, Monday through Friday at 319-393-5556 opt. #4.

HIAWATHA WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE.

Hiawatha's Yearly Water Quality Report (or Consumer Confidence Report) will no longer be mailed out to our Hiawatha residents. The report is now available online. To access the CCR Report, go to the Hiawatha City Website (www.hiawatha-iowa.com) and select Water Department. On the Water page, select the Consumer Confidence Report under Water Links. This link will take you to the Iowa Rural Water Association Website where you can "View CCR Report". You can also use the following url: <http://iowaccr.org/Hiawatha-Water-Department>.

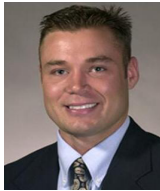
You will be able to view reports from 2011, 2012, & 2013.

Hiawatha Recognizes Two Area Businesses

Morgan & Morio Oral Surgery



Drs. Morgan and Morio practice a full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery with expertise ranging from dental implant surgery and wisdom tooth removal to corrective jaw surgery, treatment of jaw pathology, and facial trauma. At Morgan & Morio Oral Surgery they strive for excellence in patient care. They are committed to providing quality dental care to their patients through exceptional service and the utilization of advanced technologies.



Morgan & Morio Oral Surgery is located at 1395 Boyson Road and can be reached at 743-0077 or on their website at www.morgan-morio.com.



Lynch Bros. Roofing

Lynch Brothers Roofing provides honest, quality service for each homeowner, backed by more than 35 year of roofing in the Cedar Rapids Area. At Lynch Bros. Roofing, they do not use subcontractors. They realize a roof is a large investment and feel very grateful when a homeowner chooses Lynch Bros. Roofing. They have been doing business in the local area for 35 years and chose Hiawatha to house their commercial building due to the community support of local business, its central location and they know that it is the homeowners who have continued to choose them and recommend them that have made the last 35 years possible, they are very grateful.

Lynch Bros. Roofing can be reached at 395-7343 or on their website at www.lyncbrosroofing.com



Father Neil Manternach Recognized for Service

Father Neil Manternach was back in Hiawatha for business on May 12th and stopped by Hiawatha Fire Station for a visit. Firefighters were able to surprise him with the presentation of a plaque recognizing him for his service. Father Neil served as the fire department Chaplain from 2005 until he was assigned a new parish in Mason City. The plaque had been prepared for the annual Fire Department awards banquet, but Father Neil was unable to attend because of his duties in Mason City.



According to Chief Mike Nesslage, "Father Neil was an important presence at the fire department. His support and friendship was valued by many members and we miss having him around". Father Neil also received his traditional fire helmet when he left Hiawatha, and said the plaque would hang in his office with the helmet.

2nd Annual Hiawatha Police K9 Golf Outing

On August 10th, 2014, the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit will again be hosting a 4-person best shot golf outing at Hunters Ridge Golf Course in Marion to raise funds to support the K9 Program. Registration forms can be found at www.hiawatha-iowa.com on the Events Calendar.



- August 4, 2014 Team Registration Due - \$85/golfer
- August 10, 2014 Golf Outing Hunters Ridge Golf Course
Check-in 11:30 a.m. - Noon
Shotgun Start 1:00 p.m.
Dinner, Raffle Drawing and Prizes, and K9 Demo following dinner.

Proceeds from this fund raising event will provide for the continued financial support and future growth of the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit. The Hiawatha Police K9 Unit, which was established in 2005, has been funded and supported thanks to the generous donations of numerous individuals and businesses in the Hiawatha, Marion, and Cedar Rapids communities. Last year's event was supported by over 50 sponsors that participated as Tournament and Hole sponsors or donated raffle prizes. To make a donation or ask about different Sponsor possibilities, or if you have questions about the Golf Outing, contact Officer Erik Naaktgeboren at k9@hiawathapolice.com

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Hiawatha Congratulates Fastest Growing Businesses

The Corridor Business Journal recognizes the 25 Fastest Growing Corridor area businesses with five of those businesses from Hiawatha. The City Council and Mayor Theis congratulates Midwest Microwave Solutions, Inc., Premier Staffing Inc., Ahmann Properties, Compass commercial Services, and Ready Wireless LLC in their success and being named the top "Fastest Growing companies". "We are proud to have you in Hiawatha. What a great success for each of you, your hard work shows it!", Mayor Theis stated. "No other company has claimed the Corridor Business Journal's Fastest Growing Company title twice, let alone twice in three years - the new mark recorded by Midwest Microwave Solutions." - Corridor Business Journal (May 2014). Rankings: #1 Midwest Microwave Solutions, Inc., #2 Premier Staffing Inc., #4 Ahmann Properties, #11 Compass Commercial Services, #15 Ready Wireless LLC.



Hiawatha Public Library Summer Reading Programs

Summer reading programs began June 1 at Hiawatha Public Library and continue through July 26. These programs encourage and reward reading for all ages. Prizes include food coupons, book bags, toys, and sticky notes. Kids birth through twelfth grade may register at www.hiawathalibrary.com and adults may stop in to sign up. This summer's themes are *Fizz! Boom! Read!* for birth through fifth graders; *Spark a Reaction* for sixth through twelfth graders; and *Literary Elements* for adults. See you at Hiawatha Public Library!

Council Action

May 7, 2014

Ordinance 783 - **FAILED.**

Ordinance 784 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 66 Load and Weight Restrictions §66.01 Temporary Embargo by adding language to give the Police Department the authority to assess a \$100.00 fine to the operator of any vehicle travelling down a city street where a temporary embargo has been instituted if the registered weight of the vehicle exceeds ten (10) tons.

Ordinance 785 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 63 Speed Regulations in its entirety and replace it with a new Chapter 63 Speed Regulations.

Ordinance 786 - Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, 1996, by amending Chapter 155 Building Code.

Ordinance 787 - Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, 1996, by amending Chapter 156 Plumbing Code.

Ordinance 788 - Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, 1996, by amending Chapter 158 Mechanical Code.

Resolution 14-088 - Amend 14-056 Instituting a Temporary Embargo on Loggerhead Road and Tower Terrace Road West of North Center Point Road by establishing a fine of \$100 to be assessed against the operator of any vehicle with a registered weight of the vehicle that exceeds ten (10) tons and is found traveling on a city street where a temporary embargo has been declared.

Resolution 14-089 - Approve a one (1) year allowance for Urban Farming.

Resolution 14-090 - Approve Final Plat for Hawkeye Landing First Addition and authorize execution of development agreement between Hiawatha and PAKAR Property.

Resolution 14-091 - Approve design of new commercial building to Hiawatha Design Guidelines.

Resolution 14-092 - Approve Preliminary Plat submitted by R&S Properties for the area located North of Industrial Avenue and West of Hawkeye Drive.

Resolution 14-093 - Authorize Alliant Energy removal of four street lights on 14th Avenue at the intersections of Rainbow Boulevard, Eisenhower Road, Emmons Street, and Cress Parkway in connection with 14th Avenue and Eisenhower Road Pavement Reconstruction Project - 2014 Street Repair Project.

Resolution 14-094 - Approve a Permanent Easement for Water Main in connection with Rolling Prairie Estates Second Addition.

Resolution 14-095 - Authorize improvement installation in connection with Rolling Prairie Estates Second Addition.

Resolution 14-096 - Approve City GIS Mapping.

Resolution 14-097 - Approve a Planned Service Agreement for the City Hall HVAC system including an annual software upgrade with Johnson Controls.

Resolution 14-098 - Approve a lease agreement between the City of Hiawatha and ImOn Communications LLC for the construction of a HUB site.

Resolution 14-099 - Approve an agreement between the City of Hiawatha and ImOn Communications LLC to provide real property to be utilized by ImOn for its telecommunications infrastructure within the City limits of the City and the City to gain certain telecommunications services.

May 21, 2014

Resolution 14-100 - Approve the FY 2014 Budget Amendment.

Resolution 14-101 - Set public hearing date (June 4, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 35 Fire Department in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 35 Fire Department.

Resolution 14-102 - Acknowledge Council support and encouraging the participation/work of the Hiawatha Police Officers and Fire Fighter Volunteers at the 2014 Hiawatha Hog Wild Days Events.

Resolution 14-103 - Approve a geothermal well permit on the property located at 225 South Blairsferry Crossing.

Resolution 14-104 - Approve "At Your Own Risk" Building Permit as requested by M&M Health Services to begin construction on footings for a new commercial building located at 1255 Boyson Road.

Resolution 14-105 - Establish Just Compensation Value prior to the start of negotiations in connection with the Town Center/Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Project.

Resolution 14-107 - Amend the City's Snow and Ice Control Policy as adopted on October 19, 2009, adding additional streets and sidewalks to the list of major arterial routes where the City will provide snow and ice control.

Resolution 14-108 - Approve Employee Life, Disability and Vision Benefits from July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

Resolution 14-109 - State opposition to proposed use of Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) funds for the construction of skywalk.

P&K Midwest Grand Opening

On Friday, May 2, 2014, P&K Midwest held a Grand Opening Ceremony at their new location, 733 N Center Point Road, Hiawatha. P&K Midwest recently moved to this new location, which was just down the road from their previous facility. With this new location, P&K Midwest has been able to add additional equipment and increase their parts stocking capabilities. The service department is larger and more advanced as well.

At the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Hiawatha Mayor Tom Theis presented a plaque to P&K Midwest General Managers Scott Eisenhauer and Matt Ciesielski and Store Manager Andrew McIntyre. Also in attendance were Chuck Alexander, John Deere Territory Manager, Josh Uhlman, John Deere Division Finance Manager, Dianna Kovar, John Deere Division Sales Manager, Patrick Sikora, P&K Midwest Sales Manager and the entire staff at P&K Midwest's Hiawatha location.

P&K Midwest looks forward to continuing to serve Hiawatha with great customer service and support with all your equipment needs!



JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park	2	3	4 Council 5:30pm	5	6	7
8 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park	9 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	10 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	11 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	12 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	13	14
15 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park	16	17 Council 5:30pm Water 5:30 pm	18	19 Hog Wild Days		
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JULY 2014



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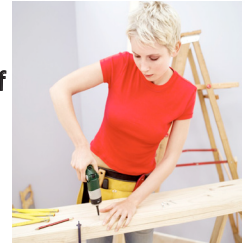
ECICOG Housing Rehabilitation Program Project

Guaranty Bank and Trust Company partnered with East Central Iowa Council of Governments and the Housing Fund for Linn County to assist the County in securing grant funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines. The following information provides a brief description about the project and its requirements. Contact Jacob Spratt, East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG), at 319-365-9941, ext 124 or email jacob.spratt@ecicog.org.



What can I do with this grant?

The Linn County Housing Rehabilitation program is offering a grant of \$6,000 for most types of repairs, including emergency repairs, exterior repairs and residential accessibility. Some examples of eligible projects include roofing repairs, window replacements, and handicap accessibility. Assistance is provided in the form of a five-year forgivable loan that recedes at a rate of 20 percent per year.



Who can apply?

If you live in Linn County (and **NOT** within the City Limits of Cedar Rapids), own your home and meet the income requirements (listed below), please apply. Interested candidates can request an application from the East Central Iowa Council of Governments at 319-365-9941, ext 124.



Household Size
Eligible Income*

1 or 2 Person(s)
\$35,850

3+ Persons
\$41,220

* Eligibility is based on annualization of applicant's income at the time of application. Applications can be found online @ www.hiawatha-iowa.com, located on the left side of the City of Hiawatha home page.

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