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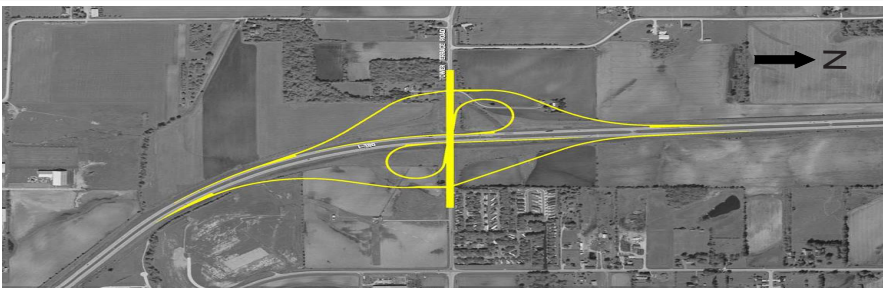
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Hiawatha Insights

Tower Terrace Interchange Update



The proposed location of the Tower Terrace Interchange took another step forward in recent weeks. Although our planned trip to Washington, D.C., was cancelled due to the tremendous snowfall on the East Coast, our requests for funding have not gone unheard by Washington officials.

Different from prior years, the Cities of Hiawatha, Robins and Marion are working together to promote the Tower Terrace Corridor. In the past, all jurisdictions have worked independently for development of a roadway or preservation of right-of-way.

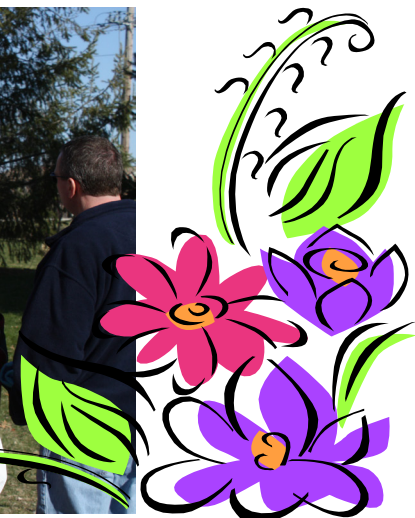
This year our short presentation was made by conference call, with Lon Pluckhahn, Marion City Manager, being the primary spokesperson for all our jurisdictions.

Further evidence of all jurisdictions working for a common interest objective is the passage of a support resolution for the Tower Terrace Corridor, including the interchange, by the City of Cedar Rapids City Council in February 2010.

Officials from Marion, Robins, and Hiawatha will be meeting soon to provide Washington, D.C., staff with additional requested information regarding the Corridor project.

Scoopy and The Easter Egg Hunt!

Hiawatha Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Guthridge Park - The Hiawatha Park and Recreation Department, Culvers Frozen Custard and Hiawatha Lions Club will sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Eggs will be spread in the grass at Guthridge Park. DON'T be late! Eggs vanish in minutes! Visit with Scoopy from Culvers.



Message from the President of the United States on the 2010 Census

“Every 10 years, our Constitution requires the federal government to conduct a census. This helps determine your representation in Congress, as well as how federal funds are spent on things like schools and roads, and where businesses decide to put new stores and factories. So when you get your census form in mid-March, take about 10 minutes to answer 10 questions - remembering to include everyone in your household. Because we can’t move forward until you mail it back.” - President Barak Obama



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Save The Date! City-Wide Spring Cleanup

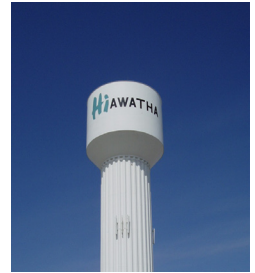
Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. This is the scheduled date for our City-Wide cleanup at Guthridge Park, locate in the 10th Avenue Parking Lot. As in year's past, we will be conducting electronic recycling, hazardous household waste disposal, flag disposal, new flag sales and document shredding. This year, we are adding eyeglass donations (recycling), hearing aid donations (recycling) and medication disposal for expired and left over medications. Watch for the flyer in next month's newsletter detailing all of the specifics about this event that helps to make our City a better place to live, work and play.



Wellhead Protection Program

Hiawatha Water Department is in the process of establishing a new program that will help protect our water supply. There is only a thin, confining layer of soil over the Silurian Aquifer, which is where the City's water is drawn from, therefore, it can leave our water supply susceptible to contaminates. Our Wellhead Protection Program will have the proper restrictions that protect the City's water supply and well fields.

It will also prohibit the location of potential contamination sources close to our public water supply. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has recommended that the City develop a Wellhead Protection Ordinance, not only for the above reasons, but also to promote public health, safety and the general welfare of our residents.



EPA's "Fix a Leak" Week is March 15 - 21, 2010

Did you know that an American home can waste, on average, more than 10,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks? Nationwide, more than 1 trillion gallons of water leak from U.S. homes each year. That's why WaterSense is promoting **Fix a Leak Week** from **March 15 to 21, 2010**, to remind Americans to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks.

Hiawatha Police Department - GTSB Report

December and January traffic contacts in conjunction with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Grant.

Accidents:	17 Property Damage Only
	3 Property Damage/Injury
Operating While Intoxicated: (OWI)	32 Contacts 7 Arrests
Seatbelt/Child Restraint:	4
Speed:	55

The inclement weather during December and January resulted in an increase in the number of Reportable Accidents in Hiawatha. The number of injuries remains low for the number of accidents due in part to the seatbelt usage of many drivers and front seat passengers. Speeding remains a concern and a contributing factor in many traffic accidents. Please slow down and obey the posted speed limits.



Courageous, Gentle, Humble, Supportive, Love Without Limits...

These words are used to describe the late Linda Nash (1949 - 2008) on a memorial bench placed in the Hiawatha Public Library and given to the patrons of the library in her honor. Linda loyally served the citizens of Hiawatha for over twenty years and will continue to serve with the placement of this bench. It is our hope that her dedication and love for the written word will be felt for generations to come.



Library Offers Tax Help From the AARP



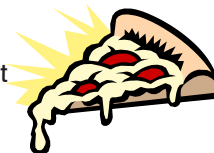
Tax preparation aid is available from the AARP at the Hiawatha Library. This free tax preparation is for taxpayers with low to moderate income, without restrictions on age (giving special attention to people over age 55), and e-filing is available at no cost. There are several sites available around the Metro area, including the Hiawatha Public Library and appointments can be made by calling 211, the United Way hotline or call 1-888-AARP NOW or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Spend Your Spring Break at Hiawatha Public Library

So, your spring break does not include a trip to sunny Florida? No problem. Warm up with one or more entertaining activities at Hiawatha Public Library. Here's the itinerary.

Pizza Please!: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at Noon

Elementary school kids, the HPL Pizzeria is open! Make your own mini pizza, play pizza Bingo and savor a great pizza story! Registration required; space limited.

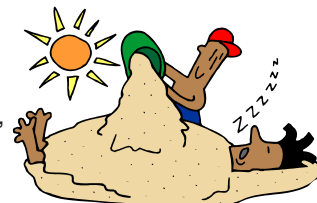


Josh Baynes and the TV9 Weather Academy: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Kids, learn about weather from KCRG TV9 meteorologist Josh Baynes. He will dazzle you with experiments and teach you about staying safe in severe weather.

Beach Party: Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Who needs Florida when there's a beach party right here at Hiawatha Public Library? Join us for games, crafts and snacks! Elementary school kids are welcome. Registration required; space limited.



Crafts with Miss Jean: Friday, March 26, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Kids, you can attract birds to your very own backyard. Make a cookie cutter bird feeder and let the bird watching begin. Children will use peanut butter to make this craft. If your child has peanut allergies, lard will be available. Preschoolers on up are invited to put their busy hands to work. Children under seven years of age must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Hiawatha American Legion Post 735 Flag Essay Winners

Hiawatha American Legion Post 735 is proud to announce the winners of the annual 5th Grade Flag Essay Contest. This contest is held each year at the area elementary schools, with the kickoff of the contest on Veterans Day and the winners announced on Presidents Day. The title of the Essay is "What The Flag Means To Me".

This year 140 students participated in the contest, with each one of them receiving a \$1.00 coin from the Hiawatha American Legion Post 735. The winner at each school receives a \$50 Savings Bond.

Anthony Alepra, the son of Peter & Meg Alepra of Cedar Rapids, is the winner at Viola Gibson Elementary.



Tea Barrett, the daughter of Sam & Heidi Barrett of Hiawatha, is the winner at Hiawatha Elementary.



Johnna Gary, the daughter of Michael & Gina Gary of Cedar Rapids, is the winner at Nixon Elementary.



The awards ceremony was enjoyed by the students, teachers, parents, and grandparents of the winners. The Hiawatha American Legion Post 735 would like to thank the students and teachers at each school for their participation in this contest. The purpose of the American Legion of Iowa Essay Contest is to develop a better knowledge of flag etiquette, and a deeper sense of respect and appreciation for the United States of America Flag.

Council Action

February 3, 2010

Ordinance 655 - Amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 161 Flood Plain by adding language to comply with new FEMA regulations for the purpose to protect and preserve the rights, privileges and property of the City and its residents and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience of its residents by minimizing flood losses.

Ordinance 656 - Rezoning Mooney-Engle Land Company, LLC., 3415 Todd Hills Road, Lot 1 of the Pines First Addition from AG to R-3.

Resolution 10-016 - Appointing City Attorney 2010.

Resolution 10-017 - Approving the use of the Hiawatha Council Chambers for City of Cedar Rapids Council Meetings.

Resolution 10-018 - Authorizing engineering services to proceed with design plans for refinishing Guthridge Park basketball courts.

Resolution 10-019 - Setting Public Hearing to Authorize Loan Agreement and Issuance of Capital Loan Note.

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Resolution 10-021 - Urging Local Legislators to Vocally Vote Against the Plan to Divert Money out of the Road Use Tax Fund.

Resolution 10-022 - Authorizing Certification of Property Taxes to the County Treasurer's Office for Collection of Delinquent Account Services for 303 W Willman Street.

February 16, 2010

Resolution 10-023 - Authorizing the purchase of 5' garland snowflakes for each of the street lights along Center Point and North Center Point Road (streetscape area).

February 17, 2010

Resolution 10-024 - Proceedings to take additional action for authorization of loan agreement and issuance of \$3,800,000 GO notes, Series 2010.

Resolution 10-025 - Proceedings to take additional action for authorization of loan agreement and issuance of \$250,000 GO notes, Series 2010.

Resolution 10-026 - Authorizing issuance of \$3,000,000 GO notes, Series 2010.

Resolution 10-027 - Approving amending Community Center Rental Agreement/Rules and Regulations.

Resolution 10-028 - Authorized Parks and Recreation Dept. to proceed with awarding contract of development of "Parks and Recreational Comprehensive Plan", total cost not to exceed \$8,600 with MSA Professional Services.

Resolution 10-029 - Authorizing Hiawatha Water Dept., to administer rules and policy as necessary to implement Cross Connection Control, as per Code of Ordinance Chapter 156, Plumbing Code §156.12 Cross Connection Control.

Resolution 10-030 - Authorized purchase of Firehouse Software for Fire Department Records Management System, amount \$6,175 from Firehouse Software.

Resolution 10-031 - Approving Final Plat for Pines First Addition.

Resolution 10-032 - Approving temporary encroachment into City of Hiawatha Right-of-way for display of American Flags.

Resolution 10-033 - Proceed with steps for special assessment option for North Center Point Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Connection Project.

Resolution 10-034 - Giving City Attorney, Mark Parmenter authority to proceed with negotiations regarding property "A".

Resolution 10-035 - Giving City Attorney, Mark Parmenter authority to proceed with negotiations regarding property "B".

Park & Recreation Upcoming Events

Activity Registration Day - Saturday, April 10, 2010, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Hiawatha Community Center.

Register!

Come sign up for all of our programs on a first come, first served basis. Sign up as volunteer coaches at the same time. (Number of teams will be determined by the number of volunteer coaches.)

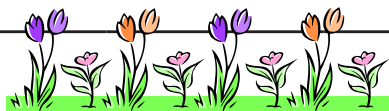
St. Lukes Smart Sitter Class - Tuesday, March 23, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, City Hall. Smart Sitter Class presented by St. Luke's Birthcare. This course is fun and fast-paced with hands-on activities, exciting video and lively discussions. You'll learn to be the best babysitter on the block. Plus, you'll gain the confidence to make smart decisions and stay safe in any babysitting situation. Please register at City Hall. This class is free.

Women's Street Smart Self Defense - Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. - Noon at the Hiawatha Community Center. Cost for class is \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 for two people. Do you have the necessary knowledge and skills to protect yourself against a violent attack? The need to empower yourself and loved ones with effective self-defense techniques is a necessity, not just a luxury. Bruce Taekwondo Academy's Women's Self-Defense System will train and educate you in: awareness, prevention, risk avoidance and self-realization of your own physical power. Please register at City Hall.

Kids Movie Nights at the Community Center, March 19, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. - The Hiawatha Park and Recreation Commission gives children the opportunity to see a movie for Free! Movies are shown on a big screen. Juice and popcorn are also provided.

March movie:
Night At The Museum 2: Battle Of The Smithsonian

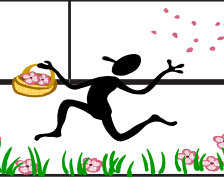




MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Hiawatha Lions Club - History 7 p.m. City Hall	Council 7 p.m.		Hiawatha Night at RoughRiders 7:05 p.m.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Board of Adj. 7 p.m.	Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7 p.m.	Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Water 6:30 p.m.	Council 7 p.m.		Kids Movie Night 6:30 p.m. 	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		St. Lukes Smart Sitter Class	Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18		Women's Street Smart Self Defense Class
28	29	30	31	For more information: go to www.hiawatha-iowa.com		
	Comp Plan Public Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall	P&R Comp Plan Public Meeting 5:30 p.m. City Hall				

APRIL 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
For more information: go to www.hiawatha-iowa.com						Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 a.m. Guthridge Park
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Council 7 p.m.			Activity Registration Day 8:00 a.m. City Hall
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Board of Adj. 7 p.m.	Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7 p.m.	Senior Evening Dance 5:15 p.m. Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18		Disc Golf Tournament 8:00 a.m. Clark Park
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Water 6:30 p.m.	Council 7 p.m.			City-Wide Clean-up Guthridge Park, 10th Ave. 9-11:00 a.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	
1st Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11-3 a.m.		P&Z 6 p.m.	Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18		

Walk Sequence Postal Customer Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

Emergency Vehicle Law and How It Pertains To You.

Move over or slow down for emergency vehicles. It's not just a courtesy; it's the law in Iowa and many other states. Breaking the law can result in fines or jail time if an accident occurs. Iowa has two laws that pertain to this. One involves emergency vehicles with flashing lights that are stopped on the side of the road. These vehicles include police cars, fire department vehicles, tow trucks, utility maintenance vehicles, and road maintenance vehicles. By law a vehicle approaching a stationary emergency vehicle with flashing lights is required to safely change lanes if possible. If it is not possible to change lanes, then safely reduce your speed to below the posted speed limit and proceed cautiously. Be aware of people exiting and entering stopped emergency vehicles.

The second Iowa law deals with emergency vehicles with flashing red or blue lights, audible sirens or bells that are approaching you. These vehicles include fire, police, and state patrol cars. The law states that when you are approached by emergency vehicles with flashing lights and/or audible signals, you are to safely pull over to the right hand side of the road and stop. If you are stopped at an intersection and can't pull over, just stop and stay where you are and let the emergency vehicle maneuver around you. This applies whether the emergency vehicle is approaching you from the front or behind.

These laws are designed for your safety and the safety of officers, firemen, emergency personal, maintenance personal, and road construction workers. Remember, slow down, move over - it's about safety! For more information check this website: <http://www.511ia.org/rules/rulesoftheroad.htm>.



Street Beautification & Right-of-Way

The transportation system has always been a foundation of community design. Perhaps more now than in years past, we are viewing the aesthetic value of arterial streets for economic development purposes.

The City has a substantial investment in our arterial streets and more specific, it's right-of-way. Developing Center Point and North Center Point Road, the artery of our community, caused the City to look at several factors as part of the decision making process when planning street beautification efforts. We considered the alternative forms of transportation: paving, seating, planters, trash cans and lighting, creating character along our street ways.

The positive impacts of our pedestrian friendly streetscape are the improvements that help make our community healthier, more vibrant and a more attractive place to live, work and own a business. For our citizens, pedestrian friendly streets encourage people to walk and bike rather than drive. For employers, it is not just about the bottom line, quality of life in a prospective community is an important factor as well. When it comes to beautification of the arterial streets, we must put our best foot forward to show citizens, business owners and people passing through we are a friendly, progressive community.

In an effort to maintain the beauty of the City's corridor and to keep our public right-of-way clear of any eyesores or nuisances, our City has established an "Adopt a Flower Bed Program" and allows planting of trees, shrubs, grasses or flowers while still protecting the integrity and safety of our streetscape beautification and to the traveling public.

City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 134 Right-Of-Way, regulates the use of public right-of-way in the interest of public safety, convenience and the operation and protection of public works infrastructure.

