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2016 Construction Update



Industrial Avenue Reconstruction Project - \$593,051

Hiawatha awarded a contract to Horsfield Construction Inc. from Epworth, Iowa to reconstruct approximately 1,200 feet of the existing Industrial Avenue north of Boyson Road. The paving will be widened by six (6) feet with all new storm sewer and new driveways installed. The sidewalks will be added in the driveways, but new sidewalks fronting the properties will be property owner’s responsibility. The funding for the project is a combination of Revitalized Iowa’s Sound Economy (RISE), Capital Project funds and Local Option Sales & Service Tax (LOSST) funds.

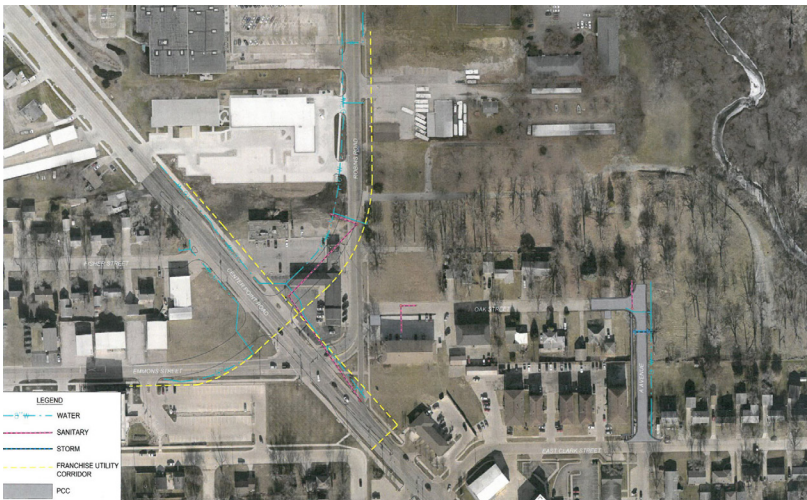
All the utility relocations and the underground sewer work was completed in October. The paving of the first 600 feet north of Boyson Road was also completed. The remaining street reconstruction should be completed in June of 2016.

2015 Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project - \$1,300,000

Hiawatha awarded a contract to Ricklefs Excavating of Anamosa, Iowa for the water main and sanitary sewer extension project along Edgewood Road (formerly Loggerhead Road). The construction extends from the intersection of Fitzroy Road north to the newly annexed property north of County Home Road and west of I-380. The project includes approximately 6,000 feet of 12 inch water main and 4,000 feet of sanitary pressure line. Also included is a new lift station north of County Home Road.



The project is funded with Capital Project funds and Local Option Sales & Service Tax (LOSST) funds. The schedule for the project anticipates completion and service provided by fall of 2016. This project will provide water and sewer service to over 100 acres annexed to the City of Hiawatha in 2014. The total area that could be served with this project in the future exceeds 300 acres.



**2015-2016 North Center Point Road-
Emmons Street-Robins Road Intersection
Improvement:**

Phase I - \$600,000 (estimated)

We have completed the preliminary plans for the first phase of the North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road intersection project. The contract is a utility bid package that includes water main and sewer construction along with the extension of “A” Avenue. This is the first phase of the project which allows for private utility companies to then relocate their overhead lines to underground conduit with a projected start date in May.

Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center Hosts HEDCO Business Summit

Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO), the City of Hiawatha and Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance held the first Business Summit of 2016 at the Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center located at 1770 Boyson Road in Hiawatha, on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:30 AM. The Business Summits are held on a quarterly basis to promote networking between members of the local business community and provide awareness of the products and services offered by businesses here in the great City of Hiawatha.



At least 65 members of the Hiawatha business community including business owners and employees turned out to hear officers Pat Kremer and Chuck Allaire of the Hiawatha Police Department give an eye opening presentation on ALICE. Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate (ALICE), is a research-based, proactive approach to responding to an active shooter situation. It has been adopted by businesses, schools and non-profit organizations across the nation to prepare employees, staff, students and personnel on how to respond in violent intruder situations. Jon Dusek, Chair of the HEDCO Board opened the Business Summit by speaking briefly about the Tower Terrace Interchange project and the benefits to all surrounding communities. Dusek stressed the need to get the Tower Terrace Interchange project into the five year project schedule with the IDOT. The HEDCO Board is writing a letter to the Metro Planning Organization Policy Board requesting 2016 funding for an Economic Impact Study to determine the feasibility of expanding I-380 to six lanes. Dusek also announced HEDCO will be sending out a survey to the business community asking for feedback on strategic initiatives including how to best brand Hiawatha.

Kirkwood is celebrating 50 years this year and 2016 is the third year of operation for the Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center Hiawatha location. Kirkwood strives to support local jobs by working to close the skills gap. Programs offered by Kirkwood include: Workplace Learning Connection linking today's students to tomorrow's careers, services for K-12 school districts to create an educated workforce to sustain a competitive advantage and quality of life in the region, adult accelerated learning and continued education courses.



Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) operates out of the Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center Hiawatha location. ICAN, in existence for nearly 20 years helps kids figure out what they want to do after high school. ICAN services are free and include career planning and financial aid assistance. This HEDCO Business Summit was sponsored by University of Iowa Community Credit Union. The next Business Summit is scheduled for May 10, 2016. Look for the invite in our Hiawatha Insights.



The Hiawatha History Committee is looking for information on the history of Buffalo Cemetery. If you have any information to share, please contact the City Clerk at 393-1515 or cityclerk@hiawatha-iowa.com to reach the History Committee.

**Presented by
Hiawatha History
Committee**



February 3, 2016

ORDINANCE #854 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.65 Site Plan Requirements to allow site plan approvals by Community Development Department staff & eliminate the required Planning & Zoning Commission approval. RESOLUTION #16-011 setting a public hearing date (2/17/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.70 Nonconforming Buildings, Structures & Uses by adding language to clarify the purpose of the Nonconforming regulations. RESOLUTION #16-012 setting a public hearing date (2/17/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 155 Building Code by deleting §155.32 Exterior Storage Containers Prohibited in its entirety, & correcting a Scrivener's Error in the section number approved by Ordinance #825 from §155.39 to §155.32. RESOLUTION #16-013 setting a public hearing date (2/17/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code amending the following sections pertaining to outside storage: §165.16 Land Uses & Regulations by District by adding language to include landscaping & building elements as part of the required screening for outside storage, §165.23 Supplemental Yard Regulations by adding regulations for outside storage containers & options for walls & fences to be used for screening & §165.96 Definitions adding a definition for Storage Containers. RESOLUTION #16-014 setting a public hearing date (2/17/16 @ 5:30

P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 135 Street Use & Maintenance amending §135.09 Excavations (6.) by removing the maintenance bond & penal bond requirements & allowing a Surety Bond to be filed with the City prior to performing work in the Right-Of-Way. RESOLUTION #16-015 setting a public hearing (2/17/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider approving & adopting revised Community Development Department permit fees, inspection fees & filing & meeting fees & repealing Resolution #07-039 Hiawatha Valuation Sheet in its entirety. RESOLUTION #16-016 setting a public hearing date (2/17/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 123 House Movers amending §123.06 Permit Fee by setting the permit fee by resolution of City Council. RESOLUTION #16-017 approving a Professional Services Agreement with MSA Professional Services to provide engineering & consulting services for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan Update. RESOLUTION #16-018 authorizing City Staff to move forward with the creation of a Project Team made up of 3 Planning & Zoning Commission members, 2 City Council members, 3 City Staff members & 4 citizens to assist in the Comprehensive Plan update process. RESOLUTION #16-019 approving & authorizing execution of an Agreement between the City of Hiawatha & Active Thermal Concepts to perform asbestos abatement including notification, mobilization & demobilization, all equipment, removal of asbestos containing materials, run air samples as required by state & federal

guidelines, & conduct proper disposal & documentation, for the City owned property located at 1004 Robins Road, with a total cost of labor, material & disposal in the amount of \$7,910 on the City owned property located at 1004 Robins Road. RESOLUTION #16-020 authorizing City Staff to move forward with the creation of a Storm Water Advisory Committee consisting of a 3 member committee serving terms of 3 years in length, with the purpose of making recommendations to City Council regarding current ordinances & policies concerning regulation of storm water in the City; the Storm Water Advisory Committee will be incorporated into the City Code of Ordinances at a later date. RESOLUTION #16-021 approving Amendment #1 including additional costs to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Hiawatha & Shive Hattery Architecture Engineering for additional engineering services required to prepare documents relating to temporary construction easements, permanent easements, permanent utility easements, & an acquisition plat, resulting in additional cost to the Agreement in the total amount of \$13,200, in connection with 2015 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Project. RESOLUTION #16-022 authorizing an extension on the current contract for a paid intern position through the summer of 2016, in order to continue the necessary work required to update & maintain the City's GIS mapping program, with an hourly rate of \$12.50.

February 17, 2016

ORDINANCE #855 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.70 Nonconforming Buildings, Structures and Uses by adding language to clarify the purpose of the Nonconforming regulations. ORDINANCE #856 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 155 Building Code by deleting §155.32 Exterior Storage Containers Prohibited in its entirety, & correcting a Scrivener's Error in the section number approved by Ordinance #825 from §155.39 to §155.32. ORDINANCE #857 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code amending the following sections pertaining to outside storage: §165.16 Land Uses & Regulations by District by adding language to include landscaping & building elements as part of the required screening for outside storage, §165.23 Supplemental Yard Regulations by adding regulations for outside storage containers & options for walls & fences to be used for screening, §165.96 Definitions adding a definition for Storage Containers. ORDINANCE #858 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 135 Street Use & Maintenance amending §135.09 Excavations (6.) by removing the maintenance bond & penal bond requirement & allowing a Surety Bond to be filed with the City prior to performing work in the Right-Of-Way. RESOLUTION #16-023 approving & adopting revised Community Development Department permit fees, inspection fees & repealing Resolution #07-039 Hiawatha Valuation Sheet in its entirety. RESOLUTION #16-023A establishing Community Development Department filing & meeting fees. ORDINANCE #859 amending

Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 123 House Movers amending §123.06 Permit Fee by setting the permit fee by resolution of City Council. RESOLUTION #16-024 setting a public hearing date (3/2/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider adopting a Revenue Purpose Statement regarding use of revenues from proposed gas & electric franchise fees pursuant to Iowa Code §364.2(4)(f) in connection with imposing a franchise fee on Mid American Energy & Alliant Energy for utilizing the public right-of-way to supply gas & electric utilities within the City of Hiawatha. Motion setting a public hearing date (3/2/16 @ 5:30 P.M.), to consider adopting the FY16-17 final proposed budget & providing for publication of notice. RESOLUTION #16-025 setting a public hearing date (3/2/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a 6 year Development Agreement with Longfellow Square L.C. & providing for publication of notice. RESOLUTION #16-026 accepting a Warranty Deed for the conveyance of real estate located at 96 North Center Point Road to the City of Hiawatha by Elie & Lillian Khairallah. RESOLUTION #16-027 approving & authorizing a contract between the City of Hiawatha & Data Technologies, Inc. to perform work necessary to convert the Water Utility Software Module & City Software Module into one database to streamline finance/accounting, with project analysis at an hourly rate of \$110, & a total estimated cost of work not to exceed \$6,500. RESOLUTION #16-028 acknowledging & placing on file the Independent Auditor's Report Basic Financial Statements Supplementary & Other Information Schedule of Findings for the fiscal year ending 6/30/15.

March Calendar

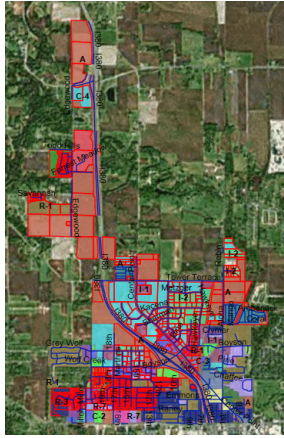
- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 09 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 14 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 25 **Holiday - City Hall Closed**
- 28 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

April Calendar

- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 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 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 19 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Leaves/Brush/Yard waste Pickup Begins
- 27 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 30 Earth Day Event 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Zoning Map Online

The City of Hiawatha is updating its website and this includes new links to Community Development information and resources. Recently we have added a map of the Zoning Districts for Hiawatha. The map can be accessed with this link: <http://hiawatha.maps.arcgis.com/home/>. This link will be located on the Community Development page of the Hiawatha website when it's revamped.



When at the site you are able to zoom into a particular lot and find the applicable zone. The map is linked to the Linn County mapping system making parcel information also available. This is a great tool for realtors, developers and builders seeking information about Hiawatha.



Traffic Circles-Traffic Calming

Essentially “mini-roundabouts” are designed for small intersections on local streets, often used to slow traffic from a wide intersection into a smaller local street. This one-way circular roadway allows access to a road from any other road without the use of a traffic signal. You see this system used along 18th Avenue. Provides several benefits to slow traffic down along an extremely busy residential street.

Benefits:

- Help to slow down traffic in neighborhoods & remind drivers to proceed carefully.
- Help to sustain lowered vehicle speeds when they're used in a series.
- Provide ideal locations for trees, flowers, sculptures & other amenities.
- Provide an opportunity for community activity in residential areas, where citizens can add other enhancements.
- Curtail vehicle space.
- Provide a safe in-between refuge for pedestrians as they make their way across the street by splitting up a lengthy curb-to-curb distance.

How to navigate:

- Slow down and obey all traffic signs.
- Vehicles not yet in the intersection, yield to traffic in the intersection.
- Continue in intersection after locating a safe break in traffic.
- Maintain your right-of-way & speed as to not disrupt traffic flow.
- Continue around watching for the road you wish to exit.
- Use turn signals to indicate intent to enter or exit.

Site Plan Approvals Streamlined

The City Council recently took another step in streamlining the building permitting process. With a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission, many site plans can now forgo a review by the Planning and Zoning Commission. This change may reduce the site plan approval process by as much as four weeks in some cases.

Site plans submitted with no special requirements will be reviewed by City Staff and approved if they comply with all Hiawatha codes. Any site plan that requires any of the following will still require a review by the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Board of Adjustment:

- Design Guideline commercial property along Center Point Road, Robins Road, Tower Terrace and Edgewood Road
- Sites in the CPR districts
- Planned Unit Developments
- Conditional uses
- Variance requests
- Re-zoning
- Platting

The Importance of Flushing Water Lines

If the residents of Hiawatha notice the Water crew working at fire hydrants and see water running into the street, you may think that the Department is ignoring its own philosophy on conserving water. The process of periodically “flushing” fire hydrants, however, is an important preventative maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, this process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers.

Flushing the water system on a routine basis removes sediment from lines and keeps the entire distribution system refreshed. Hiawatha Water Department maintains over 40 miles of domestic water lines throughout the City.

As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt or deposits and does not affect the safety of the water. The water is still drinkable. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your own home by running all water faucets for a minute or two. We also advise to postpone doing your laundry until all internal pipes have been cleared.

The same philosophy of water line preventive maintenance is one that you should use in your own home. Your home's water heater should be drained and flushed at least once a year to keep it working efficiently and to protect the quality of water inside your home. Also, if you go out of town and there is no water use in your home for a week or more, when you return it's always a good idea to run all your faucets for a minute or so before using the water. This ensures that you don't use any stagnant water that may have developed in your home's pipes while you were away.

Starting Monday, April 11, 2016 through Friday, May 6, 2016, weather permitting, Hiawatha Water Department will be flushing hydrants.

Residential Tree Distributions

The Iowa DNR Forestry partners with Alliant Energy and MidAmerican Energy to bring low-cost landscape trees to utility customers through our Residential Tree Distributions. Homeowners must be Alliant Energy Customers to participate in **Operation ReLeaf**, or MidAmerican customers to participate in **Plant Some Shade**.

Both programs are designed to help utility customers save energy in their homes using trees to provide shade during the summer and windbreaks during the winter. These programs are brought to you in partnership with Alliant Energy, MidAmerican Energy and local partners. This is a great opportunity for area residents especially with the concerns of what the Emerald Ash Borer can bring to our communities tree stock.

Operation ReLeaf for Alliant Energy Customers in Linn County - Marion

Partner: Linn County Conservation Board

Location: Squaw Creek Park, 4305 Squaw Lane, Marion

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2016

Time: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Visit the website to order your trees:

<http://www.alliantenergy.com/CommunityInvolvement/CommunityOutreach/OperationReLeaf/index.htm>

Plant Some Shade for MidAmerican Energy Customers in Linn County - Cedar Rapids

Location: Cedar Rapids City Services Center, 500 15th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids

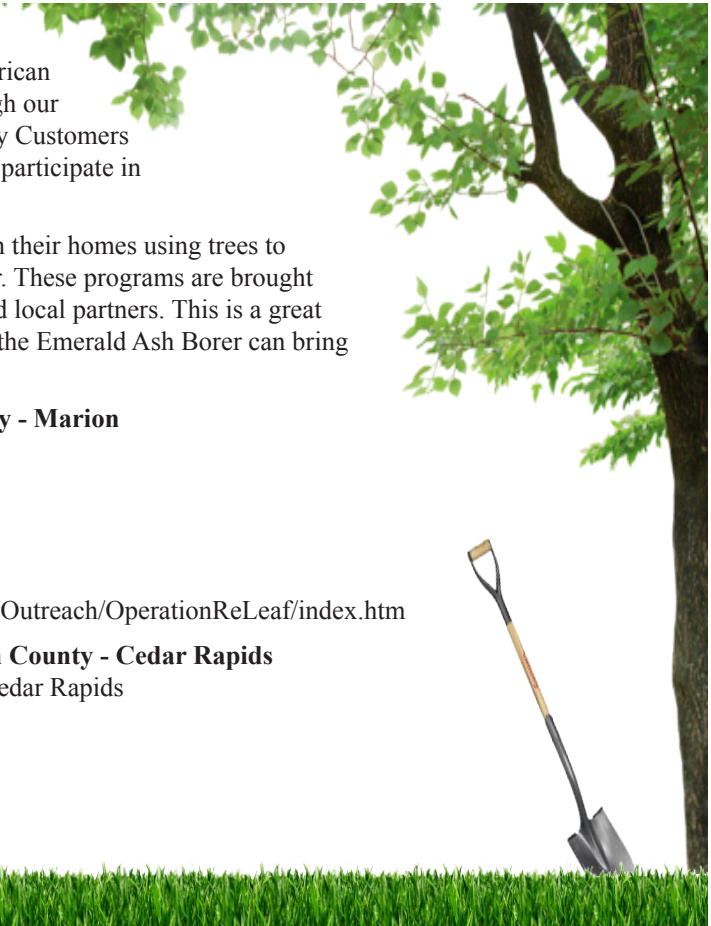
(Enter the south parking lot from the 6th Street SW entrance)

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016

Time: Between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Visit the website to order your trees:

<https://www.midamericanenergy.com/ia-res-trees.aspx>



Live Healthy 5k

Hiawatha Parks & Recreation & Live Healthy Iowa are proud to announce their partnership for the 3rd Annual Live Healthy Iowa 5k & kids 1k Fun Run/Walk on April 9, 2016. The course is 3.1 miles & will start & stop at the 10th Avenue parking lot of Guthridge Park in Hiawatha. Packet pickup will be available on Friday, April 8 from 4:00-6:00 PM in the Hiawatha Community Center. Registration for this race will begin at 7:00 AM. Registration is available at livehealthy-iowa.org or the morning of the race. If you are a participant in the Live Healthy Iowa 10 Week Challenge, discounts are available. Medals will be awarded to the top male & female in each age group. Participants are also eligible to win some great door prizes.

Please note that the streets will remain open for the duration of the race. You will experience some delays for the safety of runners/walkers from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM. We ask that you please remove your cars from the streets for the length of the race.

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department!

Thank you to our sponsors: KHAK, HY-VEE, Hi-Crew Kiwanis, Pepsico & Awaken Family Chiropractic for their support!



Join Us FOR The Hiawatha Easter Egg Hunt!

Date: March 26 **Time:** 9:00 AM

Location: Guthridge Park

March 26th Guthridge Park 9:00 a.m.

Don't be late! Eggs vanish in minutes!

Time: 9:00 AM

Don't be late! Eggs vanish in minutes!

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Children will get to visit the Hiawatha Easter Bunny!

New Website Update

Sorry for the delay! The new Hiawatha website is taking a little longer than expected. City Staff has previewed the new design & believe us it will be well worth the wait.

Dance Clinic Recap

Coach Miranda Arends & the Kennedy Cougar Dance Team taught 22 area girls a routine to "Red Balloon" from the movie "Home." While learning the routine they also learned teamwork, self-confidence & the value of hard work. At the completion of their clinic, they performed their routines for family & friends, received a certificate stating they'd completed the program & even pom poms to celebrate!



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Hiawatha Fire Department Explorer Post

The Hiawatha Fire Department Explorer Post offers an opportunity for young men & women who have completed the eighth grade & are at least 14 years of age to 15 but have not yet reached their 21st birthday, to learn about fire service.

Through the post and department, Explorers gain hands-on knowledge of fire service skills through organized training meetings. The training meetings serve two purposes. The short-term goal of the training is to provide the explorers with a basic understanding of the skills necessary to operate safely at a fire scene. After becoming familiar with certain required skills, explorers may ride along with fire department companies & actively participate at calls within limits set for their safety. The long-term goal of the meetings is to expose explorers to the different career paths available within the fire service. The training may include fire behavior classes, ladder & hose handling classes, basic medical skills training, etc.

Senior explorers also have the responsibility of operating the post. Post officers are elected annually by their peers to serve in different capacities that are similar to those of the fire departments. For example, the Explorer Chief oversees all of the operations of the post and an Explorer Assistant Chief is responsible for assisting the organization of training.

If you are interested in joining the Explorer Post contact the Fire Station at 319-393-4180.



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