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# Hiawatha Insights



## Hiawatha Is Celebrating!

### Did you know...

- Hiawatha had a trolley stop?
- the first fire truck was made right here in Hiawatha?
- in the beginning, Hiawatha's water source was privately owned?

**Sunday, May 16, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** the Hiawatha Community Center will exhibit displays and pictures from the founding of our City to the present. Citizens who have resided here since Hiawatha's beginning will be available to share their stories. While you are there, enjoy a piece of the 60 foot long birthday cake prepared by HyVee and a special bottle of Hiawatha water.

**Saturday, June 19, 2010 starting at 10:30 a.m.** the Lions Club Hog Wild Days parade will honor our founder Fay Clark by presenting his wife Marvel, as the Grand Marshall. Parade entries such as a special float and classic cars will take us back to the 1950's. After the parade, enjoy free music in the park sponsored by Hiawatha Bank & Trust Co., bingo hosted by American Legion Post 735, flea market browsing and other fun games and activities.



## Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation

Most of you have probably heard of the phrase "Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Corridor" being used when people talk or write about economic development projects. While the regional promotional organizations insist this phrase includes most of Linn County, in reality their focus is on projects so large as to exclude the cities surrounding Cedar Rapids. This is so consistent that we have believed for a long time that the "Corridor" starts at Blairs Ferry Road and continues south. When I spoke with other cities, community leaders and your City Council, it was very apparent that I wasn't the only one with this feeling. It just doesn't seem like Hiawatha was included in the overall business economic development loop within the Cedar Rapids Metro area. Areas north of Blairs Ferry Road do not appear to be a part of the corridor.

In December 2009, a group of Hiawatha business leaders met at City Hall to discuss what steps could be taken to generate commercial growth within our City. One of the ideas deriving from this meeting was, Hiawatha could do a better job of marketing ourselves. We have the talent and resources within our City to sell Hiawatha better than any outside group. We may not have all the answers but we have a good idea where to get them.

On April 14, 2010, the group met again and unofficially became "Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO)". The group would like to form an economic development corporation much like Marion's "MEDCO". It may even be appropriate to partner with "Medco" in attracting new business opportunities to Hiawatha. Economic Development is important to our City because commercial growth is a true driver in stabilizing our tax base.

As with most groups, we will take small steps, establish a plan of action and move forward one step at a time with specific goals in mind. This is a bold new direction for our City, setting our mark high, knowing this idea will open a whole new world of opportunities for your community and its future growth.

## Hiawatha Budget Update 2010

Your Hiawatha elected officials have once again approved to keep your tax rate the same as last year. The rate will remain at 15.31% per \$1,000 of property valuation. Due to the increase of the state mandated roll-back factor, the property owner of a home valued at \$100,000 will pay \$718.21 in taxes to the City of Hiawatha in the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2010. Residential homeowners will pay tax on 46.9 percent of the value of their home in the new budget, up from the current 45.56 percent of the value.

Hiawatha's tax valuation grew by 12.18% due to the new residential, commercial and industrial construction in the community. The quality businesses that have located in Hiawatha continue to be a great asset to our community. As a result of the balance of residential, commercial and industrial growth, we have a balanced tax base for the City of Hiawatha.

Hiawatha has been able to keep our tax rates reasonably low and stable, due to the diligent efforts of your Mayor and Council Members on economic development and fiscal matters. With their continued efforts, Hiawatha will continue to provide taxpayers the best cost-of-living value in the area.

## Hiawatha Police Department Updates

### K-9 Unit Update

In 2005, the Hiawatha Police Department received funding for our K-9 program through a K-9 Grant. At that time, Officer Melsa was selected as the K-9 handler. Our K-9 is a male, pure bred German Shephard named Mod. Training of the K-9 handler and Mod took place in Michigan over a six week period. Mod is originally from the Czech Republic and knows his commands in the Czech language. Mod is a dual purpose K-9, trained in Narcotic Interdiction, Tracking, Building Searches, and Criminal Apprehension. Mod has proven to be a valuable asset in all of these areas. Officer Melsa and Mod work together on a daily basis and are on call 24/7. Mod and his handler have participated in many public events, including visits to various schools and libraries in the Linn County area. Mod is scheduled to appear at the Hiawatha Public Library on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.



We have one vehicle in our fleet dedicated to the K-9 program. The last vehicle, a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, was replaced with a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe in April. With the switch in vehicles, we gained much needed space for gear and added the ability to transport arrested persons to jail without utilizing an additional squad vehicle.

### Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Update

One component of our overall commitment to reducing traffic accidents while increasing seatbelt usage is to conduct periodic seatbelt surveys. The surveys are conducted by an officer stationed at a specific location for a set period of time. All occupants are observed to determine compliance with the law. During our two (2) most recent surveys, the compliance rates were 93% and 95% respectively. These are very encouraging results and undoubtedly help in reducing possible injuries should you be involved in an accident.



## Hiawatha Water Department News

### Wellhead Protection Program

Hiawatha Water Department is in the process of developing a Wellhead Protection Ordinance to protect our water supply system. This program is being put into place due to our community's unconsolidated 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 contaminants.

The Wellhead Protection Program will have restrictions that protect the City's water supply and well fields. It will also restrict the location of potential contamination sources close to our public water supply. The ordinance sets up three (3) protection zones around each municipal well site of a 200 foot radius, 1000 foot radius and/or 2,500 foot radius. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has recommended the City develop a Wellhead Protection Ordinance to help control hazardous material that are used, stored and manufactured within our community.

This ordinance also has an existing uses section that states the following:

**"The use of structures or facilities existing at the time of adoption of the ordinance codified in this chapter may be continued even though such use may not conform with this regulations of this chapter. However, such structure of facility may not be enlarged, extended, reconstructed or substituted subsequent to adoption of said ordinance unless an exemption is granted by the City Council."**

### Backflow Prevention Devices

Reminder to Hiawatha Residents: If you have an RPZ valve (backflow prevention device) on your water line, please remember that this needs to be tested yearly (preferably in the spring) by a registered technician per City Ordinance. Inspection forms may be picked up at the City Hall or your registered technician should have similar forms. Call the Water Department at 393-5556 with any questions or comments.

## Community Development News to You

Spring is on its way!

Spring is here. The spring showers will be a welcome change from all of the snow and ice. When it rains, the storm waters end up back in our water sources. These storm drains lead to lakes, streams, and rivers. Storm water transports pollutants into our drinking and recreational bodies of water. So please help protect our water quality by following a few simple rules.

- Grass and weeds should be kept at 8" or less. The recommended grass length is 3". When your lawn is 3" tall, it allows water more time to absorb into the soil versus running into the street or onto the sidewalk and towards the storm drains.
- Grass clippings should never go into the street. This clogs storm drains and affects the quality of our water.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces. All drainage needs to be dispersed on your own property.
- One unique option that has been catching on throughout the United States is to divert your downspouts to rain barrels. Rain water from roof water run off is collected in rain barrels and then can be used to water your yard, flowers or garden. It has been estimated that a 1/4 inch of rainfall on the average roof will amount to about 50 gallons of clean natural water. If you are interested in more information, please visit: [www.indiancreeknaturecenter.org](http://www.indiancreeknaturecenter.org). They have rain barrels available for purchase at a reasonable cost to help reduce and redirect water away from streams and rivers. Their website also has additional information for reducing floods.



**\*\*\*Notice - Hiawatha Planning and Zoning meetings have been changed to the last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.\*\*\***

Thank you for your help in preserving our valuable water sources. Contact the Community Development Department at 294-2929 with any questions or comments.



## Introducing Hiawatha Businesses.....

### **Advanced Hair Technologies**

The National Hair Journal "2009 Salon of the Year", recently relocated to Hiawatha, is a business attuned to supporting their hair replacement clients.

At Advanced Hair Technologies, we offer many different alternatives for the person who is concerned about their lack of hair. We offer more options than anyone else in Iowa. We don't believe any single option is of the best interest for everyone. We will sit down with you in a private room to determine what your concerns are, and then explain which options are going to satisfy your needs, allowing you to make an educated decision.

Owner, Daryl Grecian, has been helping individuals that have experienced hair loss since 1970 and has clients in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

Daryl has trained with and taught for national and international organizations and companies. He was chosen by his peers in the International Guest Artist & Hairstylist Association as the International Hairstylist of the Year.

Find out which options are available for your particular situation. Make an appointment today for your private consultation and "live and look like you never lost your hair".

Advanced Hair Technologies is located at 1202 A Dina Court and can be reached at (319) 362-4220 or by their website [www.advancedtechnologies.net](http://www.advancedtechnologies.net).



### **White Glove Movers**

Moving your personal items can be stressful and our job is to relieve some of that stress. White Glove Movers is a locally owned, fully licensed, insured and bonded moving, storage and freight delivery service provider. Our White Glove professionals are trained in proven techniques to assure an in tact, on time, and on budget moving experience. As the White Glove name implies, we will provide a quality outcome, in a clean, courteous matter, with total customer service in mind.

We have a full array of residential and commercial services. Our fleet includes 26' straight trucks, 15' delivery trucks, delivery vans and four wheel drive pick-ups.

See us at [www.whiteglovemoves.com](http://www.whiteglovemoves.com).

Relax....and Let White Glove Movers Carry the Load!



## Council Action

April 7, 2010

- Resolution 10-071 - Setting public hearing date for meeting on authorization of loan agreement and issuance of not to exceed \$1,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2010.
- Resolution 10-072 - Adopting preliminary assessment plat, schedule and engineer's cost opinion for the North Center Point Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Assessment Process.
- Resolution 10-073 - Setting public hearing to consider preliminary assessment for the North Center Point road Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Special Assessment Process.
- Resolution 10-074 through 10-079 - Declaration of agreement to include agricultural land in an Urban Renewal Area - Forrest Kramer; Jane Ellen Fink; Mooney Engle Land Co.; Patrick H. and Diane L. Kilburg; Francis J. Pruss Estate; Linn County.
- Resolution 10-080 - "At Risk" Permit - First Construction Co. Forrest Greens Duplex Plan, Cimarron Drive.
- Resolution 10-081 - Authorizing staff to proceed with a paid seasonal Fire Medic position for the Hiawatha Fire Department.
- Resolution 10-082 - Authorizing project agreement with City of Hiawatha Water Utility for Northwest Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project.
- Resolution 10-083 - Awarding contract 2010 Mosquito Control to Mosquito Control of Iowa at a cost of \$14,500 for four (4) spraying treatments; additional requested treatments of \$4,000.
- Resolution 10-084 - Authorizing execution of Landscape Maintenance Contract Agreement with Ultra Lawn of Hiawatha at a rate of \$38.00 per hour, not to exceed 12 hours per week for April and October, not to exceed 9 hours per week for May through September 2010.
- Resolution 10-085 - Authorizing purchase of an International Dump Truck body with Snow Plow and Sander not to exceed \$49,257 with delivery date of 60 days from Henderson Manufacturing Equipment of Manchester, Iowa.
- Resolution 10-086 - Authorizing purchase of one (1) new and unused 1020/11 single axle 37,000 GVWR Truck Chassis at cost not to exceed \$67,842 from Truck Country of Cedar Rapids Iowa.
- Resolution 10-087 - Approving Teamsters Local Union 238 Contract proposal for the City of Hiawatha Law Enforcement from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and authorizes Mayor and City Clerk to sign contract.
- Resolution 10-088 - Approving preliminary plat of Pines at Turtle Creek Addition.
- Resolution 10-089 - Authorizing staff to proceed with Request for Proposals for Financing Institutions for the City of Hiawatha.
- Resolution 10-090 - Authorizing the following as Official Newspaper(s) for the City of Hiawatha: Cedar Rapids Gazette, Gazette Communications.
- Resolution 10-091 - Approving release of development agreement subject to minimum assessment agreement, mortgage note, subordination agreement and real estate mortgage between City of Hiawatha and Fisher Real Estate Management, LLC.
- Resolution 10-092 - Authorizing property acquisition to repair and restore storm water conveyance for Heritage Green Drainage Project.

April 21, 2010

- Ordinance 662 - Repeal Code of Ordinance Chapter 43, Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders.
- Ordinance 663 - Amend Code of Ordinance Chapter 165 Unified Development Code 165.15:2 Land Use Matrix adding Residential, Primary Dwelling, Multi-Family, Mixed Use Structure or Development and 165.96 Definitions - Dwelling, Multiple Family, Mixed Use.
- Resolution 10-093 - Instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$1,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2010.
- Resolution 10-094 - Setting public hearing to amend Revenue Bond for Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc. Project Series 1999, to reduce current interest rate and revise repayment schedule.
- Resolution 10-095 - Setting dates of consultation and public hearing on proposed Amendment No. 6 to the Hiawatha Urban Renewal Plan.
- Resolution 10-096 - Approving Declaration of Agreement to include Agricultural Land - Roland and Patty Hiemstra.
- Resolution 10-097 - Authorizing City Engineers to proceed with design plans for "shovel ready" projects.
- Resolution 10-098 - Authorizing City Engineer to survey property located at 155 Robins Road.
- Resolution 10-099 - Accepting placement of street light on C Avenue; North of Blairs Ferry Road.
- Resolution 10-100 - Amending a 457 Deferred Comp Retirement Plan to permit loans.

## Summer Reading Programs at Hiawatha Public Library

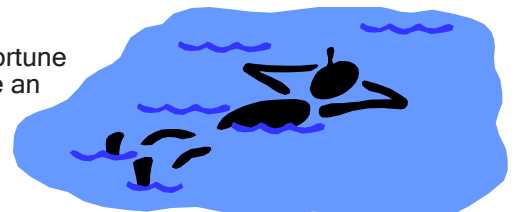
Dive into books with summer reading programs at Hiawatha Public Library. Between June 1, 2010 and July 31, 2010, area readers of every age, shape and size will have the opportunity to soak up rewards just for spending time with a book.

Preschoolers through sixth graders will *Make a Splash. Read!* The grand prize is a shiny new bike and magicians, mad scientists and nature lovers are a few of the performers adding to the splash.

Sixth through twelfth graders can *Make Waves @ Your Library* this summer. Do thirty laps in the pool and earn a new book. Grand prizes include Best Buy, Target and Half Price Books gift cards. And there will be lots of activities to keep you coming back, such as a Teen Luau and Sushi Making.

This isn't the kiddy pool. Adults are asked to *Water Your Mind. Read!* A stroke of good fortune may come your way if your name is selected as the weekly winner! Also, adults will have an opportunity to learn about working with watercolors from an area expert.

Be sure to stop by Hiawatha Public Library so you too can be a part of this summer long reading party.



# MAY 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 City-Wide Garage Sale Maps @ City Hall & Library
2 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	3 Amnesty begins. Items <b>MUST</b> be curbside by 7 a.m.	4	5 Council 7p.m.	6 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	7	8
9 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	10 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7 p.m.	11 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7 p.m.	12 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	13	14	15
16 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	17	18 Water 6:30 p.m.	19 Council 7p.m.	20 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	21	22
23 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	24 P&Z 6 p.m.	25	26 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	27	28 Bike Parade/ Rodeo Concert in Park Photo Contest Deadline	29
30 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	31					



# JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Summer Programs and Soccer begins <b>June 14, 2010</b>	Hog Wild Days <b>June 17 - 20, 2010</b>	1	2 Council 7p.m.	3 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	4	5
6 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	7	8	9 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	10	11	12
13 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	14 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7 p.m.	15 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7 p.m.	16 Senior Evening Dance 6 p.m. Council 7p.m.	17 Volleyball Begins Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	18	19
20	21	22 Water 6:30 p.m.	23 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	24	25 Concert in Park Kanti Rocks 7 p.m.	26
27 Farmers Market Guthridge Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	28 P&Z 6 p.m.	29	30			

# Walk Sequence Postal Customer Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

## Tree City USA Award

Peck's Green Thumb Nursery has received the award of "Outstanding Local Partner" from the Iowa Urban Forestry Awards program. They received their award at the *Tree City USA* 20th Annual Community Forestry Awards Luncheon on April 6th, 2010.

Peck's Green Thumb Nursery received this award by demonstrating ongoing support and commitment to Hiawatha's community's tree program. Peck's matches Hiawatha's grants through Trees Forever and Alliant Energy by giving a 50% discount on all trees and shrubs.

In 1956, founders "Peck" and Myrtle Peckosh pledged to make lawn care, gardening and landscaping fun for their customers and friends. Fun connects to success, and guaranteed success means using the highest quality plants and the best information for their planting and care. That pledge still holds true today, as they rely on the best growers from around the country to provide a wide variety of excellent plants. They employ a friendly, knowledgeable personnel to give good information and share ideas with their customers. A full service garden center and flower shop and a landscaping division are all committed to providing great service to their customers and friends.



## Hiawatha Farmer's Market

Come join us at the Hiawatha Farmer's Market this year. You'll find the summer's best fresh fruits and vegetables, just-picked flowers, fresh from the oven breads and pastries, jams, honey and one-of-a-kind arts and crafts by local artisans.

### Here's your guide to the market:

Knowing how your food was grown and buying fresher, tastier, sustainably-raised food that supports your local farmers is balanced with some things you might at first see as disadvantages: it takes longer, some items might be more expensive (especially at certain times of the year), and you can't always find exactly what you're looking for. But after a while, you'll see that these are actually advantages, too. When you spend more time shopping, you start to know the farmer and the food better. When you pay a fair price for food, you tend to start eating in a way that is sustainable (and healthier). When you don't find what you were looking for, you may broaden your food choices and discover new food items you may not have used before. Shopping the farmers' market is part of an entirely different way of looking at your food, one that allows you to become part of the process rather than simply being the end-consumer.

And another idea - develop relationships: If you visit a market regularly, you'll see the same farmers over and over. Some farmers change their planting plans in response to requests from regular customers. If you'd love to be able to find a certain item at the farmers' market, tell a farmer! You'll be much more likely to see it in their stall next year if you've developed a relationship with them this year.

Hiawatha's Farmers Market is offered on Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the 10th Ave parking lot of Guthridge Park.

## Why Do We Spray For Mosquitos???

The City is pleased to announce the acceptance of the 2010 Mosquito Reduction Program. Ground and Aerial application 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 May 24th, completed by May 27, 2010
- Week of June 14th, completed by June 17, 2010
- Week of June 21st, completed by June 24, 2010
- Week of July 12th, completed by July 15, 2010
- Week of August 16th, completed by August 19, 2010.



For additional applications, citizens will be notified through NIXLE, 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).