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Hiawatha Insights

Hiawatha Receives 2nd R.I.S.E. Grant

The City of Hiawatha received a second RISE Grant in April for the reconstruction of Stamy Road consisting of 1,314 feet from Tower Terrace Road south toward Kacena Road on the north central side of town. The grant for Stamy Road will pay for 50% or up to \$351,312 of the reconstruction project.

Our first RISE Grant was for the North Center Point Road project, which is currently in progress. The reconstruction of North Center Point Road consists of 3,976 feet from Tower Terrace Road south to Stamy Road. The grant for North Center Point Road will pay for 50% or up to \$1,372,931 of the reconstruction project.

What is RISE? The acronym RISE stands for Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy. The RISE program was authorized by the State Legislature in 1985 and consists of multiple transportation targets. The program we targeted is the *Local Development Projects* for more speculative economic development projects in the community and the State of Iowa. RISE dollars are intended to spur economic development and are authorized by the State to create value added products and therefore - jobs! The funding source is not property tax dollars but fuel excise taxes paid by everyone.

As RISE dollars and local dollars are expended, business and industry alike benefit from this program. Local residents, school, and business also benefit from reduced cost of the improved infrastructure, and the better and safer driving condition created by the project.

The RISE program has been very good to Hiawatha and the entire metro area. Our first RISE grant has helped retain a business with over 400 jobs and our hopes are positive that the Stamy Road project will provide a similar return for investment and job creation.



Proclamation

Whereas, The Flood of 2008 forever changed the City of Cedar Rapids, displacing more than nine offices that were housed in Veteran's Memorial Building on Mays Island; and
Whereas, although we are fortunate to find locations for offices to serve the citizens of Cedar Rapids, finding space to hold City Council meetings proved more difficult; and
Whereas, our Hiawatha neighbors recognized our need and offered their new, beautiful City Hall to the City of Cedar Rapids to host the citizens of Cedar Rapids and our City Council for formal meetings; and
Whereas, twenty-seven Cedar Rapids City Council meetings have been held in Hiawatha City Hall since March 9, 2010; and
Whereas, we are pleased to be able at this time to express our gratitude and appreciation for your kindness and generosity.
Now Therefore, I, Ron Corbett, Mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2011 as:



Hiawatha Appreciation Day

and extend our appreciation to the entire City of Hiawatha for their unwavering support for the City of Cedar Rapids.

HEDCO Open House Recap



The new Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) made a debut at an opening house on April 14, 2011, which was held at the Hiawatha Community Center. Approximately 50 business members of the community attended the event, learning about city development opportunities, and having a chance to visit with City officials and HEDCO Board members.

HEDCO is committed to help make the City a vibrant and exciting place to conduct business. Among the goals of the entity, which were discussed and showcased, are advocating key community infrastructure, partnering with area development groups to promote new businesses, and make Hiawatha a place for companies already here to flourish.

The Board of HEDCO encourages all area individuals and businesses to feel comfortable offering ideas to make the City even better in its endeavor to be the first choice for businesses, developers and realtors. Suggestions and questions can be directed to the City Administration or any Board Member.

A web site is being developed, so watch for that announcement in a future edition of the newsletter.

Budget FY11-12 Update

The City of Hiawatha elected officials have made some hard decisions weighing the needs and benefits of projects and services against their associated costs. The tax rate will change from last year's rate of \$15.31 to \$15.68 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable valuation for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012. An owner of a home valued at \$100,000 will pay \$761.20 in taxes to the City of Hiawatha in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

The quality businesses that have located in Hiawatha continue to be a great asset to our community. In effect, residential property owners pay a lower percentage of total taxes as business development continues to occur. The overall result is a balanced tax base for the community.

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.

The Real Danger Revealed

The single most important factor to reducing motor vehicle collisions, injuries, and deaths is something the automotive industry cannot improve upon. You, as a driver, are the most significant safety feature a motor vehicle could ever have. By reducing distractions and giving your full attention to driving, you can reduce the likelihood of causing an accident and increase your likelihood of avoiding one being caused by the distracted driving of another.

Data compiled of crashes in Iowa since 2001 reveal that 17,858 crashes during that period of time were found to be a result of distracted driving. This accounts for 3% of all Iowa crashes. The data also suggests that the distracted driving cause those collisions is also responsible for 9,781 injuries and 93 deaths. Nationally, more than 16 crash related deaths every day are a result of distracted driving with another 1,300 people injured. The bottom line is that a driver simply cannot do two things at once and priority must be given to focusing on your driving.

Common distractions include texting or other cell phone use, eating, drinking, applying makeup, adjusting the radio or climate controls, looking for dropped items, talking to others, singing, pets, or simply being tired or mentally away. National data shows that of the distracted driving-related crashes which caused death, 995 involved reports of a cell phone as the distraction which accounts for 18% of distraction related to crash fatalities. Beginning in July 2010, Iowa drivers are prohibited from using any electronic communication device or electronic entertainment device while driving. To write, read, or send text-messages, a driver must be at a stop and off the travelled portion of the roadway. The educational/warning period for this law ends on June 30, 2011 with penalty enforcement beginning July 1, 2011.

As always, to reduce your chances of being injured or killed in a crash you must wear your seatbelt. We are pleased to release the March seatbelt survey of drivers and front seat passengers in Hiawatha showed that 98.3% were wearing their seatbelts. Through your observances and law enforcement efforts, we continue to raise seatbelt compliance toward our goal of 100% compliance. It is the responsibility of every driver to ensure seatbelt compliance and focused driving are the priority in an effort to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and deaths. Please make certain you are meeting your responsibility.

Hiawatha Fire Department Home Safety Tips

STORING FLAMMABLES, COMBUSTIBLES

Whether you realize it or not, you have flammable and combustible materials all around your house. Flammable materials will catch fire and easily burn at normal temperatures, while combustibles may catch fire if ignited or exposed to flame.

Gasoline may be the obvious, but you may also have: pesticides, dry cleaning agents, cleaning fluids, nail polish, perfume, propane, butane, turpentine, kerosene, lighter fluid, paint solvents, oil, spray paint and more.

Be careful when using these materials and only use them for their purpose. Take a look around your home and make sure these materials (sometimes called hazardous materials) are stored properly.

- Before storing or using any flammable liquids or hazardous materials, carefully read and follow the manufacturer's label on the container or package.
- Keep the flammable materials in their original containers. Check for container defects, cracks or leaks. If you must transfer them to different containers, only use approved containers as prescribed by the manufacturer.
- Chemicals may also interact dangerously if mixed together. In order to prevent possible danger, always refer to the manufacturer's recommendation.
- Keep out of the reach of children.
- Never store gasoline inside your house. A detached chemical storage area or garage is ideal, and products should be labeled.
- Store away from ignition sources that can cause fire or explosion. Examples include: light switches, pilot lights, matches, cigarette lighters, a furnace, electrical heaters, static electricity, etc. Also keep away from passageways.
- Properly dispose of flammable product containers once they are empty.

SPRING FIRE SAFETY

The Hiawatha Fire Department would like to take a moment to remind citizens that open burning is not allowed within the City Limits. Recreational fires and camp fires that are conducted in accordance to the city fire code are allowed throughout the year.

When conducting recreational fires, please keep the following items in mind:

- Only burning of seasoned, cut firewood is allowed. No trash, yard debris, or other prohibited items!
- Firewood shall be stacked no larger than three feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- Recreational fires must be 25 feet from a structure or other combustible materials.
- Complaints by neighbors of smoke disturbances to the Fire Department will warrant immediate extinguishment of your recreational fire.
- A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be readily available during recreational fire.
- Recreational fires must be constantly attended by a person with knowledge and capability to use extinguishing equipment.

Please feel free to contact the Hiawatha Fire Department if you have any questions at 393-4180.



Happy Spring and Happy Mowing!

Time to dust off your lawn mower, tune-it up and get ready for the mowing season. As you mow, please remember to direct grass clippings back towards your lawn and away from streets, driveways and sidewalks. Growing grass benefits from all the great nutrients found in lawn clippings.

Clippings left on impervious surfaces are washed down the storm drain and into the closest creek or stream. Once there, nature works to decompose the grass clippings and while doing so, depletes the oxygen in water which fish and plants need to survive.

Keeping grass clippings out of the street is a simple step we can all do to keep Iowa's waters clean and healthy.

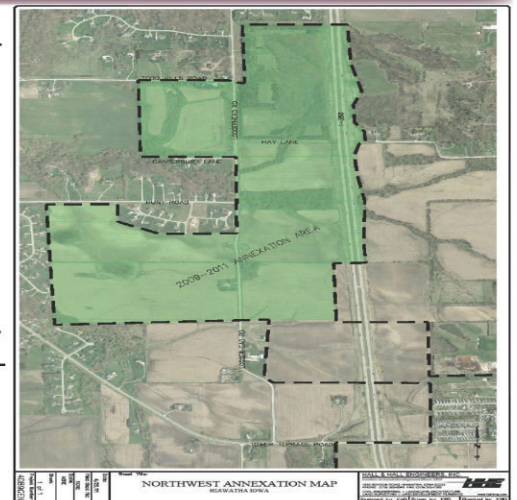


Hiawatha Annexes 98 Acres!

The City of Hiawatha filed a request for the City Development Boards approval of the annexation of territory within the urbanized area of the Cities of Robins and Cedar Rapids on January 12, 2011. The proposed annexation territory is described as the Pines at Turtle Creek, LLC; Patrick and Diane Kilburg, Jane Ellen Fink Revocable Trust date 5/22/1997; Hunt Road and Loggerhead Road.

The City Development Board, having considered the City's request for approval, the property owner's applications, and all evidence submitted by the affected parties ordered the annexation be filed with the Hiawatha City Clerk and that the Board files a copy of the map and the legal description with the Iowa Department of Transportation on February 14, 2011.

Upon completion of the annexation process, the City Development Board Administrator shall mail a copy of the Order and other relevant documents to the Linn County Recorder and Iowa Secretary of State on or after the 31st day following the issuance of the Order. The Linn County Recorder received and filed the Order of annexation on March 18, 2011, and now therefore the annexation has been completed.



Council Action

April 6, 2011

Ordinance 699 - Amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.15:2 Land Use Matrix & §165.16 Land Uses & Regulations by district removing the permitted use of kennels in Zoning district C-2 & adding the conditional use of kennels in Zoning district C-3, C-4, and C-R including “Totally enclosed in a building” in the notes section, & adding the permitted use of outdoor kennels in Zoning Districts I-1 & I-2.

Ordinance 700 - Amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.35 Off-Street Parking Spaces to establish parking use & parking class requirements for a volley ball court.

Ordinance 701 - Amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 4 Municipal Infractions amending §4.04 Civil Citations adding (4) Legal Description, adding Section §4.05 Real Property & renumbering §4.06 Alternative Relief and §4.07 Criminal Penalties.

Resolution 11-060 - Setting public hearing date (April 20, 2011) to consider the approval of a ten (10) year Development Agreement between Hiawatha and McLeodUSA LLC d/b/a PAETEC & 1450 Center Point Office, LLC.

Resolution 11-061 - Amending the City of Hiawatha Purchasing Policies and Procedures to comply with changes at the state level.

Resolution 11-062 - Approving the City of Hiawatha Disposal of Fixed Assets Policies and Procedures.

Resolution 11-063 - Authorizing City Staff to sign a Purchase and Repurchase Agreement for the purchase of a 2008 Toyota Tacoma for the use of the Parks Department in the amount of \$1.00 from Cedar Rapids Toyota of Hiawatha.

Resolution 11-064 - Awarding the contract for mosquito control services for the 2011 season, at a total cost of \$15,500 for four (4) spraying treatments, three (3) aerial and one (1) ground with additional requested treatments of \$4,000, to Mosquito Control of Iowa of Rolfe, IA and to further authorize the execution of the Citywide Mosquito Control Agreement 2011.

Resolution 11-065 - Awarding the contract for landscape maintenance services for the 2011 season, at a rate of \$38 per hour not to exceed 12 hours per week for the months of April and October and not to exceed 9 hours per week for the months of May through September, to Ultra Lawn of Hiawatha, IA and to further authorize the execution of the Landscape Maintenance Contract Agreement 2011 with the option to renew the contract in 2012 and 2013.

Resolution 11-067 - Authorizing the City Attorney to commence eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of certain real property located at 55 Boyson Road, owned by Thomas Bowler and to take such further action as may be necessary for the acquisition of said property in connection with the Boyson Road/Robins Road Intersection Project.

April 20, 2011

Ordinance 702 - Approving the rezoning of a parcel of land legally described as that part of the E 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 19-84-7, Linn County, Iowa lying south of the N 50 acres thereof & lying north of Sharon’s First Addition to Linn County, Iowa & Sharon’s Third Addition to Linn County, Iowa, in Hiawatha, Iowa from A to R-3/PUD as requested by Pines at Turtle Creek, LLC.

Ordinance 703 - Amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required amending §65.01:1 and 2-Stop Intersections 1. Through Streets adding (N) Loggerhead Road north of Tower Terrace Road from south city limits to the north city limits and 2. Stop Intersection. Every driver of a vehicle shall stop at all intersecting streets that meet a through street unless otherwise designated.

Resolution 11-068 - Approving and authorizing the execution of a ten (10) year Development Agreement by and between Hiawatha and McLeodUSA LLC d/b/a PAETEC & 1450 Center Point Office, LLC.

Resolution 11-069 - Directing the sale of \$3,605,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes Series 2011 to UMB Bank, n.a. of Kansas City Missouri at a purchase price of \$3,577,241.50, true interest rate of 2.881272% and net interest cost of \$769,244.39 and approving the use of electronic bidding.

Resolution 11-070 - Authorizing the redemption of outstanding \$2,930,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2005, of the City of Hiawatha, State of Iowa, dated March 1, 2005 be redeemed as of June 1, 2011, in the principal amount of \$1,105,000 and direct Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa to give notice of redemption.

Resolution 11-071 - Approving the official statement for \$3,605,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011 in connection with the offering of the Notes for sale.

Resolution 11-072 - Accepting the Homeland Security Assistance for Firefighter grant to enhance firefighter safety and to improve operations through firefighter training with 95% of costs or \$11,807 covered by the Federal grant and 5% of the costs or \$621 covered by the Fire Department and authorizes the Fire Chief to proceed with requests for quotations for firefighter training curriculum materials.

Resolution 11-073 - Approving one (1) persons with disabilities parking space on 9th Avenue south of the Hiawatha Elementary School service drive as allowed by Council approval in Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.07 (4) Other Spaces.

Resolution 11-074 - Approving additional relocation assistance for the occupant/tenant of the property located at 55 Boyson Road in connection with the Boyson Road/Robins Road Intersection Project in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 due to added closing costs and moving fees.

Resolution 11-075 - Approving Health Insurance for July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa Alliance Select.

Resolution 11-076 - Authorizing the issuance of an Occupancy Permit for 2914 Terrapin Drive, Lot 28 of Pines at Turtle Creek First Addition as requested by Pines at Turtle Creek, LLC.

Resolution 11-077 - Authorizing the purchase of property located at 102 3rd Avenue in the amount of \$45,000.

MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	2	3 Local Options Sales Tax Vote	4 Council 7pm	5	6	7 City Wide Garage Sale
8 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	9 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7p.m.	10 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7p.m.	11 Senior Eve- ning Dance Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	12 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	13	14
15 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	16	17 Water 6:30 p.m.	18 Council 7pm	19	20	21
22 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	23	24	25 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	26 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	27 Bike Parade, Concert in Park, Photo Contest Deadline	28
29 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	30 P&Z 6p.m.	31				

JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Council 7pm	2	3	4
5 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	6 Hiawatha Fire Department Blood Drive 2pm - 6pm	7	8 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	9 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	10	11
12 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	13 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7p.m.	14 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7p.m.	15 Council 7pm	16 through 19 Hog Wild Days June 16 through 19 Guthridge Park		
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26 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	27 P&Z 6p.m.	28	29	30		

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City of Hiawatha: 2010 Tree City USA Recipient

The National Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources - Forestry Bureau are proud to announce that the City of Hiawatha has received the 2010 Tree City USA award.

State Forester Paul Tauke commented, "The Tree City USA award is a symbol for communities who have made a commitment to the management of public trees." The City of Hiawatha has provided an outstanding example for other Iowa communities, by enhancing our forest resources and demonstrating the great value of trees in providing multiple benefits for future generations.



The City of Hiawatha was one of 88 Iowa communities to qualify for Tree City USA status. To receive the award, a city must meet minimum requirements: 1) The city must possess either a city forester or an active city tree board, 2) The city must have a tree ordinance, 3) The city must annually spend at least \$2 per capita for its community forestry program.

Hiawatha Parks Are Open!

Whether it's a party, a family reunion, or simply an outing to the park on a sunny summer afternoon, we are ready. Hiawatha Parks are all open in full-force: picnic tables are down, restrooms are open, volleyball and tennis nets are up, and you are invited to come share in the excitement of spring.

Spending a day in the park with your friends and family can be fun and entertaining. In order to reserve a pavilion, you can call City Hall at 393-1515. Look forward to the splash pad opening as the weather gets hot.

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation." -Plato



History Committee Looks to the Past

Before the Hiawatha Fareway Grocery Store came H&K Royal Blue Mart. The H&K Royal Blue Mart was the first convenience/grocery store located on Fisher Street and North Center Point Road in the early 1950's by Jim and Jeanette Faas. The Mart was the only grocery store for miles around. The only other closest grocer was located in Midway, north on Highway 150 or 42nd Street along Center Point Road. The original building is still in operation as Applecreek Publishing.

H&K was a unique store with its own butcher shop in the back of the store managed by Kenny, a Wonder Bread company Merry Go Round, storm shelter for kids waiting for their school bus and a make shift post office until February 1955. The cashiers and stockers were Hazel Fosnacht, "Slim" Whitman, Edna Whitman, Alvina Murray, Don Hines, Pat Carter and Pat Bowler Auman.

The Mart easily became a gathering place for neighbors who were shopping for groceries or picking up mail. The children growing up during this era recall this most memorable store as the "little store" where they could buy penny candy. H&K Mart was later closed in 1969.

H&K MART HIAWATHA, IOWA 393-1244

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PANTY HOSE-----99¢ FRYING CHICKEN-----1b.29¢ BREAST-1b.59¢ LEGS & THIGHS 1b.49¢ GRAPEFRUIT-----6/49¢ JONATHON APPLES----3 lb.39¢	SEA STAR FISH STEAKS 24oz 1b.79¢ PORK BUTT ROAST -----1b.49¢ PORK STEAK-----1b.59¢ CALIF. CAULIFLOWER--head 29¢ ACORN SQUASH-----each 10¢	