

# Hiawatha Insights

May 2014

## Fire Department Honors Past Retired Members

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On April 5th, the Hiawatha Firefighters invited retired members of the department back to the fire station for the first Annual Retirees Breakfast. Thirteen members who had retired from the department and many of their spouses attended. The event was a chance for the past members to reconnect with each other and a chance for them to meet the current members. Many stories were shared of past fires, calls and social events by Retirees while the current members were glad to show off the current equipment and share their stories of recent activities. Old and new pictures were available to reminisce over and even the old call log books from the 1960's and 70's were available to view.

The fire service historically is rich in tradition and honoring past members and their spouses for what they have done, is one of those traditions. It was a great way for the current firefighters to thank the Retirees for their past service and countless hours laying the foundation in making the department what it is today. The firefighters plan to make this a yearly tradition to stay connected with the past members.



## Investigator Rod Fiser Receives Award

On April 9, 2014, United States Attorney Kevin W. Techau presented Hiawatha Police Investigator Rod Fiser and Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Darrell Simmons the Law Enforcement Victim Service Award. The award is the highest federal honor in the State of Iowa for victim services provided by law enforcement. Investigator Fiser and Special Agent Simmons received The Single Act Award for their work investigating the death of 17 month-old Kamryn Schlitter.

Investigator Fiser and Special Agent Simmons combined their efforts to ensure that those responsible for her death were identified, charged and convicted. During their investigation, they never lost sight of the impact this crime had on Kamryn's grieving family. "This team met with Kamryn's family members and navigated the tender balance between consoling grief-stricken loved ones and gathering the factual information they needed to uncover the truth about what happened to Kamryn," said U.S. Attorney Techau.

Investigator Fiser has worked for the Hiawatha Police Department for more than 20 years.

Congratulations Investigator Fiser!

Photo courtesy of Cedar Rapids Gazette



## Hiawatha Police Install Drug Drop Box

The Hiawatha Police Department is now accepting expired, unused, or unwanted medicines 24 hours a day with the addition of a drug drop box. The drop box is located inside the front door to the Police Department, on the Interstate side of the City Hall building.

The drop box provides a safe disposal method for both prescription and over-the-counter medicines. We do ask that needles, sharps, and syringes not be deposited in this container.

Drug drop boxes prevent medications from getting into our water supply, youths from accessing and abusing prescription drugs, and also prevent accidental and intentional poisonings in the home.

We have joined all Linn County Law Enforcement Agencies in making safe disposal a priority within our communities.



## History Commission - Fire Trucks Old and New



1967-68



1972



2011



2011

### Toyota Truck Donation

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department received a 2010 Toyota Tacoma for their summer use provided by Cedar Rapids Toyota. CR Toyota provided this vehicle for a miniscule \$1 dollar leasing cost to the City. The agreement began in April and it will be returned in October with the City being responsible for insurance, fuel and maintenance. This very generous offer from Cedar Rapids Toyota is greatly appreciated and of vital importance to the Parks Department's summer operations.



### Save these Date!

- **May 23** - Bike Parade/Rodeo & Concert in Park - Large Midgets - 6-9 p.m.
- **May 30** - Movies on the Square - Despicable Me 2 (dress as your favorite character) 6:30 p.m.
- **June 1** - Summer Reading Programs at Hiawatha Public Library - Be sure to get registered!
- **June 19 - 22** - Hog Wild Days
- **June 27** - Movies on the Square - Toy Story
- **May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 29** Farmers Market - Guthridge Park - 11-2 p.m.

### Live Healthy Iowa 5K - Another Success!

Live Healthy Iowa was pleased to partner with the City of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation to host one out of ten 5K races around the state on April 12, 2014. The race was held at Guthridge Park in Hiawatha. This event highlighted National Public Health Week and wrapped up the conclusion of the Live Healthy Iowa 10-Week Wellness Challenge. We couldn't have asked for a better turnout with 355+ participants.

Thank you to Hiawatha Bank and Trust, Panera Bread, Running Wild, Jeff Mullen Timing Services, Wickwire Chiropractic and Wellness Center, Hy-Vee and Roasters Coffee House for making this a great event!



### Hiawatha Recognizes Two Area Businesses

#### Farm Credit Services of America

Farm Credit Services of America is comprised of a team of experts that strive to deliver value to agriculture through trusted relationships. At Farm Credit Services of America, we serve our customer through a variety of products and services including operating loans, equipment financing, country home loans, crop insurance, and many more. We show our appreciation to our community and customers through volunteerism, cash-back dividends and exemplary service. Farm Credit Services of America is here to serve all of your agricultural needs.

Farm Credit Services of America is located at 1525 Boyson Road in Hiawatha. You can also reach them via phone at 319-364-0151 or on their website [www.fcsamerica.com](http://www.fcsamerica.com).



#### Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy

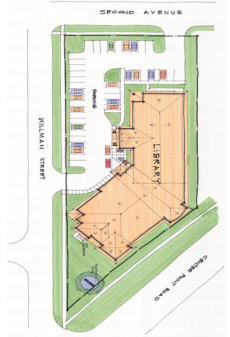
More than 30 years ago, Mercy Medical Center and the Sisters of Mercy founded Hospice of Mercy - only the second hospice program in the state of Iowa. Since that day, Hospice of Mercy has provided compassionate, professional end-of-life care to thousands of families in our community. Hospice of Mercy opened the Dennis and Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy in 2007 and now serves patients and their families at the hospice house or wherever our patients call home. Located at 315 18th Avenue, Hiawatha, the Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy is the first and only facility of its kind in the Corridor. Its beauty - both in regard to its mission and physical presence - is unrivaled. Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy offers hospital-standard medical resources to ensure that every patient receives the highest possible level of care. Hospice of Mercy is committed to providing a compassionate presence, professional care, education and ongoing support for everyone throughout our community. For more information regarding Hospice of Mercy, please call (319) 398-6496.



## Library Charrette and Feasibility Study

The Hiawatha Public Library has taken another step in realizing the excitement of a remodeled, expanded library for our community. In March several citizens and staff participated in a design charrette to determine the needs of our patrons as we consider a future expansion of our current library facility. Architects from FEH Associates were available to sketch the ideas shared by those in attendance. A design of the exterior and interior was formulated along with a favorable floor plan matching the needs of our present and future patrons.

The Library has used a donation to hire local fundraiser ME&V to determine the feasibility of a capital campaign to raise money for this project. The feasibility study committee is comprised of seven volunteers who will meet for the next few months to identify potential donors and volunteer leaders in the community. This capital campaign has not started, but the Library is hoping to determine the likelihood of a successful capital campaign. This study will assess how much money can most likely be raised, outline the most effective fundraising strategy, assess readiness for a campaign, and recommend a realistic and appropriate campaign goal.



## Hiawatha Public Library - Dead Authors Series

The Hiawatha Public Library and the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art once again had a successful presentation by the Dead Authors Society. On Friday, April 11, 2014, a crowd of 68 people gathered at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art to enjoy our radio theatre rendition of "Around the World in 80 Days." Thank you to all who came to spend their evening with us.

Our stars included Hiawatha Fire Chief Mike Nesslage, storyteller Darrin Crow, teacher Robin Crow, Toastmaster Paul Wood, actor/librarian Andy LeSieru, and computer guru Kerry Patrick. Len Struttman volunteered as our stage manager and sound effects dude.

Our next 'broadcast' will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25, 2014 at the Hiawatha Public Library. We will present Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "Scandal in Bohemia." If you have any questions, please call Pat at the Hiawatha Public Library at 319.393.1414. We hope to see you there!



## Changes to Resource Recovery and Refuse Disposal Ordinance

In the April 16, 2014 Hiawatha Council meeting, the City Council amended the Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 106 Resource Recovery and Refuse Disposal **§106.01 Definitions by deleting in its entirety (10) Glass containers, and amending (17) recyclables by removing glass containers and adding chipboard, cardboard, paper, magazines, and catalogs, and amending (19) Refuse by deleting paper and adding glass containers, and amending §106.06 Frequency of Collection by changing the section title to Frequency of Collection/Enclosure Requirements and adding language to provide clarification on enclosure requirements.**

## Introducing Hiawatha's Newest Team Members

Kari Graber, joined the staff as our new Deputy Clerk on April 7, 2014. Kari graduated from Mt. Mercy University, where she received her Bachelor's degree with a double major in Criminal Justice and Business Administration.

Kari, her husband, Justin and their five year old daughter, currently live in Cedar Rapids. Kari enjoys spending time with her family and within the last year has become a beginner runner and looks forward to completing some 5K races this year. Welcome Kari!



Please join us in welcoming our newly hired Community Development Director, Patrick Parsley. Patrick brings with him over 25 years of experience in the building profession. He has played the role of Building Official/Fire Code Official since 1989 in Fairmont, MN. He holds an AAS Degree in Industrial Technology and ICC certifications as Building Official and Plan Examiner. His love for the profession has given him opportunities as a board member of the International Code Council (ICC) and the State of Minnesota. Welcome Patrick!



## New Look - New Name - City Center

The former Homeworks center, located on North Center Point is nearly complete. Major renovations involved facade upgrades, a new pedestrian sidewalk, roof changes and enhancements to unit entrances.

Built in the early 90's, the strip mall was one of the first development's of its kind in Hiawatha. The retail mall was occupied by home building supply stores and appropriately named Homeworks. However, as times and businesses changed, a new name was needed to reflect those changes. The new City Center is home to Oscar's Restaurant, Hair Gallery, Metropolitan Family Practice and Chiropractic, Appliance Parts & Supply, REM and soon to be opening That One Cupcake Place.

Stop by these businesses at the new Hiawatha City Center.



## Council Action

April 2, 2014

**Ordinance 781 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones adding parking restrictions on the north side of the street along the entire length of Heefner Street.**

**Resolution 14-061 Approve and authorize execution of a five (5) year Development Agreement by and between the City of Hiawatha and NGBA, LLC for Phase II improvements within the Hiawatha Urban Renewal Area.**

**Resolution 14-062 - Adopt plans, specs, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 14th Avenue and Eisenhower Road Pavement Reconstruction Project - 2014 Street Repair Project.**

**Resolution 14-063 - Set public hearing date (April 16, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 106 Resource Recovery and Refuse Disposal §106.01 Definitions by deleting in its entirety (10) Glass containers, and amending (17) Recyclables by removing glass containers and adding chipboard, cardboard, paper, magazines, and catalogs, and amending (19) Refuse by deleting paper and adding glass containers.**

**Resolution 14-064 - Approve Preliminary Official Statement for the \$2,650,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A.**

**Resolution 14-065 - Direct sale of \$2,650,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A.**

**Resolution 14-066 - Award Contract for 2014 Mosquito Control Program to Mosquito Control of Iowa of Rolfe, Iowa.**

**Resolution 14-067 - Support an Arbor Day Proclamation on April 26, 2014.**

**Resolution 14-068 - Approve the purchase of a 2010 Toyota Tacoma Truck and authorize staff to sign the necessary documents.**

**Resolution 14-069 - Amend the Community Center Rental Agreement by adding a Non-residents rental fee.**

**Resolution 14-070 - Authorize a Contract Agreement between the City of Hiawatha Fire Department and Nextera Energy Duane Arnold to provide stand-by medical services.**

**Resolution 14-071 - Set City Attorney compensation/fee structure through June 30, 2015.**

**Resolution 14-072 - Authorize city staff to pay invoices related to relocation assistance and moving fee costs for tenants affected by the Town Center / Center Point Road Corridor Intersection Improvement Project.**

**Resolution 14-073 - Authorize the residential purchase of property 113 Oak Street.**

**Resolution 14-074 - Approve a release agreement between the City of Hiawatha and West Plains Engineering Inc., in connection with the HVAC System Repair Work at City Hall.**

April 16, 2014

**Ordinance 782 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 106 Resource Recovery and Refuse Disposal §106.01 Definitions by deleting in its entirety (10) Glass containers, and amending (17) Recyclables by removing glass containers and adding chipboard, cardboard, paper, magazines, and catalogs, and amending (19) Refuse by deleting paper and adding glass containers, and amending §106.00 Frequency of Collection by changing the section title to Frequency of Collection/Enclosure Requirements and adding language to provide clarification on enclosure requirements.**

**Resolution 14-075 - Set public hearing date (May 7, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances 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 exceed ten (10) tons.**

**Resolution 14-076 - Set public hearing date (May 7, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 63 Speed Regulations in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 63 Speed Regulations.**

**Resolution 14-077 - Set public hearing date (May 7, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 155 Building Code, Chapter 156 Plumbing Code and Chapter 158 Mechanical Code references to the International Code to correct Scrivener's errors to reference year 2006 Edition and replacing with year 2009 Edition throughout each code section.**

**Resolution 14-078 - Appoint Paying Agent, Note Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorize the Execution of the Agreement.**

**Resolution 14-079 - Approve and authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and levy a tax to pay said bond.**

**Resolution 14-080 - Approve funding request for Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation.**

**Resolution 14-081 - Award Contract for the 14th Avenue and Eisenhower Road Pavement Reconstruction Project - 2014 Street Repair Project to Horsfield Construction, Inc., of Epworth, Iowa in the amount of \$389,509.75.**

**Resolution 14-082 - Approve the Fire Department and Police Department Special Events Policy and related documents.**

**Resolution 14-083 - Establish fees and rates for Fire Department standby services and Police Department off-duty officer services.**

**Resolution 14-084 - Approve a sidewalk deferment and hard surface parking lot deferment for the Hiawatha Water Department Municipal Well site located at 2910 Fitzroy Road.**

**Resolution 14-085 - Approve Iron Fence Panels for the retaining wall/fence along portions of the West side of North Center Point Road.**

**Resolution 14-086 - Approve City Staff recommendation for filling the Community Development Director position.**

## Mosquito Control Program 2014

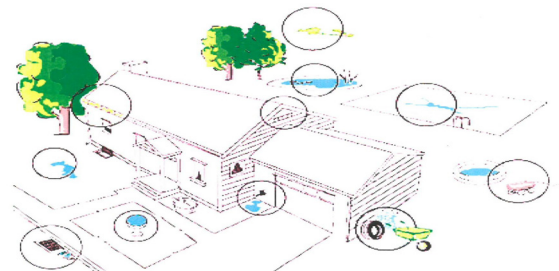
The City of Hiawatha has awarded the 2014 Mosquito Control Program to Mosquito Control of Iowa from Rolfe, Iowa.

The City will receive a combination of treatments from the Integrated Pest Management treatments through out the program season based on the NPDES permit. Depending on the weather and species of mosquitoes that are encountered, the treatments will be selected from the control methods to provide the City with the best results available.

Requested Spray Dates: Before Concerts in the Park, May 23, August 1, 8, 15 & 22 and before Hog Wild Days June 19 - 23.

If you have questions, would like to be placed on the "call list" before spraying or would like to request chemical specifications, contact: Mosquito Control of Iowa (712) 848-3295 or access their website at [www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com](http://www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com).

Potential Breeding Sites



# MAY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park	Amnesty Pickup Begins		Council 5:30pm			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park	History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park	P&Z 5:30 pm	Water 5:30 pm	Council 5:30pm		Bike Rodeo/ Concert Guthridge Park 4:30-9pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park	City Hall Closed Holiday		Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18	Movies on the Square 6pm Despicable Me 2	

# JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Council 5:30pm			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park	History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park		Water 5:30 pm	Council 5:30pm	Hog Wild Days		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Hog Wild Days			Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18	Movies on the Square Boyson Square 6pm	
29	30					
Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park	P&Z 5:30 pm	Visit our website: <a href="http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com">www.hiawatha-iowa.com</a>				

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## REM Iowa Participates in 2nd Annual National Volunteer Day

Employees of REM Iowa, a partner of The Mentor Network, a national network of local health and human services providers, came together with their families and friends on April 12th to participate in the 2nd Annual National Volunteer Day. Nearly 200 employees cleaned up Tucker Park and Guthridge Park in Hiawatha after a hard winter. Volunteers rakes leaves, added mulch, cleared the parks of sticks and debris, and prepared the parks for spring.

"What an amazing and fun-filled experience it was to participate in The Mentor Network's 2nd Annual Volunteer Day!" said Lisa Pakkebie, Executive Director of REM Iowa.

Nearly 800 employees across The Mentor Network volunteered in nine states on April 12th. Participants organized spring cleanups and painting projects at a Boys & Girls Club, therapeutic horse farm, community boathouse, battered women's shelter and various parks across the country, while other boxed products at food banks and sorted donated items at The Salvation Army.



## Lions Club Hog Wild Days 2014

**Save the Date - June 19 - 22, 2014**

So many great activities at Hog Wild Days that you won't want to miss out!

King/Queen Contest (4 yr olds); Pie Eating Contests; Bingo; Arts & Crafts; Food Concessions; Free Music in the Park; Bowling Pin Toss (adults); Ring Toss Games (kids); Carnival Rides; Ping Pong Drop (12 & under); Parade; After Parade Party (kids); Nightly Music in the Big Tent. For more information: [www.hogwilddays.com](http://www.hogwilddays.com). Be sure to support Hog Wild Days for fireworks donations.

## Community Center Rate Increase

Effective May 1, 2014 the Hiawatha Community Center will be adding a non-resident rental rate.

The rentals will be as follows:

<b>One Time Block</b>	<b>\$125 - Resident</b>	<b>\$150 - Non Resident</b>
<b>All Day</b>	<b>\$200 - Resident</b>	<b>\$225 - Non Resident</b>



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