# Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

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| **To:** | Park and Recreation Commission |
| **CC:** | Mayor and City Council |
| **From:** | Kelly Friedl, Park and Recreation Director |
| **Date:** | November 8th, 2016 |
| **Re:** | Park and Recreation Report |

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**Recreation Updates:**

- **City Event for 2016**- Meeting will be on Monday, November 14th in the Hiawatha Community Center at 5:30pm. Please come if you are available.
- **Special Needs Dance** – Barber's Etc. held their special needs dance on October 21st in the Hiawatha Community Center. Participants danced, laughed and hung out with friends while enjoying refreshments and snacks.
- **Fall Festival** –Fall Festival took place on October 23rd. Nearly 500 children showed up in costume and many of them participated in the costume contest sponsored by Hi-Crew Kiwanis. Amongst the winners was a troll, witch and a little fisherman. Children also decorated pumpkins sponsored by Strawberry Acres and participated in a coloring contest sponsored by Awaken Family Chiropractic. Prestige Dance Studio performed before the costume contest and The New Horizons Band performed after. Overall, it was a wonderful day and we're looking forward to it next year!
- **Kids Movie Night** – Our next Kids Movie Night will be on November 11th at 6:30pm. We are excited to be showing The Angry Birds Movie! As always, we will have free popcorn and juice for families in attendance. Just a reminder, this will be the last movie before we get our system upgrade!
- **Candlelight Yoga**- Our first ever candlelight yoga will be in the community center on November 10th from 6:45 to 7:45pm. Registrations can be paid for ahead of time on our website or participants can drop in also. The fee is $8 and Hiawatha Parks and recreation will receive $2 per participant.
- **2017 Brochure**- We are reaching out to businesses for 2017 sponsors along with the planning of our programs. We have some new ideas and ways to improve our existing programs. We will bring a copy of the new brochure to Decembers meeting!

**Park Updates:**

- Park restrooms are closed as of November 1st.
- Roots and Beer tree planting event was a huge success! We planted 38 trees and were thrilled with the turn out! We had volunteers from Master Tool, Aerotek, Farmers State Bank, Farm Credit

Services, Boy Scouts and city staff. We were completed in an hour and a half and enjoyed Brats, Root Beer and Beer after the event. We hope to start making this an annual event where we can include the community and businesses in Hiawatha!

- Community Center rentals are in full swing. Ted waxed and polished the floor for the upcoming fall/winter rentals and it looks great! We continue to make renters responsible for clean up tasks to keep the facility in good condition. We will repaint this winter along with the audio upgrade that we are all excited for.