



Hiawatha Insights

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Safe Winter Driving Tips



- Clear snow and ice from all windows and lights—even the hood and roof—before driving.
- Pay attention. Don't try to out-drive the conditions. Remember the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.
- Leave plenty of room for stopping. Brake early. Brake correctly. It takes more time and distance to stop in adverse conditions. If your car is equipped with anti-lock brakes, do not pump brakes in attempting to stop. The right way is to "stomp and steer!"
- Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows. The law requires you to slow down or move over when approaching emergency or maintenance vehicles, including snow plows, parked on the side of the road when they have their flashing lights turned on. If you approach a parked emergency or maintenance vehicle during a winter storm and decide to change lanes be extra careful. The passing lane may be in worse shape than the driving lane. There may also be a snow ridge between the two lanes. Avoid making an abrupt lane change. If approaching a snowplow, stay back at least 200 feet (at least 15 car lengths) and don't pass on the right. Snowplows plow far and wide—sometimes very wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the centerline and shoulders during plowing operations. Plows turn and exit the road frequently. On multiple lane roads, watch for snowplows operating in either lane. Snowplows can throw up a cloud of snow that can reduce your visibility to zero in less time than you can react. Drive smart. Never drive into a snow cloud—it could conceal a snowplow. A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them but they may not see you
- Know the current road conditions. Call 511 or log onto the Iowa DOT winter road conditions web page.
- Watch for slippery bridge decks, even when the rest of the pavement is in good condition. Bridge decks will ice up sooner than the adjacent pavement.
- Don't use your cruise control in wintry conditions. Even roads that appear clear can have sudden slippery spots and the short touch of your brakes to deactivate the cruise control feature can cause you to lose control of your vehicle.
- Don't get overconfident in your 4x4 vehicle. Remember that your four-wheel drive vehicle may help you get going quicker than other vehicles but it won't help you stop any faster. Many 4x4 vehicles are heavier than passenger vehicles and actually may take longer to stop. Don't get overconfident in your 4x4 vehicle's traction. Your 4x4 can lose traction as quickly as a two-wheel drive vehicle.
- Look farther ahead in traffic than you normally do. Actions by cars and trucks will alert you quicker to problems and give you a split-second extra time to react safely.
- Remember that trucks are heavier than cars. Trucks take longer to safely respond and come to a complete stop, so avoid cutting quickly in front of them.
- Drive with your headlights on.
- Go slow—especially when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady spots. These are all candidates for developing black ice—a thin coating of clear ice that can form on the pavement surface that may be difficult to see.



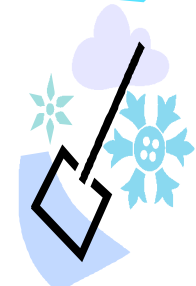
Critical Winter Phone Numbers



Winter Road Condition Numbers

Iowa.....	511 OR 800-288-1047
Illinois.....	800-452-4368
Minnesota.....	800-542-0220
Missouri.....	800-222-6400
Nebraska.....	402-471-4533
South Dakota.....	866-697-3511
Wisconsin.....	800-762-3947

www.weather.gov www.iowadot.org www.iowaroadconditions.org



Town Center Project: Fact Vs. Myth from your Mayor



A few weeks ago, an article in a local newspaper about the Hiawatha town center project left some residents thinking that the city was ready to buy their homes and start building a new “downtown”. Both thoughts are wrong. Please let me set the record straight.

MYTH

- Center Point Road, Robins Road & Emmons Street intersection is safe and is ok as is. There are no serious problems today.
- The City is going to buy homes within the Town Center Master plan map. Citizens asked if the city will use eminent domain.
- The City is going to build a new “downtown” Hiawatha.
- All the decisions have been made regarding the Town Center Master plan project. Citizens will have no input.

FACT

- The Center Point Road, Robins Road & Emmons Street intersection needs to be re-aligned before serious problems happen and for the increased traffic flows.
- The Council has stated that they do not intend to use eminent domain and will only purchase properties that are needed for the intersection re-alignment project. No homes are needed for this project.
- Public tax money will be used only in regards to the re-alignment of the intersection. However, as a result of the re-alignment, there is potential for redevelopment of the surrounding area. This would be done through private developers using private funds and be privately driven which if done properly, could result in the developer asking the City to participate. City participation would be project specific and decided by future council(s). This then could become what some may call the “downtown” or the “Town Center”.
- The council is still gathering ideas and facts. No decisions have been made at this time. The council has met with Dave Ciaccio, project consultant, regarding the re-alignment of North Center Point Rd, Robins Rd, Emmons St and the potential effects to the surrounding area.

In anticipation of the possible redevelopment of the surrounding area, the council is looking at various development concepts in anticipation of future private development. This approach focuses on the development of the areas’ aesthetics, it’s infrastructure and building types and materials in an attempt to encourage coordinated development of this area.

Once the council has a few concepts on paper, they will plan on at least two (2) public meetings to share those concepts and hear the citizens input. Citizens will be notified through the newsletter, website and newspaper.

This project will not happen over night. The intersection re-alignment is just the first step and the adjacent area redevelopment is a project of such caliber that it will take many hours, conversations, fore-thought, citizens input and dollars before moving ahead.

I hope this answers some questions. Just one last thought. This is a long term project. At this time, no target dates have been set.

Snow Emergency Alternate Parking

Parking on public streets in Hiawatha during a declared Snow Emergency (media announced) must comply with the following schedule:

1st Day, even-numbered calendar day: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking only on the side of the street with even numbered addresses.

1st Day, odd-numbered calendar day: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking only on the side of the street with odd numbered addresses.

2nd Day: Parking only on the opposite side of the street as was permitted the previous day.

These snow emergency alternate side parking rules do NOT supersede current parking restrictions.

Vehicle Impoundment: The Hiawatha Police Department is authorized to remove any vehicle that is parked in violation of the ordinance, or is parked on a public street in a way that causes a hindrance to snow removal. Owners will be fined and liable for towing and storage costs.

Introducing.....

Chad Breidinger—Code Enforcement Officer

I was born and raised in Spencer, Iowa.

I moved to the Cedar Rapids area in 2001 to attend Kirkwood Community College where I studied Architectural Design and Business.

I am just starting as the Code Enforcement Officer for the city. In taking the position for the City of Hiawatha, I am looking forward to being a part of a growing community.

My role will be to help maintain the city ordinances, which will help keep our city safe and clean to work and live in for residents and visitors.



Chad Breidinger, Code Enforcement Officer

Jerry Rowray—Janitorial/Building/Grounds Maintenance

Jerry served in the USMC from 1975—1981.

He married his wife Robin, 30 years ago and they have three (3) children, Shaleen, Gary and Dustin. Jerry and Robin have two (2) grand children, Tavin and Jersey.

Jerry has owned two (2) small businesses, Advanced Blasting and Row Painting, he has worked in the construction fields of concrete, roofing, remodeling, siding and painting.

Before coming to the City of Hiawatha, Jerry spent the last three (3) years working in maintenance for local property management companies.



Jerry Rowray, Janitorial/Building/Grounds Maintenance

Water Department Fluoridation Award

The Hiawatha Water Department is honored to receive the 2007 Water Foundation Quality Award.

The Water Foundation Reporting System and the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease control and Prevention commends the Hiawatha Water Department for its consistent and professional adjustment of their water fluoride content to the optimum level for oral health for 12 consistent months. The consistent, high quality water fluoridation practice, as demonstrated by the Hiawatha Water Department is a safe and effective method to prevent tooth decay, improving the oral health of community residents of all ages.



Back L to R: Trent Svoboda, Carl Ransford, Marty Recker

Front L to R: Deb Larson, Sara Ries, Steve Kramer



November 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 CIP Work Sessions 6pm	4	5 Council 7pm	6	7	8
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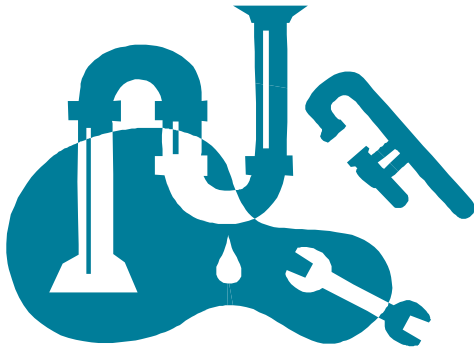
Project Updates

Demolition of Buildings and Grading of 94 & 98 Emmons Street

This project is nearing completion, projected for November 1, 2008.

Project Cost :\$48,409.50.

Contract Awarded to: Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd. from Anamosa, Iowa



8th Avenue Watermain and Subdrain Project

This project was scheduled to begin: October 23, 2008

Projected completion date: December 19, 2008

Project Awarded to: Tschiggfrie Excavating Co., from Dubuque, Iowa at a cost not to exceed \$90,850.21.

Council Action Summary

October 1, 2008

Resolution 08-159—Consider the proposed vacation and set a public hearing date for consideration of the access easement vacation located at 300 & 320 Miller Road Lot 1, Heritage Green Fourth (4) Addition.

Resolution 08-160—Approving the Snow and Ice Control Policy and Procedures Manual revisions.

October 15, 2008

Resolution 08-163—Approving the vacation of a portion of an access easement for Lot 1, Heritage Green 4th Addition.

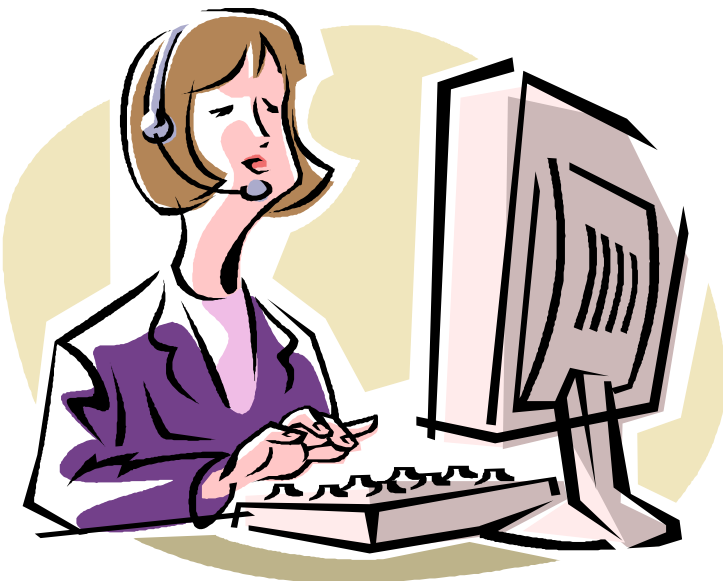
Resolution 08-164—Approving and making award of contract for the 8th Avenue Watermain and Subdrain Project to Tschiggfrie Excavating Co., in the amount of \$90,850.21.

Resolution 08-165—Approving the issuance of an “At your own risk” building permit at 1905 N Center Point Rd for CCB Packaging, Inc.

Resolution 08-166 –Approving the issuance of an “At your own risk” building permit at 1218 Dina Court for RF Micro Devices.

Resolution 08-167—Approving a 28E Agreement for Tobacco Enforcement with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division.

Resolution 08-168—Approving the disbandment of the Technology Committee.



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Library Happenings



There is plenty to be thankful for at the Hiawatha Public Library this November. Check out these upcoming programs.

- **Line Dancing with the Funky Renegades:** Saturday, November 8 at 2:00 pm. The Funky Renegades, a hip-hop line dance team for boys and girls, aged 8-13, will show off their skills on Saturday, November 8 at 2:00 pm. Following an exhibition, the Renegades will teach kids a dance they can do at home.
- **America Recycles Day Celebration:** Tuesday, November 11 at 4:15 pm. Special guest Kristin Simon from East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) will test the recycling skills and knowledge of first through fifth graders while celebrating America Recycles Day.
- **Twilight Party:** Tuesday, November 18 at 4:15 pm. The movie Twilight based on Stephenie Meyer's smash-hit book opens this week. Let's take a look back at the book that started it all. Teens are invited to dress up as their favorite characters, tell us what they like about the books and join us for activities.

Who's New in Hiawatha.....

Basket Bowtique opened September 25th in the Homeworks Center on North Center Point Road in Hiawatha. Basket Bowtique was located in downtown Cedar Rapids for 15 years until the June flood. They specialize in gifts for all occasions. Nationwide shipping and local delivery is available. Stop in and check out the large selection of gourmet foods, Iowa products and Iowa wines. November 13th is their Holiday Open House from 10:00 am—7:00 pm. Save 10% off everything storewide that day including any Holiday Gift Basket orders. Wine and food sampling from 4:00 pm—7:00 pm. Contact Linda McConnell Monday through Friday from 9:30 am—5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm, call 362-2577. Basket Bowtique is closed on Sundays.



Allen Custom Homes is celebrating two milestones this year; five years in business and their first year as a member of the Chamber. They started with just a single project and have been fortunate enough to grow into projects, staff, and now...more space by occupying an office in Hiawatha. Paul Allan Brundell, founder and president of Allen Custom Homes grew up in Grand Forks, ND and has been around the building industry all his life, growing up with a father as a general contractor. Paul has an engineering background and after working at Rockwell for over 20 years, decided to leave the corporate world and follow his passion, and build homes.

Allan Custom Homes looks forward to continuing their tradition of going the extra mile to provide tailored living solutions that create environments to match their client's lifestyles in their new Hiawatha location. They offer Building Information Sessions to anyone who is thinking about building or doing a remodel to help acquaint them with the process and answer any questions. They are located at 350 Miller Road, Suite 2 in Hiawatha and can be reached by phone at (319) 447-6019. Office Hours are by appointment only.