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Hiawatha Insights

Metro Economic Alliance Innovation Council Tours Hiawatha Businesses

On September 13, 2012, the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance Innovation Council toured Ahmann Design/Compass Commercial Services/Fusion Architects Inc., all located at 1641 Boyson Square Drive and the future Kirkwood Community College Regional Center at 1779 Boyson Road, Hiawatha.

Joe Ahmann of Ahmann Design graciously gave a tour of his building, which encompasses Ahmann Design, Compass Commercial Services and Fusion Architects, together they provide a vast majority of services that focus on providing custom home design services and comprehensive planning and architectural design services for a variety of community sectors. They have resources to handle multiple projects regardless of scope or type, with experience in design ranging from commercial office to multi-family apartment complexes. Plan development and design, site planning, consultation, architecture, sustainable design, site evaluation, space planning, historic preservation, program analysis that defines the functional and operational requirements of designed spaces.

With collaboration as a group, they can achieve truly creative solutions. "From Concept Completion to Exceeding Expectations", this is the Ahmann motto.

Before heading across the street to the soon to be Kirkwood Community College Regional Center, the group toured Mobile Demand, a growing company that provides innovative Rugged Tablet PC systems that can improve productivity anywhere from the shop floor - to the delivery truck - to the check-out line.

Mindy Thorton, Director of Linn County Regional Center and Amber Aiken, Center Assistant provided a tour that explains the layout of the future regional center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Kirkwood Community College is anticipating to open the regional learning center in August of 2013. With today's global economy, we are forced into significant changes in how secondary and post-secondary institutions deliver education. Nearly 70% of all jobs will require some form of training beyond high school. Kirkwood, K12, and Industry Partners are aligning to yield a viable, educated workforce to sustain the competitive advantage and quality of life in our region. With global vision and innovative curriculum, Kirkwood is redefining the role of the community college in meeting the academic needs of the 21st century. Now more than ever, that vision is reaching far beyond its growing main campus in Cedar Rapids. The Northern Kirkwood Region will offer traditional college programming as well as innovative, high tech career academies with industry recognized certifications, Liberal Arts and Science transform courses, Occupational Therapy Assistant (primary location for Kirkwood's degree program), Physical Therapy Assistant (primary location for Kirkwood's degree program), writing lab, Development Math Emporium, test center, tutor center, Financial Aid Services, Academic Advising, and Career Counseling Services.

In partnership with K12 schools, the facility will offer morning and afternoon blocks of Career Academy programming for approximately 250 high school aged students. Additionally Thorton states, "The center will offer traditional and non-traditional student programming between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, as well as some weekend offerings." They anticipate approximately 600+ students enrolling in college credit programming during year one at the Hiawatha location. Additionally, non-credit and continuing education certifications will be available. Kirkwood Community College is thrilled to collaborate with the City of Hiawatha, as well as our partnering districts, and surrounding communities, to move opportunities for student successes and economic development forward in our region.



Hiawatha!TM

Playing for Keeps 2012 Recap



The Friends of Hiawatha Park & Recreation led the charge in fund-raising for the 4th Annual Playing for Keeps, held on October 6th at Cedar Rapids Toyota. The funds raised help support Hiawatha's Summer Adventure Camp with the purchase of supplies, field trips, to raise money to support the necessary provisions for the year and provide scholarships for students that can't afford the program. Several items, such as trips, tools, gift cards and even a plane ride up for auction, nearly \$13,000 was raised for the kids. All those in attendance were able to sample wonderful seasonal beers provided by 7G Distributors (Budweiser) as well as several Iowa wines for tasting from Cedar Ridge Vineyards. Bata's Catering also supplied a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres to pair with our beverage selections. Nassor Cooper played some familiar acoustic guitar favorites, adding to the entertainment for the evening.



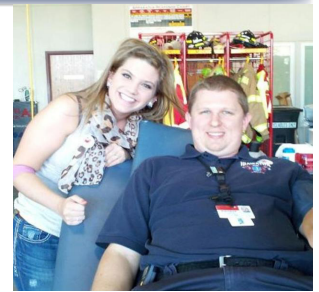
Playing for Keeps Emcees: Mediacom's Karol Kelley and KCRG-TV Meteorologist Kaj O'Meara

The Friends of Hiawatha Parks & Recreation would like to thank all the sponsors that helped to make Playing for Keeps a success: Cedar Rapids Toyota Scion; World Class Industries; Evans United Shows; Personal Safety Corporation; Master Tool & Manufacturing; Hiawatha Bank & Trust; Roasters Coffee House; DAD Manufacturing, Inc.; University of Iowa Credit Union; Schimberg Company; Fleetcare; and the HI-CREW Kiwanis Club.

Hiawatha Fire Department Blood Drive

The Hiawatha Fire Department recently hosted a blood drive for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center on September 25, 2012. We were able to collect a total of 16 units of blood. In recent years, the Hiawatha Fire Department has collected over 100 units of blood!

Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes. A photo I.D. or Donor Card is required to donate. The next blood drive is scheduled for **December 4, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** at the Hiawatha Fire Station; 60 Tenth Avenue. To schedule a time to help save a life, please call Deputy Chief Sweeney at 319-393-4180 or go online at <http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=33992>.



Your donation will help save lives. Thank you for supporting **local** patients by giving blood!

Coffee with Council at City Hall

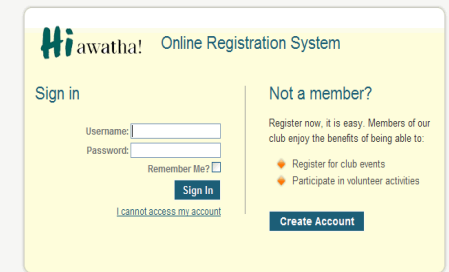
City Staff hosted "Coffee with Council" on September 25, 2012. The event provides the time, structure and a setting for Council to speak with each City Hall department: Park & Recreation, Community Development, Hiawatha Water Department, Police and Policy and Administration - Clerks and Finance.

Although this event addresses a variety of topics such as; strategic planning, staff's goals and the directions for each department, it additionally builds a collaborative working relationship between City Staff and Council.

Council additionally had the opportunity to see first-hand how our Cogran systems works when renting the community center, park pavilions or registering a child for a recreation program, along with reviewing our impressive Radix system that achieves electronic document storage. This system helps us key specific words to gather information. The Radix system stores our history of minutes, ordinances, and resolutions for Council, Park and Recreation, Community Development and History Boards and Commissions.

The next Coffee with Council is set at the Iron Plant, located at 2030 Boyson Road on November 27, 2012 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to take a tour of any of the City facilities or talk with your Council, the public is always welcome to attend.



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Date	Document Type	Description	Number	Department	Status	Format	Status
01-04-2012	Resolution	Pay estimate #1 1/2011 H-300 and System rd monitoring camera installation project	12-002	Council	[Blank]	[Blank]	
01-04-2012	Resolution	Pay estimate #9 1/2011 rcpr from stamny to lower terrace pcc pavement, trail, sidewalk, water main & storm sewer project	12-001	Council	[Blank]	[Blank]	
01-09-2012	Resolution	Accept city administrator's resignation	12-003	Council	[Blank]	[Blank]	
01-18-2012	Resolution	Adopt plans, specs, form of contract, estimate of cost, proceed with informal bid process 2012 utilities creek erosion repairs project (heritage green)	12-010	Council	[Blank]	[Blank]	
01-18-2012	Resolution	amend pay plan policy and procedures deleting city administrator and add city clerk	12-012	Council	[Blank]	[Blank]	

History Commission on Hog Wild Days

1983 was the beginning of Hiawatha Hog Wild Days as a fund-raising effort between the Otter Creek Lions Club and the Lions Club of Hiawatha. The summer event was a way to develop community spirit as a family event.

Hog Wild Days is held in Hiawatha's beautiful Guthridge Park. In earlier days it was called City Park. Thirty years ago at City Park the first festivities fun days was called Donkey Ball Game, (a soft ball game where the batter hits the ball then had to ride a donkey around the bases.)

Dave Saari and Arlo Waterhouse were there from the start, the current chairman of the event is Larry Shepard with Craig Clark responsible for the advertising and public relations. Mr. Hog Wild Days or "Head Piggy" was Lee Waddington, who played a significant role in the success of Hog Wild Days.

Over the years, a 5K run and fireworks were added and the light show is amazing!

Charter members of the Lions Club of Hiawatha years ago consisted of 35 to 40 members, today there are approximately 17 guys and gals that are truly hard working dedicated volunteers to make it all work. 90% of the money raised goes back into the community. The event is and continues to be supported by the residents, businesses and other established clubs such as the Shriners, Kiwanis, the Scouts, the American Legion, and the Kennedy Swim Team.

The proceeds from Hog Wild Days allow the Lions Club of Hiawatha to provide funding for projects including: The Hiawatha Fire Department, programs in area High Schools, programs to help the blind and hearing impaired and purchase of equipment for other City needs. A lot of hard work and good fellowship goes into Hog Wild Days each year and the reputation of being a family event makes it great! Mark your calendars for **June 20 - 23, 2013**.



HACAP and Homeless Children's Trust Holiday Assistance

In November of 2011, the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program's (HACAP) Homeless Children's Trust discovered a larger than ever need of holiday assistance for the area's homeless children. Unfortunately, economic times had tightened resources everywhere. HACAP turned to their own back yard for help and Hiawatha residents and businesses opened their hearts and their wallets!

Last year, Mayor Tom Theis presented HACAP with two large boxes of toys and a check for \$15,000 with additional donations totaling over \$20,000, providing the children with a Christmas holiday that included gifts, clothing and food.

Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) and the City of Hiawatha will again partner to raise funds for the 2012 HACAP Christmas Event. Since 2010, the number of homeless persons in Linn County has increased by 29% and 50% (approximately 2,900) are children.

Don't allow these children, homeless not by choice, to miss the joys of the holidays. YOU and Hiawatha can help!

The Hiawatha City Council and HEDCO, our economic development group, are asking all of us who can to join them in making the holidays a little happier for these children:

*** Buy a new unwrapped children's toy (age 3-12), OR Write a check (tax deductible) to HACAP Homeless Children's Trust. Deliver to The Hiawatha City Hall between 8 AM - 5 PM from Nov. 26th - 30th and Dec. 3rd and 4th.**

Your contributions and/or toys will be presented to HACAP at the City Council meeting on December 5th.

Share the joy of the holidays! Please join your neighbors and Hiawatha businesses, and help a homeless child.

Thank you for your kindness!

40th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act

On Saturday, October 20, 2012, the Cities of Cedar Rapids, Marion and Hiawatha celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act at Noelridge Park.

The world saw first-hand the damages that pollutants cause in our waterways and there were great concerns for the citizens of the U.S. and their livelihoods.

President Nixon enacted the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendment of 1972 - the modern clean water act - establishing a national commitment to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation's waters. The Clean Water Act has been instrumental in providing the health of rivers, lakes and coastal waters. It has stopped billions of pounds of pollutants from fouling the water, dramatically increasing the number of waterways that are safe for swimming and fishing. (www.pbs.org Now 2012)

In 1969, pollution in Chesapeake Bay caused \$3M annually in losses to the fishing industry. The Hudson River was 170 times over the safe limit of bacteria. 46 million fish were killed in Lake Thonotossa, Florida, due to discharges from four (4) food processing plants and in the Cuyahoga River, just southeast of Cleveland Ohio, a floating oil slick burst into flames, causing significant fire damage to two key railroad trestles. The Cities of Hiawatha, Cedar Rapids, and Marion take our responsibility of keeping our waterways safe and out of harms way by providing a storm water distribution policy and setting guidelines for developers. The City of Hiawatha has taken these guidelines very seriously and have led by example. The City has created their own bio-swale in front of City Hall, along with porous concrete parking lots and a detention basin. For more information on storm water drainage policies, you can go to www.hiawatha-iowa.com Community Development.



Council Action

October 3, 2012

- Ordinance 735 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 131 Metropolitan Area Taxicab and Limousine Code in its entirety and replace it with a new Chapter 131 Taxicab and Limousine Code to correspond with current metro area requirements.**
- Resolution 12-229 - Establish fees and rates relating to Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 131 Taxicab and Limousine Code.**
- Resolution 12-230 - Set public hearing date (October 17, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones adding parking restrictions for both sides of Heritage Boulevard and both sides of Heritage Green Boulevard from Miller Road to the east side of Ridgewood Drive.**
- Resolution 12-231 - Award contract for Clymer Road Storm Sewer Extension Project to Dave Schmitt Construction Co. Inc., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa for an amount not to exceed \$77,392.**
- Resolution 12-232 - Declaring no City of Hiawatha obligation in providing assistance to correct drainage issues on private property located at 300/310 Clymer Road.**
- Resolution 12-233 - Approve an LED Residential Street Light Pilot Project in the areas of N 12th Avenue, N 15th Avenue and 15th Avenue Court.**
- Resolution 12-234 - Authorize Mayor to sign a purchase agreement for one (1) used vacuum sewer jetter replacing Public Works Department Unit 590.**
- Resolution 12-235 - Approve "At Your Own Risk" Building Permit as requested by TCC Investments and Brad Potter of Legacy Stone to start construction on a building and parking lots for Legacy Stone located at 1530 Stamy Road.**
- Resolution 12-236 - Approve Revised Preliminary Plat for Croell's First Addition.**
- Resolution 12-237 - Approve purchase agreement for acquisition of right-of-way and easements located at 111 E Boyson Road Thomas and Myra Dricken in connection with Boyson Road/Robins Road Intersection Project.**
- Resolution 12-238 - Approve purchase agreement for acquisition of right-of-way and permanent easement located at 1004 Robins Road Minney and Hanson in connection with Boyson Road/Robins Road Intersection Project.**
- Resolution 12-240 - Amend and clarify Resolution #12-212 for Final Schedule of Assessments for two parcels in Tower Commerce Center Fourth and Fifth Additions, and providing for payment thereof.**
- Resolution 12-241 - Amend and clarify Resolution #12-197 authorizing staff to move forward with Engineer Succession Planning Plan of Improvements Items.**
- Resolution 12-242 - Approve purchase agreement for acquisition of right-of-way and permanent easement and purchase agreement for a temporary easement at 975 Robins Road Inland Transport Company / Hawkeye Convenience in connection with the Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection Project**
- Resolution 12-243 - Approve purchase agreement for acquisition of right-of-way and permanent easement at 45 Boyson Road Thomas Bowler in connection with the Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection Project.**

October 17, 2012

- Ordinance 736 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones adding parking restrictions for both sides of Heritage Boulevard and both sides of Heritage Green Boulevard from Miller Road to the east side of Ridgewood Drive.**
- Resolution 12-244 - Approve sewer waiver on second water meter for 3516 Fitzroy Road.**
- Resolution 12-245 - Pledging financial support for FY 13-14 to Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance.**
- Resolution 12-246 - Pledging financial support for FY 13-14 to EDC.**
- Resolution 12-247 - Fix date of (November 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.) for meeting on proposal to enter into Development Agreement with Legacy Stone of Eastern Iowa, LLC and BJP Investments, LLC and provide for Publication of Notice.**
- Resolution 12-248 - Set public hearing date (November 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.) to consider approval of Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2013 - 2017.**
- Resolution 12-249 - Declare temporary embargo on Tower Terrace Road and Loggerhead Road to limit deterioration of seal coated roads.**
- Resolution 12-250 - Approve Hiawatha Fire Department's Structural Fire Training on properties located on Kainz Drive and N. Center Point Road.**
- Resolution 12-251 - Approve City Hall access hatch hand rail to provide roof safety.**
- Resolution 12-252 - Declare official intent to reimburse in connection with the Commissioning of City Hall for professional services performed by KJWW Engineering Consulting to correct issues with the heating and cooling system (HVAC) due to inability to use Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) Dollars as originally approved at the September 19, 2012 Council meeting.**
- Resolution 12-253 - Approve the relocation of commercial or industrial enterprises / Fair Play Agreement with the City of Marion.**
- Resolution 12-254 - Approve purchase agreement for the acquisition of right-of-way and permanent access easement located at 45 Boyson Road and payment to Sandra McVicker d/b/a SD Waves and Co. (Lessee) in the amount of \$13,600 in connection with the Boyson Road / Robins Road Intersection Project.**

GSB at Guthridge and Tucker Park

Hiawatha City Council allocated Local Option Sales and Service Tax funds this year for Gilsonite Sealer Binder (GSB) Preservation of Tucker and Guthridge Parks. The scope of the project included crack sealing, GSB, and striping for Tucker Park parking lot with trail and Guthridge Park parking lot 10th Ave., N. 7th and 8th Ave., and the trail. The project was done by Gee Asphalt Systems for \$30,099. Our goal is to preserve our parking lots and trails and extend the life of our infrastructure. By preserving the pavement with GSB, we reduce our future cost in repairs and the need for reconstruction. GSB products are a reinvestment in asphalt which should be done every five years for parking lots and eight years for trails. Our plan is to do the same treatment for Fay M. Clark Park in an upcoming Capital Improvement Plan project.





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					Special Needs Dance 6-9pm	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Council 7pm		Kids Movie Night 6pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Leaf Pickup History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 7pm	Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Water 6:30 pm	Council 7pm	 City Hall Closed	City Hall Closed	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Leaf Pickup P&Z 6 pm		Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18		



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			Council 7pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 7pm	Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	P&Z 6 pm	Water 6:30 pm	Council 7pm			
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Relocation of Wellhouse #5



With the City's growth north and west along Loggerhead Road, the Water Department has acquired 3.7 acres of land along Hay Lane for a municipal well and water storage reservoir. The Water Department is in the planning and design stages for this well, which will replace our existing Well #5. Well site #5 is located at the corner of North Center Point Road and Boyson Road. This property has recently been demolished and sold for redevelopment in the area.



Hiawatha Projects Update

Active construction projects

The City of Hiawatha is wrapping up its construction projects for the year. North Center Point Road from Stamy Road to Tower Terrace Road is nearly complete after receiving the final grading and seeding in early October. Acceptance of the project will not occur until next spring to make sure the grass is established and no surprises occur over the winter months such as additional ground settling.

The only other project currently under construction is the Clymer Road Storm Sewer Extension which includes installing 390 feet of storm sewer and 300 feet sub drain along Clymer Road east of Thiher Drive. This project is expected to be complete by November 1, 2012 with seeding to follow in the spring of 2013.

Upcoming construction projects

The City has two major projects currently under design for construction starting next year. Boyson Road and Robins Road will see a complete reconstruction with the addition of turn lanes and traffic signals, which will help relieve the current congestion. The estimated cost is \$750,000 and is partially funded by a Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant. The project is scheduled to be bid in January 2013 and construction will begin in March 2013.

The other project currently under design is the reconstruction of North Center Point Road from the Canadian National Railroad to Fisher Street. This project will extend the four lane section ending just north of the railroad tracks to connect with the existing four lanes at Fisher Street. It will include railroad crossing gates, decorative lighting, under grounding of the utilities and landscaping. The estimated cost is nearly \$3M and is partially funded with a State RISE grant of \$576,944. The project is scheduled to be bid in January 2013 with construction beginning in March 2013.



Boyson/Robins Intersection

N Center Point/CN Railroad

N Center Point Rd Seeding

Clymer Rd Storm Sewer Ext.