

# Hiawatha Insights



November 2013

## North Center Point Road Project Update

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The closure of North Center Point Road (NCPR) at the CC&P Railroad, which began on September 30, 2013 and is part of the improvements to North Center Point Road, will continue until mid-November. The headache inducing closure has already allowed several beneficial improvements, which could not have been done with NCPR open. The most visible improvements includes the removal, replacement, and raising of the current railroad tracks, the installation of new, safer signals at the crossing, and the removal of the two lane portion of North Center Point Road, in preparation for widening. The unseen, below ground improvements include new storm sewer and crossing over and burying of the current utilities, increasing the beauty of the corridor.



Contractors began paving this widened area and removing the overhead utility lines beginning the week of October 28, 2013. The new trail and sidewalk running along both sides of the road also began taking shape the same week and will provide citizens increased bicycle and pedestrian access to other trails and existing sidewalks within the region.

And, even though working with some of the utility companies has been much more a challenge than expected, we are still on schedule to open as planned in mid-November, thanks in part to the hard and quick work of other utility companies and their contractors. The landscaping and sod on the east side will be ready for this mid-November opening, however, the landscaping/sod on the west side of the road will be installed in Spring of 2014.

Access to the businesses along North Center Point is still possible, but we ask that drivers please follow the signage directing them to each business and to detours. The North Center Point Road, north of Fisher Rd., and south of Boyson Rd., is "open to local traffic only". Cyclists will have continued access to the Cedar Valley Trail, but are asked to walk their bicycles through the area of the construction zone due to the limited trail width and the presence of large construction equipment. Your cooperation and patience with this is much appreciated, and we look forward to a vastly improved North Center Point Road come later this fall.

## Boyson/Robins Road Project Update

The Boyson Road and Robins Road intersection project is substantially complete and construction was accomplished under the project budget. The new traffic signals have eased congestion through the intersection during the morning and evening rush hours. The signals have also been effective in handling additional traffic while North Center Point Road has been closed for the railroad crossing construction.

Iowa Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Local Systems staff have completed their field inspection and have no further comments. They have also completed an audit of the materials used in the project, finding no issues. The IDOT still needs to complete an audit of other contract documents, like the construction quantity and payroll records before signing off on the project.



## Boyson Pedestrian Island and Trail Project Update

The Boyson Pedestrian Island and Trail project that began in the middle of September, was completed by the middle of October. The improvements include a new, wider trail on the south side of Boyson Rd., between 15th Avenue and the Boyson Square commercial park, a red-colored concrete crossing on Boyson Rd., to the new Kirkwood Regional Campus, and a raised median to safely protect pedestrians and alert drivers.

A side project also done at the same time, by Dave Schmidt Construction, is the new flag plaza at Guthridge Park, between 9th and 10th Avenues. The new plaza was designed to celebrate the donated flag and pole in honor of our soldiers and their dedication to our country. Plaques recognizing the contributors were also installed as part of this project and the dedication ceremony occurred on Thursday, October 24, 2013.

Thanks to all of the businesses, citizens, and users who made these projects a success.



## Hiawatha Public Library Receives Donation

The Hiawatha Public Library is pleased to announce that the library is the recipient of a \$25,000 donation from Vern McKenzie in memory and honor of Jeanine Sue McKenzie.

Jeanine was born in 1962 to parents Vern and Marilyn McKenzie. While a student at Jefferson High School in Cedar Rapids, Jeanine began to help in the school library. Jeanine went on to attend Kirkwood Community College where she got her AA degree in Library Services. In the summer and after school, she worked as a volunteer for the Bookmobile for the Cedar Rapids Public Library and helped out in the children's department in the old downtown library.

After graduation from Kirkwood, Jeanine attended the University of Iowa. Still working summers on the Bookmobile, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in December 1984. Jeanine then moved to the Washington, D.C. area where she got a job as a librarian with a law firm. A few months later, she took a position as Assistant Librarian with the American College of Cardiology in Bethesda, Maryland.

After six years, Jeanine was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Three years later she died at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics on March 22, 1994. Jeanine was 32 years old.

This is such a meaningful gift for the Hiawatha Library community in that it will start the library out on raising money for an expansion of the library on the present site. This donation will be used in some way to create a permanent memorial for Jeanine.



## Hiawatha Fire Department Muscular Dystrophy Award

The Hiawatha Firefighters want to thank the Hiawatha community for their support during the Fire Department's Fill the Boot campaign for Muscular Dystrophy. Members volunteering their time raised \$9,339 for MDA in the two weekends leading up to Labor Day. Volunteer firefighters stood at intersections, attended the farmers market, and stood in front of grocery stores to accept donations. We are proud to announce that this amount came in second in donations made to volunteer fire departments in the Eastern Iowa area. Your support and the money we raise each year truly makes a difference for the patients and families that MDA serves. Whether its clinic visits at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, equipment repairs, flu shots, research, or that incredible week at summer camp, the dollars you put in the boot help make that possible. Firefighters show the plaque that was given to the fire department in recognition for their work. In this picture, (l-r), Jim White, Brad Ransford, Tim Hofferber, Paul Goetzman, Chris Weininger, and Explorer Caleb Fairlie.



## Hi-Crew Playground Equipment Donation at Clark Park

Byron Tabor, Hi-Crew's treasurer, presented a check to Mayor Tom Theis at Hiawatha's City Council meeting. The Mayor gratefully accepted a check for \$435 from Hi-Crew. This represented half of the proceeds raised during the four weeks that Hi-Crew provided concessions for the Concerts in the Park summer series.

This donated money will be used to help provide a new swing set to the Parks and Recreation Department in Hiawatha's Fay M. Clark Memorial Park.

We greatly appreciate their donation and all their hard work. (The swing set will be installed this spring.)



## Splash a Smile Recap

On September 28, 2013, Fay M. Clark Park in Hiawatha was filled with friends and families as they took part in Community Health Free Clinic's 5K event. This first year event raised more than \$35,000 to support dental services at the Clinic for the uninsured and underserved in east central Iowa!

Nearly 2,000 runners and walkers at the 1st annual Splash a Smile 5K Run/Walk with Color crossed the finish line in a cloud of green! The color stations along the route ensured that participants left wearing pink, blue, purple, and yellow along with the green. As they crossed the finish line, participants were invited to the Eastern Iowa Sports complex next to the park for music, entertainment and refreshments.

Dr. Connie Miller, DDS and her husband, Jim Dwyer, approached Darlene Schmidt in late 2012 with an idea and were instrumental in getting the run established. "As a volunteer dentist at the Clinic, I was aware of the number of patients needing dental care and how much the services were needed and wanted to get more involved" was the reason the couple let this effort. Untreated dental disease has been identified locally and nationally as an increasing health need. There are limited opportunities for uninsured and underserved individuals to receive care.

Special thank you goes to the City of Hiawatha, all the sponsors, in-kind donors and the many volunteers who supported Community Health Free Clinic in making this event possible. Funds raised will be used to support dental services, including the cost of medications and vouchers for emergency needs.



## Kirkwood Ribbon Cutting

On October 10, 2013 Kirkwood-Linn County Regional Center held an Open House-Ribbon Cutting celebrating the second of four Kirkwood Regional Centers. The Center offers career academics and college-level courses to area high school students. Director, Mindy Thornton boasted an enrollment of 500 high school students, twice the anticipated total and another 500 traditional community college students are enrolled at the Hiawatha Center.



## Iowa Stone Ribbon Cutting

Iowa Stone Supply celebrated their new location along with a new building expanding their business at an Open House-Ribbon Cutting ceremony on October 18, 2013. Their business is located at 1530 Stamy Road. Iowa Stone is a supplier and installer of manufactured, natural stone and outdoor living products. They pride themselves in being an industry leader while maintaining quality customer service. Their staff possesses over 20+ years of experience in cultured stone and the building industry, which is demonstrated through their knowledge of the products and their dependable service and customer loyalty.



## ICAN Ribbon Cutting

On October 16, 2013 Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) - a community outreach division held an Open House-Ribbon Cutting celebrating the centers relocation and their partnership with the Linn County Kirkwood Regional Center. The



center seeks to educate high school students and their parents about the college going process, specifically the financial aid process. Planning services and programs provide tools and resources to help students achieve their education and career goals. These services are offered to Iowa high schools and communities without charge. In 2013, they have advised 8500 students and parents, of those just over 40% are attending or planning to attend the area Kirkwood Community College.

## MAC Xpress

In 1984, Wayne and Jackie Meier started their first workout center - Midwest Athletic Club with a staff of one. Today they employ over 110 professional individuals dedicated to helping change the lives of everyone who enters their facilities, from the friendly greeting of their Front Desk staff, to the caring Kids Club personnel, the dedication of their Floor Monitors, and the expert assistance of the Membership Directors, Group Exercise Instructors, Personal Trainers and Managers. Today there are seven (7) MAC Xpress 24/7 locations in the metro area. The MAC Xpress is open to members 24 hours a day. The Hiawatha Xpress is conveniently located off Blairs Ferry Rd., next to Heritage Bank. It is perfect for the person who needs to get in a quick late night or early morning workout. They provide 24-hour access, fitness assessments/work out orientation, personal training, strength training and cardio. Staff Hours - Monday/Thursday 11-7 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday 4-7 p.m., Friday/Saturday by appointment. "We are honored to have earned such a successful image without our community and other business leaders in our area. Thank you for your continued support and business."



## New Ordinances: Delayed, Deposits, Pawnbrokers & Health Related Science Professions

Three new ordinances went into effect during the months of August and September implementing regulations for service types of facilities, such as delayed deposit services, pawnbrokers and health related science professions. The City determined it was necessary to have standards in place for these types of businesses as a means to provide a safe and healthy environment for Hiawatha citizens and minimize potential objectionable side effects to surrounding areas containing residential, public and family uses.

City Council approval of Ordinance #753 on August 21st amended the Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code by adding pawnbrokers and delayed deposit services as permitted land uses in I-1, Restricted Industrial Zoning District, and I-2, General Industrial Zoning District. Allowing pawnbrokers and delayed deposit services to locate in Zoning Districts I-1 and I-2, will put these businesses in an area with compatible uses.

Ordinance #753 also added a new section 165.24A outlining the regulations for delayed deposit services and pawnbrokers such as restricting these businesses from being located or operated within 1,000 feet of residential property, schools and child care facilities, churches, parks or recreational facilities, and other adult oriented businesses.

On September 4th, City Council passed Ordinance #758 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code by adding the permitted use of pawnbrokers and delayed deposit services in Zoning I-1 and I-2 of the Land Use Matrix, and a reference note back to Section 165.24A containing the regulations for these types of businesses.

The passage of Ordinance #754 on August 21st amended the Hiawatha Code of Ordinances by adding a new Chapter 124 Practice of Health Related Sciences. The provisions of Chapter 124 require all health related professions found in the state code including massage therapy, to be licensed by the State of Iowa. Chapter 124 also authorizes the Police Department to placard any building where an unlicensed health related practice is operating and the establishment will remain placarded until a state license is obtained or a legal use is established.

## Council Action

October 2, 2013

- Resolution 13-239 - Approve sewer waiver on second water meter at 55 Ridgewood Drive.  
 Resolution 13-240 - Approve sewer waiver on second water meter for 212 Willowood Drive  
 Resolution 13-241 - Approve sewer waiver on second water meter for 100 Ashworth Court.  
 Resolution 13-242 - Amend Hiawatha Park Pavilion and Park Rules.  
 Resolution 13-243 - Set public hearing date (October 16, 2013 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider approval of the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2014 - 2018.  
 Resolution 13-244 - Set public hearing date (October 16, 2013 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 166 Sign Code §166.18 Permitted Signs by Type and Zoning district adding CPR Center Point Road Corridor Zoning District and amending Table I Permitted Signs by Type and Zoning District adding CPR-1, CPR-2, and CPR-3, and amending §166.27:6 Accessory Signs (6.) adding CPR Zoning district to the district sign regulations.  
 Resolution 13-245 - Set public hearing date (October 16, 2013 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.81: Jurisdiction C. Hearing, decision and records, amending §165.82: Variances: 2. Application for variances and notice of hearing and 4. Notification Letters, amending §165.83: conditional Uses 6. Conditional use application review procedure B. Board of Adjustment (1) Public Hearing Notice, amending §165.85 Special Use Permit - Group Child Day Care Home 5. Special Use Permit Review Procedures A. (1) Public Hearing Notice, and amending §165.90: Initiation of Amendments to the Zoning District Map 5. Legal Notice and Adjacent Property Owner Notification A. and B. changing all notification requirements from not less than four (4) days to not less than seven (7) days.  
 Resolution 13-246 - Authorize the Mayor to sign the Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority Planning Grant contract providing \$37,000 in funding from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to supplement the social assessment and planning services components of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan initiated with Iowa Economic Development Authority Phase II funding.

October 16, 2013

- Ordinance 760 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 166 Sign Code §166.18 Permitted Signs by Type and Zoning district adding CPR Center Point Road Corridor Zoning District and amend Table I Permitted Signs by Type and Zoning District adding CPR-1, CPR-2, and CPR-3, and amend §166.27:6 Accessory Signs (6.) adding CPR Zoning District to the district sign regulations.  
 Ordinance 761 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.81: Jurisdiction C. Hearing, decision and records, amending §165.82: Variances: 2. Application for variance and notice of hearing and 4. Notification Letters, amending §165.83 Conditional Uses 6. Conditional use application review procedure B. Board of Adjustment (1) Public Hearing Notice, amending §165.85 Special Use Permit - Group Child Day Care Home 5. Special Use Permit Review Procedures A. (1) Public Hearing Notice, and amending § 165.90: Initiation of Amendments to the Zoning District Map 5. Legal Notice and Adjacent Property Owner Notification A. and B. changing all notification requirements from not less than four (4) days to not less than seven (7) days.  
 Resolution 13-249 - Approve pledging financial support for FY14-15 to Neighborhood Transportation Service Inc.  
 Resolution 13-250 - Approve pledging financial support for FY14-15 to Entrepreneurial Development Center.  
 Resolution 13-251 - Amend #12-223 Instituting a Sign Pole Moratorium along Center Point Road from Blairs Ferry Road to Boyson Road to end the Sign Pole Moratorium effective immediately.  
 Resolution 13-252 - Approve Capital Improvement Plan for FY14-18.  
 Resolution 13-253 - Set public hearing date (November 6, 2013 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a four (4) year Development Agreement with Robins Road LLC and providing for publication of notice.  
 Resolution 13-254 - Set public hearing date (November 6, 2013 @ 5:30 P.M.) and notify citizens to consider Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation regarding amending the 2010 Comprehensive Plan changing the future land use from Agriculture to Single Family Residence District/Planned Unit Development Overlay District for Dell Ridge Addition.  
 Resolution 13-255 - Authorize ImOn Right of Way permission to bury fiber optics cable on Tower Terrace Road and across Hawkeye Drive to Hawkeye Electric located at 1711 Hawkeye Drive.  
 Resolution 13-256 - Authorize CenturyLink Right of Way permission to bury fiber optics cable on Boyson Road to Cedar Rapids Toyota located at 1190 Boyson Road.  
 Resolution 13-257 - Approve the 28E Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and the City of Marion for winter snow and ice control on roadway surfaces and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents.  
 Resolution 13-258 - Approve and adopt the City of Hiawatha Citizen Complaint Policy  
 Resolution 13-259 - Authorize City Staff to begin negotiations with Hall and Hall Engineers for a contract for services and an hourly fee structure.  
 Resolution 13-260 - Approve a permanent part-time Construction Observer position and upon Water Board approval, the Construction Observer position will become a full-time position.  
 Resolution 13-261 - Approve a permanent part-time City Engineer position with no benefits effective immediately..  
 Resolution 13-262 - Authorize City staff to continue to solicit requests for proposals for engineering and design of all future capital projects.

### Hiawatha American Legion Auxiliary Collection Drive in Support of the Veterans Outreach Center

The Hiawatha American Legion Auxiliary Chapter 735 requests your help in making their collection drive in support of the Veterans Outreach Center, located on First Avenue in Cedar Rapids, a success. The Hiawatha American Legion Auxiliary is a woman's patriotic service organization dedicating their time and support to soldiers, veterans, volunteer programs and the community. The Veterans Outreach Center provides assistance to homeless veterans by offering services such as laundry, showers, food and clothing pantry, housing support services, and employment and job training and benefits.

**Collection Drive Details: November 9, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Donations of gently used men's clothing and shoes and non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the American Legion Post 735, located at 207 Robins Road in Hiawatha. For questions, contact Legion Post at 393-2377.

# NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Council 5:30pm	7	8	9
10	11 Leaf Pickup Begins History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	12 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	13 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	14 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	15	16
17	18	19 Water 5:30 pm	20 Council 5:30pm	21	22	23
24	25 Leaf Pickup Begins P&Z 6 pm	26	27 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	28 City Hall Closed Council Airs 10am Channel 18	29 City Hall Closed	30

# DECEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Council 5:30pm	5	6	7
8	9 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	10 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	11 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	12 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	13	14
15	16	17 Water 5:30 pm	18 Council 5:30pm	19	20	21
22	23	24 City Hall Closed	25 City Hall Closed Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	26 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	27	28
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## History Commission Wants to Know.....



**Do you know what this is???**

Springville Jaycees Fun Day Parade Aug 27, 1972

Pictured: Pappy Waddington, Dick Semelroth, Gene Vanderlinden, T.J. Jones, Steve Carley, Bob Wheeler, Don Labs (hidden), Lee Waddington

Answer: Fire Department Hose Cart

## Snow Emergency Reminder

Our Snow Ordinance will be in effect when the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts a snowfall in which three (3) or more inches are expected. While the Snow Emergency is in effect, **there is no parking on any city street. Vehicles found parked in violation of this ordinance will receive a \$25 parking ticket and/or be impounded. During overnight snow removal operations, vehicles found in violation on City streets will be towed.**

The Snow Emergency declaration will be given to all the local media including but not limited to: KGAN (Channel 2), KCRG (Channel 9), and KWVL (Channel 7). The declaration will also be posted on the City website, [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com). Your cooperation is appreciated.

**REMEMBER - Don't park in the street if:**

The 24 hour (or less) prediction by the NWS is for three (3) or more inches of snow.

Three (3) or more inches of snow has fallen and/or your street has not been cleared.

Also, the City will **NOT** generally conduct snowfall clearing operations for a snowfall of less than two (2) inches.

This policy remains unchanged from prior years.

Please remember: Sidewalks must be shoveled with 24 hours of the cessation of snow fall, clear snow from around fire hydrants that are near your property, check with your neighbors regarding snow removal and direct sump pumps and downspouts away from hard surfaces so that water doesn't build up and freeze, creating slippery conditions on driveways, sidewalks, or streets.

For the current road conditions: call 511 or log onto the Iowa DOT winter road conditions web page. [www.iowadot.gov](http://www.iowadot.gov).



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