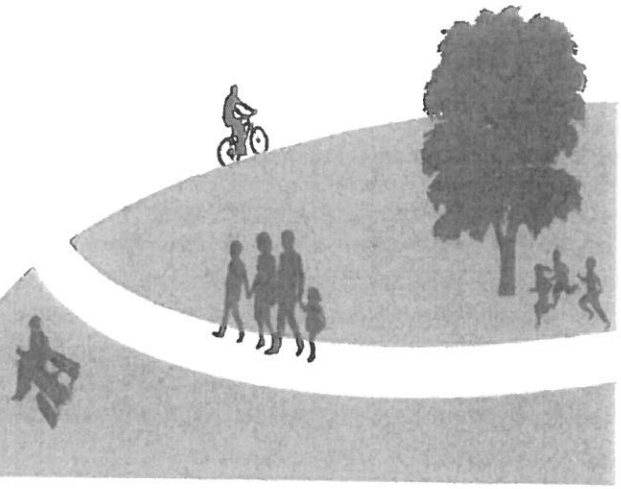
Hiawatha Parks and Recreation



To:	Park and Recreation Commission
CC:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Kelly Willadsen, Park and Recreation Director
Date:	November 13, 2018
Re:	Park and Recreation Report

Hiawatha Kids League Request for Guthridge Park Baseball Diamonds 2019: Please see the request from HKL chairman Rick Sizemore for Guthridge Park ball diamonds. All of these dates requested work based off of our City schedule.

HiCREW Kiwanis request for 2019 concessions: Please see the attached proposal from Hi-CREW Kiwanis for selling concession at Music in the Park for 2019. New this year, they will be looking at selling pizza. We have not had any other nonprofit interest. They have done a great job over the years and have given pack to the parks and recreation department volunteering at special events, donating to the Clark Park swing set and purchasing dictionaries for the Hiawatha School students.

Park Rental Time Adjustments for 2019: During our annual reflection of the year we like to take a look at our rentals and see how we did, analyze user information, popular times and areas that need more attention. After examining the data, we found that our 6:00-11:30am time slot was rarely utilized (9 rentals out of 310). Many of these rentals were church gatherings, races or breakfast events which use the pavilion for their late morning activities.

With the low usage of this time slot we would like to make a recommendation to change our current park rental times from 6:00am-11:30am, 12:00-4:30pm, 5:00pm-10:00pm, to two timeslots that align more with our current users. We would like to offer two timeslots instead and shift rental times to **8:00am-3:00pm and 4:00pm-10:00pm**. This gives renters the opportunity to have a few more hours for their special events and also allow evening rentals an earlier time slot to set up for afternoon/evening cookouts. These hours also align more closely with our Community Center hours allowing seasonal staff members to complete their cleaning in a more organized manor. Patrons would still be able to rent a pavilion all day from 8:00am-10:00pm and rates are reflected on the chart below:

Old Rental Times		
	Resident	Non-Resident
One timeslot (3 slots available)	$ 35	$ 45
All day (All 3 slots)	$ 90	$ 100
Proposed Rental Times		
	Resident	Non-Resident
One timeslot (2 slots available)	$ 35	$ 45
All day (Both slots)	$ 70	$ 90

Although this change could potentially lose funds, we believe it will be beneficial as we'll be allowing our patrons to use our facilities at a better rate while acknowledging their request for longer timeslots. Last year we had 26 all day rentals. At this rate we have the potential to lose $260, but would gain the support of our patrons all while making it easier on our staff. We would like to transition into this change for 2019 while rentals are still low during the winter season.

Reports:

- **Fall Festival:** It was a windy day in Hiawatha for the Fall Festival but that didn't stop kids from coming to this year's event. The trackless train was a great addition to our trick or treating, Prestige Dance performance and costume contest by Hi-Crew Kiwanis.
- **Teal Trunk or Treat:** This successful event was thrown together in just a couple weeks with the help of local businesses and nonprofits to allow kids with allergies and special diets a one stop shop to trick or treat. 22 cars came together and handed out trinkets to almost 100 kids. It was amazing to see the community come together in just a couple weeks for a good cause!
- **Letters to Santa:** Add a little magic to the season and receive a letter from Santa, mailed directly to your child. Santa will write a letter in an easy to read format with references of the child's best friend's name, elf on the shelf (if applicable), accomplishments of the year, desired present and more! The letter will be mailed directly from Santa's workshop so your child will be overjoyed to see his/her name on the envelope with Santa's name and address in the corner. Santa would love to write to your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews no matter where they live! So, let the elves know if you would like to receive a letter this year!
- **Hiawatha Farmers Market:** It was another great year for the Farmers Market. We can't thank Dawn enough for her guidance throughout the year and presence at each and every market. We're already looking forward to 2019!
- **Yoga:** Bring balance and harmony to the mind, body, and spirit in this slower paced practice that consists of flowing sequences to build strength, flexibility, balance and

breath awareness. All levels are welcome as your practice is always evolving Thursday, November 29th at 6pm in the Hiawatha Community Center.

- **Free Fitness in Hiawatha Community Center:** Lightweight maraca-like Toning Sticks enhances sense of rhythm and coordination, while toning target zones, including arms, core and lower body. Wednesday, November 14th at 6pm in the Hiawatha Community Center.
- **Whispering Pines Painting:** Paint a snowman family on November 13th at 6pm in the Hiawatha Community Center. Always BYOB & snacks! Fee is $35 cash or check only. To register text Donita at 319-270-1112 *Minimum of 6 participants *Maximum of 30 participants There are THREE paintings scheduled for December! Check Hiawatha's Park and Recreation Facebook for more information!
- **DIY Edible Gifts with Carol:** Gifts for teachers, coworkers, coaches, mailmen, hairstylists, or anyone else you want to give a personal gift that's made with love. We will make 4 gifts for you to take home. Your fee also includes all recipes and instructions, more gift ideas, PLUS your choice of the mini bundt pan or mini loaf pan. Monday, November 19th at 6:15pm in the Hiawatha Community Center. Registration due by Nov. 12.
- **Reindeer Run:** Join us for the second annual Reindeer Fun Run/Walk December 1st, 2018 at 9am at Fay Clark Park! Each runner will receive a stocking hat with their registration fee along with Hot Cocoa, Candy Canes, Cookies and SANTA when you cross the finish line! Get in the groove during the holiday season! Registration is $20 per participant, $25 the week of the race. The proceeds will go towards a new pet fountain at our future Hiawatha Dog Park. Come join the fun and help raise some funds for new park amenities! Last but not least! The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation will also be having a food drive for non-perishable food items donated to the HACAP food reservoir to be donated to local families in the corridor.
- **Program Brochure 2019:** We are in the process of planning activities and special events for 2019. Stay tuned for our completed brochure in December. If you have any program ideas let us know, we are always looking for new ideas!

Parks:

- **Dog Park:** Tree removal is on our list to get completed this fall/winter. Our hopes are to get the area cleaned up to see how much sun light we will be able to work with come next spring. We will work with Linn-Coop in March to get accurate ground maintenance scheduled. This will be to get rid of the weeds so we can get grass planted. Fencing, water and entry ways will be to follow, hoping to get the project completed by the end of next year.
  We will be having a dog park clean up next weekend on November 17th from 9am-12pm and November 18th from 1pm-4pm. We will be picking up garbage and brush

to clean up the area. Please come and join if you are available! Boots and gloves will be needed!

- **MSA Professional Services**: On October 23rd we had 2 council members, 2 park board members and 5 city staff members meet with MSA to go over the last Comp plan and grasp some ideas for the NW area. MSA will meet with focus groups in December to collect information on what our communities wants and desires are. This will help us move forward in planning our NW Park and future City projects. Once they compile information from the focus groups and send out a survey to the Hiawatha residents, they will bring back staff to go over the results so we can present them to the commission.
- **Park Closures**: The parks are now closed for the season! We have one Port a Johnny at Clark and one at Guthridge for our trail users.
- **Guthridge Park Trail Reconstruction:** As you may have noticed, our Guthridge Park Trail Reconstruction project ran into a few road blocks putting the project on hold. With the significant rain fall we experienced in September and October it created a very wet subsoil condition. During the removal of the existing trail, extra material needed to be removed and replaced with new stone to stabilize the base under the new asphalt. With an estimated change order of $15,000.00 we needed council approval to move forward. At the November 7th meeting they approved us to move forward with the additional expenses. Since it is so late in the year and the asphalt plant closes November 20th, the plan will be to have Pate finish the rock base and complete the paving when spring allows.

HIAWATHA KIDS LEAGUE

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Kelly, 10/10/18

As we have in the past many years, we would like to request the use of the Baseball diamonds located at Guthridge City Park for the 2019 baseball season. The dates we will need the diamonds are M-F starting April 15, 2019 and ending July 19, 2019. We will also need the diamonds Sat June 1, Sat July 13, & 20. We will have approximately 2000-2500 people weekly visiting the diamonds for practice and games. As always we will set up our own diamonds and service the diamonds as we have in the past.

For the partnership in the past and moving into the future, I'm looking forward to working with You keeping our youths off the streets and playing the greatest game in the world, Baseball.

Many Thanks,

Rick Sizemore

HKL Commissioner

On behalf of Hi-Crew Kiwanis, I am requesting permission to sell refreshments at the Concerts in the Parks in August of 2019. The items we will be selling are:

- Hot Dogs
- Brats
- Hamburgers
- Pizza(maybe)
- Chips
- Water, Soda
- Popcorn

Thank you for your consideration.

Hi-Crew Kiwanis

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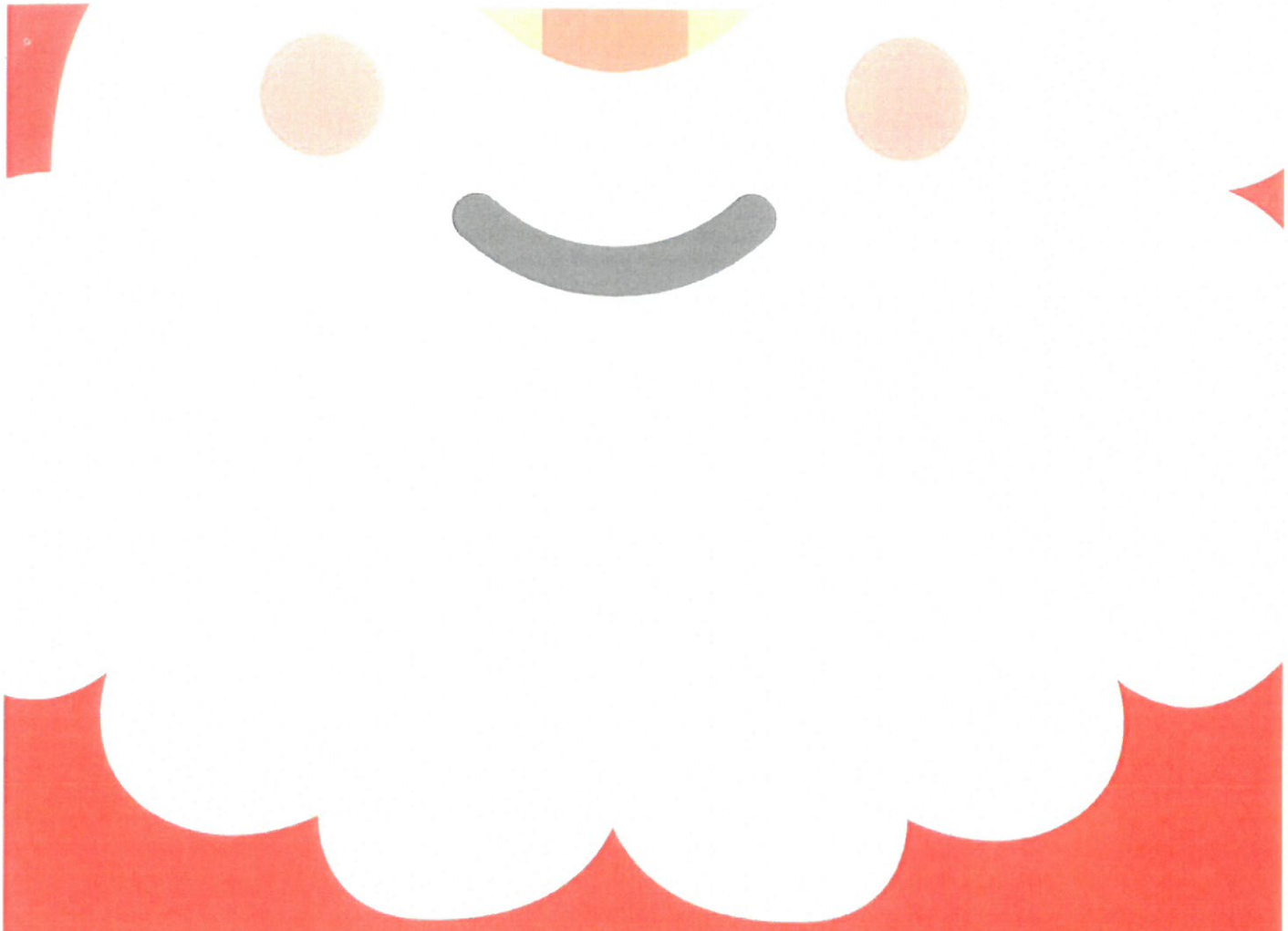

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HIAWATHA REINDEER FUN RUN/WALK

Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

December 1, 2018 at 9am

Fay M. Clark Memorial Park

$20 registration fee

Athletes will start at the East side of Fay M. Clark Memorial Park and run through Wolf Creek's beautiful neighborhood and finish through the park.

Each participant will receive a stocking hat with their registration along with hot cocoa, candy canes, cookies and an opportunity to meet the jolly man himself, Santa Claus!

Bring your holiday cheer and non perishable goodies because HAWCAP will be on-site collecting items to help community members this holiday season.

Proceeds will go towards a new pet fountain Hiawatha's future Dog Park.

Register at imathlete.com and search for Reindeer Run