Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

To:	Park and Recreation Commission
CC:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Kelly Willadsen, Park and Recreation Director
Date:	September 13th, 2016
Re:	Park and Recreation Report

Business:

Hiawatha Kids League Request for Guthridge Park base ball diamonds 2017-
Please see the request from Peg Bader for Guthridge Park ball diamonds. All of these dates requested work based off of our City schedule.

Survey Results- After going through our park social surveys (6) unfortunately we didn't gain as much feedback as we wanted. Overall the people that filled them out had many compliments about how clean our parks are and the activities we have to offer in our City. A few suggestions we had were to add more accessibility equipment, lighting to trails for safety purposes and more programming in the fall and winter. The City is going to send out an additional survey at the end of October that covers all departments. We will have similar questions on there that will help retain more information that we are looking to help us see what the community wants and needs are.

Reports:

- **Community Center Audio Visual:** During the October 5th council meeting Council approved the request to upgrade the Community Center Audio Visual from Conference Technologies. I have been in contact with the company and we have scheduled the upgrade for December 13-14. We are very excited to have the system working smoothly!
- **Kids Movie Night:** November 11th is our next Kids Movie Night and we will be featuring Angry Birds. This will be the last Kids Movie Night of 2016 and will be able to start fresh with our new system for the January movie featuring Finding Dory.

- **Fall Festival:** Fall is here! During the farmers market on October 23rd we will be having our second annual Fall Festival! We were shocked with the turnout we received last year and hope to bring in the same. We will have photos, crafts, trick or treating through the vendors, face painting and so much more!
- **Fall Soccer:** Soccer is officially done for 2016! About 40 people including coaches participated in our first ever fall soccer league. It was much smaller than our summer leagues but still just as much fun! Pictures and ribbons were handed out on the last day and the end of the season was celebrated with many friends and family in attendance. We're so lucky to have such a great community!
- **Special Needs Dance:** October 21st Barber's Etc. will be sponsoring the Special Needs Dance in the Community Center. Those in attendance are encouraged to wear their costumes. Snacks and drinks are provided.
- **Farmers Market:** The last farmers market will be October 30th. This is to allow WIC and senior participants to use their farmers market vouchers that are good through the end of October.

Parks:

- **Splash Pads:** The water department collected reports since the change or our splash pad hours and season to see if there was a difference in cost and consumption. Surprisingly the consumption went up by quite a difference at Guthridge and similarly at Tucker besides the month of May. We will keep the hours as changed to see if next year has any differences. We didn't have many complaints on the changes and it allowed for the guys to clean in the morning if needed.
- **Bathrooms:** Bathrooms will be closed right after the last farmers market (October 30th) pending the weather. We will have one port a john placed in Guthridge and Clark Park for the winter months.

Halloween Dance

Special Needs Dance
Hiawatha Community Center
101 Emmons St, Hiawatha
Friday, October 21
6-9PM

Wear your costume
No cost--snacks and drinks provided

Parents/Respite care providers are welcome
Sponsored by Barbers Etc.
393-7981

Fall Festival
Farmers Market

October 23rd, 2016
11am to 2pm
10th Avenue Parking Lot
Guthridge Park

Trick or Treat, Coloring Contest,
Costume Contest, Farmers Market,
Free Family Photos, Pumpkin Decorating,
and much more!

Prestige Dance Studio performance 12:00pm
HiCREW Kiwanis Costume Contest 12:30pm
New Horizons Band performance 1-2pm

Enjoy the farmers market with the
vendors and have some fun!

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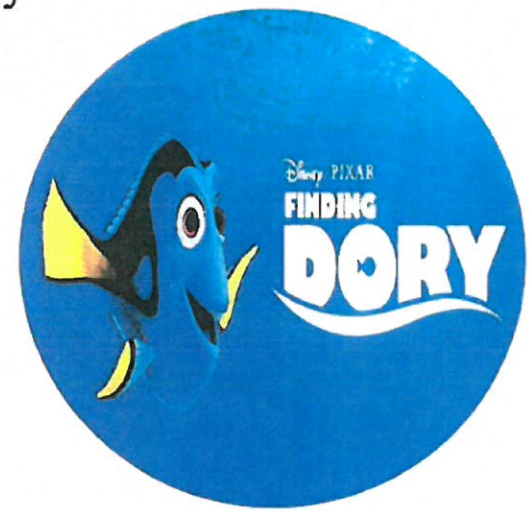
Phone or Email_____

Kids Movie Night

The Hiawatha Park and Recreation Commission and UICCU gives children the opportunity to see a movie for **FREE** in the Hiawatha Community Center!

Bring your blankets and pillows and enjoy popcorn and juice on us!

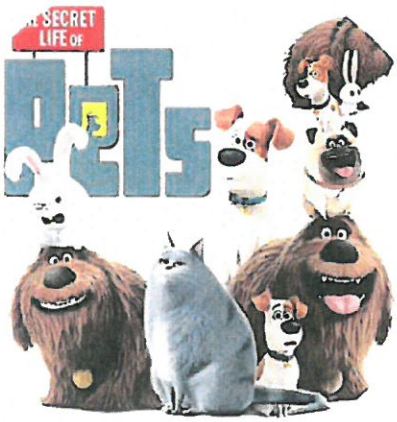
Here's whats coming soon for 2016-17:



November 11th– Angry Birds

January 13th– Finding Dory

March 10th– The Secret Life of Pets



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