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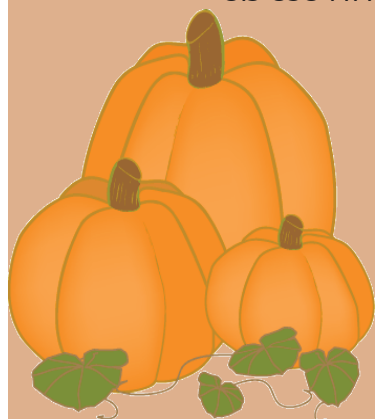
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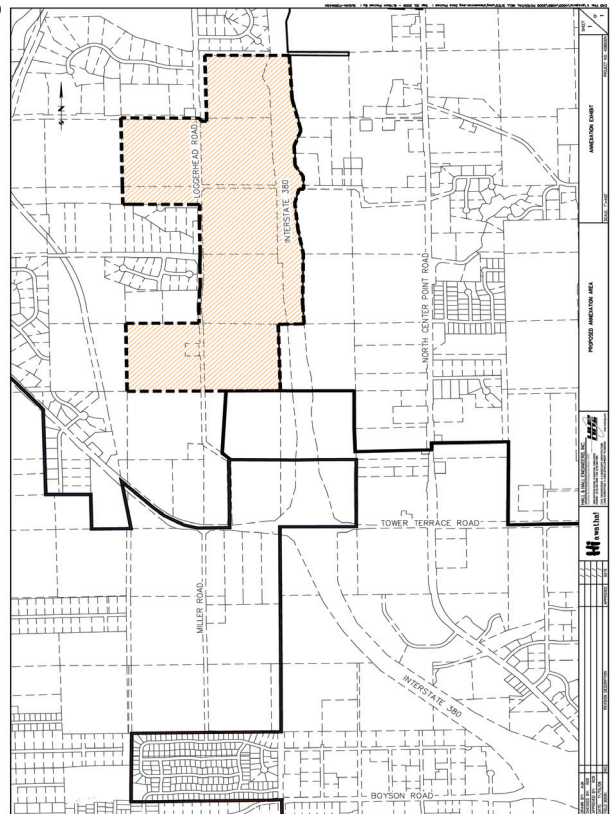
Hiawatha's Newest Annexation

Once in a while an opportunity comes up to report great news that has been in the making for many months.

Hiawatha is once again growing. The absolute voluntary annexation of approximately 350 acres was completed September 18, 2009. The City now has land to expand in several different zoning classifications after almost being landlocked for several years. The City will probably see new residential development leading the pace in this newly annexed area.

Our new growth area is north of Tower Terrace Road, West of I-380 and along Loggerhead Road, with potential for residential housing and commercial development. The City will begin water and sewer system design with installation to be completed by next year.

The City will additionally provide public safety services immediately.

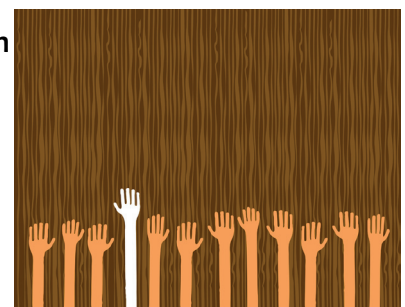


"Day of Gratitude"

Volunteers are a key element in every community. The City Council and Mayor Theis are proclaiming October 20, 2009, as "a day of gratitude" for everything our volunteers do for and in our community. Hundreds of volunteers working in our community, utilizing their time and talent daily, make a difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly. Throughout the year, service projects were and will continue to be performed.

Volunteers fill a multitude of roles in our community: firefighters, city board and commission members, reserve police officers, hospice house volunteers, event staff, recreation program coaches, health and nutrition instructors and flowerbed volunteers. Many of these positions would be non-existent without compassionate people who selflessly give of their time to make the difference.

Volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive community. Please join us in thanking those who give of themselves as a volunteer.



Hiawatha Water Department News

The City of Hiawatha pumps water from the Silurian Bedrock Aquifer which is largely a limestone formation with some iron deposits throughout.

When the water moves through these areas, it picks up the soluble iron. When the water is pumped out of the ground and is exposed to the air, iron becomes insoluble and comes out of the water, causing red stains on your laundry. Red staining can also show up in other areas of your home, where water may sit for long periods of time, such as toilets.

Faced with this problem in 2001 and 2002, we constructed the Iron Plant, which consists of two (2) iron removal filters. This plant would have cost over \$500,000.00 if it had been contracted out.



The Water Department built the plant in-house for just over \$200,000.00 by using materials that were a little unusual, such as the three large black tanks, shown in the pictures. These tanks are 12,000 gallon plastic pickle tanks, made into slow sand filters. We can pump between 500 - 600 gallons of water per minute through two tanks and then the third tank is used for backwashing, which is cleaning of the filters.

In the new addition to the Iron Plant, we included a mural. The mural features a sunrise with a waterfall bursting through the wall. This represents nature at her best and reminds us of a precious natural resource. A lot of people take water for granted. In some places of the world, clean water is unheard of. The mural is also to remind us, Water Department, of our responsibility to provide the people of Hiawatha with clean and safe water.



Hiawatha Public Library

Are you in the club?

Our quest at the Hiawatha Public Library is to offer the opportunity for every person to converse about books in cordial, literate and intelligent discussions.

We currently offer several book clubs covering all different genres of literature and meeting at different times of the month. We have a club for every reader!!

Take a quick peek at our book clubs and see if there is one to suit your literary needs:

While Others Sleep: a mystery lover's book club meets every first Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. This group specializes in mysteries. Selections are usually based upon a specific author and their works each month. For the month of November, this club will be reading works by Ruth Rendell and in December, works by Faye Kellerman.

The Page Turners: an evening book club meets every first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. This group reads a wide selection of books ranging in both fiction and non-fiction genres. For the month of November this group will be reading *The Freedoms Writers Diary* by Erin Gruwell.

Wide Awake and Reading: an afternoon fiction book club meets every first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. This group reads strictly in the fiction genre. The selection for November is *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid and the selection for December is *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan.

Do you have a love of all that is paranormal? Or vampires? Zombies? Or things that go bump in the night? We are looking to start a new book club for those interested in this ever-expanding genre! For more information, email Deb Tobias at tobiasd@hiawatha-iowa.com.

If you have further questions regarding any of our book clubs or the authors they will be reading, please contact us at 319-393-1414 or visit our website at www.hiawathalibrary.com.

Adult programs offered at the Hiawatha Public Library

Why should kids have all the fun?! The Hiawatha Public Library offers a wide array of adult programs for all interests and topics!

Past programs have included a Master Gardeners series sponsored by Linn County Master Gardeners, a dessert recipe swap, lectures from experts with Iowa Humanities, book discussions, and various reading programs and displays.

We have many exciting programs planned for the next few months! We will be welcoming back the Linn County Master Gardeners for another small series of classes in November. All classes begin at 6 p.m. in our community room. Topics are as follows:

November 4th: *How to Create a Terra Cotta Fountain* with Deb Walser

November 11: *Managing Four-Legged Critters* with Devon Dietz

November 18: *Decorating Winter Containers* with Wava Schmidt

Love to cook? We will also be hosting a "Holiday Favorites" Recipe Swap on Saturday, November 7 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. in our community room. Sign up is required for this program and is limited to fifteen (15) participants. You can register by calling 393-1414 or by stopping in at the front desk. Please bring a dish to pass, a copy of the recipe and a small container with you the night of the swap.

In the meantime, a few things to look forward to! Deb Tobias will be offering classes on EBSCOhost after the holidays. EBSCOhost is a web-based database resource offered from the State Library of Iowa with links to thousands of full-text magazines, newspapers, journals and graphics. We will also be starting our Winter Adult Reading Program, "Cold Nights, Hot Reads" sometime after the start of the New Year.

For more information on programs, visit our website at www.hiawathalibrary.com



Meet the Candidates..... Vote on Nov 3, 2009

Martin T (Marty) Bruns, Incumbent

Retired

Family: Audrey (spouse) and three sons

Marty is currently serving on the City Council by appointment and has, in the past, served as a Councilman, Mayor Pro-Tem and member of the New City Hall Citizen's Committee.

Marty is retired and has the time available to involve himself in civic activities for a community that he holds in high esteem. Marty has four years of engineering experience and thirty five years of engineering management experience.

Civic Experience: Elected November 1973 for 4 year term
 Appointed to fill a seat in January 1979
 Served as acting Mayor for two years
 Served on Citizen's Committee for New City Hall in 2007
 Appointed to Council in January 2008

Contributions: Sponsored the conversion of Part Time/Voluntary Police force to include full time professional officers during my first term.
 Drafted and sponsored the first formal employee policy for the City of Hiawatha.
 Participated in the successful campaign for the new City Hall.
 Participating in the Comprehensive Planning Committee currently in process.
 Performing analysis of Hiawathas need for and ability to apply fiber optic interconnections.



"I have no personal agenda beyond trying to understand and support what's best for Hiawatha."

Bob Rampulla, Incumbent

Retired

Family: Janet (spouse); 5 children, 5 grandchildren

Bob is also currently serving on the City Council by appointment and has, in the past, served on the Hiawatha Water Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission, also as a member of the New City Hall Citizen's Committee.

Bob is retired from the Alburnett School System where he served as the Superintendent of Schools.

Civic Experience: Hiawatha Water Board: 3 years; Chairman: 1 year
 Hiawatha Planning and Zoning Commission:
 3 years; Chairman: 2 years
 Served on Citizen's Committee for New City Hall in 2007
 Appointed to Council in January 2008

"I believe the Hiawatha City Council must:

- Maintain fiscal responsibility in order to continue to provide the present services to the community.
- Have transparency in all City Council decisions to keep our citizens informed why specific decisions are made.
- Have economic development in commercial and residential properties in order to keep property taxes low and maintain Hiawatha as a viable city."



Kids Movie Nights at the Community Center

The Hiawatha Park and Recreation Commission gives children the opportunity to see a movie for FREE! Movies are shown on a big screen tv. Juice and popcorn are also provided. Please wear your Halloween costumes!

Parents are encouraged to attend with their child/children and bring a blanket to sit on.

October 16 Movie: Monsters Vs. Aliens

Children's activities with Veridian Credit Union start at 6:00 p.m. Movie begins at 6:30 p.m.



Council Action

September 2, 2009

Ordinance #649 - Amending the Hiawatha Code of Ordinances, Chapter 153 Geothermal Well Standard, §153.01 - 153.14.

Resolution 09-122 - Approving the FY09 Street Finance Report

Resolution 09-123 - Authorizing the release or transfer of equipment reserve funds to the Hiawatha Water Department for the purchase of a vacuum excavator.

Resolution 09-124 - Authorizing the purchase and installation of a toughbook laptop computer for the Police Department Toyota 4-Runner in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00.

Resolution 09-125 - Authorizing staff to sign the Kirkwood Community College Emergency Medical Services Clinical Agency Agreement.

Resolution 09-126 - Authorizing the Staff to proceed with the purchasing of 407 West Clark in an amount not to exceed \$67,000.00.

Resolution 09-127 - Authorizing staff to make an offer for the purchase of 405 West Clark Street in an amount not to exceed \$77,000.00.

September 16, 2009

Resolution 09-128 - Approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 1950 Boyson Road.

Resolution 09-129 - Authorizing certification to the Linn County Treasurer's Office for collection of a delinquent account of services performed by the City of Hiawatha for mowing of long grass and weeds for property located at 1005 Eisenhower Road.

Resolution 09-130 - Approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement for private development with Fern Enterprises, LLC and Christine L. Crilley for Crilley Mediation Services for a period of two (2) years.

Resolution 09-131 - Approving waiver of sewer fees for 1950 Boyson Road from July 10, 2009 through August 18, 2009.

Resolution 09-132 - Authorizing Finance Director and City Administrator establishing a Hiawatha Bank & Trust account for the City of Hiawatha Local Option Sales Tax Revenue dollars in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

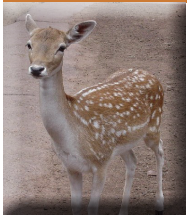
Resolution 09-133 - Approving the Community Center Rental Agreement as amended in "Exhibit A" and is hereby approved and effective as of September 17, 2009.

Resolution 09-134 - Proclaiming October 4-10, 2009 as Fire Prevention Week urging all people to protect their homes and families and to support the efforts of the Hiawatha Fire Department.

Resolution 09-135 - Authorizing the residential purchase of property located at 407 West Clark Street with a purchase price of \$67,000.00 and entering into a lease agreement with Louise F. Zimmerman beginning from the date of closing and ending June 30, 2010.

Resolution 09-136 - Authorizing the residential purchase of property located at 405 West Clark Street with a purchase price of \$75,000.00 with a closing date to be determined, but not more than 60 days with cash payment on the date of closing.

The Dangers of Feeding Wildlife - Police Department



When the weather turns cold, often people will feed the wildlife, but feeding wildlife does not always have the intended results. Wildlife becomes dependant on people for food and they stop looking for natural food sources. These handouts often have little nutritional value to animals. Feeding deer, for example, can lure them away from protected areas and entice them to move further than they otherwise would, several times a day, often for only a small amount of food or perhaps none at all. Most times feeding sites are in open areas where deer are exposed to cold winds.

In winters past, the deer seemed to congregate in larger than normal numbers in some residential areas. Some of these areas are too small to support them. Gathering large numbers of deer into small areas creates a serious risk for spreading terminal diseases. We have deer in Hiawatha throughout the year, but supplemental feeding congregates deer in unnatural densities. We received photos and reports from homeowners showing seeming significant numbers of deer in one area of town. The spread of disease within and among species is encouraged by repeated and prolonged contact at feeding sites. Deer will over-eat the vegetation in the area including shrubs and gardens.

Raccoons and other small animals will also move into the area for food handouts. Raccoons, like the deer, will be less likely to leave the area when the food supply runs out. They will scavenge trash cans and other places they might find food. Dog food seems to be something raccoons like. We have responded to calls of raccoons, and other small animals, in engine compartments of vehicles and attached garages.

Living in town and experiencing the benefit of seeing wildlife is very appealing to most. Please enjoy the wildlife in your backyard from a distance and do not disrupt their natural feeding.





OCTOBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7 Council 7 p.m.	8	9	10
11 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj 6 p.m.	12 Parks 6 p.m. Library 7 p.m.	13 Council Airs 7 p.m. Channel 18	14 Council Airs 10 a.m. Channel 18	15 Kids Movie Night 6 p.m. TBA	16	17
18 Council 7 p.m.	19 Water 6:30 p.m.	20 Senior Evening Dance	21	22	23	24 Playing for Keeps Fund-raiser
25	26 P&Z 6 p.m.	27 Council Airs 7 p.m. Channel 18	28 Council Airs 10 a.m. Channel 18	29 Amateur Photo Contest Deadline	30	31



NOVEMBER 2009

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Hiawatha's Annual Fall Leaf & Yard Waste Pickup

Monday, October 26

Leaves & Yard Waste -

Must be in disposable paper bags and be at the curb by Monday at 7:00 a.m.

Brush & Tree Trimmings -

These must be spread along the curb for shredding and removal.

Please do not park in front of leaf bags or brush piles. Do not sweep or rake leaves into city streets or storm sewers. This is a violation of city ordinance. Violators of Hiawatha's leaf burning prohibition will be subject to fines.

Reminder - Please keep your trees trimmed 9 feet above sidewalks and 15 feet above streets.

Monday, November 9

Leaves & Yard Waste Only-

Must be in disposable paper bags and be at the curb by Monday at 7:00 a.m.

Brush & Tree Trimmings -

Will not be picked up.

Monday, November 23

Leaves & Yard Waste Only-

Must be in disposable paper bags and be at the curb by Monday at 7:00 a.m.

Brush & Tree Trimmings -

Will not be picked up.



Hiawatha Lions Club

On Tuesday, November 3, 2009, the Hiawatha Lions Club meeting will include a speaking engagement by Jeff Capps, Executive Director, **Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity**.

Jeff's presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. The meeting will be held in the Hiawatha Multi-Purpose room on the lower level of City Hall.

Jeff has worked at Habitat for Humanity for over five years, his last six months serving at the Cedar Valley location.

This summer, Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity, completed the bulk of construction on 20 homes. This is part of phase one of a three year plan to provide simple, decent and affordable housing. Please come to hear more about how this local organization is helping our community and the surrounding area.



City Election to be held November 3, 2009

Please remember to make time in your day to vote on November 3, 2009.

Voting will take place at your regular precincts with polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Requests for absentee ballots can be obtained from the Linn County Auditor's website at www.linncounty.org/auditor or by stopping by the Auditor's office. Absentee ballots that are returned by mail **MUST** be postmarked by Monday, November 2, 2009.

Information regarding the candidates can be found on page 3. Exercise your right to vote.



Robins Road Overlay Project

The City of Robins will be placing new asphalt along Robins Road from the north end of Stonegate Court to West Main in Robins.

This project is scheduled to begin on or around October 12, 2009 and has been slated for an estimated completion of 6 weeks.

This project will result in traffic restrictions to local traffic only, through traffic is recommended to choose an alternate route until the project is completed.