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Hiawatha Insights

City Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

On September 7, 2011, Tom Theis, Mayor of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, on behalf of the City Council, staff and citizens of Hiawatha, proclaimed September 12, 2011 - September 18, 2011, as

CITY EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE WEEK

Encouraging all citizens to join him in expressing our heartfelt thanks to the members of our National Guard and Reserve and their civilian employers for their extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of our Nation. He also called upon private organizations, businesses and all military commanders to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

WHEREAS, the City's National Guard and Reserve forces continue to serve our country with distinction. Today, our Guardsmen and Reservists are active on every front in the Global War on Terrorism. During City Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week, we honor our courageous Guardsmen and Reservists and their employers, whose continued support is vital to the success of our Armed Forces and to the strength of our country; and

WHEREAS, our Guard and Reserve personnel are training hard and deploying frequently to meet new worldwide challenges, natural disasters, and humanitarian emergencies all over the world and especially this year in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, by supporting our Guardsmen and Reservists, employers throughout the City also help to advance freedom and democracy around the world. Employer Support of our Guard and Reserve at home and abroad helps ensure our troops are mission-ready while also providing a source of pride and assurance for all Americans. This City is grateful to employers and workers for their support of Guard and Reserve members and their families.

Hiawatha Public Library Celebrating 50 Years - Milestone Achievement

On September 20, 2011, the Hiawatha Library invited the community to attend their 50th Birthday Celebration. Citizens and patrons alike came and enjoyed the special events, fun giveaways and cake.

Mayor Theis and the City Council presented a special plaque to the Library Board and Staff expressing their sincere appreciation over their 50 years of contribution to our community and to its members.

It is through the support of individuals like these that we are able to continue to strengthen our programs, and to develop new and innovative learning projects to our members and those of our community.

The Hiawatha City Council will continue to support their charge in providing the members of our community with access to information, educational and recreational services for all that seek their institution and wish them another 50 years of successes.



HiBrai 2011

Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation go the extra mile!

On August 20 and 21, 2011, the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation held the ninth annual HIBRAI (Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa). This ride originally started as a way to present a proposal for RAGBRAI. While this ride changes destination almost every year, the tradition continues as an annual overnight ride. This year riders departed from Hiawatha's Guthridge Park, riding the 60 miles of scenic, winding paths to Riverside Casino and Golf Resort in Riverside, Iowa. The 2011 HIBRAI group spent the night at the casino and returned to Hiawatha on Sunday afternoon. HIBRAI saw record participation for the 2011 ride with numbers doubling over last year to 86 riders! The Friends of the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation would like to thank several sponsors who helped stock our rest stops: Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, Heritage Bank, Farmers State Bank - Marion, Fareway Hiawatha, Linco Water Services - Marion, General Mills, Northtowne Schwinn, ABC Disposal, Hiawatha Bank and Trust, Linn Area Credit Union, Port O Johnny, Edgewood Road Hy-Vee, Culver's Frozen Custard, Big 10 Mart, and Brickside Cafe and Pizzeria. Net proceeds from HIBRAI is designated to the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation and used to help fund summer programs for children.



Hiawatha Police GTSB Safety Equipment Event

The Hiawatha Police Department conducted a safety equipment checkpoint on Boyson Road, Friday September 2, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The checkpoint was staffed with Hiawatha Officers working on the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Grant. Additionally, officers representing the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Marion Police Department, Robins Police Department, and the Iowa State Patrol participated in the event. A total of 22 officers were on hand to inspect the safety equipment on each vehicle directed into the checkpoint. Headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and the vehicle's horn are an example of the equipment checked. The following is a breakdown of activity:

- 1 - OWI contact
- 2 - Seatbelt citations
- 1 - Drivers license warning
- 3 - Driving while license under suspension
- 3 - Registration warning
- 3 - Possession of drug paraphernalia charges
- 20 - Equipment warnings
- 6 - Insurance citations
- 8 - Insurance warnings
- 4 - Possession of a controlled substance (marijuana)
- 1 - Possession of a controlled substance (cocaine)
- 3 - Arrest warrants cleared
- 2 - Intent to manufacture methamphetamine (mobile meth lab)



Shortly after 9:00 p.m., a vehicle was directed into the checkpoint for the equipment inspection. A mobile meth lab was discovered inside the vehicle. The checkpoint was sealed off and shut down while officers determined the contents of the vehicle. Officers donned protective suits and were able to dismantle the lab, making it safe for the clean up team to transport.

A total of 162 vehicles were checked between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Ten people were arrested and taken to the Linn County Jail. The event was very successful and will be scheduled again for 2012.

Boyson Road Project

Boyson Road Reconstruction between Hawkeye Drive and the Canadian National Railroad is scheduled for next year's construction season. Final design and right-of-way acquisition are currently underway. The project includes a curb and gutter street with storm sewer and a trail. The estimated construction cost for this work is \$720,000. Reconstruction of the Boyson Road and Robins Road intersection is anticipated for 2013-14.



North Center Point Road Update

The North Center Point Road Reconstruction project is in its final phase between Stamy Road and Mitchell Drive. The entire road is anticipated to be open for traffic in late October. Most of the project's sidewalk, trail and seeding will also be complete this fall, with any remaining work done next spring. The approximate construction cost is \$2.3 million, funded in part by a state Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Grant.



Meet the Candidates..... Vote on November 8, 2011



Mayoral Candidate: Steven R. Waller
Employer: Rockwell Collins, Senior Manufacturing Electrical Engineer
Family: Dawn (spouse) and two children

Steve has been a resident of Hiawatha for over 20 years and was elected to serve on the Hiawatha Council from 2001 - 2003.

Civic Experience: Hiawatha City Council
Cub Scout/Boy Scout leader while sons were active in Boy Scouts of America.
Volunteering with Hiawatha Lions Hog Wild Days

Mayoral Incumbent: Thomas A. Theis
Retired

Family: Virginia (spouse), three children and four grandchildren

Tom has been a resident of Hiawatha for 42 years and has served the City over 40 years by participating as a volunteer, Councilman, Mayor and on other civic boards and commissions. He is seeking his second term.

Civic Experience: Hiawatha Mayor
Hiawatha City Council
Member - Hiawatha Planning & Zoning Committee and History Committee
Volunteer Member - Hiawatha Fire Department - Retired

"As Mayor, I have tried to provide strong, straight-forward leadership and have worked very hard to improve our City-wide image and attitude."

Council Candidate: Dennis N. Norton
Retired

Family: Linda (spouse), two children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren

Dennis has been a resident of Hiawatha for 34 years and has been retired from Rockwell-Collins after 38 years of employment. He strives to be an open and honest individual with a solid work ethic and passion for treating individuals fairly.

Civic Experience: Member - Hiawatha Planning & Zoning Committee
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Finance Committee Chair and Co-Chair
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Parish Council

"My mother raised me to remember that there are always two sides to every story/position and always listen to both before taking any action."

Council Incumbent: Robert Wheeler
Retired

Family: Donna (spouse), five children, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren

Bob has been a resident of Hiawatha for 57 years and has served on the Hiawatha Council for a total of 12 years over different spans of time. Bob enjoys time with his family, woodworking and repairing household items, furniture, toys and vehicles.

Civic Experience: Hiawatha City Council
Hiawatha American Legion Post 735
Cedar Valley Detachment of the Maring Corps League

"I have enjoyed watching Hiawatha grow and prosper and am proud of being a part of that. I would like to continue in that effort."

Council Incumbent: Dick Olson
Employer: Personal Safety Corporation, Owner and President
Family: Rita (spouse), two children and two grandchildren

Dick is running for his third City Council term. He also spearheaded the original business plan resulting in the establishment of the Hiawatha Ambulance Service.

Civic Experience: Hiawatha City Council
Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation, Board Member
Planning & Zoning Committee
Board of Adjustments Committee, Chairperson

Campaign Pledge: To listen, learn, and lead the pursuit of fiscally responsible Hiawatha growth initiatives.

Come out and meet the candidates on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Hiawatha Multi-Purpose Room on the lower level of City Hall. Don't miss this Candidate Forum!!!

Council Action

September 7, 2011

Ordinance 715 - Approving amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinance Chapter 17 Council §17.03 (1) Exercise of Power Action by Council updating approval of public spending by Resolution of Council for amounts in excess of \$5,000 to match the current Purchasing Policies & Procedures.

- Resolution 11-195 - Approving the Community Center Audio Visual Rental Agreement effective August 3, 2011.
- Resolution 11-196 - Fixing date (September 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.) for a meeting on the proposal to enter into a Five year Development Agreement with RKavon, L.L.C. Inc., for the property located at 820 N. 15th Ave.
- Resolution 11-197 - Fixing date (September 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.) for a meeting on the proposal to enter into a Five year Development Agreement with TCC Investments, LLC & The Dancer's Edge L.L.C., for the property located at 1550 Hawkeye Drive.
- Resolution 11-198 - Authorizing the Parks & Recreation Director to proceed with contracting for services for the replacement of the roof of the concession stand at Guthridge Park, total cost not to exceed \$5,000.
- Resolution 11-199 - Authorizing PAETEC Right of Way permission to bury Fiber Optics Cable in connection with North Center Point Road Reconstruction Project with conditions met.
- Resolution 11-200 - Awarding contract for Public Works Department purchase of one 2012 Ford F450 cab chassis 4X4 with body & plow at a total cost not to exceed \$51,538.00 from Lynch Ford of Mt. Vernon, Iowa.
- Resolution 11-201 - Awarding contract for Public Works Department purchase of one 2012 Case 580SN Rubber Tired Backhoe/Loader at a total cost not to exceed \$76,565.00 from Titan Machinery of Center Point, Iowa.
- Resolution 11-202 - Authorizing certification to the County Treasurer's for collection of a delinquent account for services performed by staff for mowing & trimming on property located at 810-840 Terry Ave., delinquent amount \$227.50.
- Resolution 11-203 - Authorizing certification to the County Treasurer's for collection of a delinquent account for services performed by staff for mowing & trimming on property located at 1099 Emmons St., delinquent amount \$227.50.
- Resolution 11-204 - Authorizing certification to the County Treasurer's for collection of a delinquent account for services performed by staff for mowing & trimming on property located at 206 Blairs Ferry Rd., delinquent amount \$210.00.
- Resolution 11-214 - Approving the Non-Sufficient Fund Policy & Procedures and authorizes adding an additional step by contacting the individual who tendered the NSF check by telephone.

September 20, 2011

- Resolution 11-215 - Approving and authorizing execution of Five year Development Agreement with RKavon, L.L.C. Inc., for the property located at 820 N. 15th Ave.
- Resolution 11-216 - Approving and authorizing execution of Five year Development Agreement with TCC Investments, LLC & The Dancer's Edge L.L.C., for the property located at 1550 Hawkeye Drive.
- Resolution 11-217 - Fixing date (October 5, 2011 7:00 p.m.) for a meeting on the proposal to enter into lease with Carmick Properties, LLC., for a satellite fire station located at 700 Robins Road.
- Resolution 11-218 - Approving Fire Department Deputy Chief EMS position salary adjustment as recommended by the compensation Committee due to re-classification.
- Resolution 11-219 - Authorizing staff to proceed with solicitations of proposals for the replacement of Ambulance Unit A87.
- Resolution 11-220 - Authorizing ImOn communications, LLC., Right of Way permission to bury Fiber Optics Cable due to a relocation in route to accommodate the Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection Project.
- Resolution 11-221 - Approving a 28E Agreement with Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for Tobacco Enforcement and authorizing appropriate City Staff to sign the agreement.

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Tower Commerce Center is a new 57.7 acre, 26 lot business park located in Hiawatha, Iowa between Stamy Road and Hawkeye Drive, only 1.55 miles from Interstate 380 and Boyson Road.

Daycare Facilities, Banks, and Restaurants Within One Mile
Easy Access to Interstate 380
Nearby Walking and Biking Trail

Non-Sufficient Fund Policy

On September 7, 2011, Hiawatha City Council approved RESOLUTION 11-214 approving the Non-Sufficient Fund Policy and Procedures for collection of payment for non-sufficient funds checks and authorizing the Finance Director to add an additional step to the City's current policy and procedures requiring the Finance Director to attempt to contact the individual who tendered the NSF check by telephone and ask them to stop into City Hall and pay by cash, credit/debit card, money order or cashier's check; the amount that is owed including a \$30.00 Non-Sufficient Fund Administrative Fee.





OCTOBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Playing For Keeps Fund-raiser
2 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	3	4	5 Council 7pm	6	7	8
9 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	10 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7p.m.	11 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7p.m.	12 Council Airls 7p.m. Channel 18	13 Council Airls 10a.m. Channel 18	14 Kids Movie Night 6:30 pm Movie: TBA	15
16 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	17	18 Water 6:30 p.m.	19 Council 7pm	20	21	22
23 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	24	25	26 Council Airls 7p.m. Channel 18	27 Council Airls 10a.m. Channel 18	28 Amateur Photo Contest Dead-line @ 5pm	29
30 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	31 P&Z 6p.m.					



NOVEMBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Council 7pm	3	4	5 Fire Dept. Chili Supper 11 am - 7pm
6	7	8 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7p.m.	9 Council Airls 7p.m. Channel 18	10 Council Airls 10a.m. Channel 18	11 Special Needs Movie Night 6:30 pm Movie: TBA	12
13	14 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7p.m.	15 Water 6:30 p.m.	16 Council 7pm	17	18 Kids Movie Night 6:30 pm Movie: TBA	19
20	21	22	23 Council Airls 7p.m. Channel 18	24 City Hall Closed Council Airls 10a.m. Channel 18	25 City Hall Closed	26
27	28 P&Z 6p.m.	29	30			

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Build a Great Business Networking Opportunity

The Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce and members of HEDCO held their first "Build a Great Business Networking Opportunity" Event at JP Gasway, a local Hiawatha business. Several local businessmen and women attended the event that was held on September 20, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The sole purpose of the event is to bring together local business owners to share their products and to stimulate networking opportunities for local business owners and enhance economic development.

Dee Baird of the Cedar Rapids Chamber/Priority One was also in attendance to give a brief overview of what is happening with area regionalism. Recently the Cedar Rapids Chamber, Priority One and the Downtown District have joined together as a partner organization in their efforts to create a leading economic growth region with a goal to align economic development assets to compete in a global market.



Hiawatha's Annual Fall Leaf, Brush & Yard Waste Pickup

Monday, October 24
Leaves & Yard Waste -

Must be in disposable paper bags and placed curbside by Monday before **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 nine (9) feet above sidewalks and 15 feet above streets.

Monday, November 7
Leaves & Yard Waste Only -

Must be in disposable paper bags and placed curbside by Monday before **7:00 a.m.**

No Brush or Tree Trimmings will be picked up this week.

Monday, November 21
Leaves & Yard Waste Only-

Must be in disposable paper bags and placed curbside by Monday before **7:00 a.m.**

No Brush or Tree Trimmings will be picked up this week.



Matt Powers - Hiawatha Fire Dept New Deputy Chief of Training

The City of Hiawatha is pleased to announce Matt Powers as our new Fire Department Deputy Chief-Training and Safety, beginning September 26, 2011. Matt is a third generation firefighter, who has been a member of the Hiawatha Fire Department for 11 years, the last five as Assistant Fire Chief. During Matt's tenure, he has proven to be a valuable resource to the Fire Department and to the Fire Chief, bringing with him a familiarity with the department, community and membership. He has also had the opportunity to gain valuable experience with Cedar Rapids Fire Department for the past three years as a firefighter.

Matt has a certificate in Fire Science from Kirkwood Community College, and has completed his Associate's Degree. Matt is a certified Firefighter II, Fire Instructor I, and Fire Officer I, along with being a Paramedic Specialist, EMS Instructor, EMS Evaluator, and BCLS Instructor.

We welcome Matt aboard!!!

