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# Hiawatha Insights

## Friends of Hiawatha Parks & Recreation go the extra mile!

On August 18th and 19th the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation held the 10th annual HIBRAI (**H**iwatha **B**ike **R**ide **A**round Iowa). While this ride generally changes destination almost every year, the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation decided to take the riders south again to Riverside Casino and Golf Resort as they did for 2011. This year riders departed from Hiawatha's Fay M. Clark Memorial Park, riding the 55 miles of scenic, winding paths to the casino in Riverside, Iowa. The group spent the night at the casino and returned to Hiawatha on Sunday afternoon. The HIBRAI ride has seen record participation for the last two years, doubling in participation from 2010 to 2011 and reaching participation in the three digits for 2012 totaling 116 riders! The Friends of 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 Park and Recreation and used to help fund summer programs for children of all ages.



## Library Coffee with Council

The City Council enjoyed their bi-annual "Coffee with Council" at the Hiawatha Public Library. The Council was greeted by several library staff that shared their enthusiasm of their love for books and their patrons. Even with budget cuts, Library Director Jeaneal Weeks spoke of the new adult and childrens programs. Pat Struttman, Assistant Library Director shared circulation numbers. Molly and Deb spoke of the services provided and number of calls received daily. There were conversations as to how the library serves as a meeting place, community center, information gateway and cooling center. Staff shared their vision and need for expansion or the potential of a new library.

Our economy is increasingly focused on service, information, and knowledge and access to information is critically important. The library provides access to information through printed word, multi-media or the internet. They provide computer terminals and the library enables public access to e-mail communications and word processing capabilities for those without the means. The library is a home to a unique collection of resources that cannot be found elsewhere.



## Hiawatha Elementary Fitness Trail

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Hiawatha Elementary School on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 to celebrate the completion of their Fitness Trail.

The improvements to the trail include adding pavement for a nearly 1/2 mile loop, and the addition of five (5) fitness stations and a 9 foot high, 20 foot long rock climbing wall. The new trail leads up to the existing paved trail at Guthridge Park, directly across the street from the school.

Hiawatha Elementary PTO, staff, students, sponsors and Hiawatha city officials gathered outside, behind the school, for the event. The students were educated on the purpose of a ribbon cutting, and were each given a 3" piece of 1/8" red ribbon to tie on their shoes to signify their contribution to the trail, as a large portion of the funds were raised by them. The ribbon was cut by 5th grade student ambassadors Emily Krall, Laura Crock and Abby Spore. The ceremony ended with the students singing the school song, accompanied by piano.

The improved Fitness Trail was a collaborative effort between the PTO, many volunteers and several generous sponsors over the past few months.

Sponsors include: The City of Hiawatha Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Water Departments (donated labor to lay pavement, approximately \$8,000); Lowes Toolbox for Education (\$5,000 grant); Hi-CREW Kiwanis (ski-walker station); University of Iowa Community Credit Union (sit-up station); and the Edgewood Road Hy-Vee & Blairsferry Road Drugstore.



## YMH Torrance Celebrates 50 Years as a Yale Dealer

The City of Hiawatha congratulates Torrance in celebrating their 50th year as an appointed Yale forklift dealer for Eastern and Central Iowa, as well as portions of Western Illinois.

Founded in 1939, the company received an appointment in the fall of 1962 to serve as the exclusive dealer and has grown to be one of the largest material handling businesses in the area.

Torrance hosted a lunch and open house for all employees and customers to celebrate this achievement on October 11, 2012.

Steve Gallagher, President of Torrance, "We are very proud of our long and successful relationship with the Yale brand, but it is the dedicated efforts of our employees who bring the extra value to our customers. Without their contributions to the company vision, success would not be possible. Yale continues to be the most valued brand for fork lift in the industry, and with the many new innovations they provide, we look forward to the future."

Torrance Corporate Headquarters have been located in the Corridor since 1996. Torrance has five full-service locations throughout Iowa and Western Illinois including locations in Hiawatha (Headquarters), Des Moines, Mason City, Dubuque and Rock Island, Illinois.

The City wishes Torrance the very best in your continued success!



## Hiawatha Firefighters Annual Chili Supper, November 3, 2012 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

## Farmers State Bank and City of Hiawatha Host Blood Drive

Farmers State Bank (FSB) partnered once again with the City of Hiawatha to host a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Monday, July 23, 2012, at the Hiawatha Community Center. We had set a goal of 25 pints prior to the drive and exceeded that goal by one pint.

Together FSB and the City of Hiawatha have hosted three blood drives and have collected over 75 pints! We plan to continue hosting at least one blood drive each year. Because the American Red Cross blood supply is currently at an emergency level, every pint counts! We would like to thank everyone who stopped out to donate.



## History Commission Remembers Shiloh Cemetery

Upon entering the City of Hiawatha from the south, at the intersection of Center Point Road and Blairs Ferry Road, a person would observe a very attractive City Welcome sign. Beyond the welcome sign is a beautiful parcel of land called Shiloh Cemetery. This land was originally purchased for fifty dollars and then given to Linn County by David and Laura Hunter in April 1858.

The warranty deed for Shiloh Cemetery describes the premises situated in the County of Linn, to be used expressly for the burying of the dead. There was also a small church across Blairs Ferry Road from the cemetery called Shiloh Church.

The earliest of burials were those of our Civil War soldiers. The name "Shiloh" comes from the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee on April 6 & 7, 1862. The two day battle of Shiloh produced more than 23,000 casualties and was the bloodiest battle in American History at that time. For more information on the battle, go to: [www.civilwar.org/battlefields/shiloh/maps/shilohfremauxmap.html](http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/shiloh/maps/shilohfremauxmap.html).

Years ago, the cemetery had a fence around it and of course, all of the rubbish and papers caught in it, making it very unsightly. The fence was later removed and now it is just beautiful, thanks to the Parks and Recreation Commission and staff for the wonderful landscaping around the cemetery.

There is an old fashion water pump still standing on the property, but no longer in use. Always on Memorial Day years ago it was used a lot to get buckets of water to put on newly placed flowers on the graves. All were fresh flowers, not artificial like today. To buy a burial plot in 1923, it would cost ten dollars. More land had been added after the original and now all spaces have been purchased.

The American Legion puts flags on the veteran's graves and there is a flag raising ceremony every Memorial Day to honor and recognize our local veterans.



## Residential Light Emitting Diode Pilot Program

The City of Hiawatha and Alliant Energy will partner in a Residential Light Emitting Diode (LED) Pilot Program. The City Council, at their October 3, 2012 meeting, passed a resolution authorizing the partnership between the City and Alliant Energy for a Residential Street Light Pilot. The intention of the Alliant Energy's LED pilot studies is to provide real-world examples in which they can evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency, and usefulness of LED lighting. The results of the pilot programs will be applied to future program design and will be shared with interested parties.

Objectives:

In its recent Energy Efficiency Plan, Alliant Energy has pledged to:

- **Collaborate and coordinate** with the Iowa Energy Center and/or other Iowa utilities in the design and implementation of LED pilot programs
- **Offer pilot programs:**
  - For specialty LEDs, such as holiday lighting
  - To identify and implement good quality LEDs in new construction
  - To implement interior and exterior LED lighting in a public setting, such as a museum, library, airport or other commercial space
- **Apply the results** of its LED pilots to future program design, including any appropriate incentives to increase market penetration
- **Report** ongoing developments and status of the LED pilots and plans to the collaborative group and include results in its annual reports

LED street lights provide a whiter light, similar to daylight. They use less than half the electricity of traditional lighting technology and last considerably longer, requiring less maintenance. The light source in LED streetlights contains no mercury or other toxic substances as found in traditional streetlights.

Alliant Energy has already committed in the initiative to replace all residential sodium pressure lighting as they terminate to LED fixtures. Alliant Energy is providing twelve (12) LED Fixtures and the installation of those lights at no cost to the City and no additional assessments or fees will be charged to the areas in the pilot project. The residential area consists of portions along North 12th Avenue, North 15th Avenue and 15th Avenue Court. Estimated delivery of fixtures and installation is scheduled for the middle of November.



## Council Action

September 5, 2012

**Ordinance 733 - AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, 1996, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 137 VACATION AND DISPOSAL OF STREETS §137.05 DISPOSAL OF VACATED STREETS OR ALLEYS.**

Resolution 12-185 - Approve disposal of Parcel B located at 999 Boyson Rd.

Resolution 12-186 - Authorize sale of Parcels A, B, and C located at 999 Boyson Rd.

Resolution 12-187 - Set public hearing date (September 9, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider vacation of utility easement on property located at Lot 1 of Crystal Group First Addition known as 850 Kacena Rd. as requested by Crystal Group, Inc.

Resolution 12-188 - Authorize Iowa Health Systems Right of Way permission to bury fiber optics cable for Enseva Data Center located at 755 Metzger Dr. to Stamy Rd. and along North Center Point Rd.

Resolution 12-189 - Award contract for purchase and installation of trees for Phase C of North Center Point Rd. Streetscape Project to Hughes Nursery and Landscaping for an amount not to exceed \$11,120.

Resolution 12-190 - Award contract for GSB Preservation Treatment of Guthridge and Tucker Park Parking Lots and Trails to Gee Asphalt Systems, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$30,099.

Resolution 12-191 - Authorize Fire Department purchase of three (3) dual radio control units for ambulances from RACOM Communications for an amount not to exceed \$6,567.

Resolution 12-192 - Authorize the emergency replacement of one (1) Hiawatha Police Department Vehicle Unit #850.

Resolution 12-193 - Set public hearing date (September 19, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider adopting and place plans, specs, form of contract and estimate of cost on file and direct publication of Notice to Bidders for Clymer Rd. Storm Sewer Extension Project.

Resolution 12-194 - Authorize preliminary engineering with CN Railroad for new crossing signals in connection with the RISE Grant Pavement Reconstruction of North Center Point Rd. from the CN Railroad to south of Parsons Dr.

Resolution 12-195 - Authorize REC to remove duplicate light pole on NW corner of North Center Point Rd. and Tower Terrace Rd.

Resolution 12-196 - Authorize staff to proceed with recommendations #1 and #2 in connection with the commissioning of City Hall with KJWW Engineering Consulting.

Resolution 12-197 - Authorize staff to proceed with engineering succession plan as presented at August 20, 2012 Special Meeting.

Resolution 12-198 - Authorize staff to proceed with the submittal of Safe Routes to School Grant for sidewalk and cross walk improvements along Emmons St. as it connects to Guthridge Park Trail and commit to maintenance of facility for at least 10 years.

Resolution 12-199 - Amend 2010 Employee Policy Section VIII Group Health Policies adding Flexible Spending Account (FSA).

Resolution 12-200 - Approve and amended Multi-Purpose Room Rules & Regulations adding 16. Multi-Purpose Room renters and their guests must park in the parking lot located in the front of City Hall only.

Resolution 12-204 - Authorize the commencement of Eminent Domain proceedings for the acquisition of certain real property owned by Thomas Bowler at 45 Boyson Rd. in the City of Hiawatha, Iowa

Resolution 12-205 - Authorize the commencement of Eminent Domain proceedings for the acquisition of certain real property owned by Marak Properties LLC., at 990 Robins Rd. in the City of Hiawatha, Iowa.

September 19, 2012

Resolution 12-205A - Approve sewer waiver for second water meter at 2908 Diamond Head Rd.

Resolution 12-206 - Approve adopting Amendment No. 7 to the Hiawatha Urban Renewal Plan.

Resolution 12-207 - Adopt plans, specs, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Clymer Rd. Storm Sewer Extension Project.

Resolution 12-208 - Approve vacation of utility easement on property located at Lot 1 of Crystal Group First Addition known as 850 Kacena Rd.

Resolution 12-209 - Set public hearing date (October 3, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 131 Taxicab and Limousine Code in its entirety and replace it with new Chapter 131 to correspond with metro area requirements.

Resolution 12-210 - Rescind Resolution 12-181 to reconsider the proposed special assessments against the benefited properties toward the total cost of the improvements for the Stamy Rd. from North of Kacena Rd. to Tower Terrace Rd. Underground Electric Improvements Project.

Resolution 12-211 - Resolution of Necessity (Proposed) for the Stamy Rd. from North of Kacena Rd. to Tower Terrace Rd. Underground Electric Improvements Project.

Resolution 12-212 - Revise the special assessment and re-adopt and levy final schedule of assessments for two parcels in Tower Commerce Addition in connection with Stamy Rd. from North of Kacena Rd. to Tower Terrace Rd. Pavement Extension Project.

Resolution 12-213 - Accept Improvements on Metzger Dr. and Commerce Blvd. and approve Maintenance Bonds.

Resolution 12-214 - Accept Right-Of-Way for Metzger Dr.

Resolution 12-215 - Accept Right-Of-Way for Commerce Blvd.

Resolution 12-216 - Accept Right-Of-Way for Stamy Rd.

Resolution 12-217 - Approve Final Plat Tower Commerce Center Fourth Addition.

Resolution 12-218 - Approve Final Plat Tower Commerce Center Fifth Addition.

Resolution 12-219 - Approve Final Plat Tower Commerce Center Sixth Addition.

Resolution 12-220 - Release Development Agreement for Tower Commerce Center Third Addition.

Resolution 12-221 - Approve 28E Agreement with Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for Tobacco Enforcement and authorize appropriate City Staff to sign agreement.

Resolution 12-222 - Approve the FY2012 Street Finance Report.

Resolution 12-223 - Declare a moratorium on pole signs along North Center Point Rd. from Blairs Ferry Rd. north to Boyson Rd.

Resolution 12-226 - Authorize tuck pointing to sections of the exterior masonry wall in front of City Hall.

Resolution 12-227 - Approve Sanitary Sewer Disconnection Notice with Administrative fee of \$30.00 for Water Department customers who have sewer service only.

Resolution 12-228 - Authorize acquisition of certain real property owned by Inland Transport/Hawkeye Convenience Store at 975 Robins Road in the City of Hiawatha, Iowa.



# OCTOBER 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Playing for Keeps Fundraiser 6-9pm
7 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	8 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 7pm	9 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	10 Council 7pm Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	11 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	12 Kids Movie Night 6pm	13
14 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	15	16 Water 6:30 pm	17 Council 7pm	18	19	20
21 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	22	23	24 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	25 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	26	27
28 Final Farmers Market 11-2 pm	29 P&Z 6 pm	30	31 	Visit our website: <a href="http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com">www.hiawatha-iowa.com</a>		



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4	5	6	7 Council 7pm	8	9 Kids Movie Night 6pm	10
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18	19	20 Water 6:30 pm	21 Council 7pm	22  City Hall Closed	23 City Hall Closed	24
25	26 P&Z 6 pm	27	28 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	29 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	30	

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## Hiawatha's Annual Fall Leaf & Yard Waste Clean-up

**Monday, October 29**  
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 fifteen (15) feet above streets.

**Monday, November 12**  
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.**

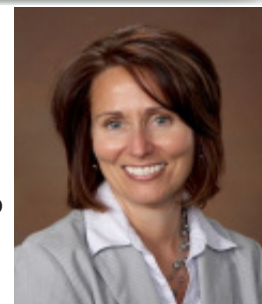
**Monday, November 26**  
Leaves & Yard Waste Only -

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.**

## Kim Downs Appointed to Iowa League of Cities Executive Board

City Clerk, Kim Downs was recently appointed to the Iowa League of Cities Executive Board. The Executive Board is the governing body who is responsible for adopting policies to provide direction to the League, adopting the annual operating budget, establishing membership fees, and providing direction to the executive director consistent with the League constitution and bylaws.



The Executive Board is composed of 19 officials from member cities including a president, president-elect, immediate past president, two other past presidents, and 14 directors from various geographic regions and population classifications. The League constitution requires officers and a majority of the Executive Board to be elected officials. Traditionally, city managers, administrators and city clerks are also represented on the Executive Board.

The Iowa League of Cities bylaws require the Executive Board to meet a minimum of four times each fiscal year. Currently, the executive board meets every February, April, June, August, and November, in addition to the business meeting held during the Annual Conference.

Kim will be able to provide continuity between the City and the League of Cities, representation on behalf of the City, would have a direct line to the league's lobbyist, be included on the forefront of legislation issues and have the ability to influence the direction of the League and its effects on cities.

Kim is dedicated to her profession as the City Clerk and will be an added value to the Executive Board. Kim stated, "I am very honored to be asked to be a part of the League's board and it excites me to think that I can make a difference on behalf of the City of Hiawatha and other communities as well."

Council approved Downs' participation as a League Executive Board member at their June 6th meeting. "Congratulations Kim in your appointment to the League of Cities Executive Board, you will serve the League and our community well", City Council.

## Hog Wild Days Recap Correction

Last month's article regarding Hog Wild Days incorrectly identified information about the most favorite Grandma. LaVonne Leyh was nominated and named most favorite Grandma. Her granddaughter, Ella Stoltenberg, wrote the winning essay.