



Hiawatha Insights

October 2013

Hiawatha Police Department Golf Outing Recap

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On August 18, 2013, the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit hosted the First Annual Hiawatha Police K9 Unit Golf Outing at Hunters Ridge Golf Course. Eighteen 4-person teams participated in this year's event, which included golf, dinner afterwards, raffle drawings, and a K9 demonstration by the current team, Officer Erik Naaktgeboren and K9 RESO.

The proceeds from this fundraising event will provide for the continued financial support and future growth of the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit. The Hiawatha Police K9 Unit was established in 2005. It has been funded and supported thanks to the generous donations of numerous individuals and businesses in the Hiawatha, Marion, and Cedar Rapids communities.

This event was possible thanks to over 50 sponsors that made Hole Sponsor or Raffle Prize donations. We would like to offer a special thanks to our Tournament Sponsors: Darrah's Towing and Recovery, Munson Electric, Dave Wright Nissan/Subaru, and Cedar Rapids Toyota.

For more information about the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit follow us on Facebook at "Hiawatha Police K9 Unit".



L-R: Erik Munson (Munson Electric), Carm Chiafos (Darrah's Towing), Dave Wright (Dave Wright Nissan) and John Nus (Cedar Rapids Toyota)

Hiawatha Police Department Announced Two New Officers

Officer Chad Breidinger (left) and Officer Adam Kirkpatrick (right) officially began their duties as Hiawatha Police Officers after taking the Oath of Office. The oath was administered by Mayor Theis. Officer Breidinger is currently attending the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy's fourteen week basic course. Upon graduation, Officer Breidinger will begin the field training program in December. Officer Kirkpatrick is currently in the field training program before beginning solo patrol duties. Please welcome both officers and their families to the City.



North Center Point Road Closure from Emmons to Boyson

The City of Hiawatha began construction on the North Center Point Road Railroad Crossing Project with a road closure on September 30, 2013. Contractors began removing existing pavement and installing storm sewer.

During the week of October 7th, contractors will have installed the railroad crossing improvements.

In the week of October 21 - 25th, the installations of the crossing and signal/gates should be complete or near complete. The contractor will begin pavement work immediately following.

North Center Point Road will be closed from September 30th through approximately mid-November.

Businesses in the area will have alternate access to their buildings, clearly marked with signage stating "open to local traffic only". Please be prepared for detours and seek alternate routes to avoid this area if at all possible.

Reminder - Hiawatha Annual Leaf, Brush and Yard Waste Clean-up

Monday, October 28
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.

The City will not pick up any branches larger than 12" in diameter and no pick up of tree demolition. Contact a tree removal service for disposal of tree demolition

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.

Monday, November 11
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 25
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.

Firefighters Conduct House Burns

July 25th through July 27th, Firefighters from Hiawatha, Robins, Monroe Township, and Cedar Rapids participated in hands on, live fire training in a house at 775 Kainz Drive in Hiawatha. The fires not only gave firefighters the chance to practice their firefighting skills, but it also gave the officers and crews from the various area departments the opportunity to work together. The first two days of the training, Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha crews ran through training scenarios together. On Saturday, Monroe Township and Robins joined in. According to Hiawatha Fire Chief Mike Nesslage, "The departments are working together more and more, and this training gave us the opportunity to develop some familiarity with how each department operates. In the end, this lets the departments provide better service to all four communities." More than 60 firefighters participated in more than 20 fire scenarios in three days. The vacant house was donated to the fire department to use by Braniac Inc. (Photo by Teri Craven)



Hiawatha Fire Department New Appointees

The Hiawatha Fire Department recently added nine (9) new members to their roster. New members are required to go through approximately eight weeks of training prior to being allowed to respond to any calls and are on a one year probationary period. They are required to complete Firefighter 1 training and are encouraged to complete EMS certification, if they do not have it.

The new members, pictured, include:

Front row L-R: Nicholas Streng, Ryan Neuhaus, Josh Snetzler, Arun Chattopadhyay, and John Bradford.

Back row: Kyle Wilkins, Clay June, Chris Liscum, Andrew Vaughan, and Explorer TJ Brown.

TJ Brown is a Fire Department Explorer who is also a senior in high school. TJ will be participating in the training with this group of rookies. Senior Explorers don't fight fires, but do spend their senior year with the fire department preparing, so that when they graduate and turn 18, they are ready to go.

We are excited to welcome these individuals to the Fire Department. This will bring our present staff count to 64 members including 56 volunteers, 3 full time, 4 part time, 7 explorers, and the medical director. Applications for volunteer positions are accepted all the time at City Hall, but are acted on annually. For information about the Fire Department Explorer Program for High School youth, or information about joining the Fire Department, contact the Fire Department at 319-393-4180.



Hiawatha Summit 2013

On September 17th, the Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation and the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance hosted the first Hiawatha Summit, joining together the Hiawatha business community for a morning of networking at the new Kirkwood Regional Center, located at 1770 Boyson Road.

Fifty-three business leaders were in attendance, highlighting three local businesses: University of Iowa Community Credit Union, Wickwire Chiropractic, and the Kirkwood Regional Center.

Eadie Fawcett-Weaver of the University of Iowa Credit Union, along with Doug Neumann of the Metro Economic Alliance welcomed the group. Fawcett-Weaver invited everyone to check out their Credit Union, located at 405 S. Blairsferry Crossing. Since its inception in 1938, the University of Iowa Community Credit Union has been serving its members in and around the Hiawatha, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City area with exceptional financial products. Members can also take advantage of a full array of loans. They additionally provide finance education and awareness classes. Fawcett-Weaver's role is to work in community partnership to promote education.

Chiropractor Lee Wickwire of Wickwire Chiropractic, 1690 Blairs Ferry Road, provides chiropractic care that covers a wide range of issues including neck pain, back pain, numbness, sciatica, sports and repetitive motion injuries, and much more! In addition, they will educate you about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, including exercise, diet, and nutrition. At Wickwire Chiropractic, their interest is to provide long-term health and wellness, not just a quick fix.

Several toured the Kirkwood facility, learning about the significant changes in the way they deliver education. Regional Director Mindy Thornton stated nearly 70 percent of all new jobs require training beyond high school.

Kirkwood has created a unique cooperation with area school districts, putting high school students in hands-on technical programs using industry aligned curriculum. Through this partnership, highly technical state-of-the-art labs were created to train students in areas that lead to high-skill, high-wage career opportunities. 1700 students are currently attending the Hiawatha Center with room to grow.



Meet the Council Candidates..... Vote on Nov 5, 2013

Martin T. (Marty) Bruns, Incumbent
Retired

Family: Audrey (spouse) and three sons

Marty is currently serving on the City Council 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 his first term.
Drafted and sponsored the first formal employee policy for the City of Hiawatha.
Served on Citizen's Committee for New City Hall in 2007, the Comprehensive Planning Committee in 2009 and the North Center Point Corridor Planning Committee in 2013.
Served on Linn County Crime Stoppers for five years.
Identified a trend toward deficit spending and helped correct it.



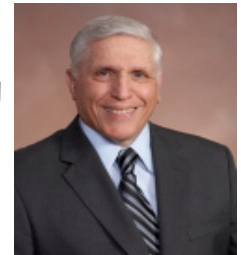
"I have no personal agenda beyond trying to understand and support what's best for Hiawatha."

Bob Rampulla - Incumbent
Retired

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

Bob is also currently serving on the City Council 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 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.
- Maintain continuity in all Capital Improvement Plan projects in order to complete them on time and within budget.

Local Option Sales and Service Tax Vote on November 5th

On November 5, 2013, the citizens of Hiawatha and the Metro area will decide whether to extend the 1% Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) for a period of 10 years.

The 1% LOSST is NOT a new tax; it is currently in effect and has been since July 1, 2010. This vote is asking the citizens' permission to **reauthorize** an extension of the current LOSST in order to pay for needed infrastructure projects and support economic development in this growing and maturing community.

Anybody (resident or visitor), who buys goods and services within Linn County, pays this LOSST and contributes to the total amount of revenue that is raised.

The LOSST is paid for by purchases made by millions of annual visitors and the number of daily workers that buy products in Linn County. This tax can create an additional \$8M in revenue just for Hiawatha if the extension is approved.

On August 21, 2013, the City Council passed a resolution authorizing the imposition of a local sales and service tax at the rate of 1% to be effective July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2024. The City of Hiawatha elected the following: Up to 10% for Property Tax Relief; the specific purposes for which the revenues shall otherwise be expended are: One hundred percent (100%) for any lawful purpose including, but not limited to, retirement of outstanding obligations, water and sewer system improvements, street improvements, public safety, library, and park & recreation improvements.

Citizens of Hiawatha, Cedar Rapids, Fairfax, Marion, and Robins will vote as a contiguous block. A simple majority of the composite Metro population will approve the extension of the LOSST for a period of ten (10) years.



Third Avenue

Council Action

September 4, 2013

Ordinance 756 - Approve Rezoning of property located on Loggerhead Road, North of Fitzroy Road from A (Agricultural) to R-1 PUD (Single Family Residence/Planned Development Overlay District) as requested by Casady Engineering, LLC for DFell Ridge Addition.

Ordinance 757 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.15:2 Figure I Land Use Matrix changing Body Art and Tattoo Shops from (N) Not Allowed to (P) Permitted in Zoning Districts CPR-1, CPR-2, and CPR-3 for the Center Point Road Corridor from Blairs Ferry Road to Boyson Road.

Ordinance 758 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.15:2 Figure I - Land Use Matrix adding land use classifications for Pawnbrokers and Delayed Deposit Services.

Ordinance 759 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required §65.01 Stop Intersections 2). Stop Intersection adding (BB.) Ryan Avenue. Vehicles traveling south on Ryan Avenue shall stop at Pirie Drive and adding (CC.) Brandon Avenue. Vehicles traveling south on Brandon Avenue shall stop at Pirie Drive.

Resolution 13-223 - Approve Preliminary Plat for Dell Ridge Addition.

Resolution 13-224 - Approve sidewalk deferment for Croell Concrete Products located at 1120 Hawkeye Drive.

Resolution 13-225 - Approve a Campaign Awareness Request Policy.

Resolution 13-226 - Amend the Confined Spaces Entry Program adopted on March 16, 2005, adding employee procedures for entry into a confined space and adding Cedar Rapids as authorized rescue services.

Resolution 13-227 - Approve and make Award of Contract 2013 Boyson Road Trail including Pedestrian Island and 18th Avenue Sidewalk to Clark Park Construction Project to Dave Schmitt Construction Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the amount of \$97,624.40.

Resolution 13-228 - Approve 28E Agreement with Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for Tobacco Enforcement and authorize appropriate City Staff to sign agreement.

September 18, 2013

Resolution 13-231 - Authorize Hiawatha Kids League to proceed with construction of a sidewalk from their storage garage to the trail at Guthridge Park.

Resolution 13-232 - Authorize CenturyLink Right-of-Way permission to bury fiber optics cable on N Center Point Road from the south side of the railroad tracks to Hiawatha Bank and Trust.

Resolution 13-233 - Accept improvements for sanitary sewer extension to Lot 1 of Stonegate First Addition.

Resolution 13-234 - Approve installation of seven (7) LED street lights and concrete poles for the North end of 18th Avenue from Boyson Road to Fay Clark Park.

Resolution 13-235 - Approve agreement between the City of Hiawatha and the Iowa Department of Transportation for the maintenance and operation of a new intersection at North Center Point Road and Robins Road and committing local matching funds for the project upon award of the Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Grant.

Resolution 13-237 - Amend 2010 Employee Policy Manual (and amending the 2010 Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Employee Policy Manual accordingly); Section III amend Seatbelt/Restraint Policy adding/changing requirements to comply with OSHA and Workers' Compensation requirements, Section VII Passwords adding procedures for updating computer passwords as recommended by the auditor.

Resolution 13-238 - Authorize City Staff to Proceed with Design Plans for the Installation of temporary traffic signals at the intersection of Blairs Ferry Road and Miller Road and Revise a draft 28E agreement between then City of Hiawatha and the City of Cedar Rapids.

Library Special Levy November 5, 2013

The Hiawatha City Council passed a resolution in August to place a special library levy on the ballot in November. Iowa Code (384.12(21)) allows cities to levy an additional tax of up to \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation for the support of a public library. There is a petition and referendum required to pass the levy. The petition was passed throughout the community; 195 signatures were needed, and 224 signatures were gathered. The levy is put on the ballot in regular city elections, held in odd numbered years. According to the State Library of Iowa, this levy would generate approximately \$80,498 per year for the library.



One of the most urgent needs at the library at this time is additional staff. The library would like to use a portion of the funding to add two part-time library assistants. The remaining money would be used to establish a building expansion project fund, and when the expansion is complete, to increase the annual operating budget of the library to offset some of the new and additional operating costs with a larger building.

Halloween Reminder



Just a reminder that the City of Hiawatha does not designate a specific date or time for trick or treating.

Please be aware and watching for children that are not always aware of you in their excitement of this holiday.

Parents - Please be certain your children are wearing reflective clothing and carrying flashlights for their safety.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Council 5:30pm			
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Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park		Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	Council Airs 10am Channel 18	Kids Movie Night 6pm Hotel Transyl- vania	Playing for Keeps 6-9pm CR Toyota
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park	History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	Water 5:30 pm	Council 5:30pm			
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Hall & Hall Engineers Celebrate 60 years!

Hall & Hall Engineers proudly celebrated their 60th year of business in June of 2013 and strive to continue their commitment of providing quality land development services for another 60 years. Along with celebrating 60 years of developing infrastructure across Iowa, Hall & Hall Engineers also announced a new leadership team this year. The Board of Directors elected Dick Ransom, Chairman of the Board; Shane Wicks, President; Ken DeKeyser, Vice-President and Allen Witt, Secretary/Treasurer of the firm. The anniversary also included an updated website. Shane Wicks, President said, "We value our clients that helped us build our firm from two employees to 24 employees today." He said, "A shift was made in 2013 to make all employees eligible to purchase shares of Hall & Hall stock." Hall & Hall continues to operate offices in Hiawatha since 2005 and Coralville since 2007.



Hall & Hall Engineers, Inc., started in 1953 in a one-room office in Cedar Rapids. Today, Hall & Hall provides Municipal Civil Engineering, Land Development Civil Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying services for projects of all sizes for municipalities, utilities, roads, schools, businesses and industries across the Midwest.

Small Business Energy Solutions

Increasing your energy savings in your small business has never been easier, with Alliant Energy's new Small Business Energy Solutions pilot program.

Through this program, Alliant Energy pays up to 75% of the project cost for lighting system upgrades at eligible small business locations in the Cedar Rapids area.

A participating contractor will assess your lighting, create a lighting design proposal for review and apply for the program on your behalf.

Once approved, they will complete the lighting installation and Alliant Energy pays \$0.14 per kilowatt hour saved directly to the contractor, leaving you free to concentrate on your business. Average customers experience a return on their initial investment within nine months.

For more information and complete qualifications, visit alliantenergy.com/energysolutions or call 1-866-857-8782.



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