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Hiawatha Public Library Unveils Its Worth with Library Calculator

HIAWATHA, Iowa—The Hiawatha Public Library (HPL) completed its fiscal year on June 30, 2017, and recently finished the data gathering for that year’s usage. Patrons from Hiawatha, northeast Cedar Rapids, Robins, rural Linn County and beyond used services and materials from HPL July 2016 through June 2017 valued at \$4,484,403.

The valuation is based on the “Library Use Value Calculator,” which uses average prices of materials and services if users had to purchase them instead of utilizing them through HPL. Individuals can calculate their own value use as well by going to ILoveLibraries.org/What-Libraries-Do/Calculator.

“This dollar value reinforces what we already knew—that Hiawatha Public Library is well used,” said Jeaneal Weeks, library director. “And for those who don’t use the library, I encourage them to consider the items and services they pay for that we can do for free, and think about what they could be saving.”

The calculator looks at traditional, audio and electronic books for all ages, periodicals, movies, music, meeting room use, programs attended and databases accessed among other services.

“What this calculator doesn’t show is the residual economic impact Hiawatha Public Library has on economic development,” said Kyle Kunz, chair of Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation and partner at Honkamp Krueger & Co. “Primarily through the literacy and learning gained by patrons, workforce development and small business support, the library has a bigger effect on the community this way than most realize. The library also is a destination for people, bringing them into our community where they then stop at other places and make purchases.”

HPL is planning a remodel and addition to help foster the growth it’s seen since it moved to its current location in 1998. Circulation alone in that time has increased 196 percent. “Our collection is less than the average for libraries its size in Iowa, yet its circulation is the highest for libraries its size. An average of 500 people per day visit us,” said Weeks. “We have the highest circulation of libraries per capita in the metro area and one of the highest in the state, yet we’re one of the smallest structures in our library class despite this. We invite anyone to come in for a tour—see what we have to offer and the need for additional space.”

The project will renovate the existing 8,543 square-foot structure and expand the library by another 13,457 square feet at the library’s central location with a cost of \$4.133 million. To fund the project, \$1 million is designated from existing local option sales and service tax income. Another \$2 million will come from donations. The rest will come through a \$1.2 million city bond referendum on the ballot November 7, which Weeks points out **does not call for an increase in taxes**. “It is just state law that it has to go to vote,” she said.

The expansion project has been planned for and is in the City of Hiawatha’s current Capital Improvement Plan, structured to allow for no additional tax burden on the citizens of Hiawatha, Weeks said.

“The passing of the bond provides the residents of Hiawatha with an updated, expanded library to better serve the community **with no additional tax dollars** since it’s already in the city budget,” said Weeks “The project is a public-private partnership; a project to benefit all our city, our children, our patrons, our businesses and the greater community.”

HPL kicked off phase one of its capital campaign at the end of June, aiming to raise \$1 million by the November vote. As of mid-September, volunteers had raised nearly \$730,000. Phase two of the campaign also has a \$1 million goal and will begin after the November vote.

For more information about the Hiawatha Public Library, please visit www.HiawathaPublicLibrary.org



The Campaign to Renovate and Expand the Hiawatha Public Library

City Election November 7, 2017	Hiawatha Polling Locations		
Polls Open: Tuesday, November 7, 2017	Hiawatha 01	Hope Church	150 9th Ave
7:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Hiawatha 02	City Hall	101 Emmons St

Snowbirds and Vacationers

Snowbirds and vacationers should contact the Police Department to complete a house check form providing contact information while you are away. The house check form is available on the city website at www.hiawatha-iowa.com, or at the police department during normal business hours, Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This service is free and we encourage you to take advantage of the program. You can feel secure knowing your residence is being checked while you are away and the police department can provide additional security for you and your neighborhood.

Water Department Note: Don't forget to contact the Water Department to hold your bills, forward your bills, or turn off your water while you are away. Call us at City Hall at 319-393-5556, option 4.

Another Good Neighbor Policy

Most city ordinances are enacted to facilitate citizens' living together in harmony. One such ordinance in Hiawatha is our tree ordinance #151. This ordinance describes how to manage and trim trees when they encroach on the public right of way. This picture illustrates the specific clearance requirements.



We are requesting all citizens of Hiawatha be good neighbors and keep your trees and shrubs trimmed along the public sidewalk and street.

Yard Cleanup Dates

- October 23 - Yard Waste and Brush Pick Up
- November 6 - Leaves Only Pick Up
- November 20 - Leaves Only Pick Up

No branches larger than 12" in diameter and no pick up of tree demolition. Contact tree removal service for disposal.

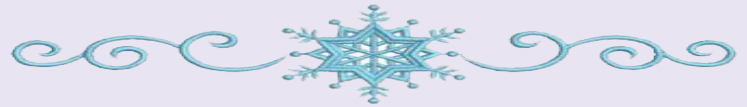


The Hiawatha History Committee Presents

"Did You Know" the history behind Hiawatha street names?

Brandon Ave, Pat's Drive, Terry Ave and Ryan Ave

Brandon Avenue, Pat's Drive, Terry Avenue and Ryan Avenue are all streets located near Nixon School. Each of the streets were named after the grandkids of Dr. Pirie, a veterinarian, who owned a local bull farm in the area.



Snow Ordinance Reminder

Our snow ordinance is in effect when the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts a snowfall in which three (3) or more inches of snow are expected. While the Snow Emergency is in effect, **there is no parking on any city street**. Vehicles found parked in violation of this ordinance will receive a **\$25** parking ticket and/or be impounded. During overnight snow removal operations, vehicles found in violation on City streets will be towed. The Snow Emergency declaration will be sent to all the local media including but not limited to: KGAN (Channel 2), KCRG (Channel 9) and KWWL (Channel 7). The declaration will also be posted on the City website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com. Your cooperation is appreciated.

REMEMBER - Don't park in the street if:

- The 24 hour (or less) prediction by the NWS is for three (3) or more inches of snow.
- Three (3) or more inches of snow has fallen and/or your street has not been cleared.

When in doubt about parking, just move your vehicle off the street.

City will **NOT** conduct snowfall clearing operations on all streets for a snowfall of less than two (2) inches.

Sidewalks must be shoveled within 24 hours of the cessation of snowfall, clear snow from around fire hydrants that are near your property, check with your neighbors regarding snow removal and direct sump pumps and downspouts away from hard surfaces so that water doesn't build up and freeze, creating slippery conditions on driveways, sidewalks or streets.

Sign up on the Hiawatha website (www.hiawatha-iowa.com) to receive notifications for snow emergencies to your cell phone or email.

Park restrooms will be closed at the end of October weather permitting. There will be porta potties located at Clark and Guthridge Park November 1, 2017 through April 1, 2018.

Halloween Reminder

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 their surroundings due to the excitement of this holiday.

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



September 6, 2017

Council Member Bruns read the Proclamation & City Council approved 9/8/17 as the 12th Annual Five Seasons Stand Down Day for Veterans in the City of Hiawatha. RESOLUTION #17-161 setting public hearing date (9/20/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider Application for Voluntary Annexation received from John & Lois Novak for property locally known as 3590 Todd Hills Road, Cedar Rapids. RESOLUTION #17-162 setting public hearing date (9/20/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider Application for Voluntary Annexation received from Timothy Brandt for property locally known as 3509 County Home Road, Cedar Rapids. RESOLUTION #17-163 approving & authorizing execution of a First Amendment to the Agreement for Private Development by & among the City of Hiawatha, Edge Holdings, LLC, & the Dancer's

Edge L.L.C. RESOLUTION #17-164 approving Final Plat for Tower Commerce Center Fourteenth Addition. RESOLUTION #17-165 approving the design of a new commercial building to the Hiawatha Design Guidelines for the property located at 805 Tower Terrace Road. RESOLUTION #17-166 approving a sidewalk deferment for the property located at 805 Tower Terrace Road as requested by Tower Commerce Center, Inc. RESOLUTION #17-167 approving Final Plat for Tower Commerce Center Fifteenth Addition. RESOLUTION #17-168 approving the proposed parking lot improvements on the property located at 1090 N Center Point Road to the Hiawatha Design Guidelines, as submitted by Hall & Hall Engineers, Inc. on behalf of McGrath. RESOLUTION #17-169 ap-

proving the installation of a 80/100 Watt LED street light on a black fiberglass pole located on the corner of Boyson Road & N 18th Avenue by Alliant Energy with no cost to the City for installation & approving a monthly fee. RESOLUTION #17-170 authorizing the City Clerk to make payment on Invoice #7 in the amount of \$33,436.40, submitted by the City of Cedar Rapids for Hiawatha's portion of the above listed project expenses for the Indian Creek & Dry Creek Sanitary Sewer Upgrade Project. RESOLUTION #17-171 approving Employee Benefits Brokerage & Consulting Services with True North Companies of Cedar Rapids Iowa at a total annual compensation rate of \$23,291 for all lines of employee insurance. RESOLUTION #17-172 approving the FY 2017 Street Finance Report.

September 20, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-173 approving the voluntary annexation application submitted by John K. & Lois A. Novak for property locally known as 3590 Todd Hills Road, Cedar Rapids, IA. RESOLUTION #17-174 approving the voluntary annexation application submitted by Timothy C. Brandt for property locally known as 3509 County Home Road, Cedar Rapids, IA. RESOLUTION #17-175 approving Final Plat for Rolling Prairie Estates Third Addition & authorizing execution of a Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & J. Murphy Homes, L.L.C. RESOLUTION #17-176 granting permission for Contractor to proceed with installation of improvements in Peck's Landing First Addition including sanitary sewer, water main & 3 LED urbane street lights to the City of Hiawatha. RESOLUTION #17-177 granting permission for Contractor to proceed with installation of improvements in Peck's Landing Edgewood Road Extension including 755 LF of sanitary sewer, 450 LF of water main, 460 feet of Edgewood Road Extension with storm sewer & drain tile, & 450 feet of 10 foot multi-use trail in the City of Hiawatha. RESOLUTION #17-178 approving

Change Order #4 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project with Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, IA, with an increase in contract amount of \$11,593.73, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$2,838,269.99. RESOLUTION #17-179 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #10 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, Iowa, in the amount of \$161,992.32. City Engineer John Bender outlined the pros & cons of the proposed "road diet" project on North Center Point Road. RESOLUTION #17-180 approving a Service Agreement with East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) for the preparation of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. RESOLUTION #17-181 approving the completion of a professional compensation study with Newport Group of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at a total project cost of \$12,725 - \$13,250.

October Calendar

- 01 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 09 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 09 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 15 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 17 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 Candidate Forum 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- 22 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 23 Yard Waste & Brush Pick Up 7:00 AM
- 23 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 29 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park

November Calendar

- 01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 04 Fire Department Chili Supper 11:00 AM-7:00 PM
- 06 Leaves Only Pick Up
- 08 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 09 UDC Review Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 13 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 Leaves Only Pick Up 7:00 AM
- 21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 23 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 24 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 27 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Phase II Starts Final Stage



The last phase of the Emmons/Robins/North Center Point Road intersection reconstruction project is now underway. The final stage of the project, the Robins Road repaving, has started with the completion date of the project scheduled for November 1st. Robins Road was closed Monday, September 11, 2017 with a detour route established on North Center Point Road and Boyson Road. Access to all businesses will be maintained.

The work includes a new traffic signal, new street lights, new bike trail, and landscaping along the curbs and sidewalks. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled prior to opening the entire project.

Any questions can be directed to the City Engineer at jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com.

Boyson Road Capacity Improvement Project at I-380

The Boyson Road Capacity Improvements project is now complete. Rathje Construction from Marion has constructed the pavement widening and Advanced Traffic Control has completed the repainting. We are proceeding with the next phase of the project which includes new signal equipment at both interchange intersections and also the intersection at North Center Point Road.



Any questions can be directed to the City Engineer at: jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com.

Edgewood Road Grading and Culvert Project - Tower Terrace Road to County Home Road

The Edgewood Road grading and culvert project has started with contractor Peterson Construction Company from Reinbeck, Iowa. This phase I project includes either the extension or the replacement of the existing culverts that will accommodate a new 30 foot pavement surface. This phase of the project will be completed this fall. The schedule is to complete the phase II project, new paved roadway, by November 2018.

Linn County Secondary Roads is the controlling agency for the construction of this project.



Alliant Backpack Program

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Friends Foundation participated in the Backpack Program with many other notable nonprofit organizations to furnish school supplies to area children in need. The Foundation selected Hiawatha Elementary school as their recipient and delivered nearly \$2,000 worth of supplies on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. They were able to impact over 400 children and 18 teachers with school supplies for the current school year.



Smoke Detector Day

Hiawatha Fire Department will be conducting its annual "Battery Up" day on Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Firefighters will branch out across Hiawatha to help residents replace smoke detector batteries. Firefighters recommend testing smoke detectors once a month, replacing the batteries in them once a year and replacing the detectors every 10 years. A working smoke detector, along with an escape plan, drastically improves your chance of surviving a fire. Sign-ups for the program can be done by email to Chief Mike Nesslage at: mnesslage@hiawatha-iowa.com or calling 319-393-4180.



Save the Date - Chili Supper

CHILI SUPPER! SAVE THE DATE! Members of the Hiawatha Fire Department are often out saving lives. We ask you to "Save the Date" for our annual Chili Supper. This year the supper will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Hiawatha Fire Station, located at 10th Avenue and Emmons Street. In the past the fire department has served over 900 people with its secret recipe chili, hot dogs and desserts. Proceeds go to purchase equipment and support fire department activities.



Welcome New Fire Employee!

On August 21, 2017, the Fire Department promoted Nick Jellison to full time Deputy Chief of EMS. Nick has been a volunteer paramedic and firefighter with the Fire Department since 2011. During his time as a volunteer, Nick assisted with training, protocol development and EMS equipment selection, along with mentoring new paramedics and EMTs. He had also served as the President of the Firefighters Association. In addition to Hiawatha, he was a member of Robins FD for 10 years. He worked full time for Iowa County Ambulance prior to becoming full time at Hiawatha Fire.

Nick holds a long list of certifications including Paramedic, Firefighter 2, Fire and EMS Instructor, Fire Officer, and Driver-Operator. He has two associates degrees from Kirkwood - one for Paramedic Science and one for Fire Science. Additionally he serves as an Adjunct Instructor for Kirkwood's EMS program. In his new position, Nick is responsible for overseeing the Fire Departments Emergency Medical Services, along with normal firefighting and medical duties.



Reminder from the Hiawatha Police Department

Please remember to lock and/or remove valuables from your vehicle when parking. We continue to receive reports of unlocked vehicles being entered. While the number of vehicles entered is not high, these thefts have increased lately. The thefts have occurred during all hours of the day and night.

The public calling in suspicious activity has resulted in 6 arrests in 4 different incidents, since the end of July. Please call 911 immediately if you see anything suspicious.

Suspicious activity would include seeing someone you do not know walking up or down your driveway. It also includes someone peering into parked cars or trying doors to see if they are locked. Please call 911 if anyone comes to your door asking to use the phone, looking for directions, or asking for someone who has never lived there. These are common tactics criminals will use to find out if anyone is home before to breaking in.

Remember call 911 when the activity is occurring.

Together we will continue to make this one of the safest cities in Iowa.

Hiawatha Police Conduct ALICE Training at Hiawatha Care Center

On Friday September 15th Police Officers from the Hiawatha Police Dept assisted staff from the Hiawatha Care Center with their yearly in service training with focus being an ALICE trained facility. Over 150 staff members participated in (ALICE) Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate and is a simple yet comprehensive system of giving people options during an active shooter or armed intruder event.



Throughout our country there have been countless stories of violence at our schools, places of employment, businesses, malls, churches, and government buildings. These acts of violence occur randomly with no rhyme or reason and we are not immune from it. ALICE training is now as important to do as fire and tornado drills. During the training the staff members watched a video displaying the ALICE principals before participating in real life scenarios. The staff did a great job learning "ALICE" and putting to use what they had learned.

We're Ready for the Next Steps - 2018 Housing Fund Grant Rehabilitation Program

Housing Rehabilitation surveys are complete ECICOG has the designated area is south of West Clark Street to Blairsferry Road and then from 4th Avenue to our east city boundary lines to C Avenue meets the determined the low to moderate income (LMI) levels.

We're ready for the next steps in our housing rehabilitation program process. Now that we know this area meets the LMI criteria we are ready to see how many owner-occupied homeowners are interested in the possibility of obtaining housing rehabilitation assistance. For the city to move forward with such an application we need to have at least six (6) owner-occupied homeowners whom are interested in completing a housing rehabilitation application and meet the LMI criteria to move forward with an application.

The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) 2018 Housing Fund Grant's application is due January 2018. The owner occupied housing rehabilitation is a grant awarded to a city through a competitive application process that assists low to moderate income (LMI) homeowners with repairs on their property to meet minimum housing standards and address lead hazard concerns. The grant would provide an owner-occupied homeowner five-year forgivable loan in the amount of \$24,999 in general repairs and an additional \$7,500 for lead reduction work if necessary.

If you are interested and live in the 2018 Housing Rehabilitation designated area please contact Pat Parsley at pparsley@hiawatha-iowa.com, 319-393-1515 ext. 229 or Kim Downs at kdowns@hiawatha-iowa.com, 319-393-1515 ext. 523.

OCTOBER 29, 2017

JOIN US FOR A

FALL FESTIVAL

• 11AM - 2PM •
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NEW HORIZONS CONCERT 1PM

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Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Director Joins Iowa Parks and Recreation Association Board



Congratulations to Parks and Recreation Director, Kelly Willadsen as she takes her seat on the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association's (IPRA) board. Kelly will help lead our Iowa Park and Recreation members as they fulfill their mission and future of the IPRA. This outstanding group's main priority is to assist others in developing their careers and supporting a system dedicated to achieving the highest levels of park/recreational services for the communities in Iowa.

IPRA's strength stems not just from services it delivers but from the education and collective voice it can provide on behalf of parks and recreation systems and professionals. IPRA's value lies in large part through its ability to foster the personal and professional growth of its members, offering enrichment, networking, education and opportunities to lead creating and nurturing opportunities.

Hiawatha City Clerk Continues as a Iowa Municipal Worker's Compensation Association Board Member



City Clerk Kelly Kornegor continues to show her dedication to her profession as well as she fills a position on the Iowa Municipal Worker's Compensation Association (IMWCA) as a board member. IMWCA is committed to providing a competitive worker's compensation program for cities and counties through administrative, loss control and technical services.

For the past year Kelly is "giving back" through her services as she builds on her knowledge when it comes to the safety of our employees and those around the state with access to effective loss control programs.

Participation in Iowa municipal boards is a perfect way to develop strong relationships and expand knowledge of community involvement above the local level.

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