Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

Reports:

- **Fun Fest 2017: August 25-26th, 2017.** Thank you for those of you that volunteered during the festivities, we greatly appreciate it! We hope you had a great time this year and were able to enjoy all the free activities and entertainment! We had over 1,000 people in attendance from Friday to Saturday's events. There were over 300 people in attendance for the 8 Seconds band along with the Movie Under the Moon. We kicked off Saturday with 82 walkers/runners participating in the Fireman's 5K, over 120 hungry pancake eaters at the HiCREW Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, 50 different parade floats handing out candy and tons of families enjoying a day of FUN! Thank you to all our food and beverage vendors: El Kahir Shrine, Kona Ice, Girl Scout Troop 5583, the Women's Auxiliary, Ruby's Pizza, Clock house Brewery and Cedar Ridge Winery. And we can't forget, thank you to all of our generous sponsors for making this event possible: Enseva, Crystal Group, World Class Industries, Cedar Rapids Toyota, City of Hiawatha, Farmers State Bank, McGrath, Kerndt Brothers Bank, Wright Way Trailers and Larry J Fox and Associates. Mark your calendars for August 24-25, 2018 for next year's festivities! Like the Hiawatha Fun Fest Facebook page to stay updated throughout the year!
- **Movies under the Moon:** On August 25th we were able to show the animated film Moana after our concert in the park. We had a great turn out even though it was a bit chilly in the evening. That will be the last movie in the park for 2017! We will start planning for 2018 in just a few short weeks!
- **Kids Movie Night:** You know it's fall when Kids Movie Nights are back in the Community Center! Our first one of the season will take place September 8th at 6:30pm. The movie showing will be SING.
- **HiBRAI:** HiBRAI (Hiawatha's Bike Ride Around Iowa) took place on August 19-20th riding from Hiawatha's Clark Park to Riverside Hotel and Casino a 58 mile bicycle ride. The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation put on this event to raise funding for our children's summer programming and park updates. They had 166 riders and had a very successful trip. They raised over $3,500 dollars from this event. Thank you to all of the sponsors for their support: Hiawatha Bank, Culvers, Caseys, Rexco, Burst, Morgan and

Mario, Blair Ridge Dental, Hausers Water Systems, Pepsico and Palo Mini Mart. We look forward to 2018! Stay posted for dates and information!

- **Music in the Park:** Hard to believe the summer has come to an end! We had great attendance and weather at all four of our concerts this year! Kiwanis made over $1,000 for their club throughout the month of August and were very excited. We will start searching for our 2018 Summer Music in the Park line up this fall! Let us know if you have any suggestions.
- **Fall Yoga:** We are going to continue to offer Gentle Yoga in the Community Center at 6pm on September 5th and 12th, October 3rd and 17th, November 14th and 21st and December 5th. Classes are $10 drop in or 5 classes for $40. September 5th, you are welcome to bring a friend with your paid registration! All fee and registration collections will be done by the instructor, Kayla Davis, to avoid in and out funds through Hiawatha's system.
- **Fall Soccer:** Fall soccer prepares players for organized soccer in a fun, non-competitive environment. Children will learn dribbling, kicking, passing, agility, teamwork and sportsmanship. Dates are September 12th through October 5th on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:15pm. Fall Soccer is sponsored by First Federal Credit Union.
- **Iowa State Fair:** The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation put on their first Charter Trip to the Iowa State Fair on August 17th. They had 30 people in attendance and were able to spend the entire day at the fair exploring. They had a great time and hope to add another trip next year. Kelly and Ambyr were also able to volunteer at the Iowa Parks and Recreation Foundation booth for the day. They were able to help with some of the fun activities including big wheel races, bubble gum blowing contests and scavenger hunts. Stay posted for dates and information!
- **IPRA Fall Conference:** Kelly and Ambyr will be attending fall conference on September 11-12th. Kelly will be sworn in as an at large director for the IPRA board. This position will allow her to help the Iowa Park and Recreation Association make decisions and continue growth within the organization. Conference is a great opportunity to see what others are doing, attend educational sessions and network with area businesses and members.

Parks:

- Splashpads are now turned off for the 2017 season!
- We will be down to two seasonal employees starting the 10th of September. With things winding down we will eliminate one person and keep the other two until the end of park rentals. We are having very successful year with our park employees and we can't thank them enough for all their hard work in helping keep our parks clean.
- Rick and Ted will be fertilizing and spraying for Fall over the next two weeks.