

Hiawatha Insights

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Hiawatha Flag & Seal

Last January, we asked the citizens of Hiawatha if they would use their creative talents to create a city flag.

The City received many unique flag designs; however, there were two designs that caught our attention.

We are proud to recognize Richard Tjarks as one of our flag designers. Richard's flag is now flying over our new city hall. The new city flag will be a symbol of our Hiawatha community for a very long time. When Mayor Theis asked Richard how he came up with his idea, he stated that "Hiawatha stands out throughout our community and 1950 represents the city's beginning along with our unique water tower".

The second flag design presented a city seal created by Linda Tilford.

Because of its unique style the Council thought this design would make an excellent city seal to be displayed for all to see as they enter our City Hall.



The seal represents our strong Hiawatha community that is proud to live, work and play in Hiawatha.

City Clerk, Kim Downs asked Linda how she came up with the idea. Linda said "Every city needs or has a seal, so I took the seal idea and placed city buildings along with a water tower and the city's slogan around the edge of the seal, pretty simple."

The City Council and Mayor extends their thank you to all who participated in their request to create a City flag. We are fortunate to capture not only a flag, but a city seal that will represent our community for many years to come.

Thank you Richard and Linda.



Avenue of the Saints

On behalf of the Iowa and Missouri departments of transportation, it is our pleasure and honor to name this town an "Official Saints Community."

There are only 38 Iowa communities selected to receive this special designation in recognition of completion of the four-lane Avenue of the Saints highway corridor from St. Paul, Minn. to St. Louis, Mo.



We hope that you enjoy your community recognition sign, which is an expression of our appreciation to all the communities along the corridor that endured the growing pains of a new roadway and exhibited tremendous patience during the extended project construction period.

May this designation bring the great people and businesses of the towns added vitality, prosperity and recognition.

- Iowa Department of Transportation

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Farmers Mkt Every Sunday 11:00a—3:00p	1	2	3 Council 7pm	4	5	6
7	8 History 1:30 Board of Adj 6pm	9 Parks 6pm Library 7pm	10 Work Session 6pm	11	12	13
14 Public Safety 6pm	15	16 Friends of the Library 6:30pm Water 6:30pm	17 Council 7pm	18	19 Kids Movie Night 6pm The Bee Movie	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 P&Z 6pm				

Hiawatha City Auction

On July 26th, the City held an auction to dispose of old office equipment such as tables, chairs, desks, filing cabinets, typewriters and copy machines from the old City Hall.

The day was beautiful and 37 ticket holders were in attendance.

Hiawatha citizens, churches and businesses that were affected by the flood were able to take advantage of the bargains that day.

The City collected \$1,375.00 which was deposited into the City's general fund.

Items that were not sold that day and still in good condition, were donated to Habitat for Humanity "Restore", or Goodwill, located in Hiawatha.



Hiawatha's Annual Fall Leaf & Yard Waste Pickup

Monday, October 27

Leaves and Yard Waste

Must be in disposable paper bags and be at the curb by Monday at 7:00 a.m.

Brush and 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. Violators of Hiawatha's leaf burning prohibition will be subject to fines.



Monday, November 10

Leaves and Yard Waste ONLY

Must be in disposable paper bags and placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Brush and tree trimmings will not be picked up.



Monday, November 24

Leaves and Yard Waste ONLY

Must be in disposable paper bags and placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Brush and tree trimmings will not be picked up.



Streets Superintendent:
Rod Jasa



October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Farmers Mkt Every Sunday 11:00a—3:00p			1 Council 7pm	2 Water Color Class Begins	3	4
5	6 Arthritis Class Begins 9 weeks @ 9:00 a.m.	7 Smart Discipline Seminar 6:30 p.m.	8 Work Session 6pm	9	10	11
12 Public Safety 6pm	13 History 1:30 Board of Adj 6pm	14 Parks 6pm Library 7pm	15 Council 7pm	16	17 Kids Movie Night 6pm Chipmunks	18
19	20	21 Friends of the Library 6:30pm Water 6:30pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 P&Z 6pm	29	30	31 Photo Contest Deadline	

Kids & Seniors Jam Session

In July, both the Playground and Tot-Lot children walked up to City Hall to participate in a Jam Session.

Some of the Hiawatha Senior Citizens get together and play music on their instruments.



The children were asked to bring an instrument from home to play with and we also made our own instruments for a craft.

The children got to listen, play along and dance along with the music.



The Senior Citizens loved having the children there and the children loved listening to the music.

It was definitely a successful outing.



Alliant Energy & MidAmerican Energy help “green” Hiawatha City Hall

City of Hiawatha to receive energy efficient incentive checks

The City of Hiawatha replaced its 58-year-old city hall with not only a newer, but a “greener” facility. The building when through an energy-efficient design process provided by the commercial new construction program offered through Alliant Energy and Mid-American Energy company. Representatives from both utilities presented rebate checks totaling \$29,646.00 to city officials during a brief ceremony at the city hall on August 6, 2008.

“The City of Hiawatha has a responsibility to our residents and to our environment. With the construction of our new building, we were committed to making Hiawatha City Hall energy-efficient,” said Dave Van Dee, Hiawatha City Administrator. “During the design process, we met with Alliant Energy and MidAmerican Energy to learn more about making City Hall energy efficient and reducing our en-



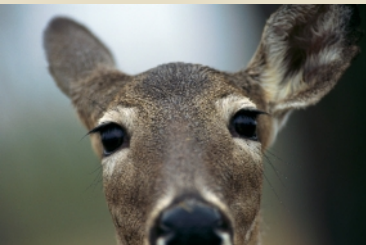
ergy costs. The energy conservation strategies provide an annual energy cost savings that will be beneficial for years to come.”

“We evaluated several potential energy conservation strategies the City of Hiawatha could consider in building City Hall,” said Sam Page-Strategic Account Manager, Alliant Energy. “Hiawatha city officials were willing to commit to energy-efficiency on the front end allowing us to achieve much greater fiscal and environmental results.”

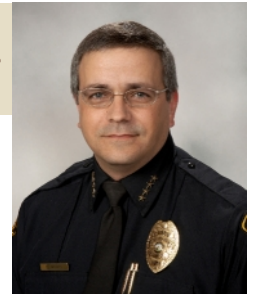


In addition to lowering its energy bill and receiving an extra cash incentive from the utilities, the City is also doing its part to reduce its environmental impact. By choosing to make the building more efficient than required by the State of Iowa building code, the city hall is avoiding more than 160 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions each year. This is equal to removing about 30 passenger vehicles off of Iowa roads.

Enjoy wildlife from a distance—Police Chief Marks



When the weather turns cold, it feels like the right thing to do when you feed the wildlife, but feeding wildlife does not always have the intended results. Wildlife becomes dependant on people for food and they stop looking for natural food sources. These handouts often have little nutritional value to the animals. Feeding deer, for example, can lure them away from protected areas and entice them to move further than they otherwise would, several times a day, often for only a small amount of food or perhaps none at all. Most times feeding sites are in open areas where deer are exposed to cold winds.



Energy-wise it can be a losing proposition.

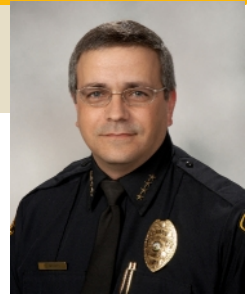
This past winter, the deer seemed to congregate in larger than normal numbers in some residential areas. Some of these areas are too small to support them. Gathering large numbers of deer into small areas creates a serious risk for spreading terminal diseases. We have deer in Hiawatha throughout the year, but supplemental feeding congregates deer in unnatural densities. We received photos and reports from homeowners showing seeming significant numbers of deer in one area of town. The spread of disease within and among species is encouraged by repeated and prolonged contact at feeding sites. Deer will over-eat the vegetation in the area including shrubs and gardens. We did see some of this in the late winter with shrubs in homeowner’s yards.

Raccoons and other small animals will also move in the area for food handouts. Raccoons, like the deer, will be less likely to leave the area when the food supply runs out. They will scavenge trash cans and other places they might find food. Dog food seems to be something raccoons like. I have responded to calls of raccoons, and other small animals, in engine compartments of vehicles and attached garages.

Living in town and experiencing the benefit of seeing wildlife is very appealing to most. Please enjoy the wildlife in your backyard from a distance and do not disrupt their natural feeding.



Hiawatha Neighborhood Watch—Police Chief Marks



You may have noticed a new look with neighborhood watch signs in your area. We have recently placed some of the new signage in neighborhoods. How do you get a new Neighborhood Watch sign in your neighborhood? Contact your neighbors and ask them to join you with the common goal to make your neighborhood unattractive to criminals. Then, contact the police department to schedule a meeting with



the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator or you may email us at neighborhoodwatch@hiawathapolice.com. An officer will attend your neighborhood meeting and provide suggestions for a successful program. With a minimum time commitment, you and your neighbors can help ensure a successful neighborhood watch program.

The residents of Bali Hai organized and have had their first meeting. The meeting was well attended and Block Captains were selected. A couple of other neighborhoods have expressed interest and are working toward their first meeting. The police department would like to sign up even more residents for the program. Watchful eyes are the best defense against crime in your neighborhood.

Call the Hiawatha Police Department today at 393-1212 to request more information on how you can start a Neighborhood Watch in your area and help keep your neighborhood crime free.

Council Action Summary

August 6, 2008

Ordinance 623—adoption of amending Chapter 57, Dangerous & Vicious Animals Sections 57.01 Definitions.

Resolution 08-124—approving and authorizing execution of agreement for private development involving RF Micro Devices, Inc.

Resolution 08-125—declaring an official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the City for original expenditures.

Resolution 08-126—setting public hearing for Mitchell Drive Street and Force Main Extension/Bypass 2008 Design project.

Resolution 08-127—approving sidewalk deferment for 2700 Stonegate Court-Eljane Enterprises.

Resolution 08-128—authorizing engineering services to proceed with the demolition of city buildings at 94 & 98 Emmons Street.

Resolution 08-135—approving Health Insurance Coverage from 9/1/08 through 9/30/09 for Blue Advantage Health Insurance employee plan, maintain dental plan, the Avesis-Advantage Vision Care plan and other employee benefits.

Resolution 08-136—authorizing the Mayor or Designee to sign the final settlement agreement regarding nuisance abatement located at 114 Northwood Drive.

August 20, 2008

Resolution 08-137—approving and authorizing execution of a 4-year development agreement for private development involving Pratt Audio Visual and Video Corp and PBI.

Resolution 08-138—awarding landscaping project for the New City Hall (East Side) Parking Lot with Peck's Nursery in an amount not to exceed \$5,887.00.

Resolution 08-138—approving the additional cost for New City Hall (East Side) Parking Lot Bio-Swale materials with Curtis Contracting Corp.

Resolution 08-140—considering amending the UDC (Unified Development Code) land use matrix and to set a public hearing date of 9/3/08 at 7:00 P.M.



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Economic Development in Hiawatha

The City of Hiawatha utilizes their Tax Increment Finance (TIF) capabilities to provide assistance and/or incentives to encourage business development in the established TIF area. The program has specific requirements that must be met by the applicant related to type of business and impact on the community. Essentially, the business must be non-retail; a development that directly serves the needs of the City's current industrial base; or a development that directly enhances the community; or provide an infrastructure project that enhances development capabilities. The City has an Economic Development Policy statement which will be available soon on our web site at www.hiawatha-iowa.com by clicking on the economic development link on the left side of the page.

The approach the City of Hiawatha utilizes is somewhat unique in that it is based on rebating taxes back to the applicant after their project has reached full tax status and they have paid their tax installments. The benefit to this approach is that it minimizes the risk of subsidizing business developments as their incentive is tied directly to the value and tax revenue from their property and therefore, the City does not place any of its existing TIF revenues at risk. The other benefit is that the debt service requirements for each taxing jurisdiction is captured and excluded from rebates, which is not always the case when a tax abatement program is used. There is an additional limit in that by policy the maximum rebate that can be offered to a development is five (5) years, whereas some tax abatement programs can extend for up to ten (10) years and in special state level programs twenty (20) years.

The process that is used by individuals interested in applying for the program is relatively simple in that an application (which is available on line through our web site) must be completed and filed with the Mayor and/or City Administrator. The Mayor then selects two (2) council members to sit on a review committee and meet with the business applicant. The Committee typically makes a recommendation which, once it is accepted by the applicant, an agreement is then drawn up as per Iowa Code. The agreement is then forwarded to the full Council with the committee recommendation and generally approved after a formal presentation from the applicant. This process was completed by two (2) new businesses to our community who between them will bring up to 100 new employees and approximately 4 million dollars in new taxable value through their developments. The City offers a heartfelt welcome to RF Micro Devices and Pratt Audio/Video to our community.

The lead contact for economic development in Hiawatha is Mayor Tom Theis who can be reached at 319-393-1515 ext 525.



City Administrator
Dave Van Dee

Notice to Water Customers

Effective July 1, 2008, the commodity charge on the water bills have gone up from \$2.90 to \$3.07 per 1000 gallons thereafter the first 1000 gallons. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Water Department during the hours of 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at 393-5556.

