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# Hiawatha Insights

Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation go the extra mile!

On August 28 and 29, 2010, Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation held the eighth annual HIBRAI (*Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa*). This ride originally started as a way to present a proposal for RAGBRAI. While we no longer ride to Des Moines to deliver the proposal, Hiawatha continues to apply as an overnight stay for RAGBRAI. This year riders departed from Hiawatha's Guthridge Park riding the 70 miles of rolling hills to the Meskwaki Hotel and Casino in Tama. The 2010 HIBRAI group spent the night at the casino and returned to Hiawatha on Sunday afternoon. We had over 40 beginner to advanced riders ranging from ages 22 to 75. The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation would like to thank several sponsors who provided food and drink at our rest stops: Buick GMC Cadillac Kia of N. Cedar Rapids, Farmers State Bank, ABC Disposal, General Mills, Edgewood Road Hy-Vee, Fareway, Culver's Frozen Custard, Big 10 Mart, and Brickside Cafe and Pizzeria. The revenue generated from HIBRAI is designated to the Friends of Park and Recreation to be used to help fund summer programs for children.



## Fay M. Clark Memorial Park Bridge holds history

This summer a bridge was installed on the south side of Fay M. Clark Memorial Park as part of the disc golf course. This bridge was made from the rafters taken out of the quonset building in Hiawatha. These rafters were made by Fay M. Clark himself.

Richard Larson explains the history of the quonset building: Around 1946, the Weld Shop located at Robins Road and Highway 150 burned down. The quonset building was constructed on North Center Point Road just past Blairs Ferry Road and Shiloh Cemetery. The building was built on a knoll west of Center Point Road.

The Quonset Building was approximately 30'x60' and made of cement block with steel arch style beams (rafters). Dutch Miller of Mt. Vernon was the block layer and Dick Larson mixed the mortar and carried the block. Fay Clark fabricated the arches by laying out a pattern on the concrete floor of the building and welding the arches there.

The building housed the new Weld Shop, a Cafe, and a Phillips 66 Service Station with an attendant on duty. This was the one and only truck stop between Cedar Rapids and Waterloo. Over the years, several businesses have called this building their home.

The Hiawatha History Commission saw these rafters as a valuable piece of history that allowed the Parks Department to use these to initiate the bridge you see pictured. There are several people to thank for the construction of this bridge including the Parks, Water, Building, and Streets Departments (particularly Rob Opfer, who did all the welding for this project). Additional thanks go to ABC Disposal for sandblasting the rafters and Coonrod Crane Service for helping us transport the bridge to the park. A plaque will be put in place to dedicate the bridge to Fay Clark.



## Hiawatha Municipal Projects Summary



Work on the **North Center Point Road Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project** is being performed by Abode Construction. The project cost \$182,922.40 and is nearing completion. Only a minor punch list of items remains. This project was 50% funded with L.O.S.T funds.



Work on the **C Avenue from Blairs Ferry to Tucker Street Pavement Reconstruction Project** is being performed by City Wide Construction. The project cost \$123,907.80 and is in the second phase of construction. Major accomplishments for August include first phase pavement removal and new pavement placement. This project is 100% funded by L.O.S.T funds.



Work on the **Northwest Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project** is being performed by Ricklefs Excavating. The project cost \$2,687,144.47 and began construction in August. Major accomplishments for August include the installation of over 6700 feet of water main on Loggerhead Road, and 2 casings being directional drilled and pulled under I-380 to house sanitary sewer and water main connections. This project was 50% funded with L.O.S.T funds.

The **3rd Avenue from Marion Street to West Clark Street Pavement Reconstruction, Water Main Installation, and Sanitary Service Repair** project is being performed by Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete. The cost for this project is \$281,068.80, paid with L.O.S.T funds. It is scheduled to begin in early September.

The **2010 Drain Tile Improvement Project**, which will update and improve drainage on Litchfield Drive, is going to be performed by Rathje Construction. The cost for this project will be \$69,532.70 and is scheduled to begin in early September.

The **FY 2011 Sanitary Sewer Repair Project** is going to be performed by Dave Schmitt Construction. This project includes several point repairs of the sanitary sewer system and will cost \$72,374.00. Work on this project is slated to begin in early September.

Ricklefs Excavating will also be working on the **Herigate Green Drainage Project**, starting in early September. The cost for this project is \$122,287.50.

## Questions to the Mayor

**Why are the U.S. Flags flying all summer on Center Point Road instead of just the five special holidays?**  
Hiawatha is celebrating our 60th Anniversary this year and we placed banners on every other street light. When we put up the U.S. Flags for Memorial Day, we received several calls saying how nice Center Point Road looked, so we decided to leave both in place until we install the christmas decorations later this fall.

**What was all the noise at Hog Wild Days?**  
For the first time this year the carnival rides were moved to the 10th Avenue parking lot and with all the rain, it prevented major damage to the park grounds. In doing so it moved some of the noise closer to homes on the west side of the park. The Mayor and City Council did receive phone calls and e-mails regarding the noise. We hope with some tweaking of equipment, things will work out better next year.

**Why is the timing of the southbound green light on Center Point Road/Boyson Road so short on Sunday Morning?**  
I had to check this out for myself and sure enough; it is short. We have talked to the City Engineer who will do some followup, but the fact is Boyson Road traffic has priority even on Sunday mornings.

## Hiawatha Businesses

### Management Resource Group

Management Resource Group (MRG), located at 1450 Boyson Road, Suite B5, is an experienced team of business executives who counsel organizations on talent management and strategic direction issues. We are focused on the following areas: Executive search, career transition, coaching, assessments and consulting. MRG's headquarters is located in Davenport, Iowa and we opened an office in Hiawatha in 1996. Visit us at [www.mrgpeople.com](http://www.mrgpeople.com) or call our local office at (319) 294-9499.



### The Coffee Emporium

Located at 1725 Boyson Road, The Coffee Emporium & Cafe is not just about the great coffee and fabulous espresso drinks. It's a place to meet for social gatherings or private events. Our menu of freshly prepared soups, salads, and sandwiches are available for dine-in, take-out, or have us cater your next breakfast meeting or luncheon.



Also available for purchase, whole bean coffees, freshly roasted and we can grind it for you. The Coffee Emporium carries a variety of Fair Trade, Organic, and flavored coffees. In addition, The Coffee Emporium displays the artwork of local eastern lowans. Oh yea, don't forget about our convenient drive-up window!

## Hiawatha Parks & Recreation News

### Playing for Keeps

For the past 20 years the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department has sponsored summer recreation programs for children. Last year over 180 children participated in these programs. The purpose of these programs is to encourage creativity, friendship, team-building, and community service through a variety of different activities. The Hiawatha Playground, Tot-Lot, and Youth in Parks programs serve as a tool for children to build new relationships, encourage fitness, and escape the everyday of "downloadable" play. These programs reach children in grades Kindergarten through 8th. However, with the continual growth and cost in running these recreation programs, we need your help!



PLAYING  
FOR KEEPS

On Saturday, October 9th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Toyota Showroom, 1190 Boyson Rd., the Friends of Hiawatha Park and Recreation will be hosting a fundraising event called **Playing for Keeps**. This will help us ensure our programs continue at an affordable rate to the children that need them the most. We have teamed up with Budweiser and Cedar Ridge Vineyards to provide a variety of beer and wine for sampling. We will also have hors d'oeuvres. This fundraiser consists of a live and silent auction with some amazing items up for bid. Please come and enjoy a night of friends, camaradery, and fun while promoting the continual growth and success of our children's programs. Tickets are on sale for \$15.00 at City Hall, 101 Emmons Street, Hiawatha, Iowa.

### Photo Contest

Our fall Amateur Photo Contest has arrived! This year we are looking for photographers to capture a photo to use for the 2011 Activity Brochure. This booklet is the main source for our community to find the year's recreation activities, special events, and much more. The picture will need to promote children and recreation. Please submit your best pictures to City Hall, 101 Emmons St., Hiawatha, IA 52233 Attn: Liz Goater.

### Rules:

- 1) All photos must be photographed by you
- 2) Please include your name, address, phone and email if available
- 3) Photos limited to a 5x7 size
- 4) Please choose your best three photos to submit

Photo Deadline: October 31, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Notification: Winner may be notified by mail, phone, or email.

### Prizes awarded:

1st Place - \$50 gift card to Photo Pro, Donated by FISHEYE L.C. in Hiawatha

2nd Place - Digital Custom 16x20 Photographic Print, Donated by GAMUT PRODUCTIONS in Hiawatha.



## Hiawatha Facebook News!

### Facebook

**Hiawatha Park & Recreation** on Facebook! We are very excited about this opportunity to connect with our citizens, volunteers, and other surrounding areas. This page will allow us to update all of you with information in regards to registration times and deadlines, cancellations, and special events. This page will also provide the people of Hiawatha and the surrounding areas information about our parks, pavilions and other spaces available for use. Take a moment to find us on Facebook and please suggest our page to all your friends. We are hopeful it will aid us in continuing to provide quality information about our department news.



**Hiawatha Public Library** posts on one Facebook page and is planning a second! Check out the Hiawatha Public Library Children's Page and read all about the comings and goings in our Youth Services department. Miss Alecia keeps us up to speed on what's happening @ your library. She then posts photos of the fun that they are having.



Also look for the upcoming Hiawatha Public Library Facebook page! We will cover all things library related. Call and tell Pat what you want to see.

## Council Action

August 4, 2010

**Ordinance #671 - Adoption of Chapter 94 Wellhead Protection, providing regulations to protect the City's public water supply and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the City.**

**Ordinance #672 - Rezoning of property located at the Northerly portion of Tower Commerce Center First Addition AG to C-4.**

**Ordinance #673 - Rezoning of property located at the Southerly portion of Tower Commerce Center First Addition AG to I-1.**

**Ordinance #674 - Rezoning of property located at the Pines at Turtle Creek First Addition R-3 to R-3 PUD Overlay.**

**Resolution 10-175 - Approving of issuance and sale of not to exceed \$3,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Midwestern Disaster Revenue Bonds (CCB Packaging, Inc. Project) Series 2010.**

**Resolution 10-176 - Ratifying, confirming and approving publication of Notice of Public Hearing of application of not to exceed \$250,000 of the note proceeds of the \$3,140,000 GO Notes, Series 2010B.**

**Resolution 10-177 - Instituting proceedings to take additional action for application of not to exceed \$250,000 GO notes Series 2010B.**

**Resolution 10-178 - Adopting plans, specs, form of contract, estimate of cost for 3rd Ave Pavement Reconstruction, Water Main and Sanitary Service Repairs Project.**

**Resolution 10-179 - Approving preliminary plat for Tower Commerce Center First Addition.**

**Resolution 10-180 - Approving final development plan for Pines at Turtle Creek First Addition.**

**Resolution 10-181 - Granting permission for contractor to proceed with installation of improvements in Pines at Turtle Creek First Addition to the City of Hiawatha.**

**Resolution 10-182 - Approving and making award of contract for the 2010 Litchfield Drive and Boyson Road Drain Tile Improvement Project to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, Iowa in the amount of \$69,532.70.**

**Resolution 10-187 - Rescinding Resolution 10-003 authorizing the City Staff to proceed with the sale of the 1986 Pirsch Fire Truck No. 284 due to lack of interest from fire district/fire departments.**

**Resolution 10-188 - Authorizing the purchase of two (2) AED Defibrillator Pros in an amount not to exceed \$5,510 with \$600.00 trade in value of two (2) outdated AED defibrillators from Progressive Medical International of Vista, Ca.**

**Resolution 10-189 - Approving contract agreement between the City of Hiawatha Fire Department and Nextera Energy Duane Arnold of Palo, Iowa for on-site medical services provided by fire fighters and temporary hires as described in the contract agreement.**

**Resolution 10-190 - Supporting the Hiawatha Fire Department in their efforts to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on August 27 and September 6, 2010.**

**Resolution 10-191 - Providing special provisions related to the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area Design Standards for the City of Hiawatha, including roll curb requirements on local residential streets and six-inch curb requirement on local residential street intersections and commercial and industrial streets (both local and otherwise).**

**Resolution 10-192 - Authorizing City Staff to accept a merchant services proposal and to proceed with the application process with Farmers State Bank for a credit/debit card processing terminal at City Hall.**



August 18, 2010

**Resolution 10-193 - Authorizing the issuance with proceeds from sale of Bonds to be loaned to CCB Packaging, Inc.; execution and delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement and assignment to secure said Bonds; execution and delivery of a Loan Agreement; Assignment by the City to the original purchase of the rights and interest of the City in and to said Loan Agreement; sale of said Bonds.**

**Resolution 10-194 - Setting Public Hearing Date to consider proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Ahmann Properties, LLC, and providing for publication of notice.**

**Resolution 10-195 - Approving and making award of contract for the 2010 3rd Avenue Pavement Reconstruction, Water Main Installation and Sanitary Sewer Project from Marion St. to W. Clark St. to Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, LLC of Cascade in the amount of \$281,068.80 plus potential incentive of \$500 per calendar or closing day up to a maximum \$8,000 for use of less than the allowable number of calendar or closure days.**

**Resolution 10-196 - Approving and making award of contract for FY 2011 Sanitary Sewer Repair Programs to Dave Schmitt Construction Co., Inc in the amount of \$72,374.00.**

**Resolution 10-197 - Amending 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update Land Use Concept Plan to change the Northerly portion of Tower Commerce Center First Addition from Industrial to Commercial Future Land Use.**

**Resolution 10-198 - Approving the 2010 Employee Policy Manual.**

**Resolution 10-199 - Approving the 2010 Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal/Employee Policy Manual.**

# SEPTEMBER 2010



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                                   | Friday   | Saturday |
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|   |   |  | 1   | 2  | 3  | 4        |
|   |   |  | Council 7pm   |  |  |          |
| 5<br>Farmers Market<br>11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  | 6   | 7  | 8<br>Parks 5:30 p.m.<br>Council Airs<br>7p.m. Channel<br>18 | 9<br>Council Airs<br>10a.m. Channel<br>18  | 10   | 11       |
| 12<br>Farmers Market<br>11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | 13<br>History 1:30 p.m.<br>Board of Adj.<br>7p.m. | 14<br>Library 7p.m.  | 15<br>Senior Evening<br>Dance<br>Council 7pm                | 16   | 17   | 18       |
| 19<br>Farmers Market<br>11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | 20  | 21<br>Placekick, Punt<br>& Throw Com-<br>petition<br>Water 6:30 p.m. | 22<br>Council Airs<br>7p.m. Channel<br>18                   | 23<br>Council Airs<br>10a.m. Channel<br>18 | 24<br>Kids Movie<br>Night 6:30pm<br>Movie: TBA | 25       |
| 26<br>Farmers Market<br>11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | 27<br>P&Z 6p.m.                                   | 28   | 29  | 30   |  |          |

# OCTOBER 2010



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                                | Wednesday   | Thursday                                   | Friday   | Saturday                                  |
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| 3<br>Farmers Market<br>11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.                | 4   | 5                                      | 6<br>Council 7pm  | 7  | 8  | 9<br>Playing for<br>Keeps Fund-<br>raiser |
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| 17<br>Farmers Market<br>11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.               | 18  | 19<br>Water 6:30 p.m.                  | 20<br>Council 7pm   | 21   | 22<br>Special<br>Needs Movie<br>Night 6:30pm<br>Movie: TBA | 23  |
| 24<br>Final Farm-<br>ers Market<br>11:00a.m. -<br>3:00 p.m. | 25<br>P&Z 6p.m.                                   | 26                                     | 27<br>Senior Eve-<br>ning Dance<br>Council Airs 7p.m.<br>Channel 18 | 28<br>Council Airs<br>10a.m. Channel<br>18 | 29<br>Amateur<br>Photo<br>Contest<br>Deadline              | 30  |
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From Hiawatha Parks Department and Eye 380 Committee

In July of 2009 a variety of shrubs and flowers were installed at the southwest quadrant of the Interstate 380 Boyson Road interchange in Hiawatha, the eye design became a model to beautify the freeway at a number of locations in the Cedar Rapids metro area.

The planting, approved last fall by the Hiawatha City Council, was made possible by a grant from the roadside improvement fund of the Iowa Department of Transportation. IDOT officials, led by Mark Masteller, worked with the Hiawatha Parks Dept., and Eye 380, a volunteer group seeking ways to beautify Interstate 380 in the Cedar Rapids Area. They were aided by horticulture students at Kirkwood Community College, the final design was produced by the volunteer work of Eric Shepley, a landscape architect at Hall and Hall Engineers in Hiawatha.

All of the plants used at the Hiawatha site meet IDOT requirements for Iowa roadside hardiness and compatibility with traffic. After a two-year establishment period, the maintenance of the plants becomes the responsibility of local sponsors. Similar projects have been undertaken in other Iowa cities.

The next step will be to determine interest in duplicating the Eye 380 design at other locations along the interstate through Cedar Rapids. Shepley said long-term annual maintenance costs were estimated at \$750 per site. The Eye 380 committee hopes individuals, organizations, and companies will support the interstate roadside improvements.

Contributions may be sent to Eye 380, care of Trees Forever, 770 7th Ave., Marion, Ia 52303.

Ever-Green Landscape Nursery & Supply planted the Boyson Eye 380 shrubs and grasses. Initial maintenance is being done by Creekside Gardens.

For more information call: Angela Cole: 393-1515 or Dale Kueter: 377-2630.



## Linn County Crime Stoppers, Inc.

Late last year the Cedar Rapids Crime Stoppers concluded that it would better serve the community if the tip reward practice would be expanded to include all of Linn County. They proposed this idea to the County and found support for the move.

The first half of 2010 has been spent in expanding the Board of Directors and establishing a legal entity by registering the Articles of Incorporation, formalizing the By-Laws, obtaining an Employment Identification Number and submitting for tax exemption. The purpose of this activity was to establish the group as a charitable entity so donors could use their donations for a tax deduction.

The Board of Directors expanded to seventeen seats. The representatives are from each of the cities who have a formal police department and three from Linn County at large. Hiawatha is allocated one representative as is Robins, Lisbon and Mount Vernon. Marion has three representatives and Cedar Rapids has seven.

The purpose of the Linn County Crime Stoppers, Inc., is to promote public safety by providing education on safety, provide rewards for tips leading to valid arrest warrants and arrests, and providing lecturers on various safety topics through affiliation with TRIAD, a county organization formed to provide such lectures.

The primary function is the support of the tip hot line 1-800-CSCRIME. If you have information of a crime that has been, or will be committed and can provide facts that will allow our police departments to arrest the culprit or prevent the crime, you may be eligible for an award. Your name is kept confidential and the information is provided to the police department of the impacted city. Should your tip prove to be instrumental in establishing a legal arrest warrant, the Linn County Crime Stoppers will consider you for a reward.