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# Hiawatha Insights

## Hog Wild Days Recap

The Lions Club of Hiawatha held the 29th Annual Hog Wild Days on June 21 - 24, 2012. This amazing fundraiser provides the community with fun and excitement. All events were held at our beautiful Guthridge Park. This years celebration included arts and crafts, a 5K run, a parade, bingo, carnival rides, free music and much, much more.

Nancy Melsa was named as the 2012 Grand Marshall, a resident of Hiawatha for 48 years. Nancy and husband Rich have been married 51 years and have 5 daughters and 7 grandchildren.

Nancy's life work is caring for and instructing little ones in her day care home for the past 32 years, which includes several generations in some families.

During her years in Hiawatha, Nancy has volunteered to help the community within many organizations: Lions Club; American Legion; Fire Department Auxiliary; Kennedy High School Sports; Hiawatha Holiday Parade.

Nancy recently retired from the City Council after serving 8 years.

Congratulations Nancy Melsa!

Two young Hiawatha residents were crowned as Jr. Mr. & Miss Hiawatha. The task was to write a 50 word essay describing their favorite way to spend a day in Hiawatha.

Richard Hansen was named Jr. Mr. Hiawatha, his essay read: "I love playing baseball during the summer, it is my favorite thing to do. I also like playing in the splash pad after I am done playing to cool off. I like to ride my bike and play with friends. My family goes to the park for picnics."

Lily Streeter was named Jr. Miss Hiawatha, her essay read: "My favorite way to spend a day in Hiawatha is to go to Guthridge Park and play in the splash pad with my friends. I also like to take my brother on wagon rides up and down Clymer Road. I enjoy lying in the grass and listening to the beautiful sounds of Hiawatha. I listen to cars, trucks, trains, and birds. Every day is a favorite day in Hiawatha."

Ella Stoltenberg was nominated and named most favorite Grandma. Ella's granddaughter LaVonne Leyh wrote: "My grandma is the best! She is very patient, helpful and kind and there when I need her. She is a special person in my life. My grandma bakes the best raspberry pies around and is very artsy and crafty. Her work is so beautiful. My grandma helps me with things I have trouble on and is a great friend. And just like my mom, she does everything for me and loves me very much!"

The City congratulates each of these individuals.

The Lions Club of Hiawatha would like to thank all that came out to enjoy themselves and those that gave of their time, talents, or finances to help make this a fun event.



L to R: Jr. Miss Hiawatha Lily Streeter, Grand Marshall Nancy Melsa, Jr. Mr. Hiawatha Richard Hansen

## Coffee with Council Update

Coffee with Council continues to be a successful method for Council to chat informally with City Staff and residents. This is a comfortable forum for staff, residents, Mayor and Council to ask questions, discuss issues and offer suggestions.

### Public Works Coffee with Council - Highlights

- Addition of one (1) staff member
- Safety Compliance

### Park & Recreation Coffee with Council - Highlights

- Fay M Clark Park
- Review of history/master park plan
- potential of west pavilion
- access/study parking lot for west side of park



The next Coffee with Council will be held on August 28, 2012 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Residents are encouraged to attend these informal sessions.

## Back to School Safety from your Hiawatha Police Department

With school already in session, all drivers are urged to “drive safe” and student pedestrians are urged to “be smart” and make safety a priority.

Here are some general safety tips:



1. Obey all traffic signals, signs and markings whether walking, bicycling, or driving.
2. The speed limit in Residential and School Zones is 25 miles per hour. You should drive with added caution when children are present.
3. Do not park or stop to unload children in no parking zones or on the roadway. Use the school’s designated drop off and pickup zone. This will help cut down on the potential for accidents during periods of congestion.
4. Have your children enter and exit vehicles on the passenger side of the car and only in loading areas or next to the sidewalk when legally parked.
5. Remind your children to look in all directions before crossing the street.
6. Cross the street only in a marked crosswalk or at a corner, not mid-block.
7. When riding a bicycle, you should always wear a helmet. If riding on the street, you ride your bike with the flow of traffic.

The Hiawatha Police Department monitors specific areas near Hiawatha and Nixon Elementary schools and violators will be issued citations for unsafe driving.

## Streets & Water Department Hire New Staff



“My name is Jason Kisling and I’ve been working in construction with sewer and water for seven years.”

Jason has worked in concrete for the past four years before being hired as a member of the Hiawatha Water Department staff.

In his spare time, Jason enjoys riding and working on motorcycles and has a ten year old son that he enjoys riding dirtbikes with.

Jason’s family is expecting a new edition in five months.

Welcome to Hiawatha Jason!

On July 16, 2012, the Public Works Department welcomed Kirk Stout to its staff.

Kirk comes to us from the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group and spent several years with the Linn County Conservation Department.

We are excited to have him on board.

Kirk graduated from Marion High School and Upper Iowa University with a degree in Conservation Management. He lives in Center Point with his wife and 7 month old son.





## Playing for Keeps Fundraiser

Join us for this event to benefit our children's summer programs and park projects.

This event includes a live and silent auction, wine tasting from Cedar Ridge Vineyards, beer sampling from 7G Distribution, Hors d'oeuvres from Bata's Catering, and live music from Nassor Cooper.

With your continued support we are able to help fund programs and keep costs minimal for our participants. Our goal is to continue to improve these programs to preserve our children's success in the future.

Playing for Keeps will be held on October 6th, 2012 at the Cedar Rapids Toyota Scion showroom, 1190 Boyson Road from 6 to 9PM.

Proudly sponsored by World Class Industries, CR Toyota, Evans United Shows, Roasters Coffee House, Master Tool & Mfg., University of Iowa Credit Union, and DAD Manufacturing.



## Robins Road Water Tower Painting Project



The water tower on Robins Road was built in 1970 and since then, the outside of the tower has been painted a number of times. But, it's been over ten years since the last time the outside of the tower was painted. The inside wet area of the tower has only been painted once since it was built and that was done in 1980.

Utility Service Company has been contracted to sandblast and paint the water tower. This work is scheduled to begin August 21, 2012, at which time the contractor will move in his equipment.

We will be taking the water tower out of service and will begin to drain it on August 22, 2012. Weather permitting, the tower should be back in service within 60 working days.

Hopefully the really hot weather has passed and we will have more seasonal weather as the city's water storage will be reduced during this time. The Water Department is asking its customers to please monitor their water usage over the span of this project.

We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you!

## Hiawatha's August Concert Series "Music in the Park"

Hiawatha's first August concert series was a huge success! The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank University of Iowa Credit Union for sponsoring "Music in the Park". Families and friends gathered in the lawn of Guthridge Park to enjoy the show. The August series brought crowds of over 200 people that came with coolers and lawn chairs to enjoy the live concerts.

Concessions were provided by the Hi-CREW Kiwanis Club. Thank you to Kevin Burt, Two Buck Chuck, Adobanga, and Crazy Delicious for entertaining our residents with their diverse sounds. Concerts were held from 6 to 9 pm. The Music in the Park series will continue next August.



## Kids Against Hunger

This summer Hiawatha Adventure Camp participants including Playground, Tot-Lot and Youth in Parks programs raised money for Kids Against Hunger. This organization helps to feed starving children all over the world by raising money and organizing packaging events. The meals they send out consist of rice, soy, dried vegetables, and vitamin and mineral supplement powder. Kids Against Hunger International has shipped food to over 40 countries, including the USA.

Children in Hiawatha programs raised \$250 for Kids Against Hunger, with Hi-CREW Kiwanis matching what they raised for a total of \$500. On August 7, 2012, children in Hiawatha Adventure Camp packaged food that fed over 2000 starving people. Thank you to all who participated in our fundraiser and to Hi-Crew Kiwanis for their donation towards this cause.





## Council Action

August 1, 2012

Resolution 12-157 - Approve the Articles of Agreement Creating the Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority.  
Resolution 12-158 - Authorize the Community Development Director or designee to serve on the Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors.  
Resolution 12-159 - Preliminary Resolution for the Construction of the Stamy Road from North of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Road Underground Electric Improvements in the City of Hiawatha, Iowa.  
Resolution 12-160 - Fix Values of lots for the Construction of Underground Electrical Improvements of the Stamy Road from North of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Road Underground Electric Improvements Project.  
Resolution 12-161 - Adopt Preliminary Plat and Schedule, Estimate and Cost and proposed Preliminary Plans and Specifications of the Stamy Road from North of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Road Underground Electric Improvements Project.  
Resolution 12-162 - Set public hearing date (September 5, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider Resolution of Necessity (Proposed) for the Stamy Road from North of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Road Underground Electric Improvements Project.  
Resolution 12-163 - Authorize City Engineers to proceed with Plans and Specifications for the remaining 800 feet of road way continuing south through Parsons Drive and authorize Finance Director to amend the Capital Improvement Plan.

August 15, 2012

Resolution 12-168 - Set public hearing date (September 5, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) regarding the City owned property located at 999 Boyson Road.  
Resolution 12-169 - Set dates of consultation (August 22, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) and public hearing (September 5, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) on proposed Amendment No. 7 to the Hiawatha Urban Renewal Plan in the City of Hiawatha, State of Iowa.  
Resolution 12-170 - Set public hearing date (September 5, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider the Resolution of Necessity (Proposed) for the Stamy Road from North of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Road Underground Electric Improvements Project.  
Resolution 12-171 - Authorize certification to the County Treasurer's for collection of delinquent account for services performed by City staff for mowing and trimming on property located at 110 2nd Avenue.  
Resolution 12-172 - Authorize purchase of Police Department Mobile Command / Transportation Trailer.  
Resolution 12-173 - Authorize staff to proceed with Request for Proposals for GSB Preservation Treatment of Guthridge and Tucker Park Parking Lots and Trails.  
Resolution 12-174 - Authorize ImOn Communications LLC Right of Way permission to bury Fiber Optics Cable for World Class Industries placing a communications duct along the south side of Boyson Road starting at 1525 Boyson Road, crossing Boyson Road along the east side of North 15th Avenue.  
Resolution 12-175 - Accept Improvements and approve Maintenance Bonds for Pines at Turtle Creek Third Addition.  
Resolution 12-176 - Approve Final Plat for Pines at Turtle Creek Third Addition.  
Resolution 12-177 - Add a 35' exposed aggregate concrete pole with a mast arm and LED 100 watt equivalent fixture as an acceptable light pole to the City's lighting standards in Commercial/Industrial Development areas as approved by Resolution #'s 12-138 and 12-154.  
Resolution 12-178 - Approve Invoice No. 1 for payment of the City's portion of costs to Mediacom for construction and materials to bury overhead lines for the Boyson Road and Robins Road Underground Utility Relocation Project.  
Resolution 12-179 - Amend Non-Sufficient Fund Policy Procedure #2 adding certified letter to contact methods and amending Procedure #5 changing response and restitution time from 10 days to 30 days.  
Resolution 12-180 Amending 2010 Employee Policy Manual Section and amending 2010 Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Employee Policy Manual accordingly deleting reimbursement procedures for employees who exceed cellular phone plan minutes and deleting Agreement of Reimbursement for Additional Costs Relating to Cellular Phone Acknowledgement Form.

## Projects



New LED street lights on North Center Point Road north of Boyson Road have been installed. Grading and seeding for this area should be completed this fall.

A storm sewer installation from the mid-block of Clymer Road to Thiher Drive is scheduled to begin this fall. This will include drain tile connections for sump pump outlets.

The Boyson Road and Robins Road intersection project is scheduled to begin next spring. This project includes a widened intersection, sidewalks and traffic signals.

# SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	3 City Hall Closed	4	5 Council 7pm	6	7	8
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## Summer Programs Recap

The Recreation Department had another exciting and successful season. We would like to thank all the volunteer coaches that led our Blastball and Soccer programs. Our Youth in Parks, Playground and Tot-Lot programs also had a great year which included new themes each week, guest speakers, field trips and community service projects. Tennis lessons continued this year on our courts at Guthridge Park, partnered with Westfield Tennis Club. Kennedy Dance Team helped us with a successful dance clinic in the Community Center. The high school and adult volleyball leagues grew in popularity, with the accelerated adult league continuing through October.

Hiawatha's special events dominated this summer with five entertaining Concerts in the Park, including our new August concert series sponsored by University of Iowa Credit Union, "Music in the Park" taking place Friday evenings in August at Guthridge Park. Our Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa is continuing to grow in numbers in the hundreds for the first time in the rides existence. The Memorial Day Bike Rodeo and Parade has also grown in popularity starting children early with bicycle safety practices. The Park and Recreation Department offers a wide range of discount amusement park tickets, Farmer's Markets continue on Sundays through October and we are beginning our series of Kids Movie Nights in September. For a list of our current recreational opportunities or community center information, please find us on Facebook or check out our website at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com).



## Hiawatha Parks & Recreation New Volunteer Program

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation is establishing a new program to bring together members of our community and take pride in the City of Hiawatha. This group of volunteers will make positive improvements by completing projects similar to planting flowers, removing graffiti and installing memorials. Volunteers will be recognized for logging 100 plus hours on [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com), where before and after pictures of projects can also be viewed. Volunteers will meet on a regular basis for a couple of hours during the spring, summer and fall seasons. Refreshments will be available at 10:00 am, along with fellowship and a brief meeting. This is going to be a great way to introduce yourself to neighbors and make new friends within the community. For more information on how to volunteer and make a difference in your community, please contact Angie Cole at 319-393-1515 ext. 251.

## Water Department - Utility E-billing and Online Payments

We are very pleased with the amount of customers that have taken advantage of our new online payment option on our website. Just a reminder to anyone who may have missed how this software works, you can go to our website: [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com).

Go to **Departments** and then **Water**. Once on the water page, you can submit your e-mail address for e-billing and pay your water bill. Please be sure to have a water bill on hand when creating an account as you will need your **account number** and **property location**.

Property location is located right above the perforated line of your water bill. You must enter your property location exactly as shown on your water bill, this is **not** your mailing address.

**Hiawatha Water Department**

Email Address:

Password:

[Forgot Password](#) | [Register](#)

**Welcome to Hiawatha's Online Utility Bill Payment System**

The Hiawatha Water Department now offers online bill payment for water services. This enables residents to pay their monthly bill online with a major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover).

**From this website you will be able to:**

- Pay your water bill
- Review your account information
- Review your previous bill and payment history
- Review your water consumption history

**NEW USER**  
If this is your first time visiting, you will need to have your water bill available while you create a new user account. A hard copy of your water bill will allow you to provide your account ID number and your property location exactly as the Hiawatha Water Department has it listed for billing purposes.

**ALREADY HAVE AN ONLINE ACCOUNT?**  
If you are a returning user, you will only need your email address and password to log in.

**For assistance contact:**  
Hiawatha Water Department  
(319) 393-5550

Hours: 8am to 5pm, Monday - Friday