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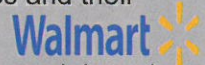


**Hiawatha Encourages Residents and Businesses to Celebrate City Week**



In recognition of City Week Iowa on October 12-16, 2015, City staff and elected officials invite all Hiawatha residents and members of the local business community to attend an open house/City volunteer recognition ceremony in the Hiawatha Community Center on October 15 at 6:00 PM.

City Week is sponsored by the Iowa League of Cities and cities across Iowa will be participating in a range of activities to celebrate. City Week is a great opportunity to promote good government and give residents and the business community the chance to ask questions of City staff and elected officials, to gain a better understanding of the role of city government and public services and their benefits.



Mark your calendars for the open house/City volunteer recognition ceremony on October 15 and come join us in the Hiawatha Community Center at 6:00 PM. Hiawatha City Week is sponsored by Wal-Mart and Hy-Vee.

**Groundbreaking Ceremony - Mercy Hiawatha Medical Park**

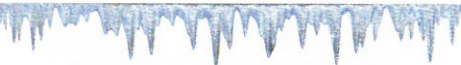
Mercy Medical Center broke ground on a new medical park located at 1195 Boyson Road in Hiawatha on Wednesday, August 5. Mercy's Hiawatha Medical Park will consist of three separate projects, including an outpatient surgery center located directly off Interstate 380.

Mercy will lease space from a local developer in what will be a three-story, 60,000 square foot building. The developer plans to add two stories to an existing single-story building, which was formerly occupied by Duffy's Collectible Cars.

The Medical Park will include three initial components:

- The third floor of the building will be the site of Mercy's new outpatient surgery center.
- The second floor will be leased by another tenant (currently in discussions with Wolfe Eye Clinic).
- Discussions are underway to provide additional services on the building's first floor as an extension of clinic services.

The Medical Park is scheduled to open in spring 2016.



**Snowbirds and Vacationers**



Snowbirds and vacationers should contact the Police Department to complete a house check form providing contact information while you are away. Our house check form is available on the city website, [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com), or at the police department during normal business hours, Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Emergency contact, license plates of vehicles at the residence and other pertinent information is needed to complete the form. While you are away, officers can check the exterior of the residence to ensure all appears to be in order. 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 call 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 319-393-1515.

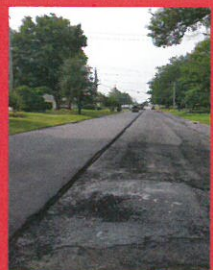
**Emmons Street Railroad Crossing Repair**

The project is almost complete, but was opened to one-lane traffic the first day of school to accommodate the school and bus traffic.



**C Avenue Asphalt Overlay Project**

This is a street resurfacing project on C Avenue north of Tucker Street that was completed in two days.



## August 5, 2015

**ORDINANCE #842**  
amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 Charter by adding §2.06 Eligibility establishing requirements for filling the offices of mayor and city council and renumbering the subsequent section.

**ORDINANCE #843** amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones adding parking restrictions in the Rolling Prairie Estates subdivision on Savannah Drive and Savannah Court.

RESOLUTION #15-147 adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the FY-15 Industrial Avenue from Boyson Road to North End Pavement Reconstruction / Storm Sewer Improvements RISE Grant Project.

RESOLUTION #15-148 setting a public hearing date (August 19, 2015 @ 5:30 PM) to consider

amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 166 Sign Code in its entirety.

RESOLUTION #15-149 supporting the Hiawatha Fire Department in raising funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in 2015.

RESOLUTION #15-150 authorizing the City Clerk to make payment on Invoice #5 in the amount of \$254,743.24, submitted by the City of Cedar Rapids for Hiawatha's portion of the project expenses for the Indian Creek/ Dry Creek Sanitary Sewer Upgrade Project.

RESOLUTION #15-151 approving a Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company (CCP) for the purpose of constructing city drainage improvements on and along CCP property between CCP Mileposts 37.67 & 38.02, Cedar Rapids Subdivision and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

RESOLUTION #15-152 amending the Employee Policy Manual

Section VII Longevity Pay and Section VIII Bereavement (Funeral) Leave.

**MOTION entering into a closed session as per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 5:44 PM. MOTION to go out of closed session & entering into regular session at 6:51pm.**

## August 19, 2015

**Mayor This read the proclamation aloud and declared September 4, 2015 as the: "10th Annual Five Seasons Stand Down Day," encouraging residents to recognize the positive impacts of this event to assist Veterans, and to express gratitude to those who have served and continue to serve.**

**ORDINANCE #844** amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 166 Sign Code in its entirety.

RESOLUTION #15-153 fixing date for a public hearing (September 2, 2015 @ 5:30 PM) to consider the proposal to enter into a six (6) year Development Agreement with 1200 Properties, LLC & Ryan Motors Inc and providing for publication of notice.

RESOLUTION #15-154 setting a public hearing date (September 2, 2015 @ 5:30 PM) to consider the proposal to enter into a six (6) year Development Agreement with Go Daddy and providing for publication of notice.

RESOLUTION #15-155 approving an "At Your Own Risk" Building Permit as requested by Go Daddy to begin renovations on the existing commercial building located at 1 Parsons Drive.

RESOLUTION #15-156 authorizing the submittal of a State Financial Assistance Application for Go Daddy to receive financial assistance through the High Quality Jobs Program with a local match requirement including a TIF/Development Agreement in the approximate amount of \$171,000 in tax rebates of a six (6) year period.

RESOLUTION #15-157 approving & adopting a Hiawatha Public Library Gift Acceptance Policy to serve as a guideline to members of the Hiawatha Public Library involved with accepting gifts for the Library expansion/renovation, to outside advisors who assist in the gift planning process and to prospective donors who wish to make gifts to the Hiawatha Public Library.

RESOLUTION #15-158 approving submission of two (2) public measures to be added on the November 2015 City Fall Election Ballot for citizen vote with the purpose of expanding the Hiawatha Library Board of Trustees membership from five (5) to seven (7) members & allowing up to two (2) residents of Linn County to serve as board members.

RESOLUTION #15-159 approving the Final Plat of Dell Ridge First Addition & authorizing execution of a Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & Forrest Ridge, LLC.

RESOLUTION #15-160 awarding contract for the 2015 Industrial Avenue from Boyson Road to North End Pavement Reconstruction / Storm Sewer Improvements RISE Grant Project to Horsfield Construction of Epworth, Iowa in the amount of \$586,972.00 for the construction, plus potential incentives including \$250 per working day up to a maximum of \$8,000 for completion using less than the allowable road closure days & additional provisions as described in the plans & specifications heretofore approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION #15-161 amending the City's current Economic Development Policy Statement by amending the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Policies to add requirements for retail establishments to be considered for TIF funds.

RESOLUTION #15-162 approving the FY 2015 Street Finance Report.

**MOTION entering into a closed session as per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 6:15 PM. MOTION to go out of closed session & entering into regular session at 6:53 PM.**

## September Calendar

- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 06 Farmers Market 11-2 PM Guthridge Park
- 07 Holiday - City Offices Closed
- 08 Parks Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- 08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 09 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 13 Farmers Market 11-2 PM Guthridge Park
- 14 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 Farmers Market 11-2 PM Guthridge Park
- 23 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 27 Farmers Market 11-2 PM Guthridge Park
- 28 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

## October Calendar

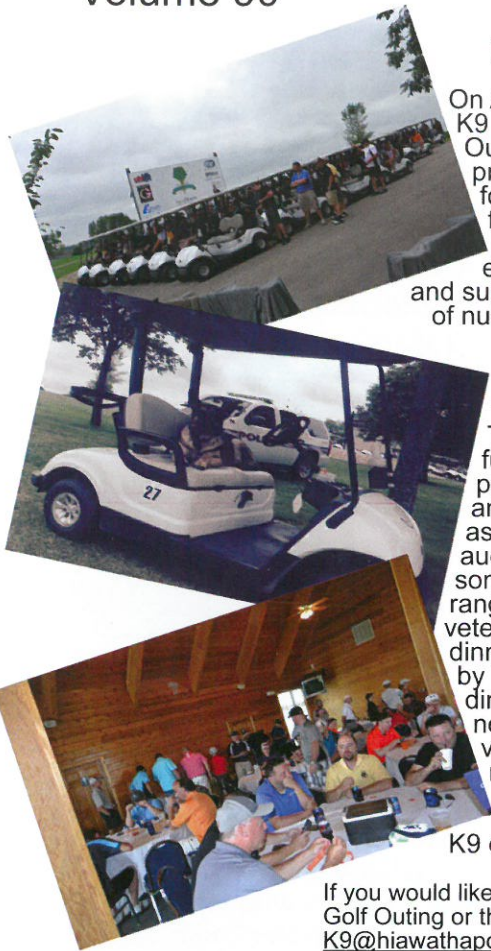
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- 21 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 Playing for Keeps 6-9 PM
- 25 FINAL Farmers Market & Fall Festival 11-2 PM Guthridge Park
- 26 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 28 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18

### Hiawatha Police K9 Golf Outing

On August 9, 2015 the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit hosted a 4-Person Best Shot Golf Outing at Hunters Ridge Golf Course. The proceeds from this annual event provide for the ongoing financial support and future growth of the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit. The Hiawatha Police K9 Unit, was established in 2005 and has been funded and supported thanks to the generous donations of numerous individuals and businesses in the Hiawatha, Marion and Cedar Rapids communities.

This is the third year for the annual event. The event has proven to be very successful, well attended and fun for all participants. Approximately 50 area businesses and individuals sponsored the event either as a tournament, hole, team hole or raffle/auction prize sponsor. Twenty-one four person teams took to the course. Participants ranging from 10 years old to 'seasoned' golf veterans enjoying 18 holes of golf followed by dinner. The dinner was donated and catered by Villa's Patio Mexican Restaurant. After dinner, silent auction winners were announced and a raffle drawing was held for various prizes. This year, the value of the raffle prizes exceeded \$2,500. Participants were able to see K9 RESO and Officer Naaktgeboren in action during a K9 demonstration closing out the event.

If you would like to know more about the Hiawatha PD K9 Golf Outing or the K9 Unit, please contact us at [K9@hiawathapolice.com](mailto:K9@hiawathapolice.com) or follow us on Facebook at "Hiawatha Police K9 Unit."



Mark your calendars! Come join the fun October 24 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM for the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation's annual Playing for Keeps event at the Hiawatha Community Center! Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, craft beer and a live and silent auction to help raise funding for our children's programs and park updates.

### Touch A Truck Recap

Thank you to the following businesses for bringing their vehicles to Touch a Truck on August 7: Hiawatha Fire Department, Hiawatha Police Department, Hiawatha Public Works Department, P&K Midwest, Hawkeye Ready Mix, ABC Disposal, Peck's Green Thumb Nursery, Darrah's Towing, Thompson Truck & Trailer and The Wright Touch Bake Shoppe! Thank you for allowing our attendees to check out your vehicles and learn about your businesses.



The Park Restrooms will be closing after Labor Day weekend weather permitting. Thank you for a great season and helping keep our parks clean!

### HiBRAI Recap

HiBRAI took place on August 15-16 with 170 riders in attendance. We couldn't have asked for a better turn out in support of our Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation. The ride took off from Hiawatha's Clark Park traveling to Riverside Casino and Golf Resort on Saturday. Riders enjoyed the pool, afternoon golf and test their luck at the casino. We had a great time raising nearly \$3,000 to benefit our children's programs and park updates. The riders pedaled back to Hiawatha on Sunday totaling a 110 mile trek for the weekend. Thank you to all of our riders and support staff for making our event another success! If you are interested in riding next year, mark your calendars for August 13-14, 2016!



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Thank you to our 2015 Blast-ball coaches and participants, we had 162 players and 51 volunteer coaches. This program continues to grow each year and we wouldn't be able to have it without the support of our volunteer parents that coach. Thank you to our sponsor World Class Industries for providing us with funding to purchase some new equipment and t-shirts for every participant!



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The original Zion Church was a school house moved to Hiawatha in 1949.

In 1956, Zion Church broke ground on their first Sanctuary.



HISTORY COMMITTEE CORNER

## Hiawatha Public Library Outreach Services

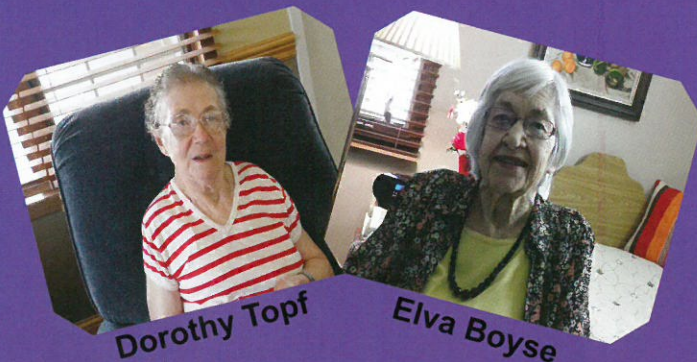
The Hiawatha Public Library has an important new partnership with the Hiawatha Care Center to provide outreach services to their residents. Selections from the Metro Library Network are delivered to the Hiawatha Care Center once a month. Residents are able to choose from a variety of media including large print books, audio books and DVDs.

Although this kind of service isn't new to the Hiawatha Care Center, Activities Director Joni Oltmanns states that they are finding the outreach the Hiawatha Library provides much easier to use. She says, "It (the previous service) was a great service but it was difficult to keep up with because they sent things so rapidly and there was such a quick turnaround. Many of the residents had a difficult time finishing with the materials before they needed to be sent back." Now, if they need a change or a resident has a particular request, the Library is very close and can facilitate that change or fill that request easily.

One resident who uses the library outreach service is Elva Boyse. Elva, who will be 100 years old in October, has always been an avid reader and still enjoys reading on her Nook with a magnifying glass. With the exception of 28 years spent in Arizona, Elva has been a lifelong resident of Cedar Rapids. In addition to raising two children, Elva spent many years working at Quaker Oats. Elva says she "really enjoys John Grisham" and "prefers mysteries with very little romance." Because it is getting more difficult to read print, Elva prefers books on CD and enjoys the selections the library provides.

Dorothy Topf is another resident who uses the library outreach service. Her husband Phil coordinates requests with the library to make sure that Dorothy has materials to use; she especially enjoys Western books on CD. Dorothy was a nurse before becoming a stay-at-home mother to their five children and Phil was with Rockwell Collins for 41 years. Phil says that the materials the library provides help "keep Dorothy's mind active and ... stimulated."

It isn't just the residents of the Hiawatha Care Center who are enjoying the library outreach. Library Assistant Sandy Raley, who coordinates and delivers the materials also enjoys meeting the residents and getting to know them. Sandy says, "I enjoy bringing (the residents) something that will bring them enjoyment and help keep them mentally active."



Dorothy Topf

Elva Boyse

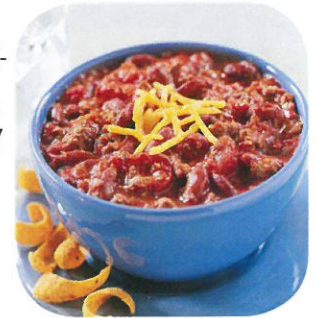
### Yard Cleanup Dates

- October 26 - Yard Waste and Brush Pick Up
  - November 9 - Leaves Only Pick Up
  - November 23 - Leaves Only Pick Up
- No branches larger than 12" in diameter & no pick up of tree demolition. Contact tree removal service for disposal.

## **SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER!**

BE SURE TO JOIN THE HIAWATHA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AT THEIR ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER. THIS YEAR THE SUPPER IS BEING HELD ON HALLOWEEN, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31!

STOP BY AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS BOWL OF CHILI ON A COOL FALL DAY! THE MONEY RAISED GOES TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HIAWATHA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.



### FALL SMOKE DETECTOR CHECK



The Hiawatha Fire Department will conduct its annual fall smoke detector check. Every year, Hiawatha Firefighters will assist residents with replacing smoke detector batteries in owner occupied homes. This year, the event is scheduled for Saturday, October 17 starting at 9 AM. Residents who need assistance should call 393-4180, Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM to reserve a spot.

### **Tree Trimming Season is Here Again!**

City Staff has noticed trees that overhang streets and sidewalks becoming an issue in our City neighborhoods. The City Code requires that trees be kept trimmed eight (8) feet above sidewalks and fifteen (15) feet above the street surface. It is much easier to trim branches when needed and before they are damaged by larger truck traffic, resulting in broken branches and injury to the tree.

Trimming maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner to perform. The City will send out notices to property owners when we receive complaints of low hanging branches. We would encourage property owners to be proactive and keep their trees trimmed. Below are some examples of trees that are in need of trimming as they hang lower than the Code allows.



City of Hiawatha  
101 Emmons Street  
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233  
Phone: 319-393-1515  
Fax: 319-393-1516  
www.hiawatha-iowa.com

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Hiawatha, IA  
Permit No. 33

Walk Sequence

**DELIVER BY  
SATURDAY,  
09/12/2015**

# Postal Customer Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

## UnityPoint Clinic Internal Medicine Urgent Care Hiawatha

At UnityPoint Clinic, getting you healthy and keeping you that way is important to us. Because your health is important to you. By working together as a team and involving you in the decision making, we create a plan based on your goals and then coordinate the care you need to achieve them. From annual exams and preventative care to treatment for illnesses and injuries, your primary care doctor manages your ongoing care. So you can be your healthiest. The point of unity is you.

1001 N. Center Point Road  
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233  
Phone (319) 362-0200  
[unitypoint.org](http://unitypoint.org)



## Lawn Mowing - Are you pointed in the Right Direction?

When you are moving along, make sure your mower is pointing in the right direction - toward the lawn at all times. Grass clippings decompose in a matter of days, adding nutrients your lawn needs, like nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.



This good lawn care habit also keeps clippings out of our streets and storm drains, preventing eventual delivery to our streams, where they cause water quality problems.

In addition to polluting the water, grass clippings and leaves can block drains and cause flooding. Sweep or blow them back into your yard.

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