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Hiawatha Fun Fest 2017

Thank you Hiawatha for a successful Fun Fest 2017! 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 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 Brewing and Cedar Ridge Winery. They did a fantastic job!

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 years festivities! We hope to add bigger and better things for the whole family to enjoy! Like the Hiawatha Fun Fest Facebook page to stay updated throughout the year!

Take a look at some of the fun captured at Fun Fest 2017!!



HiBRAI Recap

HiBRAI (Hiawatha's Bike Ride Around Iowa) took place on August 19-20 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 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!



Touch a Truck Recap



The City of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department hosted their 5th Annual Touch-A-Truck event on Friday, August 4, 2017. Touch-A-Truck is a fun family event that is enjoyed by children of all ages! Kids learned how to operate equipment such as school buses, cranes, cement trucks, fire engines, police cars and even a rescue helicopter from their very own hometown heroes.

Many thanks to those of you who brought in nonperishable food items to donate to HACAP's food reservoir! Together you donated 102 pounds of food and \$25 for needy families throughout the corridor. Thank you to Hawkeye Ready Mix, Rexco, Hiawatha Fire, Hiawatha Police, Hiawatha Maintenance, Cedar Rapids Schools Transportation Department, ABC Disposal, St. Luke's LifeGuard Air Ambulance, HACAP, Uncle Stan's and Altorfer Inc. for making this the best year yet!



Fall Soccer

Fall Soccer starts September 12, 2017 at Tucker Park! In Hiawatha's soccer program, children learn safety and teamwork first, followed by fundamentals. This season consists of about 25 three to five year old's who are ready to make new friends and score some goals! Thank you First Federal Credit Union for sponsoring Fall Soccer!

Shop and Dine Local

The City of Hiawatha partnered with Laura Frey from LA Trends Addict and Luxe Salon & Spa to put on a Shop Local and Dine Local event with Hiawatha businesses. Shop Local and Dine Local was a two week event held July 10 - 21. Twenty businesses participated by offering a variety of discounts to shoppers and diners throughout the duration of the event. The businesses were also very generous to donate merchandise and gift cards for a giveaway basket worth approximately \$750.

State Fair Bus Trip Recap



The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation put on their first Charter Trip to the Iowa State Fair on August 17. 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. Stay posted for dates and information!

To win the basket, shoppers and diners simply entered their names into a drawing that was set up at each participating location. There was no limit to the number of times a participant could enter to win. At the end of the Shop Local and Dine Local event, a drawing was held in front of LA Trends Addict where Brenda Zobek was the lucky winner of the basket. This was the first time the City of Hiawatha has participated in an event like this and the reason the City was so eager to jump on board was because it was a great opportunity to recognize our small businesses. Thank you to the following Hiawatha businesses who participated in this event:

Yard Cleanup Dates

- October 23 - Yard Waste and Brush Pick Up
- November 6 - Leaves Only Pick Up
- November 20 - Leaves Only Pick Up

No branches larger than 12" in diameter and no pick up of tree demolition. Contact tree removal service for disposal.



- * Back In Line Chiropractic and Wellness, 99 N. Center Point Rd
- * Culver's, 1005 N. Center Point Rd
- * Dairy Queen, 100 Center Point Rd
- * Dave Wright Nissan Subaru, 999 Boyson Road
- * Wright Wash, 755 N Center Point Rd
- * Exceptional Health & Weight Loss Solutions, 1350 Boyson Road #1
- * Fareway Economical Food Stores, 885 Edgewood Road
- * Farmer's Daughter's Market, 495 Miller Road
- * Farmers State Bank, 175 Center Point Road
- * Innovative Aesthetics Medical Spa and Laser Center, 2162 Blairs Ferry Road, Suite A
- * Karma Coffee Cafe, 1725 Boyson Road
- * LA Trends Addict, 1200 N Center Point Rd, Suite A
- * Lucky Penny, 1705 Boyson Road
- * Luxe Salon & Spa, 1200 N Center Point Rd, Unit B
- * Moore Fit, 729 N Center Point Rd
- * Moxie Salon & Spa, 340 Miller Rd
- * Oscar's Restaurant, 768 N Center Point Rd
- * Pita'z, 1057 N Center Point Rd
- * Roasters Coffee House, 1059 N Center Point Rd
- * Cedar Rapids Toyota, 1190 Boyson Road

The Hiawatha History Committee Presents

"Did You Know" the history behind Hiawatha street names?

Blairs Ferry Road

Blairs Ferry Road was named after a ferry that took people across the Cedar River.



Boyson Road

Boyson Road was named as such because it led to Boyson Farms in Marion.



Hiawatha Council Action

August 2, 2017

<p>ORDINANCE #876 regarding the rezoning of properties located at 3950, 3980 & 3990 Blairs Ferry Road from A (Agriculture Zone District) & C-2 (Neighborhood Convenience District) to C-3 (Highway Commercial District) as requested by Peck's Land-ing, LLC.</p>	<p>RESOLUTION #17-148 ap-proving of preliminary intent in support of the proposed de-velopment of a business park to be tentatively known as Peck's Landing.</p> <p>RESOLUTION #17-149 ap-proving Change Order #3 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/ North Center Point Road/</p>	<p>Robins Road Intersec-tion Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project with Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, with an increase in contract amount of \$7,150, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$2,826,676.26.</p>
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August 16, 2017

<p>RESOLUTION #17-150 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 3039 Savannah Court.</p> <p>RESOLUTION #17-151 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 3005 Forrest Meadow Lane.</p> <p>RESOLUTION #17-152 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 1195 Boyson Road.</p> <p>RESOLUTION #17-153 supporting the Hi-awatha Fire Department in their efforts to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).</p> <p>RESOLUTION #17-154 approving a Structural Fire Training Agreement to allow Fire Depart-ment use of property located at 4900 Blairs Ferry Road in Monroe Township to conduct live fire training. Motion approving of the appoint-ment of 4 volunteer firefighters: Seth Fisher, Jacob Kray, Katlyn Kreutz & Christina Miller.</p> <p>RESOLUTION #17-155 authorizing the Com-munity Development Director to issue an "At Your Own Risk" building permit to Jay Murphy Homes, LLC to begin construction on a new residential home located at 3029 Valley Court in Rolling Prairie Estates Third Addition, contin-gent on meeting the following conditions: the Community Development Department must review & approve the building plans prior to the issuance of the "At Your Own Risk" building</p>	<p>permit.</p> <p>RESOLUTION #17-156 accepting the proposal from LL Pelling Co. Asphalt Paving, of North Liberty, Iowa to perform contract work for the 2017 Northwood Drive Asphalt Overlay Project from Robins Road to Nixon Drive at a total cost of \$99,459, utilizing available funding in Road Use Funds.</p> <p>RESOLUTION #17-157 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #9 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Road-way Package Project, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, Iowa, in the amount of \$143,098.97.</p> <p>RESOLUTION #17-158 approving Change Order #1 for the 2017 Boyson Road Capacity Improvements Project at North Center Point Road & I-380 with Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, Iowa, with an increase in contract amount of \$8,259.02, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$68,753.02.</p> <p>RESOLUTION #17-159 authorizing additional funding in the amount of \$12,000, for City Staff to move forward with the purchase & installa-tion of traffic signal equipment & a new signal cabinet at a total estimated cost of \$52,000, in connection with the 2017 Boyson Road Capacity Improvements Project at North Center Point Road & I-380.</p>
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Unified Development Code Review Committee August Update

The UDC Committee reviewed the changes from the July meeting and accepted the changed definition of "beer garden" and the restaurant/bar uses in commercial (C) zones with outside seating. No restrictions for restaurant uses will be based on alcohol, hours of operation or "fast food" designation. The committee will further clarify when conditional use may be required for restaurants at the next meeting.

Outside storage was discussed and approved for all zones except C-2 where no outside storage is allowed. All outside storage is to be properly screened as noted in 165.23. Stor-age containers were approved for C-4 zones in addition to the industrial zones. Allowable outside storage in a C-3 will be further discussed at the next meeting. This does not affect the dumpster enclosures, drive-in-services or the outside display of vehicles.

Our next meeting is set for September 7, 2017 to continue with sections of 165.16 setbacks, building heights, outdoor lighting, and allowable uses.

All meetings are held in the lower level meeting room at Hiawatha City Hall and are scheduled to begin at 5:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

September Calendar

- 03 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 04 HOLIDAY - City Hall Closed
- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 10 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 11 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 11 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 13 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 17 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 19 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 25 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 27 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)

October Calendar

- 01 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Farmers Market 11:00AM-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
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Employee Safety Appreciation Luncheon



City of Hiawatha employees celebrated excellent workplace safety practices by enjoying a cookout at Guthridge Park. Along with lunch, came a friendly challenge which also served as a team building exercise for employees. All departments were asked to come up with a safety slogan that would serve as the company safety motto for a year. During the luncheon, Tim Kirgan and Lisa Mart from Iowa Municipal Workers Compensation Association (IMWCA), the City's Workers Compensation carrier, judged the safety slogans and selected a winner. The winning safety slogan was submitted by the Fire Department, "No Safety, Know Pain, Know Safety, No Pain!" All of the departments were very creative in this activity and each department's slogan will be displayed in all City facilities where employees can see them each day to be reminded of the importance of their own safe work practices as well as watching out for their peers.



From City Council down, we have made a commitment to increase safety awareness with the goal of decreasing injuries in the workplace so all employees can go home at the end of their shift. Employees have been attending safety training sessions both online and in a classroom setting throughout the year. Departments are spending time talking about potential safety issues to try to come up with prevention mechanisms and improvement practices. Think these initiatives are a waste of time and resources? Maybe a little proof in dollars will do the trick to show you that our safety efforts are paying off:



For Fiscal Year 2012-2013 policy period, the City's Workers Compensation actual premium was \$153,381. All of the discounts applied to our premium for longevity, loss experience credit and large premium discount brought the City's total premium down to \$110,694. Pure Premium for the current Fiscal Year 2017-2018, is \$147,470. All of the discounts applied to our premium brought the City's total premium down to \$62,687. This means in the last five years we have reduced our Worker's Compensation premium by \$48,007. Loss experience which is the risk of the group based on injury claims, is the largest portion of our discounts currently at 25%; compared to Fiscal Year 2012-2013 when our loss experience discount was just 5%. Great job to employees of the City of Hiawatha!



**No Safety, Know Pain!
Know Safety, No Pain!**

North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Phase II Construction

The east side of the Emmons/Robins/North Center Point Road intersection reconstruction project is almost complete. We had a scheduling meeting on Friday, August 25 to plan for the final stage of the project, the Robins Road repaving. The schedule for closing Robins Road is Monday, September 11, 2017. We will contact the businesses and prepare a press release to notify all agencies of the detour route.

We plan to have the existing contractor working on the Emmons Street/Robins Road/North Center Point Road to do the repainting of North Center Point Road north of the new intersection to Boyson Road starting September 11, 2017. The existing paving north of Emmons Street will provide sufficient width for a three lane section and two bike lanes 6.5 feet wide and a three foot buffer area on each side. The proposed painting plan includes removing all the existing lines and symbols and painting of the lines for the new lane configuration. The roadway will be repainted and opened at the same time we open the new intersection.

The work includes a new traffic signal, new street lights, new bike trail and landscaping along the curbs and sidewalks. The project completion date is November 2017.

Any questions can be directed to the City Engineer at cityengineer@hiawatha-iowa.com.



Boyson Road Capacity Improvement Project at I-380



The Boyson Road Capacity Improvements project is almost complete. Rathje Construction from Marion has constructed the pavement widening and Advanced Traffic Control has started the repainting. The project should be complete by September 1, 2017. We are proceeding with a contract for the new signal equipment as soon as the equipment is delivered.

Any questions can be directed to the City Engineer at cityengineer@hiawatha-iowa.com.

I-380 Boyson Road Northbound Off Ramp Widening Project

Starting September 6, 2017 during the night time hours, work will start on Stage 1 of the IDOT I-380/Boyson Road Northbound Off Ramp Widening project. The off ramp will be closed Saturday, September 9 from 6:00 PM until Monday, September 11 at 6:00 AM for Stage 1 right shoulder construction. Traffic is advised to use the County Home Road exit or the Blairs Ferry Road exit. Stage 2 left shoulder construction will start on Monday, September 25 and the northbound off ramp will remain open during construction of this Stage. Final construction should be completed by November 1, 2017.

Contact Steve Staebler at the Iowa Department of Transportation at 319-760-1503 if you have any questions.

Edgewood Road Grading and Culvert Project

The Edgewood Road grading and culvert project started last week. The phase I contractor is Peterson Construction Company from Reinback, Iowa. The existing culverts will be extended or replaced and the roadway surface will be widened to accommodate a new 30 foot pavement surface. This second phase of the project will be completed in the summer of 2018. The schedule is to complete the phase I culvert project, weather permitting; in November 2017.

Linn County Secondary Roads is the controlling agency for the construction of this project.

Northwood Drive Asphalt Overlay Project

The asphalt overlay of Northwood Drive from Robins Road to Nixon Drive is now complete. The work included pavement repair and replacement and a three inch asphalt overlay.

The project is funded by Road Use Tax dollars.



Muscular Dystrophy Association - Fill the Boot Campaign



Families and members of the Hiawatha Fire Department will be out collecting for MDA as part of our annual “Fill the Boot” campaign. Since 2011 the Fire Department has raised more than \$68,000 for MDA, making it one of the top fundraisers in the region. Watch for firefighters at Boyson Road and Robins Road intersection and the Willman Street and Center Point Road intersection the weekends of October 6-8 and October 13-15. Firefighters will also be collecting at local stores.

Funds raised through the Fill the Boot campaign build on decades of research progress, helping to push science to its limits in the search for treatments and cures. The dollars raised also help support MDA’s life-enhancing programs such as support groups and clinics, including the MDA clinic at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. They also make MDA summer camp possible so kids with muscle disease can enjoy “the best week of the year” at Camp Courageous in Monticello.

Smoke Detector Day

Hiawatha Fire Department will be conducting it’s annual “Battery Up” day on Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Firefighters will branch out across Hiawatha to help residents replace smoke detector batteries. Firefighters recommend testing smoke detectors once a month, replacing the batteries in them once a year and replacing the detectors every 10 years. A working smoke detector, along with an escape plan, drastically improves your chance of surviving a fire. Sign-ups for the program can be done by email to Chief Mike Nesslage at mnesslage@hiawatha-iowa.com or calling 319-393-4180.



Save the Date - Chili Supper

CHILI SUPPER! SAVE THE DATE! Members of the Hiawatha Fire Department are often out saving lives. We ask you to “Save the Date” for our annual Chili Supper. This year the supper will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Hiawatha Fire Station, located at 10th Avenue and Emmons Street. In the past the fire department has served over 900 people with its secret recipe chili, hot dogs and desserts. Proceeds go to purchase equipment and support fire department activities.



5th Annual Hiawatha Police Department K9 Golf Tournament Another Big Success



Sunday, August 6, 2017 was a doggone great day for the annual Hiawatha Police K9 Golf Tournament. Twenty-one teams, each consisting of four golfers, had perfect weather to enjoy Hunters Ridge Golf Course for the 18 hole Best Shot tournament. After the tournament concluded, the golfers and our tournament volunteers were treated to a dinner donated by Cancun Mexican Bar and Grill in the Hunters Ridge Lodge. There was a silent auction and raffle drawing for tons of prizes valued from \$50-\$600 that included (2) handguns, a flat screen TV, Big Frig Coolers, numerous gift card packages, hotel/casino packages, custom rustic wooden shelves, a Hawkeye Football street banner, some Team RESO Big Frig tumblers and various other great items.

The funds raised from the annual HPD K9 Golf Outing provide for the ongoing and future financial support of the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit and allows the unit to be nearly 100% self-sustaining. Last year we were able to purchase all new equipment to outfit a new K9 patrol vehicle and this year our first large purchase will be a new custom fit ballistic/stab resistant vest for K9 RESO. This vest will replace RESO’s old vest, as the warranty recently expired. Office Naaktgeboren and K9 RESO would like to extend a big thank you to all of our participants, hole and event sponsors, our tournament sponsors that include Dave Wright Nissan/Subaru, Cedar Rapids Toyota, Darrah’s Towing and Cancun Mexican Grill and to That One Cupcake Place for their K9 cupcake drive. Lastly, we would like to thank Dr. Kathy Ross and the staff at Ross Veterinary Clinic for serving as our K9 Unit veterinary sponsor since 2005. The 2018 6th Annual HPD K9 Golf Outing is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 5, 2018, we hope you consider joining us. To keep up with what’s going on all year with K9 RESO, follow us on Facebook at ‘Hiawatha Police K9 Unit’.

Peck’s Flower and Garden Shop Thanks Their Community

In the Spring of 1956, a dream became a reality when “Peck” and Myrtle Peckosh, with their young children opened their small garden center, nursery and landscape business. The business was located at Center Point Road and 50th Street in Cedar Rapids on a four acre plot of land with a few aging buildings. In 1969, Myrtle suggested adding a floral shop would be a great addition to their growing business. With the help of great growers and suppliers of plants, flowers and merchandise the Peck’s grew and their reputation of quality work, products and knowledge of plants grew as well.

In the late 70’s, the construction of Interstate 380 began. The nursery and the family home were condemned by the Iowa DOT for construction of the ramp off of Collins Road. In a short amount of time the family had to find a new place to locate their business and home. In the fall of 1980, the business moved its current location at Blairs Ferry and Edgewood Road on an unpaved gravel road at the edge of Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha. Soon after, Peck and Myrtle retired and three of their five children took over the reins, buying the business from their parents. Pam DeSotel and husband Craig, Pat Hines and husband Russ, and Ken Peckosh and wife Shirley have continued with daily operations of Peck’s, along with three of Peck and Myrtle’s grandchildren, Kim DeSotel, Dan Hines and Brett Peckosh.

The best plants and products are only a part of what makes Peck’s so special and well known. The staff at Peck’s is at the top of their field. They are talented and educated on the products and plants sold at Peck’s. They have long time, tried and true experience in the care and use of plants and flowers. Peck’s has many long time team members, several with over 20 years of experience, including Bill Hornett (38 years), Sharon Bowers (25 years), Deb Walser (21 years) and Nancy Kintzel (20 years).

In the coming months, Peck’s Flower and Garden Shop will close their doors after 61 years and the owners retire. The family wishes to thank the community that supported and embraced them by shopping local. The Peck’s team wishes their many friends and loyal customers all the best and happy growing in the future.

The Peck’s Landscaping department will continue to serve the community.

The City of Hiawatha wishes to thank Peck’s Flower and Garden Shop for being a part of our community. They have been a great asset over the years providing their expertise and beautifying our community. “You will be greatly missed by many and we wish you well in each of your retirements and great success as you continue your endeavor with Peck’s Landscaping.”

-The Mayor, Council and City Staff



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Finance Recap for Fiscal Year End 2017

June 30, 2017 marked the end of the Fiscal Year of 2017 for the City of Hiawatha. Overall, we expended 83.14% of our approved budget amount, which came to be \$3,842,566 less than estimated. The revenues received were at 101.2% of what was estimated, which is \$256,011 over budgeted amount.

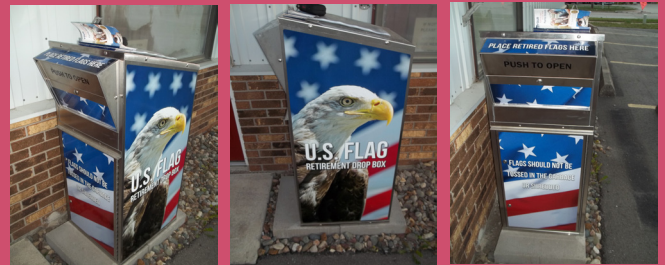
The general fund which consists of Police, Fire, Ambulance, Community Development, Library, Parks and Recreation, Policy and Administration, City Hall, Engineering, and Building/Grounds Maintenance departments expended \$230,153 less than what was anticipated for the year, which amounts to 95.59% of the approved budget.

The local option sales and service tax (LOSST) received in Fiscal Year 2017 was a total of \$996,530. With the additional revenue, we made some street improvements throughout the city including pavement reconstruction on Industrial Avenue, intersection improvements at Emmons St/Robins Rd/Center Point Rd/North Center Point Rd, Water and Sewer Main extension in the newly annexed area, seal coat on Tower Terrace and upgrades on the trail, for a total of \$825,377 invested in our city with LOSST funds this fiscal year.

Flag Retirement Drop Box



American Legion Post 735 in Hiawatha has installed a flag retirement drop box at their post location. If you have old flags that need to be retired, you can now drop them off at the Legion, located at 207 Robins Road.



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