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**Fun Fest 2018**



Thank you Hiawatha residents for a successful Fun Fest 2018! We hope you had a great time this year and were able to enjoy all the free activities and entertainment! Thank you to all of our generous sponsors for making this event possible: Enseva, Crystal Group, World Class Industries, City of Hiawatha, Farmers State Bank, McGrath and Wright Way Trailers. A huge thank you to all of our non-profits and organization's for all the activities they offered! Mark your calendars for August 23-24, 2019 for next year's festivities!

We will be ready to have you back for another year of fun! Like the Hiawatha Fun Fest Facebook page to stay updated throughout the year.



**Plans Advance for Hiawatha Dog Park**

Linn County and the City of Hiawatha are progressing on plans for Hiawatha's first dog park. The proposed park will be located south of Boyson Road and just east of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail in Hiawatha.

On August 20, 2018, the Linn County Board of Supervisors approved leasing .72 acres of county-owned land to Hiawatha as part of the planned dog park that, once complete, will be just under two acres. This is the first step in getting the land ready for a future dog park. Other work includes working with Linn County Conservation on a design that incorporates existing trees and creating green space for open grassy areas. Additional parking is also planned. Linn County Conservation owns the approximately 1.48 acres directly south of the planned park. This area is a high quality urban forest that currently is not part of the planned park area.

A completion date could take over a year with an estimated construction cost of \$100,260. In meeting the growing needs of our community, a partnership was formed between the City of Hiawatha and Dave Wright for the build out of the dog park. Between Dave Wright and volunteers, the estimated construction cost will be minimalized for the City of Hiawatha with annual maintenance cost of the park below \$2,000.

"The future Hiawatha dog park initiative is regionalism working at its best. It is inspirational to see government entities and the public working together for a common goal," Hiawatha City Administrator, Kim Downs said.

"We are pleased Linn County is able to help the City of Hiawatha advance its plans for a dog park and add to the quality of life amenities available in Linn County. We anticipate this will be a popular destination for area residents and their canine companions," John Harris, chair of Linn County Board of Supervisors said.



## Robins Road Resurfacing Project Set for Bidding

The 2018 Robins Road Pavement rehabilitation project has been published for bids. This includes removal of the asphalt paving, reclamation of the stone base and placement of a new asphalt surface between the Bali Hai Mobile Home Park and Stonegate Court in Hiawatha. The notice of hearing and notice to bidders provides for bidding late August and construction starting late September or early October.

The plans and specifications include approximately 2,000 feet of asphalt street removal, full depth reclamation of the existing base with portland cement and a new four inch thick asphalt surface. There will be short term street closures while the work is accomplished, however detour routes will be established with signing provided for guidance.

For further information, contact the City Engineer at [jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com](mailto:jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com).

## Interstate Improvements Proposed for I-380 Holds Field Exam

In mid-August, representatives of the Iowa DOT, City of Hiawatha, City of Cedar Rapids and design consultants held a field exam to review a preliminary plan set for the project to widen I-380 to a six lane facility. The project area of I-380 is approximately five miles in length and remains a four lane divided interstate within the city limits of Hiawatha and Cedar Rapids. The 2014 traffic volumes on I-380 through this area are 44,000 vehicles per day (vpd) south of Boyson Road and 30,000 vpd north of Boyson Road with roughly seven percent trucks.

The intent of this project is to provide improved alternatives for I-380 between Iowa 100/Collins Road and County Home Road/Linn County Highway E34 in order to improve the safety and operations of I-380. The project will also provide the needed improvements at the Boyson Road interchange and a new interchange at Tower Terrace Road. In 2011 the Iowa DOT initiated an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements at I-380 and Tower Terrace Road. Construction is scheduled to start in the fall of 2021.

More information can be found at the following website:

[www.news.iowadot.gov/pim/2017/10/interstate-380-linn-county-november-16.html](http://www.news.iowadot.gov/pim/2017/10/interstate-380-linn-county-november-16.html)

## Open Burning in Town

With just a few exceptions, open burning is prohibited inside the city limits of Hiawatha. Both Linn County and Hiawatha have ordinances governing open burning; the primary concerns are safety and air quality. The burning of trash and burn barrels, are specifically prohibited and burning can result in an administrative fine. Certain types of burning, like restorative prairie burns or training burns are allowed with a permit from the Fire Department and Linn County Public Health.

Many of us enjoy having a campfire on these cool fall nights. Campfires and recreational fires are allowed. The fire department has established rules for recreational fires. A recreational fire must be attended at all times, and the fire should be in a fire pit no larger than 36 inches in diameter. The fire must be 25 feet from any structures or can be 15 feet from your own, when covered with a screen. Only clean dry wood can be burned. In no case, is the burning of trash, leaves, grass, treated lumber, yard waste, or other debris allowed. You should have a means of fully extinguishing the fire and it must be all the way out when unattended. Finally, the smoke from your fire should not prevent someone else from enjoying their property, be a good neighbor.

The Fire Department has the authority to order any open fire to be extinguished if they deem it unsafe.

## Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Smoke Detectors Save Lives. Yes, that is an old saying, but it's absolutely true. That is the reason that every fall, Hiawatha Firefighters volunteer to visit homes across the community to replace smoke detector batteries and help replace aged smoke detectors if needed. This year, the Hiawatha Fire Department has set aside an entire week to Caring for the Community by checking smoke detectors. Firefighters will visit homes by appointment between October 10th and October 14th. To make an appointment, call the Hiawatha Fire Department at 319-393-4180 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Recent statistics show that 43% of fire deaths occur in homes where there were no smoke detectors. Another 22% occurred in homes where the smoke detector didn't work. Usually because of lack of battery, or the detector was too old to function properly. The remaining 34% of fire deaths occur in homes with working detectors. Often, those who perish in homes with working detectors were unable to escape because of other factors, which could include incapacitation by alcohol or drugs, age, or physical handicap. It's important for households with people who are unable to respond to a smoke detector on their own to have an escape plan.

There have been many advancements in smoke detectors over the years. Watch for next month's column where we'll discuss changes in smoke detector technology and what type of smoke detectors you should buy.



**Hiawatha Council Action**

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained on-line at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/) or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

**Hiawatha Fire Department Welcomes New Members**

Hiawatha Fire Department is excited to welcome eight new members to its rank in late June.

- Tanner Ayers-Berry grew up in Hiawatha and works in the construction industry. He has considerable experience with industrial SCUBA diving and climbing towers.
- Stefan Bentley is currently a student at Kirkwood Community College. He has prior fire department experience in Missouri and is an Army veteran.
- Coleman Cross is already trained as a firefighter and EMT and is also a firefighter for the Army Reserve.
- Elliana Lane is an EMT. She is also a volunteer with the Special Olympics and helps with many of their events.
- Israel Lightner has past experience volunteering with the Civil Air Patrol.
- Alex Potter is a student at Kirkwood. He has some previous experience with Cascade Fire Department.
- Micah Powell works for Southeast Iowa Ambulance out of Iowa City and recently became a paramedic.
- Kyle Thoreson works in town at Ketelsen RV. He is an Army veteran and just started his EMT class.

All of these new members have been assigned to crews where they will continue their orientation training. Those who are not already firefighter 1 are proceeding with certification. As part of their work with their crew(s), they are oriented and trained to match up with our policies and procedures. We are looking forward to having these members answering calls and appreciate the variety of experiences and backgrounds they bring with them. As of this writing, the fire department currently has 59 members, and are always looking for more. If you are interested in joining the fire department contact us at 319-393-4180.

**2018 Rookies**



**September Calendar**

- 02 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 03 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 04 Parks Commission Meeting 6:15 PM
- 05 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 10 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 10 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 16 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 18 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 24 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 26 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 30 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park

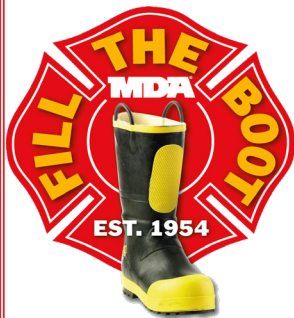
**October Calendar**

- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 07 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 08 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
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- 29 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

**Celebrating the rich history of Hiawatha in the Fun Fest Parade!**

We are still looking for YOUR photos of early Hiawatha. If you have any historical facts or photos to share contact the City Clerk at [kkornegor@hiawatha-iowa.com](mailto:kkornegor@hiawatha-iowa.com) or 319-393-1515.





### Muscular Dystrophy Association - Fill the Boot Campaign

Members of the Hiawatha Fire Department along with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, will kick off the firefighters' annual Fill the Boot fund raising campaign to benefit children and adults affected by muscle disease throughout Hiawatha. Members of the Hiawatha Fire Department will fan out around Hiawatha with boots in hand for this year's drive. Watch for the Firefighters at intersections around Hiawatha the weekends of September 7th and 14th.

Funds raised through 2018 Hiawatha Fill the Boot event will help support MDA's programs of world-wide research, specialized health care services and day-to-day support - which includes sending children affected by muscular dystrophy and related diseases to a weeklong, barrier-free MDA summer camp at Camp Courageous in Monticello, Iowa. Last year, Hiawatha Firefighters raised \$16,000 for MDA. Since 2011 Hiawatha Firefighters have raised more than \$84,000 for MDA.

### 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 3, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM** at the Hiawatha Fire Station, located at 10th Avenue and Emmons Street.



### Yard Cleanup Dates

- October 22 - Leaves, Yard Waste and Brush Pick Up
- November 5 - Leaves Only Pick Up
- November 19 - Leaves Only Pick Up

No branches larger than 12" in diameter and no pick up of tree demolition. Contact tree removal service for disposal. Items must be to the curb by 7:00 AM.



### HiBRAI Thank You

The Friends of Hiawatha Park and Recreation Foundation had their 16th annual HiBRAI (Hiawatha's Bike Ride Around Iowa) on August 18-19, 2018. 143 cyclists road from Hiawatha City Hall to Riverside Hotel and Casino, a 106 mile trek round trip to help raise funds for the Hiawatha recreation programs and park updates! The Foundation was able to raise over \$8,000 and they couldn't have done it without their participants and active community sponsors! Thank you Cedar Rapids Toyota, Hiawatha Bank, ServPro, Symmonds Electric, Morgan and Morio, D&D Tree Service, Shey Systems, Hawkeye Ready Mix, Rathje Construction, Big Ten Mart, Blair Ridge Dental, Fareway, Lucky Penny, Culvers, Munson Electric and Hauser's Water Systems. We look forward to next years ride on August 17-18, 2019!

### Emerald Ash Bore Public Informational Meeting - September 25, 2018

The City will be holding a public informational meeting concerning EAB on September 25, 2018 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. State District Forester Mark Vitosh from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will give a short presentation and answer questions.

As many of you are aware the Emerald Ash Bore (EAB), which attacks and kills Ash trees, has been found in Linn County, specifically the Cedar Rapids, Marion and Toddville areas. Chances are very high that EAB is in Hiawatha, although we do not have a confirmed case.

Ash trees on private property are the responsibility of the property owner. The decision to remove or chemically treat trees on private property rests with the property owner. Property owners are encouraged to do their own research before making any decisions.

**EAB Public Informational Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Hiawatha City Hall lower level Multi-Purpose Room**

Here are some useful links with information about EAB.

[www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

[www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Forest-Health/Emerald-Ash-Borer](http://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Forest-Health/Emerald-Ash-Borer)

[www.nrs.fs.fed.us/disturbance/invasive\\_species/eab/](http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/disturbance/invasive_species/eab/)

Link for finding an Arborist.

[www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist/findanarborist](http://www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist/findanarborist)

### Concerts in the Park

Thank you to the University of Iowa Credit Union for supporting another year of Concerts in the Park! We hope you were able to enjoy all the entertainment this August! Know of any bands for 2019? Let us know! We would love to hear from you!



### Hiawatha Police K9 Golf Outing



On Sunday, August 5, 2018 the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit hosted the 6th Annual K9 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.

This event continues to be a great success and a fun event for our participants. As in years past, most of the teams that participated this year were returning from previous HPD K9 Golf Outings, along with several new teams. Nineteen teams participated in the event this year and plenty of other citizens and golfers from Hunters Ridge stopped to see us while we were there as well. Approximately 40 area businesses and individuals sponsored the event either as a Tournament, Hole, Team Hole, or Raffle/Auction Prize Sponsor. All of these sponsors contribute to the success of this event. Special thanks goes to our Tournament Sponsors: That One Cupcake Place, Dave Wright Nissan/Subaru, Cedar Rapids Toyota, Darrah's Towing, Oscar's Family Restaurant, Otter Creek Country Store, and Cancun Mexican Grill who provided dinner after the tournament.

After dinner the teams that placed 1st and 2nd in two flights, as well as the Long Drive and Closest to the Pin winners were given special prizes. There was also a silent auction and a raffle drawing for various prizes valued at approximately \$3,000. To conclude the day's activities, K9 RESO and Officer Naaktgeboren performed a K9 demonstration showcasing some of RESO's various duties as a Police Canine.

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) and follow us on Facebook at "Hiawatha Police K9 Unit."



### Butterburgers and Badges

On August 2, 2018 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM the Hiawatha Police Department took part in a fund raiser at Culver's called "Butterburgers and Badges" presented by law enforcement while benefitting the Special Olympics of Iowa. This was the first fund raiser of its kind but we anticipate this becoming an annual event. Donations were accepted by customers at the event, and Culver's also donated \$1 from each concrete mixer that was sold for the month of August. A number participating Culver's locations from across the state totaled approximately \$16,000 in proceeds for the Special

Olympics of Iowa! Joining the Hiawatha Police Department were members of the Linn County Sheriff's Office and Division of Criminal Investigation-ICAC. We are thankful to have been able to participate in an event where all the proceeds go to such a worthy cause, and we are equally thankful for the generosity of customers and Culver's in supporting this event. See you next year!

### Corridor Business Journal Recognizes Hiawatha Businesses As Coolest Places to Work and Best of the Corridor



The City of Hiawatha would like to extend a

shout out to two of the coolest places to work located in Hiawatha: **Crystal Group** and **Ahmann Companies**. The Coolest Places to Work award identifies and honors companies creating the most engaging and rewarding work environments.

The City of Hiawatha is also excited to extend congratulations to the following Hiawatha businesses for winning titles in the Corridor Business Journal's Best of the Corridor for 2018:

- Best Auto, Fleet & Service Dealer: **Mcgrath Family of Dealerships**
- Best Business Consulting Firm: **Honkamp Krueger & Co. PC**
- Best Commercial Cleaning/Janitorial Service: **Midwest Janitorial Service**
- Best Printer: **Cedar Graphics**
- Best Commercial & Residential Real Estate Firm & Builder: **Skogman Companies**
- Best Developer: **Ahmann Companies**



You're Invited to Make Room for IMAGINATION



The Campaign to Renovate and Expand the Hiawatha Public Library

The Board of Trustees and the Fundraising Steering Committee for Hiawatha Public Library cordially invite you to the groundbreaking for the library's expanded and updated facility.

**Monday, October 1, 2018**

**Gather: 4:30 p.m.**

**Short Program: 4:45 p.m.**

**Adjacent to the library  
150 W. Willman St., Hiawatha**

(parking available in library lot and surrounding streets)

Please join us for celebratory refreshments in the library immediately following.

No RSVP required.  
Questions? Call **319-393-1414**.

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## Petersen Pet Hospital Ribbon Cutting

Petersen Pet Hospital opened their new doors at 1031 Kacena Road this August. Petersen Pet Hospital began their journey in June of 2003. Dr. Petersen was a sole practitioner for six years prior to hiring Dr. Saunders in 2009, Dr. McGinty in 2013 and Dr. Eike in 2017. Each providing veterinarian general practice.

Petersen Pet Hospital and their team is committed to providing the best care for their patients and their owners. Petersen Pet Hospital is the only pet hospital in the metro area that offers the most advanced surgical procedure, the TTA-2, for a torn cranial ligament, or/and ACI tear. With the new facility, Petersen Pet Hospital is able to provide their customers with additional amenities including: exam rooms, a large comfort room, special dental suite, surgery suite, intensive care unit, isolation ward, luxury dog and cat lodging and of course easy parking.

Welcome to Hiawatha Petersen Pet Hospital!



**PETERSEN**  
PET HOSPITAL PC



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