



# Hiawatha Insights

April 2014

## Firefighters Honored for Service and Training

Volume 73

Hiawatha Fire Department held its annual awards and recognition banquet on February 22, 2014, at the Longbranch in Marion. Members and their spouses, along with representatives of the City Council attended the banquet. The purpose is to recognize and thank the fire department members for the thousands of hours of service they provide to the community every year.

New members who joined the department in the last year were introduced: John Bradford, Aruunabh Chattopadhyay, Tara Humpal, Gilbert June, Chris Liscum, Ryan Neuhaus, Jenny Reece, Josh Snetzler, Nicholas Strang, Andrew Vaughan, and Kyle Wilkins. Members who recently completed their probationary period were introduced and awarded their badges: Isaac Allmaras, Zach Brunscheen, Christian Cardenas, Paul Goetzman, Ben Kjome, Troy Reynolds, Whitney Ruffridge, AJ Seely, Ben Symonds, Tiffany Weyant, and Ryan Young. Two members were recognized for completing five years of service. Jeff Gibbons and Cory Saunders. Both members were awarded traditional style fire helmets. Two members were recognized for completing ten years of service, Josh Carter, and Deputy Chief Andrew Sweeney. Besides Carter and Sweeney, other members recognized for having over ten years of service to the department include: Rob Archibald, Eric Hoover, Matt Powers, and Chris Weininger. Four members were recognized for having over fifteen years of service: Steve Craven, Bill Mackin, Jamey Parker, and Scott Studt. Firefighter Wayne Compton was recognized for 26 years of service.

Marv Trimble, 4th Vice President of the Iowa Firefighters Association presented Chief Mike Nesslage (20 years) and Firefighter Mike Hook (30 years) certificates from the Iowa Firefighters Association for their years of service to the Hiawatha Fire Department.

Members who had left the department in the last year were recognized: Matt Beeks, Jake Hatch, Adam Jones, Frank Sir Louis, and Jim White. Many members received certifications during the year: Troy Reynolds, Morgan Studt, Josh Snetzler, and Emily Streit received EMT certifications, Paul Goetzman received Paramedic certification, Zach Brunscheen and Whitney Ruffridge received Firefighter I certification, Isaac Allmaras, Steve Craven, Tim Hofferber, Chris Weininger, and Joe Westendorf received Firefighter II certification, Brad Ransford, Mike Hook, and Nick Jellison received Fire Officer I certification.



Several special recognition awards were presented. Troy Reynolds was recognized as the 2013 rookie of the year. This is awarded to one member who completes their probationary period, who best exhibits the values of the Fire Department. Most calls led recognizes the EMT and Paramedics who act as the lead on medical calls most often. This year, Nick Jellison was the Paramedic, Jeff Daley was the EMT-Intermediate, and Cody Oberfoell was the EMT Basic recognized for this award. Finally members with the best record of attendance at training were recognized: John Zlabek, Tim Hofferber, and Jeff Daley.

## Easter Egg Hunt & Save The Date

### Hiawatha Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, April 19, 2014 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Guthridge Park

Don't be late! Eggs vanish in minutes! The Annual Hiawatha Easter Egg Hunt is a fun, family event filled with surprises! Eggs will be spread in the grass at Guthridge Park. Children will also get to visit with the Hiawatha Easter Bunny. Event is held rain or shine.

Event Sponsored by: Roasters and The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation



Do not miss the following dates!

- Live Healthy 5K Run/Walk 4/12/14 8:00 a.m. Guthridge Park
- Disc Golf Tournament 4/13/14 8:00 a.m. Clark Park
- Earth Day 4/26/14 9-11:00 a.m. Guthridge Park
- Farmers Market Begins 4/27/2014 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. 10th Avenue Parking Lot, Guthridge Park
- Hog Wild Days June 19-22, 2014 website: [www.hogwild-days.com](http://www.hogwild-days.com) Email: [hogwilddays@hotmail.com](mailto:hogwilddays@hotmail.com)



## Operation ReLeaf Program

Operation ReLeaf is coming to Hiawatha from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 26th, in the 10th Avenue parking lot at Guthridge Park. For just \$25 each, Hiawatha Alliant Energy customers can buy two 3'-8' landscaping trees valued at up to \$125 each. Download your order form at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com) or call the Iowa DNR at 515-281-6749. Advance purchase is required.



## Guthridge Park New Band Shell

Look what's coming to Guthridge Park!!!

A new multipurpose band shell/pavilion will be constructed in Guthridge Park this spring. Funding for this new structure is available through our Local Option Sales & Service Tax.

The Parks and Recreation Department is excited for this new feature that will be used as the new band shell for our Summer Music in the Park Series as well as an additional pavilion available for rental this summer. Join us on Friday, May 23rd for our first concert from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



## New Recreation Coordinator

Ambyr Young is the new Recreation Coordinator for the City of Hiawatha. She recently graduated from Kaplan University with an Associates of Applied Science in Business Administration and completed her internship at the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department in the summer of 2012. Ambyr enjoys spending time with her family and friends and is looking forward to working with community members and staff in the beautiful City of Hiawatha. Welcome Ambyr!!



## New P&Z Board Member

On December 18, 2013, City Council accepted the appointment of Tyler Nugent to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Tyler will serve a five year term ending December 31, 2018. Tyler graduated from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI), where he received his Bachelor's degree with a major in marketing and emphasis in sales. Tyler and his girlfriend, Shannon, currently live in Hiawatha. Tyler also works in Hiawatha at Aerotek, Inc., as a Construction & Engineering Account Manager. Welcome Tyler!



## History Committee Remembers Hiawatha Police Chiefs



Ron Wagner



Pat Clark



Neil Willia



Bob Quinby



Doug Stowell



Dave Saari



Rick Pierce



Dennis Marks

## Hiawatha Recognizes Two Area Businesses

### SERVPRO of Cedar Rapids

SERVPRO of Cedar Rapids is a locally owned and operated restoration company located in Hiawatha, IA. The SERVPRO name is recognized nationally as the "Premier Restoration Company" in North America. They offer many services that pertain to water and fire restoration and have built great relationships with all insurance companies.

In addition to water and fire restoration, they offer many other services. The other situations that can be handled by their professionals include: Mold Remediation; Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning; Re-construction; New Construction; Remodels; Decks; Framing Carpentry; Finish Carpentry; Duct Cleaning; Deodorization; Walls, Ceilings and Hard Surface Cleaning; Pressure Washing; Soda Blasting. Because they are a family owned business, they make customer service their number one priority and will treat you like a part of the family.

Find SERVPRO of Cedar Rapids at 111 Miller Road, call them at (319) 393-8430 or on their website [www.servprocedarrapids.com](http://www.servprocedarrapids.com).



### Iowa Fire Protection

Iowa Fire Protection, Inc., offers design, installation, maintenance and repair of water based fire protection sprinkler systems. They provide 24 hour/day, 7 day/week service to their customers within an after-hour automated call system routing emergency calls to service personnel.

Iowa Fire Protection was incorporated in October 1967 by JW Bowker and Clarence Yock. The current owner, William Heck, has been running the company for over 35 years since he purchased Mr. Yock's shares in 1978. He then became the sole owner in 1982. The company moved to Hiawatha in 1981 and to their current location at 735 Robins Road in Hiawatha in 1993. Iowa Fire Protection, Inc., proudly serves a broad customer base and is well known for excellent customer service.

You can reach Iowa Fire Protection by phone at (319) 378-0820 for more information.



## Business Summit Held in the Hiawatha Community Center

Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO), the City of Hiawatha, and Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance hosted the first Business Summit of 2014. The Business Summit was co-hosted by Rud Chain and held in the Hiawatha Community Center at City Hall from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Members of the local business community had the opportunity to network and listen to owners/representatives of Hiawatha businesses talk about their products and services.

Presentations included the following:

- Greg Luerkens of Rud Chain located at 840 N 20th Avenue in Hiawatha - Rud Chain is a world-wide manufacturer and distributor of products such as chains, links, lifting points, hooks, slings, balancers, sprockets, fasteners, adapters and wheels. They also sell a large selection of outdoor furniture including chairs, benches, trash receptacles, planters, and tables.
- Beth Meyer of North Forty located at 1501 Boyson Square Drive, Suite 201 in Hiawatha - North Forty offers businesses a wide range of creative services including advertising, product design, branding, creative consulting, and website development. North Forty can also arrange original music, live events, and entertainment.
- Pat Callanan of Hawkeye Communications located at 1485 Hawkeye Drive in Hiawatha - Hawkeye Communications is a security solutions company providing commercial and residential customers with fire alarm systems, fire inspections, remote monitoring, card access, camera surveillance, burglar alarm systems, access control systems, smoke detectors, Carbon Monoxide detectors, and voice and data cabling.

City Administrator Kim Downs and City Engineer John Bender also spoke about the importance of the Tower Terrace Road/I-380 to North Center Point Road Interchange project and provided an update on the status of the project which is scheduled to begin construction in 2017.



## 2014 Street Repair Project

The City of Hiawatha is planning a street repair project during the spring/summer of 2014 funded through the Capital Improvement Program. Council established a budget for design and reconstruction of two streets and a section of another street. The streets identified as high priority were:

- 14th Avenue from Cress Parkway to Rainbow Drive
- Eisenhower Street from 9th Avenue to 10th Avenue
- Emmons Street at the CC&P Railroad Tracks



Eisenhower and 14th Avenue are scheduled for total removal and replacement, as well as the additional items required for construction. These items include sanitary sewer repair, new storm sewer, new driveway approaches, and sidewalk ramps. The City has contracted for engineering plans, drawings, and specifications.

Bidding is proposed for in April with construction starting as soon as possible this spring of 2014. We have made every effort to minimize inconveniences to private property owners on 14th Avenue and Eisenhower; however there will be times when access to all driveways will not be possible. Contact the engineering department for more information regarding the construction schedule. The other street section, Emmons Street at the railroad crossing, will require close coordination with the CC&P Railroad where a new rubberized crossing was constructed in the fall of 2013. Coordination with the Iowa DOT is also anticipated as approach work or modifications to the Emmons Street/I380 Bridge are anticipated. This work is scheduled for later in the summer.

## Dangerous Animals Ordinance Amended

The State amended Iowa Code Chapter 717F Dangerous Wild Animals approximately six years ago by removing the prohibition of all constrictor snakes. Instead, the State classified certain families of venomous and extremely volatile snakes as "Dangerous Wild Animals," and prohibited people from keeping or harboring these particular types of snakes. After the State amended their code, the cities of Cedar Rapids and Marion updated their dangerous animal code chapters to mirror the Iowa Code.

On February 19, 2014, Hiawatha City Council passed Ordinance #778 amending City Code Chapter 57 Dangerous and Vicious Animals. The Hiawatha City Code definitions of "Dangerous Animals" now mirrors the State of Iowa, City of Cedar Rapids, and Marion definitions of "Dangerous Wild Animals."

## Temporary Embargo - Loggerhead and Tower Terrace Roads

The City of Hiawatha has been experiencing heavy traffic weighing over ten (10) tons travelling on Loggerhead Road and Tower Terrace Road west of North Center Point Road. In order to prevent premature deterioration of seal coated roads that are not made to withstand heavy traffic, the City of Hiawatha has determined the need to place a temporary embargo on Loggerhead Road (the portion of road located in the City of Hiawatha and Tower Terrace Road). The temporary embargo has been placed for a 90 day period effective April 1, 2014 and remaining effective through June 29, 2014. Any party who violates the provisions of this embargo shall, upon conviction or a plea of guilty, be subject to a fine determined by dividing the difference between the actual weight and the maximum weight established by the resolution by one hundred, and multiplying the quotient by two dollars as per Iowa Code Chapter 321.471. Loggerhead Road, Todd Hills Road and Hunt Road are scheduled to be re-seal coated after July 1, 2014. Seal coating is best applied in July or August when the ground and air temperatures have thoroughly warmed. The City is working with Linn County on this project as a 28E Agreement. Until then, we will have Linn County crews come in and do some preliminary grade work in the rougher sections of these roads. This will take place early this spring. They will scarify the road, add more rock, roll it and provide dust control.



## Council Action

March 5, 2014

Resolution 14-028 - Adopt the proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget.

Resolution 14-029 - Fix date (March 19, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.) for a meeting on the proposition to issue not to exceed \$2,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A for Essential Corporate Purposes.

Resolution 14-030 - Fix date (March 19, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.) for a meeting on the proposition to issue not to exceed \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A for Essential Corporate Purposes.

Resolution 14-031 - Fix date (March 19, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.) for a meeting on the proposition to issue not to exceed \$150,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A for General Corporate Purposes.

Resolution 14-032 - Approve an Engagement Agreement to disclose and memorialize the terms and conditions for services provided by Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. (Bond Counsel) to the City of Hiawatha in connection with the issuance of bonds, notes and other obligations, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Resolution 14-033 - Set public hearing date (March 19, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.12 Applicability, §165.13 Interpretation of Regulations, §165.23 Supplemental Yard Regulations, and §165.66 Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay District Requirements, to correct Scrivener's errors in section number references.

Resolution 14-034 - Approve Dumpster Enclosure Deferment Request for the property located at 320 Miller Rd, Crilley Law Firm.

Resolution 14-035 - Approve the construction of a Band shell Pavilion at Guthridge Park.

Resolution 14-036 - Support a Police Department Golf Outing Fund Raiser with all proceeds strictly for the K-9 program.

Resolution 14-037 - Approve payment to the Water Department for a water tower maintenance program in the amount of \$80,000 for the FY 2014 installment, and quarterly payments of \$20,000 for FY 2015-2018.

Resolution 14-040 - Authorize the execution of Landscape Maintenance Contract Agreement to Ultra Lawn, Hiawatha, Iowa at a rate of \$39.00 per hour, not to exceed 15 hours of maintenance performed in City landscaping beds each week for the months of April and October and not to exceed 12 hours per week for the months of May through September.

Resolution 14-041 - Authorize the replacement of one (1) Laser Multi-Functional Printer/Copier on the upper level of City Hall and at the Fire Station.

March 19, 2014

Ordinance 780 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code §165.12 Applicability, §165.13 Interpretation of Regulations, §165.23 Supplemental Yard Regulations, and §165.66 Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay District Requirements, to correct Scrivener's errors in section number references

Resolution 14-042 - Determine an area of the City to be an economic development area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting the Amendment No. 9 to the Hiawatha Urban Renewal Plan.

Resolution 14-043 - Institute proceedings to take additional action for the authorization and issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A for Essential Corporate Purposes.

Resolution 14-044 - Institute proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A for Urban Renewal Purposes.

Resolution 14-045 - Institute proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of Not to Exceed \$150,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A for General Corporate Purposes.

Resolution 14-046 - Authorize the issuance and levy a tax for the payment there of on \$2,650,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A.

Resolution 14-047 - Direct the advertisement for sale (dollar amount subject to change) and approve electronic bidding procedures and Official Statement for \$2,650,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A.

Resolution 14-048 - With respect to the adoption of the resolution of necessity proposed for the 14th Ave and Eisenhower Rd Pavement Reconstruction Project.

Resolution 14-049 - Ordering bids, approving plans, specs and form of contract and notice to bidders, fixing amount of bid security, and ordering Clerk to publish notice and fix a date for receiving same in connection with the 14th Ave and Eisenhower Rd Pavement Reconstruction Project.

Resolution 14-050 - Fix Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposal to Enter into a Development Agreement with NGBA, LLC., and providing for publication of notice thereof.

Resolution 14-051 - Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, 1996, by amending Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones adding Parking Restrictions for Heefner St.

Resolution 14-052 - Authorize the Parks and Recreation Department purchase of two (2) 2014 Scag Mowers.

Resolution 14-053 - Authorize staff to proceed with the sale of the 2011 61" Scag Turf Tiger 35 HP Zero Turn Commercial Lawn Mower, Old Unit #330.

Resolution 14-054 - Approve a 28E Agreement Between the City of Hiawatha and Linn County for the Blairs Ferry Rd Asphalt Overlay Project from Miller Rd heading west.

Resolution 14-055 - Rescind Resolution 13-145 authorizing joint participation between the City of Hiawatha and the City of Cedar Rapids for the Blairs Ferry Rd Pavement Overlay Project.

Resolution 14-056 - Institute a Temporary Embargo on Loggerhead Rd and Tower Terrace Rd west of North Center Point Rd.

Resolution 14-057 - Authorize contract for Auditing Services for FY 2014-2016.

Resolution 14-058 - Approve the Teamsters Local Union 238 Contract Proposal for City of Hiawatha Public Works Department from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Resolution 14-059 - Approve the Teamsters Local Union 238 Contract Proposal for City of Hiawatha Law Enforcement from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Resolution 14-060 - Approve payment of an invoice from the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) for required material testing performed by the DOT in connection with the Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project.

For more detail, visit [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com).



# APRIL 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Council 5:30pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	9 Council Airls 7pm Channel 18	10 Council Airls 10am Channel 18	11	12 Live Healthy Iowa 5K and 1K Kids Run 8am
13 Disc Golf Tournament Clark Park 8am	14 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	15 Water 5:30 pm	16 Council 5:30pm	17	18 City Hall Closed Holiday	19 Easter Egg Hunt Guthridge Park 9am
20	21	22	23 Council Airls 7pm Channel 18	24 Council Airls 10am Channel 18	25	26 Earth Day Guthridge Park 9-11 am
27 Farmers Market Begins 11-2 Guthridge Park	28 P&Z 5:30 pm	29	30	Visit our website: <a href="http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com">www.hiawatha-iowa.com</a>		



# MAY 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park	5	6	7 Council 5:30pm	8	9	10
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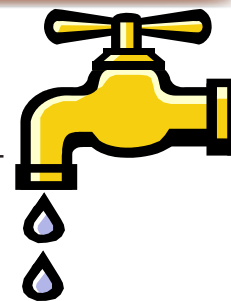
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## Hiawatha Water Department Flushing Hydrants

If the residents of Hiawatha notice water running into the street, you may think that the Department is ignoring its own philosophy on conserving water. The process of periodically "flushing" fire hydrants, however, is an important preventive maintenance activity. Flushing the water system on a routine basis removes sediment from lines and keeps the entire distribution system refreshed. Hiawatha Water Department maintains over 40 miles of domestic water lines throughout the City.

As a result of the flushing procedure, residents may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and deposits and doesn't affect the safety of the water. The water is still drinkable. If you experience discoloration, clear the pipes in your own home by running all water faucets for a minute or two. We also advise to postpone doing your laundry until all internal pipes have been cleared.

**Starting Monday, April 21, 2014 through Friday May 16, 2014, weather permitting,  
Hiawatha Water Department will be flushing hydrants.**



## Storm Water & Mowing Instructions from Community Dev. Dept.

Spring is almost here. The spring showers will be a welcome change from all of this snow and ice. When it rains, the storm waters end up back in our water sources. The storm drains lead to lakes, streams, and rivers. Storm water transports pollutants into our drinking and recreational bodies of water. So please help protect our water quality by following a few simple rules.

- Grass and weeds should be kept at 8" or less. The recommended grass length is 3". When your lawn is 3" tall, it allows water more time to absorb into the soil versus running into the street or onto the sidewalk and towards the storm drains.
- Grass clippings should never go into the street. This clogs storm drains and then affects the quality of our water.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces. All drainage needs to be dispersed on your own property. This helps to prevent pollutants such as motor oil or detergent from entering our water sources.

Thank you for helping preserve our valuable water sources. If you have questions or comments, please contact the Community Development Department at 393-1515.



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