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### Mayor won't mess with success - Corridor Business Journal



As Mayor Bennett gets his feet wet as the newly elected mayor he learns about Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and how it benefits economic development. Corridor Business Journal's Dave DeWitte interviewed Mayor Bennett, Council Member Dick Olson and Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) Chair Jon Dusek asking if Tax Increment Financing (TIF) will stay status quo. Bennett said he's not planning on shaking up any major elements of a development strategy that seems to be working well. "Steady as she goes" were a few of the words Mr. Bennett said during his interview. Council Member Olson and HEDCO Chair Jon Dusek affirmed Hiawatha will stick with its TIF program, which was expanded in December to cover buildings developed for retail.

Hiawatha City Council's TIF program has been consistent as anybody in the metro area and recognized by Speer Financial as a quality program utilized appropriately by the city and its developers. The Corridor Business Journal noted 24 businesses have moved to or expanded in Hiawatha since 2010 utilizing incentive deals with a 78 percent rebate of property taxes paid on new development for a period of five years.

Mayor Bennett complimented Hiawatha's growth and its ability to land bigger companies to locate their businesses in Hiawatha but he believes we need to focus on the smaller businesses as well. He fully intends to work hard to get more speciality retail to grow in Hiawatha. Bennett said, "The city wants to create live-work development and he hopes to play a part of that development." He along with the council's perspective envisions developments, with opportunities for business owners to live above their retail location and park behind.

"Hiawatha even with its commercial growth still possess its small-town atmosphere with staff focused on providing "one stop shopping" and the ability to move projects forward quickly," said City Administrator Kim Downs. This is part of Hiawatha's appeal while taking advantage of I-380's easy access and competitive land prices.

### **Industrial Avenue Reconstruction Project to Resume**

Hiawatha awarded a contract to Horsfield Construction Inc. from Epworth, Iowa to reconstruct approximately 1,200 feet of the existing Industrial Avenue north of Boyson Road. The paving will be widened by six (6) feet with all new storm sewer and new driveways installed. The sidewalks will be added in the driveways but new sidewalks fronting the properties will be the property owner's responsibility. The funding for the project is a combination of Revitalized Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE), capital project funds and Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) funds.



The paving of the first 600 feet north of Boyson Road was completed in the fall of 2015. The remaining street work will begin early April as the contractor mobilizes crews to resume construction. Sections of the road will be closed for the work to take place, however, driveways will be maintained with temporary access established.

### North Center Point Road/Emmons/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Project - Phase I



The final plans for the first phase of the North Center Point/Emmons/Robins Intersection have been completed and the project has been advertised for bids. The contract is a utility bid package that will include water main and sewer relocation and the construction of the extension of "A" Avenue. This will be the first phase that will also allow the

private utility companies to then relocate their overhead lines to the underground conduit included in the City contract. The Phase II project with the intersection street reconstruc-

tion is scheduled for later this year.

The intersection reconstruction project will move the intersection approximately 100 feet to the northwest. The existing traffic signals will be removed and replaced with an "all way-four (4) way stop" condition while the project takes place. Plan calls for changing traffic conditions which will include lane closures, lane changes and detours Traffic will always be maintained on North Center Point Road, however, traffic will be reduced to one (1) lane in each direction.



### Hiawatha Volunteer Firefighters

Over the next several months we are going to introduce you to several of our volunteer firefighters, to help you get to know the fire department better. Volunteer Firefighters must undergo hundreds of hours of training, sacrifice weekends and weeknights when they are on call, be willing to leave their family at the drop of a hat to help neighbors and ultimately risk their comfort, well being and life for someone they may not even know. This month we want to recognize one of our younger members. Firefighter/EMT Caleb Fairlie is just 19 years old but has been involved in the fire department as an Explorer since he was a sophomore in high school. He works full time at St. Luke's hospital as a Patient Care Tech. In his short time on the Fire Department he has already become certified as an Emergency Medical Technician, Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2. Caleb is also a Hazardous Materials Technician and a member of the Regional Haz Mat Team. His supervisor, Captain Brad Ransford, said "It's my honor to work with Caleb and see him grow into the firefighter he is today. He is reliable, dedicated, hard worker and above all he is a team player."

We asked Caleb why he joined the Fire Department; "I've always had an interest in firefighting. The summer of my Freshman year I did a ride along with my cousin, who is a Captain on the Cedar Rapids Fire Department. I loved every minute of it. So about a year later I found out about the Hiawatha Fire Department and their Explorer Post. I loved getting the chance to hang out with the guys and gals, going to trainings and most importantly getting the chance to help

Caleb Fairlie

people when they need it most." Caleb went on to say; "My favorite thing about volunteering is getting the chance to help people and being with my crew, my crew is my second family, there is a strong brotherhood and sisterhood with the entire Fire Department but even more so within each duty crew. This is a great department, almost all of us are volunteers and we pride ourselves in making sure that the citizen's of Hiawatha and surrounding areas get exceptional care by being professional in everything we do!"

When asked to offer a saftey tip, Caleb replied "Make sure you clean your dryer vents once a month, getting as much lint out of the vent and dryer as you can. Most dryer fires are caused by the dryer vent being clogged by lint or other debris, trapping the heat in the vent and dryer causing the lint or clothing to catch fire." According to the U.S. Fire Administration, there are 2,900 home clothes dryer fires annually, with estimated losses of five (5) deaths, 100 injuries and \$35 million.

Hiawatha Fire Department is proud of Caleb and the many other volunteers that serve the community. If you'd like more information on the Fire Department explorer program, joining the Fire Department as a volunteer, or fire safety assistance, call the fire station at 319-393-4180.

# Community Development Dept. Hires New Staff



Jerry Youtsey has recently been hired in the Community Development Department to fill the Inspector I position. Mr. Youtsey has extensive construction background working

in California and Iowa. He is currently certified as a Residential Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Inspector. He will be working with the rest of the staff as our main rental housing inspector with building inspection and code enforcement duties. Welcome Jerry!

### Parks Presentation for Young Professionals Network

Kelly Willadsen, Park Director & Ambyr Young, Recreation Coordinator attended the Iowa Parks & Recreation Association Spring Conference in Council Bluffs March 28-31. They had an opportunity to present on Professional Development for new and young professionals in the Iowa association. The presentation informed listeners on how they can improve their professional development from self-evaluation, resume building, available scholarships & certifications, committee opportunities, networking & how to advance in their carrier.

### Solicitors, Vendors and Peddlers Safety

As the weather starts getting nicer, residents will begin to notice the increased presence of solicitors, vendors and peddlers trying to sell their products and services at your doorstep or in a mobile vehicle traveling up and down the residential neighborhoods. While it is convenient to be able to purchase frozen treats and other snacks as you are playing outside in the yard or at the park with your children, it is important that residents know what to look for when dealing with solicitors, vendors or peddlers.

For the safety of the community, the City of Hiawatha has a policy in place to make sure all solicitors, vendors and peddlers go through a licensing process before they are allowed to conduct business in the City. The licensing process can take up to two to three weeks and includes the following steps:

- Running a background check on all members of the crew (applicant pays \$15 for each background check).
- Hiawatha Police Department checks on each member of the crew.
- Owner/Supervisor of business must complete an application form and provide information on all members of the crew including contact information, make/model/color/year of all vehicles being used, list criminal convictions and last three cities where the company most recently conducted business.
- Supply one of the following: evidence that the applicant has filed a bond with the Secretary of State in the penal sum two times the value of the goods or merchandise sold or a \$1,000 bond.
- Supply a certificate of general liability insurance including products liability coverage in the amount of \$300,000 per occurrence and \$100,000 for property damage.
- Applicant must pay a license fee ranging from \$40 for a one day license up to \$300 for a one year license.
- Applicant must pay \$5.00 per identification badge made for each member of the crew.
   Crew has to come to City Hall and provide their Drivers Licenses and City takes each member's picture and prints the badges.

Seems like a pretty rigorous process and it is set up that way on purpose in order to protect Hiawatha residents as much as possible. Please remember when approached by a solicitor, please take the following into consideration: **All members must have a visible photo I.D. badge featuring the City of Hiawatha, name & expiration of peddlers/vendors license.** Soliciting in residential areas is allowed only between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. If there are any suspicions or concerns regarding a solicitor, peddler or vendors' right to conduct business in your neighborhood, please contact the Police Department at 319-393-1212 or the City Clerk's Office at 319-393-1515.

# Hiawatha Council Action March 2, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-029 adopting a Revenue Purpose Statement establishing the lawful purposes for which the City can expend the revenues generated from gas & electric franchise fees pursuant to Iowa Code §364.2(4)(f). RESOLUTION #16-030 adopting the FY16-17 final proposed budget. RESOLUTION #16-031 approving & authorizing execution of a 6 year Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & Longfellow Square, L.C. RESOLUTION #16-032 setting dates of a consultation (3/9/16 @ 9:00 A.M.) and setting a public hearing date (4/6/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposed Amendment No. 11 to the Hiawatha Urban Renewal Plan in the City of Hiawatha, State of Iowa. Motion approving a letter of support for GoDaddy.com, LLC in connection with the Economic Development Authority High Quality Jobs Program. RESOLUTION #16-033 setting a public hearing date (3/16/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, & estimate of cost on file & direct publication of the notice to bidders in connection with the 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project. RESOLUTION #16-034 setting a public hearing date (3/16/16 @) 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances

Chapter 110 Natural Gas Franchise §110.09 Franchise Fee by increasing the current franchise fee from 0% to 3%.

RESOLUTION #16-035 setting a public hearing date (3/16/16@ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 111 Electric Franchise §111.07 Franchise Fee by increasing the current franchise fee from 0% to 3%. Discussion regarding a request to place a directional sign in the Right-Of-Way at the intersection of Boyson Road & North Center Point Rd as submitted by Kinch Donithan of Dairy Queen, Council directed City Staff to obtain additional information on this item & bring it back for consideration at a future Council meeting. RESOLUTION #16-036 issuing a final ruling regarding the premises located at 89 North Center Point Road & 93-95 North Center Point Road in connection with the Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Project & finds that Mr. Zoll's request for an extension of time to vacate the properties is GRANTED in part & Mr. Zoll's request for payment of \$150,000 is DENIED as provided for & outlined in the Resolution. RESOLUTION #16-037 waiving the right to review the Final Plat of Charlotte Brown's Addition to Linn County within the two mile radius of Hiawatha City

Limits. RESOLUTION #16-038 approving the design of a new commercial development including storage, office & retail tenant spaces to the Hiawatha Design Guidelines for the property located at 875 Edgewood Rd. RESOLUTION #16-039 approving the design of a new commercial development including storage, office & retail tenant spaces to the Hiawatha Design Guidelines for the property located at 2050 Boyson Rd. RESOLUTION #16-040 approving payment of Final Invoice #1 for Hiawatha's portion of costs for signals & design for the Temporary Traffic Control Devices Installation Project at the intersection of Blairs Ferry Road NE & Miller Road, & direct City Clerk to make payment to the City of Cedar Rapids in the amount of \$47,258.69, using available funding in LOSST dollars. RESOLUTION #16-041 approving a Community Collection Event with Midwest Electronic Recovery on Saturday, 4/30/16 from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. RESOLUTION #16-042 approving a Community Collection Event with Cedar Rapids/ Linn County Solid Waste Agency on Saturday, 4/30/16 from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. & authorizing Mayor to sign the Memo of Understanding. RESOLUTION #16-043 approving a Community Collection Event with Heartland Shredding on Saturday, 4/30/16 from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00

### March 16, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-044 adopting plans, specifications, form of contract & estimate of cost on file for the Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project. City Council will consider waiving 2nd & 3rd readings & possible adoption of ORDINANCE #860 on 4/6/16. City Council will consider waiving 2nd & 3rd readings & possible adoption of ORDINANCE #861 on 4/6/16. RESOLUTION #16-045 setting a public hearing date (4/6/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a 5 year Development Agreement with RKAVON,L.L.C. & providing for publication of notice, RESOLUTION #16-046 proclaiming 4/30/16 as Arbor Day in the City of Hiawatha to coincide with the City's annual Earth Day event, & note that Arbor Day will be a floating day in Hiawatha. RESOLUTION #16-047 approving the purchase of 1 NewHolland Tractor from Kromminga Motors, Inc. of Monticello at a total cost not to exceed \$29,750, utilizing available funding in Parks Department Equipment Reserve Funds. RESOLUTION #16-048 approving & authorizing execution of a Multiple Year Agreement between the City of Hiawatha & J & M Displays, Inc. for the purchase & display of fireworks for the Hiawatha Fun Fest on 8/27/16, weather permitting, rain date scheduled for 8/28/16, with a total cost not to exceed \$6,500, cost of the fireworks display will paid using sponsorships dollars & by entering into a multi-year agreement the City will receive additional free product. RESOLU-TION #16-049 authorizing the Police Department to hold a golf outing fundraising event on 8/14/16, at Hunter's Ridge Golf Course in order to raise funds for the K9 Unit. Motion approving appointment of 9 Volunteer Firefighters/ EMTs: Nathan Packman, Adam Froehlich, Frank Tarasi, Martin Rounds, Aaron Hartke, Spencer Rowell, Cain Patterson, Todd Schinstock & Jacob Yanga. RESOLU-

TION #16-050 approving & authorizing execution of an Agreement for Utility Relocation between the City of Hiawatha & Interstate Power & Light Company for the installation of underground distribution electric on Center Point Rd between Fisher St & Willman St including the removal of existing wood poles with a total cost for the project not to exceed \$308,257, utilizing funding previously bonded in FY15 spring bonding & funding previously budgeted in FY15-24 LOSST dollars. RESOLUTION #16-051 approving & authorizing installation of the Plan of Improvements for Heritage Green Twelfth Addition. RESOLUTION #16-052 accepting a Warranty Deed for the conveyance of real estate located at 99 East Clark St to the City of Hiawatha by Max E. & Bonnie L. Hansen. RESO-LUTION #16-053 approving & authorizing execution of a Demolition Agreement between the City of Hiawatha & D.W. Zinser Company for the demolition of buildings & removal of debris on the properties located at 99 East Clark St & 89 & 93- 95 North Center Point Rd with cost for demolition work in the amount of \$42,500, in connection with the Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Project. RESOLUTION #16-054 granting Right-of-Way permission to Master Tool & Manufacturing Inc. for the installation of fiber optics along Progress Dr from 1450 Progress Dr to the commercial property located at 925 North Compton Dr. RESOLUTION #16-055 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #1 for the FY15 Water & Sewer Extension Project, & direct City Clerk to make payment to Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd. of Anamosa, in the amount of \$264,032.55. RESOLUTION #16-056 approving Change Order #1 for the FY15 Water & Sewer Extension Project with an increase in contract amount of \$7,272, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$1,289,651.

### **April Calendar**

- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 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 Channel 4 (IMON)
- 19 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Leaves/Brush/Yard waste Pickup Begins
- 27 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Channel 4 (IMON)
- 27 Comprehensive Plan Public Input Meeting multi-purpose room 7:00 PM
- 30 Earth Day Event 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

### **May Calendar**

- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 07 Garage Sales
- 09 Amnesty Pickup Begins
- 09 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 09 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Channel 4 (IMON)
- 17 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Channel 4 (IMON)
- 27 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 30 Earth Day Event 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

### Storm Water and Mowing Instructions from Community Development Department

Spring is almost here. The spring showers will be a welcome change from the 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 319-393-1515.

### The Scoop...on dog poop



Not the most glamorous subject to think about, however, when it comes to protecting the water quality of our streams and lakes it's worthy of discussion. So what's the harm in a little poop left behind every once in a while? Turns out to be a bigger problem than most people think. In a recent study of water quality in the Indian Creek Watershed in Linn County, it didn't matter if it was a small storm, a large storm or a few days of constant showers. There was evidence of fecal pollution in water samples collected

from local streams. Concentrations of these bacteria were found in quantities that are deemed unsafe for human contact.

**Teeming with disease.** Fecal coliform bacteria and more specifically **Escherichia coli or E. coli** is the "canary in the coal mine" so to speak when it comes to water pollution. What should be more concerning than E. coli is the fact that dog poop also contains a host of other parasites, viruses, worms and worm eggs that can cause illness, especially in children. In addition to polluting the water, these bacteria and viruses can linger in the soil long after the poop is gone, which can easily be transmitted to other dogs or even people.

Safety in numbers. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has two (2) standards for E. coli bacteria present in our water resources; one for children playing and another for recreational boating. The state regulatory standard for primary contact (child's recreation use, i.e. wading in streams) is 235 CFU/100 mL. The secondary recreational contact (boating) is 2,880 CFU/100 mL. Anything above these recommendations are dangerous to the health of those playing and recreating in the water.

Monitoring has helped identify and eliminate some sources of pollution. Only two (2) out of 11 samples taken over the summer from the Indian Creek Watershed were within the safe range, which means there may be quite a bit of poop not being scooped.

*Dispose of properly.* Please do the right thing and scoop the poop. Once scooped, there are three preferred methods for final disposal. Throw it in the trash, flush it down the toilet or bury it. All three protect our streams and lakes from fecal pollution.



SAVE THE DATE JULY 21, 2016



## State of the City Luncheon

JOIN US AT THE KIRKWOOD LINN CO. REGIONAL CENTER 1770 BOYSON ROAD 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!



### **City Wide Spring Cleanup & Event Dates**

Monday, April 25, 2016 - Leaves, brush & yardwaste pickup. Place all items at curbside by 7:00 AM.

Saturday, May 7, 2016 - Garage Sales. Contact City Hall at 393-1515 or email reccordinator@hiawatha-iowa.com if you want to be part of the listing. Maps can be picked up Friday, May 6, 2016 at City Hall and the Hiawatha Public Library.

Monday, May 9, 2016 - Amnesty Pickup. Place all items at curbside by 7:00 AM.

### Permit Parking to take effect April 1 to June 30, 2016



Over the past several years the city has been trying to address a parking problem in the area of the little league field on 15th Ave. The ballfield is well used from approximatley April 1 until July 1 each year. We are happy so many young people and their families are spending time at the field. However, we are tasked with creating a safe environment for all to enjoy. Parents are parking on-street in the neighborhood. While there is parking on one side of the street, the sheer number of parked cars is creating issues and safety concerns. Residents have contacted the police department for parked cars severely limiting visibility, blocking mailboxes and driveways and allowing for only one car at a time to pass for long stretches of the city street.

We worked with Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church representatives to address the parking concerns. With their input, we opted to implement permit parking in the area. The recommended parking area for those attending little league games is in the church parking lot.

Permits are provided free of charge to residents living in the permit parking area. We are trying to address this parking issue with the least impact to the residents in the area. Again, permit parking is effective from April 1 to June 30 each year. Additional permits are available to residents at no charge. Please help us by placing the provided parking permit on the rear view mirror of all vehicles parked on the city street during the restricted months.

If you have any questions or comments Chief Marks may be reached at 393-1212 or chief@hiawathapolice.com.

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### Adding an extra Farmer's Market

During the months of June, July and August, the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department will be adding a second Farmer's Market! This market will take a place on the second and fourth Wednesday's of the month from 4:00-6:00 PM in the Hiawatha City Hall Parking Lot. We have had numerous people requesting the addition so we put together a trial run for 2016! We will be taking applications starting Monday, April 23, 2016, spots will fill fast with only 12 vendor spots available!

Months: June, July, August

2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month Day: Price: \$80.00 for season or \$15.00 per day

(depending on openings)

**Allowed:** 12 Vendors

Location: City Hall (East) Parking Lot

Hours: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

### Don't Miss the Hiawatha Earth Day Collection/Recycling Event on April 30, 2016

Just in case you missed it in the March newsletter, the City of Hiawatha is celebrating Earth Day by hosting our annual collection/recycling event in the 10th Avenue parking lot at Guthridge Park. This is a chance for all Hiawatha residents to drop off the following items for recycling and proper disposal:

- Household hazardous waste sponsored by Linn County Solid Waste
- Electronic equipment sponsored by Midwest Electronic Recovery
- Documents for shredding sponsored by Heartland Shred-
- Unserviceable flags & purchase of new flags sponsored by American Legion Post 735
- Gently used cell phones to be donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers sponsored by the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Chapter 735
- Eyeglasses & hearing aids sponsored by the Hiawatha Lions Club
- New or gently used children's book collection (Reach Out & Read Program) sponsored by the Hiawatha Lions Club & the Unity Point Clinic
- Prescription/mediction waste sponsored by Hy-Vee Pharmacy

The 2016 Earth Day event is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Load up your car & stop down to Guthridge Park.





### **Arbor Day Proclamation**







The City of Hiawatha has proclaimed Saturday, April 30, 2016 to be observed as Arbor Day for the City of Hiawatha. Proclaiming Arbor Day in Hiawatha is one of the requirements for recertification as a Tree City recipient. Our purpose of recognizing Arbor Day will be to support the efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. We encourage all citizens to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. Hiawatha will continue with an annual Arbor Day celebration that will be a floating day so that we may schedule tree plantings and educational sessions as part of our observence.

### **Dog Etiquette**

With the warm weather approaching, please remember that all dogs need to be kept on leashes while in the parks for safety precautions. Please be respectful and pick up after your pets while walking them in parks or around residential areas. We want to keep our City clean and user friendly for all patrons.

### **Presented by the Hiawatha History Committee**



1970's - Hiawatha Fire Department Families

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## Walk Sequence

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# **Locating and Measuring Water Main Valves and Curb Stops**

If you look out your window this spring and see blue marking or a blue flag, it's because our Water Operators have started locating and measuring water main valves and curb stops. This is part of our ongoing infrastructure updates with the GIS application, WaterPoint Network, on our Ipads. As we are marking these valves and curb stops, we are taking pictures and entering the information into WaterPoint Network to keep our records current.

The Water Department also uses the WaterPoint Network application for the following:

- \* Tracking of yearly hydrant flushing information
- \* Pictures of each hydrant with specific information. \*\*The WaterPoint application will link a parts list for the hydrant brand to be able to troubleshoot any problems the hydrant may have. Therefore the Water Operators can quickly diagnosis and fix any hydrant issues.

\* Assist in our Meter Change Out Program. \*\*Our Water Operators will take pictures of each meter installed and document corresponding meter numbers for that specific address. This is to verify field information and office information are correct.

So, if you see a blue flag or blue marking in your yard, no need to worry, one of our Water Operators has just been out keeping the Hiawatha Water's infrastructure up to date.

### **Fluoridation Survey Results**

Recently the Hiawatha Water Department conducted an informal survey to get the opinion of our residents on the fluoridation of our water. Out of the 1,800 water bills that were mailed, we had about a 17.5% response back. Out of those responses the vote was over 2 to 1 in favor of fluoridation in the water. If you should have any questions about your water quality; please contact the Hiawatha Water Department at 319-393-5556 opt.#4.

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