PARK AND RECREATION REPORT

To: Park and Recreation Commission

CC: Mayor and City Council

From: Angie Cole, Park and Recreation Director

Date: September 6, 2011

Re: Park and Recreation Report

**Go Daddy Request:**

I spoke with Kim Gartner of Go Daddy (AZ). Kim, Ted, and I worked hard to make sure their employee picnic in Tucker Park was a success! They had over 225 people show up for food, drinks, games, face painting, etc. Kim was VERY happy with the cleanliness of the park, splash pad, etc. They love Tucker Park and the shade it provides and have booked again for June of next year.

Go Daddy decided to wrist band those invited to their picnic to make sure the public did not take advantage of their event. Kim did have to ask 8 kids to leave, some of them twice. They also had an issue with 3 men in the vicinity of their event using drugs and had to ask them to stop. Eventually the men called the police on each other and PD responded.

With this – one suggestion for next year’s employee picnic would be to allow Go Daddy to fence of the area of their event. The fenced area would NOT include any playground equipment, splash pad, or public restrooms. Go Daddy also is requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission allow them to put up an inflatable. Since this is not allowed under current Park Rules making this exception would need to go to City Council for approval if the Commission chooses to allow it.

**Community Center Yearly Use Agreement CR-AEYC**

Please see the attached for the request for CR-AEYC for a community center yearly use agreement. If approved by the Commission this will need to go through City Council for final approval.

**Hiawatha Kids League and Lions Club request for Guthridge Park**

Please see the attached requests for these two organizations.

**Capital Improvement Plan**

Please see the attached forms for the Capital Improvement Plan. City Council has said that they would look at changes to priorities and new projects. The operating budget for next year is froze so we may be restructuring dollars with no additions.

**PARK UPDATE:**

* Glow Tournament is being hosted again this year at Fay Clark Park. Friday, September 9, 2011. They will play one round from 5:00 to 7:30 and play a glow in the dark round from 8:00 to 10:30. We will do awards when the second round ends and be done by 11:00. We are expecting between 30 and 50 people. This event went very well last year and had little to no clean up from the event.
* Guthridge Park concession stand is in need of a new roof. The shingles of the concession stand are coming off and curling, also after a short rain we had to repair a leak in the roof that ran through onto the floor of the men’s bathroom. The following shows the 3 estimates I received:

DeNeve Construction Inc. $4550.00

Shawn’s Construction $5875.00

Joel Gross and crew $6251.24

DeNeve Construction received the project for replacing the roof on the concession stand with the lowest bid. These estimates cover tear-off, eves and valleys, felt, shingles, clean up and disposal, new pipe flashing, and plywood as needed. My plan is to have this project done before winter which is why I went to the City Council with the information to get the project moving.

This project is not included in the parks department budget or the CIP. I requested approval of the lowest bid of DeNeve Construction for a total not to exceed $5000 as a contingency for plywood, etc. that may be needed to be funded by LOST funds. This was approved by the City Council

* After the wind storm last month we have 3 Oak trees North of the learning center that must be removed. We are getting estimates for this removal and checking with insurance.

**RECREATION UPDATE**

**HIBRAI**

On August 20th and 21st the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation held the 9th annual HIBRAI (***Hi***awatha ***B***ike ***R***ide ***A***round ***I***owa). Since this ride has never had over 40 participants it was very exciting to more than double in attendance with 86 riders! The riders departed at 7 AM on Saturday from Guthridge Park, riding almost 60 miles through Ely and Sugar Bottom Road to *Riverside Casino and Golf Resort* in Riverside, IA. There were several stops along the way with Gatorade, bananas, granola bars, and a delicious lunch both days. The group spent the night at the casino, enjoying a sponsored happy hour poolside and free prime rib/shrimp buffet and returned to Hiawatha on Sunday afternoon. Thank you to Deb Theis and many other Friends of P&R volunteers who came to Guthridge very early in the morning on Saturday to help us get people registered. The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation would also like to thank several sponsors who helped stock our rest stops: Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, Heritage Bank, Farmers State Bank - Marion, Fareway Hiawatha, Linco Water Services – Marion, General Mills, Northtowne Schwinn, ABC Disposal, Hiawatha Bank and Trust, Linn Area Credit Union, Port O Johnny, Edgewood Road Hy-Vee, Culver’s Frozen Custard, Big 10 Mart, and Brickside Café and Pizzeria.

**Playing For Keeps**

We are in full swing with planning for our 3rd annual Playing for Keeps event. This will be held on October 1st from 6-9 PM at Cedar Rapids Toyota. The event will be similar to year’s past with two flights of silent auctions and a live auction at the end. We will have Budweiser there with some wonderful seasonal beers for sampling and Cedar Ridge Winery & Distillery present with some of their Iowa wines for tasting. Bata’s Catering will be providing some tasty hors d’oeuvres to pair nicely with our beverage selections. Nassor Cooper will also be in attendance with live music for the guest’s entertainment. We have obtained some special auction items this year including a Romance Package from the Radission Milwaukee North Shore including a suite, dinner for two, champagne delivered to your room and breakfast in bed. We also received a great package for a family style getaway from King’s Pointe Resort located in Storm Lake, IA. This package includes an overnight stay in a beautiful lake view room with four water park passes included. Other items include a 60 minute massage with a detox footbath, acupuncture scan, and balance session from Back In Line, bread for a year from Panera Bread, an autographed photo of Minnesota Vikings Adrian Peterson and many other amazing items for bid. Although these items will definitely aid us in raising money to support the Summer Adventure Camp we still have a *great need* for auction items. Due to this we are calling on all of you to help us with additional items for auction. Our auction is very diverse and anything will help. Please take some time to think about what resources you could utilize to help us obtain some additional items for bid. Volunteers will also be vital on the evening of the event to work the front door, sell beer and wine tickets, set up and tear down, and assisting with cashing out as well as setting up the items for each flight during the auction. Please let us know if you are available to help with any of these duties.