

September 2014

The City Invites Hiawatha Residents & Businesses to Celebrate City Week Iowa ntion Hiawatha residents and This event is sponsored by Cedar

Attention Hiawatha residents and members of the Hiawatha business community: We need you to help celebrate City Week Iowa Oct. 6-10, 2014. City government is the government closest to most citizens and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents. With that in mind, municipal officials feel a responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits.

The City of Hiawatha believes that through this event, Hiawatha has a timely opportunity to help lowa's residents become more informed about the services of our city governments which, in turn, will lead to more knowledgeable citizen participation in the future. Events planned for the week include: Open House at the Hiawatha Community Center where residents and business members will have the opportunity to ask questions and find out what's going on with the City Departments, Oct. 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.; City Volunteer Awards and Recognition at the Hiawatha Community Center, October 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Rapids and Marion HyVee Foodstores & Drugstores and Walmart.

Walmart 💢

Cities across Iowa will be celebrating City Week, sponsored by the Iowa League of Cities, to showcase and celebrate cities and the many services they provide. "City week is part of an ongoing effort to help promote good government and to help our members showcase the important role cities play in the lives of Iowans, said League Executive Director Alan Kemp.

The lowa League of Cities is the oldest, continuously operating municipal league in the country. Founded in 1898, the League is a not-for-profit organization that advocates for issues affecting cities throughout Iowa. The League provides wide-ranging services for cities including research, workshops, reports, publications, pooled investments, and risk management. Hiawatha is a member of the Iowa League of Cities.

Hiawatha Fun Facts The City Departments have submitted some fun facts to tease your brain. Try

Volume 78 your luck at the following fun facts and bring your answers to the Open House on October 8, 2014. A prize will be given for the most correct answers.

- 1. How many rolls of toilet paper did the Library use last year?
- 2. How many items did the Library circulate in 2013?
- 3. How many tons of salt and sand does Hiawatha use during snow plow operations?
- 4. Where does Hiawatha sewer go? 5. How many catch basins does
- Hiawatha have? 6. How many volunteer coaches help with our youth soccer and blastball
- programs each summer? 7. How many pills were dropped off in the Hiawatha Police Department's
- drug drop box between January 1, 2014 and August 15, 2014? 8. How many gallons of water is used
- to make one hamburger? 9. What were the first water pipes in the United States made from?
- 10. What was the first recorded build-
- ing code?
 11. How many bathtubs can the Fire Department's hook and ladder truck fill in one minute?
- 12. How many total years of service has Tom Theis served on City Council and as Mayor?

Hiawatha Police Department Second Annual Golf Outing

On August 10, 2014, the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit hosted the 2nd Annual Hiawatha Police K9 Unit Golf Outing at Hunters Ridge Golf Course. Twentyone four-person teams participated in this year's event, which included golf, dinner afterwards, raffle drawings and silent auction, and a K9 demonstration by the current team, Officer Erik Naaktgeboren and K9 Reso.

The proceeds from this fundraising event will provide for the continued financial support and future growth of the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit. The Hiawatha Police K9 Unit, which was established in 2005, has been funded

and supported thanks to the generous donations of numerous individuals and businesses in the Hiawatha, Marion, and Cedar Rapids communi-

This event was made possible thanks to the work of ten volunteers, and over fifty sponsors that made hole sponsor or raffle prize donations. We would like to extend a special thanks to our Tournament Sponsors: Darrah's Towing and Recovery, Dave Wright Nissan/Subaru, and Cedar Rapids Toyota.

For more information about the



Hiawatha Police K9 Unit, follow us on Facebook at "Hiawatha Police K9 Unit" or email us at K9@hiawathapolice.com

Squaw Creek Millwork Grand Opening

Squaw Creek Millwork, a family owned company, celebrated the Grand Opening of their new building in Hiawatha on July 14, 2014. The celebration was held at their new facility located at 1540 Stamy Road and festivities included The Fez tribute band.

Squaw Creek Millwork has been operating in the Cedar Rapids area for over 30 years, providing high quality products for the home building and remodeling industry. The company specializes in stock moldings, millwork, windows, doors, locks, stair parts, cabinets and cabinet hardware, and countertops. Their new Hiawatha facility features an 8,000 square foot show room with displays and product samples, a 20,000 square foot warehouse, and they just recently added a conference room.

The Mayor and City Administrator visited Squaw Creek Millwork on August 6, 2014 to present a plaque to owners Roger and Debbie Henderson. The Henderson's shared the news that the months of June and July were very busy with sales reaching above and beyond projected numbers.



Hiawatha Expands with New Annexation

Upon receiving applications for voluntary annexation, the City Council held a public hearing on August 20, 2014, at its regular meeting. The purpose of the public hearing was to consider the voluntary annexation petitions submitted by Cliff A. Bowers, Diane M. Bowers, Thomas A. Burd, Trustee of Thomas A. Burd Revocable Trust U/D/O August 21, 1997 and Edith Burd, Trustee of the Edith M. Burd Revocable Trust U/D/O August 1997 for property located west of Interstate 380 and north and south of County Home Road with land totaling 122.8 acres. Council approved both applications and entered into annexation agreements with both property owners. Within the agreements, the City of Hiawatha has agreed to extend sanitary sewer and water main into the area to provide service to each of the property owners. The proposed area will assure the City of Hiawatha has available territory for future growth and development.

The City of Hiawatha respectfully requested the City Development Board to consider the annexation proposal at its next available business meeting. The City Development Board will then provide notice of its meeting to consider the filing of the annexation proposal. At this meeting, the Board hears input on whether the proposal is complete and properly filed. If the application is accepted, a date for the public hearing is set. The City Development Board will hold their public hearing for the County and property owners. After hearing all evidence, the Board decides whether to approve or deny the annexation. Upon their approval, the Board notifies the parties and 30 days following notification, the Board files and records documents to complete the annexation, if no appeal is filed the area officially becomes a part of the City by Christmas time.



Hiawatha Recognizes Two Area Businesses

Blair Ridge Dental

Blair Ridge Dental is a friendly family dental practice. There are four general dentists and a Prosthodontist specialist in the office. They provide gentle and quality dental care for patients of all ages. Their facility is state-of-the-art and equipped with the latest dental technologies in order to provide comfortable and high quality care to their patients. The services they provide are: routine prophylaxis (cleaning), scaling and root planing, root canal therapy, extractions, implants, dentures, porcelain veneers, crowns, and bridges. They are located at 1700 Blairs Ferry Road and can be reached at (319) 396-3596 or visit their website: www.blair-ridgedental.com.



ABC Disposal Systems

ABC Disposal Systems, Inc. has proudly served the City of Hiawatha since 1976. They offer commercial trash and recycling services as well as curb side residential trash and recycling



service to all the residents of Hiawatha.

If you are cleaning out your home or garage, maybe adding to your home, they have temporary service containers to fit all your cleaning and construction needs.

ABC Disposal Systems is located at 113 Reynolds Place and can be reached at (319) 395-0904 or visit their website: www.abcdisposalsystems.com.

New Elementary School in Hiawatha





DID YOU..... attend Hiawatha Elementary School in 1958?

If so, the Hiawatha History Commission would love to have a chance to chat with you.

Call City Hall at (319) 393-1515 Ext. 524, 526 or 528 and leave your contact information or email cityclerk@hiawatha-iowa.com with the words "1958 School Attendee" in the subject line.

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Summer Reading at HPL Inspires Readers of all Ages

Who says reading doesn't pay? The nearly 2,000 readers who were rewarded for their tremendous efforts during June and July at Hiawatha Public Library would beg to differ. Summer reading programs offered incentives to newborns, kids, teens, and adults. In addition, participants were eligible for fabulous grand prizes and unforget-

table opportunities.

More than 100 babies and their care givers enrolled in Little Scientist, an early literacy program whose prizes included a sippy cup and a board book. Care givers were also rewarded with spa trips and restaurant gift cards. Kids aged 3 through fifth grade earned food coupons; passes to the Blank Park Zoo, Iowa Children's Museum, and Westdale Bowling Alley; toys; and a book for joining Fizz Boom Read! One of the 1,120 readers from Hiawatha Public Library was also a grand prize winner of a shiny new bicycle. In addition, eleven participants in the program were randomly selected to win Opportunity Prizes which included riding the fire truck with Fire Chief Mike Nesslage; riding in a patrol car with Police Chief Dennis Marks; decorating the Youth Services bulletin board; or planning Crafts with Ms. Tracy this fall. Teen readers took to the theme Spark a Reaction to the tune of 346 participants. As sixth through twelfth graders spent time with books, they earned

food coupons; post-it notes; book bags; pencils; key chains; and a gift card. Teen readers were also vying for grand prizes and this year's most coveted was a



About 350 adults signed up for *Literary Elements*. Hiawatha Public Library pens, library card holders, post-it notes and magnetic clips sponsored by Hall and Hall Engineering served as reading incentives. In addition, adult readers vied for fantastic grand prizes such as a \$50 gift card to Bata's and a \$50 gift card to Running Wild. Participants loved the prizes and of course, they loved the books they read.

The librarians at Hiawatha Public Library are already preparing for summer reading 2015 when the general theme will be *Heroes*.

Dead Authors Society

Library After Hours meets the Dead Authors Society with an evening of "Morbid Curiosities - An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe." Storyteller Darrin Crow sends shivers down our spines on October 31, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. with Poe's masterpieces of Gothic horror. Will our Dead Author come to visit After Hours? Come find out!

Women's Auxiliary Food/Clothing Drive The Hiawatha Women's Auxiliary

The Hiawatha Women's Auxiliary Chapter 735 will be holding a food and winter clothing/boot drive on November 8, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The drive will be held at the American Legion Post 735 located at 207 Robins Road in Hiawatha.

Please help out the Women's Auxiliary by donating your men's gently used winter clothing/boots and non-perishable food items. All donations to go to the local Veteran's Outreach Center.



Hiawatha Fire Hosting Events

The Fire Department is hosting several events this fall:

Residential Fire Sprinkler Demo.

On September 27th, the Fire Department will conduct a live fire demonstration illustrating the value of both smoke detectors and residential fire sprinklers. Two "Pods" will be set up with normal household furniture. One with only a smoke detector, and one with both smoke detectors and fire sprinklers. This will demonstrate the speed at which a fire grows, and the value of both safety products. The demonstration will happen in the parking lot of Lowe's on Blairs Ferry Road, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Battery Up Smoke Detector Battery Replacement.

On October 11th, the Fire Department will conduct a community wide push to assist those who are normally unable to, replace batteries or smoke detectors. A working smoke detector provides the advanced notice you need to escape a fire, yet a substantial number of smoke detectors will not operate in a fire as they are either too old, or are missing batteries. To have the fire department stop by your house, call the Grant Wood Chapter of the American Red Cross at 319-393-3500. This is open to owner occupied homes only. In rental units, the responsibility for maintaining the smoke detector rests with the landlord.

Hiawatha Community Development Department Streamlining Processes

The City of Hiawatha is examining our permit process and application requirements in an effort to simplify the process and effectively obtain the necessary information for regulatory purposes. The main focus is to develop processes that continue to assure public safety, protect the environment, and provide for the valued aesthetics of the community of Hiawatha while at the same time being simple and expeditious. The City has modified one permit process and is taking action to align permit requirements, insurance submittals and licensure requirements with the Code of Iowa.

As you may know, the City of Hiawatha has a very extensive exterior lighting ordinance. It is intended to preserve the night sky and to conserve energy. The ordinance indicated the Planning and Zoning Commission (P & Z) was to review all exterior lighting plans after getting a recommendation from the Community Development Department and the City Engineering Department. It was determined by the Board, extensive staff reviews were sufficient assurance of compliance so review by P & Z is no longer a requirement. This allows contractors to commence with their exterior lighting work without having to wait for a monthly meeting and subsequent approval by P & Z.

Contractor registration and licensure are relatively new requirements in the Code of Iowa. The State Codes now contain contractor registration rules and licensure rules for various skills in the construction industry. These new rules eliminate the need for the local jurisdiction to license construction contractors or to require special insurance for working within the community. Not having to require this information locally allows the City to verify and approve applications more efficiently.

Further, the Code of Iowa allows home owners to do work within their existing home without licensure. This includes electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and building projects which are undertaken within the residence that is occupied and owned by the applicant. With anticipated proposed changes to our contractor licensure ordinances, the City of Hiawatha will issue permits for work on existing homes to qualifying owners without licensure or insurance requirements. This will serve to make it easier

for home owners to obtain permits for working on their own homes.

Note: State contractor registration and licensure programs also make it easier for owners to verify contractor credibility within Iowa. The licensure rules include training and insurance requirements statewide for plumbers, electricians, and mechanical contractors. We strongly encourage owners to verify the state credentials of each contractor they may hire at the web sites below. The verification serves as a safe guard against hiring unqualified and sometimes unscrupulous contractors.

Plumbing and mechanical licensure: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/pmsb/

Electrical licensure: http://www.dps. state.ia.us/fm/electrician/licensing/ licensing verification.shtml

Iowa Contractor registration: http:// www2.iwd.state.ia.us/contractor.nsf

14th Avenue & Eisenhower Road **Pavement Project Completed**

The City of Hiawatha began the reconstruction of 14th Avenue and N. 14th Avenue between Rainbow Boulevard, and Cress Parkway and the reconstruction of Eisenhower Road between 9th Avenue and 10th Avenue in rainy June, 2014. The contractor (*Horsfield*) Construction, Inc.) completed the majority by the second week of August, with reseeding completed in late August, 2014, resulting in a new smooth driving surface that will serve the City and residents for decades to come.

The project's primary objective was the removal of the existing hump/dip at the intersection of 14th and Emmons, but soon expanded to include muchneeded additional items.

New visible items include the removal and replacement of all existing road pavement on both 14th Ave., and Eisenhower Road, new red concrete crosswalks at road crossings, new seeding, new ADA ramps (to enhance pedestrian safety), new energy-efficient LED street lights, and new driveways for residents. The existing road pavements, dating from the original construction of 14th and Eisenhower, had begun to fail as the steel reinforcement started poking through the crumbling surface.

The red crosswalks aesthetically beautify the genius loci or sense of place that is Hiawatha, giving the City a special and unique character, setting it apart from the other municipalities in the region.

The subsurface or below ground improvements include new road subbase, new stormwater subdrain along both sides of both roads that is tied into the new storm sewer on each road, and repairs to sanitary sewer on both roads, all which, though unseen, do increase the new road's life expectancy.

The City would like to take the time to thank all residents, those directly and indirectly affected and inconvenienced for their much appreciated patience during the construction phase.



Hiawatha Fire Department Chili Supper

Mark your calendars now!!! November 1st the Hiawatha Fire Department will host their famous Chili Supper at the Hiawatha Fire Station, from 11 AM to 7 PM. Stop out and support your fire department!

City Hall Phone Auto **Attendant Changes**

Our goal at City Hall is to make it easy and efficient to reach the department and person you need when you call us with questions, comments and requests.

We have made a few changes in that effort at the request of our residents and outside callers.

No longer will you need to dial "1" before dialing extension numbers. We have also made a few department changes:

Parks - dial 3

Water - dial 4

Community Development - dial 6 Administrative Offices - dial 7 Police - speak to an officer, hang up and dial 393-1212 or voicemail - dial 8.

Hiawatha City Council Action

August 6, 2014

Ordinance 793 - Rezone property located at 2738 North Center Point Rd from A (Agriculture) to C-4 (Central Service District) as requested by Donald Caraway. Ordinance 794 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 153 Geothermal Well Standards 153.02 Definitions, 153.03 Permit Required, 153.04 Application Procedure and 153.11 Open Loop Systems Prohibited to allow City Council to approve all pump and reinjection geothermal systems on a case by case basis. Resolution 14-150 - Approve sewer waiver on second water meter for 130 N 17th Ave.

Resolution 14-151 - Affirm City Council's response to an appeal against a notice to abate nuisance as submitted by Charles Visek for the property located at 95 11th

Resolution 14-152 - Set public hearing date (August 20, 2014 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the proposal to enter into a six (6) year Development Agreement with Longfel-

low Square, L.C. and providing for publication of notice.

Resolution 14-153 - Set public hearing date (August 20, 2014 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 168 Outdoor Lighting Code 168.13 Development Permits by removing the requirement for lighting plans to be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval and authorizing approval by the Community Development Department.

Resolution 14-154 - Authorize Parks and Recreation Department to move forward with the Guthridge Park Tennis Court Resurfacing Project.

Resolution 14-155 - Authorize Community Development Department to proceed with solicitation of proposals for the replacement of a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado Truck, Unit 610.

Resolution 14-156 - Approve a multi-family/business (mixed use) structure as a compatible use in the CPR-1, CPR-2, and CPR-3 Zoning Districts found in Chapter 165 Unified Development Code (UDC) 165.15(2) Land Use Matrix Figure I. Resolution 14-157 - Set public hearing date (August 20, 2014 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code (UDC) 165.15(2) Land Use Matrix Figure 1 by establishing compatible use for multi-family/business (mixed use) structures in CPR-1, CPR-2, and CPR-3 Zoning Districts.

Resolution 14-158 - Approve final plat of R&S Properties First Addition and authorize execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Hiawatha and R&S Properties, L.L.C.

Resolution 14-159 - Approve the FY2014 Street Finance Report.

August 20, 2014

Ordinance 795 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 168 Outdoor Lighting Code 168.13 Development Permits by removing the requirement for lighting plans to be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval and authorize approval by the Community Development Department

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Ordinance 796 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unitied Development Code (UDC) 165.15 (2) Land Use Matrix Figure 1 by establishing compatible use for multi-family/business (mixed use) structures in CPR-1, CPR-2, and CPR-2 Zoning districts.

Resolution 14-160 - Approve and authorize execution of a Development/Annexation Agreement including Agreement and Consent to discharge Weapons and Firearms within the City Limits.

Resolution 14-161 - Approve two voluntary annexation applications submitted by Clifford A. Bowers and Diane M. Bowers and Thomas A. Burd, and Edith M. Burd. Resolution 14-162 - Approve the voluntary annexation petitions submitted by Clifford A. Bowers, Diane M. Bowers, Thomas A. Burd, Trustee of the Thomas A. Burd Revocable Trust U/D/O August 21, 1997 and Edith M. Burd, Trustee of the Edith M. Burd Revocable Trust U/D/O August 1997 for property located west of Interstate 380 and south of County Home Road.

Resolution 14-163 - Approve Final Plat of Longfellow Square 9th Addition.

Resolution 14-164 - Approve six (6) year Development Agreement with Longfellow Square, L.C.

Resolution 14-165 - Support the Hiawatha Fire Department in raising funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) 2014.

Resolution 14-166 - Approve payment of Invoice #3 to the City of Cedar Rapids for project costs related to the Indian Creek/Dry Creek Sanitary Sewer Project as established in the 28E Agreement

Resolution 14-167 - Approve purchase of Lectern and Audio System for Multi-Purpose Room at City Hall.

Resolution 14-168 - Establish Just Compensation Value Prior to negotiations in connection with Town Center/Emmons St/ N Center Point Rd/Robins Rd Project. Resolution 14-169 - Approve City Staff Organizational Chart.

September Calendar

- 01 Holiday City Hall Closed
- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 07 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 08 History Commission Meeting 1:30 pm
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 pm
- 09 Parks Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 09 Library Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 11 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 12 Kids Movie Night 6:30 pm
- 14 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 16 Water Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 17 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 18 Playing for Keeps Fundraiser 6-9 pm
- 20 Splash a Smile Color Fun Run 9:00 am
- 21 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 24 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 25 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 27 Fire Sprinkler Demo Lowe's Parking Lot 10:30 am
- 28 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 29 P&Z Meeting 5:30 pm

October Calendar

- 01 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 05 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 08 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 09 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 10 Kids Movie Night 6:30 pm
- 11 Smoke Detector Battery Replacement
- 12 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 13 History Commission Meeting 1:30 pm
- 13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 pm
- 14 Parks Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 14 Library Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 15 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 18 Playing For Keeps Fundraiser 6-9 pm Community Center
- 19 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 22 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 23 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 26 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park - Season Final
- 27 Yard Waste Pick up Begins
- 27 P&Z Meeting 5:30 pm

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Coolest Places to Work - Corridor Business Journal 2014

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The Coolest Places to Work - Corridor Business Journal identifies and honors local companies that have created the most engaging and rewarding work environments in the Corridor. Self-nominated companies in Kirkwood's seven-county region were selected based on a Worker Satisfaction Survey.

This year 24 companies were recognized at an awards breakfast in June with three (3) of the "Coolest Places to Work" located here in Hiawatha. Companies were divided into three categories based on the number of employees.

Help us congratulate the 2014 Coolest Places to Work in the Corridor: American Heart Association, a small-sized company with 25 or fewer employees;



Prairiewoods Spirituality Center, a medium-sized company between 26-99 employees;



Crystal Group, Inc., a large-sized company with 100 or more employ-



World Wide Day of Play

On September 20th in Guthridge Park, Hi-Crew Kiwanis and J&S Total Fit will be hosting Nickelodeon's World Wide Day of Play. Join us as Nickelodeon turns off its TV broadcasting from 12-3 PM, encouraging kids and families to turn off all electronic devices and GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY! Games and activities for kids of all ages! More information available at www.hiawatha-crew.org.



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