

HUXLEY

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Huxley Public Library News:

Summer Program:

The theme for the Summer Program at the Huxley Public Library this year is:

“Get a clue @ your library!” for grades Pre-K through 2nd. For 3rd – 5th grade: “YNK” (You Never Know). There are still openings for most sessions. Admission is free and attending every session is not required. Please contact Kris Bugler at 597-2552 for complete details.

Special Recognition:

The library would like to give special thanks to Nancy Riddle for the very generous donation of library books and other materials in the month of June. Many of our materials are donations from kind-hearted citizens like Nancy. Thanks again Nancy!

Got Books?

Many people have been asking about this, so I will explain the donation process. Typically, donated materials undergo the following selection process. First, items are checked to see if they can be used to fill gaps in our collection, then they are either cataloged or given to the Friends group for their book sale (of which, all proceeds are used to improve and/or supplement various library needs). If none of these are viable options, then the books are given to needier libraries or reputable charities. As a rule, the only books that get discarded at the Huxley Public Library are those that have book mold (from having been wet) or those that have been damaged beyond repair.

We love books! If you have gently used books (music CDs, VHS/DVD movies) that you no longer want – and don't want to throw out - then we can put them to good use for you.

Please help support the Friends of the Public Library!

***** Adopt – A – Book *****

You can show your support by adopting a book. When you “adopt” a book, you are paying for books purchased by the Friends, for the library. A special name plate with your name on it goes inside the cover of the book to show all future readers of that book that you care enough to support literacy and your local library.

Browse our online book sale:

<http://shops.half.ebay.com/friends-of-hpl>

The library needs used (or new) bubble mailers/envelopes in any/all sizes.

We can always put slightly new & gently used books to good use as well.

We have raised over \$2000 since February, 2006 thanks to YOUR support!

*Local pickup is available, please call 597-2552 or email for details: huxlib@huxcomm.net

FYI:

Did you know that you can renew materials 24 hours a day – 7 days a week?

Just send a renewal request to: huxlib@huxcomm.net

All renewals are retroactive to date received.

The Huxley Public Library encourages people of all ages to feed the need to read!

If you have any other questions, comments, concerns, requests, etc. please do not hesitate to contact me; I am here to serve you! My checked-daily email address is:

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Thank you,
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Summer hours start June 4th:

Monday:	9:00am to 8:00pm
Tuesday:	9:00am to 8:00pm
Wednesday:	9:00am to 8:00pm
Thursday:	9:00am to 8:00pm
Friday:	9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday:	10:00am to 3:00pm
Sunday:	Closed

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE----- 1ST ST. RECONSTRUCTION – PHASES I & II

Phase II of the project, which involves reconstruction of First Street from 5th Avenue to Main Avenue, began on June 25th. The contractor is beginning by removing the pavement in the intersection of 1st Street and Main Avenue. The intersection work will be completed by mid-July, and then the contractor will remove the rest of the pavement on the project. There are signed detours to direct traffic while the intersection is being reconstructed. The ultimate project involves upgrading the sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer system, and pavement. All sanitary sewer and water services will be reconstructed to the right of way line. A new 15-inch concrete sewer will be installed on the north side of the street with sump pump services stubbed out to each house. The existing street will be replaced with a new 31'-wide concrete street with curb and gutter. Each driveway approach and sidewalks along both sides of the street will be replaced. The final grading and seeding will be done in the fall. Sternquist Construction of Indianola, Iowa is the prime contractor for this project. The total contract amount for Phase II of the project is \$570,107.15.

Spot repairs of the pavement on the first phase of the project, from Main Avenue to U.S. 69, have been completed. Engineers have informed the contractor that there are areas of seeding which will need to be fixed prior to final acceptance. EcoTech Construction of Grimes, Iowa is the prime contractor for Phase I of the project. The contract amount for Phase I is \$848,611.40.

SE ANNEXATION - PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS

The SE Annexation project involves constructing infrastructure for the 340 acres west of I-35 and north of Highway 210 that was annexed into the City in early 2006. Due to the location of the area adjacent to the interstate, the City expects that this area is a prime area for development. This project involves constructing over 2 miles of sanitary sewer from the location of the proposed wastewater treatment plant northeast of the 315th Street bridge over I-35 to 560th Avenue at Highway 210. A temporary lift station is being constructed at the new wastewater plant location to pump the wastewater to the old wastewater plant until the new plant is on-line sometime in 2011. The project also involves running over 2-1/2 miles of water main to service the new area. 560th Avenue will be upgraded as part of the improvements as well. The existing 22-foot wide gravel road will be replaced with a new 24-foot wide concrete street that will be capable of being widened at some point in the future as development requires it. Nearly a mile of storm sewer will be installed to drain the future street.

Currently, the contractor is working on the sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water main along 560th Avenue. Grading and paving of 560th Avenue will follow right behind the underground utility work. 560th Avenue is closed to traffic. There is a signed detour up 570th Avenue. The contractor is also working on the boring under 315th Street, just east of I-35 to where the future wastewater treatment plant will be. After beginning the bore, it was found that underground conditions are not favorable for boring so 315th Street will be shut down on June 27th to continue to trench the pipe across. Traffic will be detoured south to Highway 210 while 315th Street is shut down.

Phase II of the SE Annexation infrastructure improvements has a construction cost of over \$3.4 million. EcoTech Construction, L.L.C. of Grimes, Iowa is the prime contractor.

If you have any questions concerning the SE Annexation Project, feel free to contact Gabe Nelson, Project Engineer with Snyder & Associates, at 515-964-2020.

HUXLEY PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

*****TRIPPIN' THURSDAY*****

Is your 5-10 year old looking for something fun to do the rest of their summer. Registrations are now being accepted for our mini summer camp. Camp will be held on Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday's will be spent at the 3C's or an area park doing structured activities while Thursday's will be field trip day to various attractions. Cost is \$45.00 per child per week. Camp is going on now through August 9th.

*****LYNDSEY MEDDERS GIRL'S BASKETBALL CAMP*****

Registrations are now being accepted for the Lyndsey Medders basketball camp. The camp is for girls who were in the 4th grade through high school at the end of the 2006-2007 school year. Registration deadline is July 18th. Cost is \$90.00 prior to the July 18th deadline or \$110.00 after the deadline. Camp will be held July 30-August 2.

FALL CO-REC SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

Registration has started for the 2007 Summer Co-Rec Slow Pitch Softball League. Games will start August 5 and end October 7th. No games scheduled over Labor Day Weekend. A post-season tournament will also be played. Registration information can either be downloaded at www.huxleyiowa.org or by stopping in at the 3C's and pick up a packet.

HORSESHOE'S ANYONE?

Horseshoe leagues are now forming with play to begin on July 22 and run through September 30. No games will be held the weekend of Prairie Fest. There will be 3 divisions. Men's, Youth, and Co-ed. Games will be held at Nord Kalsem Park on Sunday afternoons. The total number of registrations will determine a start time and will try not to overlap with Co-Rec softball. Cost of league play is \$15. per member. Deadline to sign up is July 15th.

CITIZENS COMMUNITY CENTER (3C's)

Do you want to look better and feel great? If so, you might want to think about getting a membership to 3C's in Huxley. Memberships are available for families, couples, single adults, students, seniors, and senior couples. We also offer a Summer College Student Pass. For more information about facility hours, go online to huxleyiowa.org or call 597-2515. Facility tours are available to those who are interested.

TAEKWONDO

Taekwondo classes are available for any individual age 6-60. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30pm. Instructors are from Martial Arts of America. Fee is \$50 for an eight-week session. For more information, call 515-963-3494.

INFORMATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS CALL -597-2515