

HUXLEY

COMMUNITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EVENTS

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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!” and You Never Know. These programs start June 11th and run through August 10th (except for the week of July 4th). The programs offer activities, murder mysteries, reading incentives, fun stories and other surprises to keep your child interested the whole summer through!

Children will meet once a week for eight weeks, (excluding the week of the 4th of July) and may sign up or join at any time. It is encouraged that the child be entering or going into the grades listed and that Parent’s be present for 1st grade and under! Reading incentives and all other important information will be handed out to parents and children the first day of their attendance.

The summer program encourages reading for both the independent reader and those with a reading partner such as a parent. We encourage every child to sign up soon as space is limited. Attendance for all eight sessions is optional. Sign up sheets were sent home with each Ballard East and West student. Additional sign-up flyers are available in the library.

The 2007 reading program Award’s Ceremony will be held August 10th during Fun Family Friday of 10-11 AM.

Grand Prize Reading Winners will be handed their awards during the 2007 Prairie Festival (date and time to be announced).

The Schedule is as follows:

MONDAY Toddler & Preschool 11:00 - 11:45 AM	TUESDAY Kindergarten & 1st Grade 11:00 - 11:45 AM 1st & 2nd Grade 1:00 - 1:45 PM
WEDNESDAY <i>Every Wed.</i> Toddler & Preschool 10:30 - 11:15 AM	<i>1st & 3rd Wed.</i> YNK 3rd - 5th Grade (You Never Know) 1:30 - 2:30 PM
THURSDAY Kindergarten & 1st Grade 10:00 - 10:45 AM 2nd & 3rd Grade 11:00 - 11:45 AM	FRIDAY Fun Family Friday-All Ages 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Please contact Jessica Leeds for more information at 597-2552 or 597-2174

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 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 celebrate the freedom 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:

huxlib@huxcomm.net

Thank you,

Mike Hanks, Director of Library Services

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

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Jeff Peterson, Public Works Director

Seal Coating

The City of Huxley has contracted with Municipal Street Improvements to seal coat several streets throughout the City to help extend the life of these streets. The contractor is expected to do the work in middle to late June and July. The Public Works Department will require that all vehicles be parked in driveways and not in the street during the time of preparation and application. Property owners affected will be notified by door hangers two days before the work will begin. If you need additional parking during this process please contact the Public Works Dept. 597-2256 and you will be directed to a site that will accommodate your vehicle during this process. The seal coat application will fill existing surface voids and provide flexibility to extend the life of the existing asphalt pavement.

Why we do it and the benefits of seal coating:

- * Seal coating reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface and prolongs the life of the pavement.
- * Seal coating provides a waterproof surface and prevents moisture from entering, then weakening the roadbed.
- * Seal coating provides an improved non-skid surface in wet or icy conditions.
- * Seal coating fills voids and existing cracks that allows the moisture to enter and helps slow the rate of cracking and deterioration.
- * Seal coating prevents failures on pavements and is used where failure has already started.
- * Seal coating provides an anti-glare and increased reflective surface for night and wet weather driving.
- * Seal coating defers expensive repaving. Seal coats generally last three to five years.

The repairs will be made at the following locations:

- West Railway From South Fifth Avenue to North Main
- Railway From North Main to South Second Avenue
- South Fifth Avenue From W. First Street to W. Railway
- North Third Avenue From W. Third Street to W. Railway
- West Third Street From N. 3rd Avenue to N. 1st Avenue
- North First Avenue From E. 3rd Street to E. 4th Street
- N, Second Avenue From E. 1st Street to end of cul-de-sac
- East Fifth Street From Hwy. 69 to Preston Drive
- East Fifth Street From Main to Preston
- Preston Drive From Main to East Fifth Street
- Lynwood Drive From Firth Avenue to North Main Avenue

The bike trail between South Fifth Avenue and Hwy. 69 will be re-surfaced at this time as well. The new addition of the bike trail between Hwy. 69 going East about 2500 feet by 10 feet in width will be topped with a sand seal on top of the new aggregate fines to help firm up this portion of the trail also.

Your patience and cooperation during construction will be greatly appreciated. We understand that the construction process creates a significant disruption in your scheduled daily activities. The successful completion of any project is most certainly a cooperative effort of the City of Huxley, the Contractors, and you the Citizen.

Storm Intake Repairs

City crews will also begin reconstructing failing and damaged storm sewer intakes at several locations around town. Please be cautious while driving and walking in these areas while this process is taking place. Some of these are several feet deep and can cause serious injury to individuals and vehicles if they are encountered with. Please brake for City personnel and pass in a safe manner to help avoid injuries. When approaching a construction/maintenance situation exercise caution and slow down. Always leave plenty of space between your vehicle and other people and equipment parked or being operated at these locations.

Lawn Maintenance

There are numerous beautiful yards in the community.

Unfortunately, there are also several overgrown yards and parcels in need of attention. Please be considerate of your neighbor and keep your lawns trimmed and clean of debris. Residents who haven't mowed their yards this year are in violation of the City municipal code. Please remember that grass height restrictions are 8 inches in residential and business districts. Lawn Maintenance is sometimes a hassle and a labor intensive process, but definitely enhances the beauty of our neighborhoods and the community. Please do your part and keep your property in a neat and orderly fashion. All yards must be free from weeds, overgrown grass, debris, and illegal storage. Grass and shrub areas should be mowed, trimmed and kept weed-free. Lawn grass should not exceed 8 inches in height and weeds should not exceed 12 inches. Mow and trim ditch lines and right-of-way areas along the roadway. Landscaping is expected to be kept neat and clean. Yard areas should be free of litter, junk, debris, and scrap storage.

PET LICENSING

Lee Ruddick, City Clerk

Get your dog or cat licensed! It's so easy and gives your pet an inexpensive insurance policy for their safety and protection. Plus, it's the law to license your dog or cat.

The City of Huxley dog and cat licenses are required by law. All dogs four months of age and older must be registered. If your dog or cat is unlicensed you can be cited and fined. Even indoor-only cats and dogs confined to fenced yards get loose and their licenses help assure you can be reunited with them. You really can't afford not to license your dog or cat. A cat or dog license identifies and protects them in case they should be come lost. Wearing a license is the best protection from permanent loss that money can buy. Be sure to have you license tag on your dog or cat's collar at all times to ensure quick return should he or she be found while wearing this tag. A license tells everyone that your pet is not a homeless stray and found pets can be reunited quickly with their owner. Your pet license is also proof that your pet has been vaccinated against rabies

How Do I License My Cat or Dog? Submit a copy of a valid rabies vaccination certificate that is issued and signed by a licensed veterinarian. The fee for registering a dog is \$10.00 and \$5.00 for registering a cat. You will then receive a tag for your dog or cat. It's that simple.

HUXLEY PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

THANK YOU FROM THE RECREATION DIRECTOR

I have now been the Parks and Recreation Director in Huxley for over two months. Thank you to those who have been patient during the transition. I especially want to thank Rhiannon Hermann (Administrative Assistant) who has been a great help in my time here. We hope to continue to offer quality programs for the youth and adults and expand our programs to meet the recreational needs of this growing community. I have enjoyed seeing and talking to many community members as they come to our facility to exercise or participate in one of our programs. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact us at 597-2515. –**Michael Bushman, Huxley Parks & Recreation Director**

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.

June & July GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Register now for the June & July group fitness classes at 3C's. **NEW** classes include **Walk for Life**, this class taught by **Karen Hadaway** class meets Monday evenings at 7:15 to 8:00. Overall wellness and educational topics will be discussed and new weekly challenges will be planned. Then you're on your own to walk by yourself or with friends. **A personal pedometer and a logbook will be included in the price of the class. Irene McCormick will teach Yoga Pilates Fusion** which will be from 6:30 to 7:15 on Tues. & Thurs. evenings. This class will sculpt the body from the "inside out" and achieve a depth and intensity of training that fuses Pilates and Yoga into a total mind/body experience.

Classes from last session include; **Heidi Ihle's Cardio/Kickboxing** which meets Mon/Wed/Fri mornings from 6:30 to 7:15, **Karen Hadaway's Shake It Up** class meets Tues. & Thurs. mornings from 5:15 to 6:00, **Lisa Sheldahl** and her **Body Sculpt** class meet on Mon. & Wed. evenings from 6:00 to 7:00

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.

Parks and Recreation News

Summer C0-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.

FIRST STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASES I & II

Work has been essentially completed on the first phase of the First Street Reconstruction Project from Main Avenue to U.S. 69. The only items of work remaining are a few repairs prior to the City accepting the work on the project. The City and the Engineer have completed a walkthrough inspection of the project and identified some areas that must be repaired before the City will process final payment to the contractor. These repairs will involve some spot repairs of the street pavement and adjusting some of the water stop boxes behind the sidewalks to finish grade. The contractor has also been asked to go through the backfill on the project and remove any large dirt clods and debris. This work is expected to be completed soon. EcoTech Construction is the prime contractor for Phase I of the First Street Project. The contract amount for Phase I is \$848,611.40.

Phase II of the project will involve reconstruction of First Street from 5th Avenue to Main Avenue. The reconstruction involves replacing the existing sanitary sewer and water main beginning in the intersection of First and Main and proceeding west to 5th Avenue. All sanitary sewer and water services will be reconstructed to the right of way line. The project also involves storm sewer improvements. 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. The project was awarded to the low bidder, Sternquist Construction of Indianola, Iowa, at the May 22nd City Council meeting. Sternquist's construction contract will be approved at the June 12th City Council meeting with construction starting shortly thereafter. The project will be constructed in two phases, completing the improvements in the intersection of Main and First and then moving on to the rest of First Street after the intersection is completed. First Street will be closed to traffic during construction. The total contract amount for Phase II of the project is \$570,107.15.

If you have any questions on the First Street project, please feel free to contact Gabe Nelson, Project Engineer with Snyder & Associates, at 515-964-2020.