

HUXLEY

COMMUNITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EVENTS

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From the Parks and Recreation Department:
SPRING IS IN THE AIR!!

From the Director:---Josh Larsen

It's A Jungle Out There!

As summer draws near, we wanted to take an opportunity to tell you all about our upcoming summer program in Huxley. As you can tell from the theme for this year, we expect this summer to be full of exciting opportunities for youth to remain active, try something new, spend time with their friends and make new ones, and learn about a variety of outdoor and educational topics through interactive presentations.

The program will meet Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm (bring own lunch) and each day will provide a little variety in regards to the type of activities taking place as well as the location. Whether we are discussing nutrition and fitness or taking part in a game of hula golf or noodle hockey, smiles and laughs will abound.

We also have partnered with our local library to provide some great interactive presentations. Their "CATCH THE READING BUG" theme and "Mad About Bugs" show is sure to have your child talking at the dinner table. Imagine "kids working together to move like a centipede" or "witnessing insect sounds echoing through a darkened room in a nighttime scene." The scene is set for a bug of a good time!

Take part in learning and trying new activities like wally ball, disc golf, or traditional games like soccer, basketball, hockey, flag football, and tennis. There is sure to be something for everyone and a great deal of fun!

The overall goal of providing a safe summer learning environment where kids can have fun will be paramount. Summer presents a great framework for youth to explore all that interests them. Of course we will still take part in traditional summer activities like swimming and ice cream! Sign-up today!

On Sunday, May 4 from 2-4pm we will have a summer program open house here at 3C's. Come meet the program staff, try some fun games and crafts, and get a taste of what is in store for the summer!

. From the Parks and Recreation Department:

Lyndsey Medders Camp

Also occurring next month will be the annual Lyndsey Medders girl's basketball camp on Friday, June 6 from 8-11am and 12-3pm and Saturday, June 7 from 9am-12pm. Registration is currently taking place for this great summer camp featuring one of Iowa's all-time best collegiate basketball players. A pizza party and ice cream are rumored to be just part of the fun that will take place during the instructional camp. Visit 3C's for a brochure and sign-up now!!

Visit us for additional summer programming brochures and we hope to see you all out in the parks and riding or walking the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail this summer season!

We hope you all enjoy your summer – we will be enjoying ours here!!

REMINDER: Citywide Garage Sale is Saturday, May 3

8:00AM-1:00PM. Maps available at 3C's

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11

Senior Luncheon Monday, May 12 @ 11:30AM in 3C's Lounge

LIVESTRONG Cancer Awareness Day in Huxley is Tuesday, May 13 (wear your yellow)

3C's is closed May 18 and May 26

Tree Sale May 3, 8:00-11:00AM 3C's Parking Lot

Web Master Report -- Michele Kalsem

This month our website got a few updates ALL behind the scenes. We hope you have not noticed at all in less it was a bit faster this week. We plan to continue updating our structure to stay current with security and to keep it running as smoothly as possible.

Keep an eye on the sports and Recreation pages for pictures of your kids, grandkids, and other family members. We love to post candid photo's of all the games we can get to. The community information page has lots of great stuff too! For example did you know when branch pick up day was? We listed it!

This March we had 1,831 users to our site. Most of the visitors looked at our Calendar when they visited – we hope to continue to add information to that page to make it more useful for all. In case you have not found it yet its under Community Information then click on the Community Calendar link at the top of the page.

Visit the site today at www.huxleyiowa.org and let me know what you think from our "Community Comments" section on the home page.

From the Huxley Public Library:

Join Huxley Public Library Children's Summer Reading Program!

The theme for the 2008 Summer Reading program is "Catch the Reading Bug". There will be fun and exiting weekly activities for all ages! The summer programs will start on June 9th and continue through August 8th. And best of all, everything is **FREE!**

For children 2-4 years old, sessions will be on Tuesdays at 9:30am. For children 5-7 years old, sessions will be on Thursdays at 10:00am. And for youth 8-12 sessions will be on Wednesdays at 3:00pm. Other sessions may be added to meet demand. Deadline for registrations is May 23rd, but we encourage everyone to sign up ASAP! You may call 597-2552 from 9am-3pm (ask for Kris or Mike), email huxlib@huxcomm.net anytime, or come in person to register.

There are volunteer opportunities available for older students. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Hanks or Kris Bugler at 597-2552 or huxlib@huxcomm.net. If you are a Jr./Sr. High student and are looking for summer service hours, please contact Jeriann McLaughlin.

Join a Reading Group! We have several active reading groups. If you would like more information, or would like to join any of the book groups, please contact Kris Bugler at 597-2552 or via email at: krisbugler@gmail.com. Signing up or making reservations is not required. If you like, just show up for the next discussion! *Note: Our evening session is new and subject to cancellation due to low attendance – so please call ahead for that one.*

As with any book group, don't wait until the last minute to request your copy!

THE BUILDING INSPECTORS

The Building Inspectors provides building code review and inspections for the Cities of Huxley, Slater, Kelley and Maxwell in Story County and approximately 15 other communities in the state of Iowa. New construction is inspected at several points during the construction process to make sure that it complies with the building code adopted by each city.

Inspector Dan Bolt recently achieved Master Code Professional Designation with the International Code Council (ICC). This is the highest level of certification possible with the ICC and Dan was only the 2nd in the state of Iowa to accomplish this. The Building Inspectors places a high priority on training of inspectors which benefits the City with a better ISO rating and very knowledgeable resources for citizens, contractors, developers and others that are planning or in progress with a new construction project.

The Friends of the Huxley Public Library are always trying to get as many people involved with the library. The Friends advocate for the library, provide volunteers, help support programs, purchase equipment, fundraise, and host Prairie Fest activities.

FYI:

You can renew materials 24 hours a day – 7 days a week! Just email a renewal request to: huxlib@huxcomm.net, or call 597-2552, or send a fax to 597-2554. Of course, you can always renew your items in person! All renewals are retroactive to date received. When in doubt, re-check it out!

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

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.

A special thank you to all of you that regularly support the Friends of HPL!

*Local pickup is available. Please email for details:

huxlib@huxcomm.net

A special thanks to all of the Friends for their on-going support!

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Spring hours:

Monday: 7:30am to 8:00pm

Tuesday: 7:30am to 8:00pm

Wednesday: 7:30am to 8:00pm

Thursday: 7:30am to 8:00pm

Friday: 7:30am to 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Sunday: Closed

Weekdays with no school: open at 9:00am

NEW: GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR THE LIBRARY!

This year, the Friends of the Huxley Public Library are trying something new; a garage sale fund-raiser! It will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, in conjunction with the City-Wide Garage Sale. If you'd like to donate any garage-saleable items, please take them to 1305 Sand Cherry Lane. Please leave items on the porch if nobody is home. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of HPL & the Huxley Public Library. All remainders will be used for future fundraisers or given to goodwill.