

# HUXLEY

## COMMUNITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EVENTS

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### HUXLEY LIBRARY NEWS:

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

During the winter months (January, February, March) we will not have children's programs on Thursdays. We will still have programs on Tuesday at 9:30 am and Fridays at 10:00 am.

As we begin a new year I am looking at how we can improve our programming. Would you please take a moment and drop a quick line either at the front desk or e-mail me at [krisbugler@gmail.com](mailto:krisbugler@gmail.com). Thank you, Kris Bugler

#### YOUTH BOOK CLUB (YBC)

YBC is reading the book *The Mystery of Mr. Nice* by Bruce Hale. We meet on Wednesdays when there is early out at 1:45 – 2:30 pm.

#### ADULT READING GROUP

Our book club has met and discussed our first book, *Barefoot*, by Elin Hilderbrand. Overall this book has great reviews by the group and is a book we recommend. It has a good story line and involves characters everyone can relate to on some level or another. The book for November is *Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini. If you would like to reserve a copy please contact Bonnie at 597-2552. The Adult Reading Club is still accepting members, so if you would like to participate you can come to our next meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am or November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

#### HPL PROGRAM SPONSORS

We have had great support from the following groups and companies. Please remember to support them when you shop:

Quick's Hardware Hank	Roberts Dairy
Sparboe Farms	Panera Bread and Bakery
Recess Go Bananas	Friends of the HPL
Citizens of the Ballard Community	
Wright Welding Supply	

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR KIDS CRAFT

Small wooden balls	Small Gift Bags With Handles
Wooden spools	Scrapbook embellishments
Small eye hooks	Small craft sticks
Winter print fabric	

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#### FRIENDS OF HPL

Have you ever wondered what the Friends of HPL do? Here are just some examples of how they have supported our library: Prairie Fest Bingo, financial support for programming, book sales at half.com, support for summer programs, volunteer hours given for book repair, donations, odd jobs around the library, and library promotions plus many other things. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful group please feel free to call, come in, e-mail, or just show up for a regular Friends meeting at 7:00 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. For more information about HPL call 597-2552 or e-mail [huxlib@huxcomm.net](mailto:huxlib@huxcomm.net).

#### HOLIDAY CAMP DECEMBER 26-28

We are currently accepting registrations for the Holiday Camp. Registration will be limited and on a first come – first serve basis. If there are more than 25 kids registered, preference will be given to children within the same families. This camp is for children ages 2-8 and are potty trained or have a parent present. Camp starts at 9:00 am and ends at noon. Snack and drink will be provided. We will be reading, doing activities and crafts as well as just having a jolly good time. If you have any questions about the Camp please contact Kris Bugler at 597-2552.

We are looking for parent volunteers; if you are interested, please contact Kris Bugler at 597-2552 or [krisbugler@gmail.com](mailto:krisbugler@gmail.com).

#### THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB

The Jane Austen Book club meets in the library on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00am. The book for November is *Persuasion* by Jane Austen.

#### DID YOU KNOW???????????

The Library will be closed the following days for Thanksgiving:

Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Closed  
Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Closed  
Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Closed  
Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Closed

#### FYI:

You can renew materials 24 hours a day – 7 days a week! Just email a renewal request to: [huxlib@huxcomm.net](mailto: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!

## **SIGNALS COMING FOR OAK/MAIN & HIGHWAY 69**

The Huxley City Council in partnership with Ballard Community Schools has directed temporary traffic signals to be placed at HW 69 and Oak/Main. The temporary traffic signals will remain in place until the permanent ones are installed in 2008. It is planned that the permanent signals will be in place by the start of school in 2008. Iowa Signal out of West Des Moines will be installing them within the next 3-4 weeks depending on weather.

In addition to the signals, there will be pedestrian crossings on US 69 on the south side of Oak and Main and across Main Avenue on the west side of US 69. It will be necessary to push the button in order to get a walk sign across 69, but you will always get a walk sign across Main Avenue. There is microwave detection on Main and Oak so it will only stop traffic on HW 69 when a car approaches. The total cost for the temp signal is \$10,800 to be split 50/50 City and School.

## **CITY OF HUXLEY WEB SITE**

For the month of September the web site received 2125 visitors. Tuesday's are the biggest day for visitors to the web site and most are there at 9 am, 9 pm and 10 pm. The most often viewed pages honor goes to Parks and Recreation. That should make our new director Josh Larsen happy because he and his staff have been hard at work getting a lot of the information on activities posted. If you have not had a chance yet, surf over and check it out at [www.huxleyiowa.org](http://www.huxleyiowa.org) and follow the links to Parks and Recreation. I am sure Josh would love to e-meet you and you might find out some more great things about Huxley.

## **CITY ELECTIONS--DON'T FORGET TO VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

One of the most challenging and exciting responsibilities an individual can assume is to become a mayor or council member. There are lots of exciting things going on in Huxley right now to make Huxley an even better place to live, and we applaud the willingness of these individuals to serve the community.

The election for city council and mayor will be held on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The voting polls located in the Council Chambers at the 3C's Building (515 North Main Ave.) will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Residents for the City of Huxley will vote for a mayor, two city council positions with a four year term, and one city council position to fill a vacancy for a term that ends in two years.

The incumbent mayor Nels A. Nord is running unopposed.

Running for the two seats for a four year term are Mark Baker, Don Brendeland, and incumbent Leslee Beglinger. Running to fill the vacancy is Wesley Stover and the council appointed incumbent Ronald Krull.

Don't get to vote on November 6, 2007!

## **PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

As the Fall quickly moves along and I settle into this new role, I want to take every opportunity to invite members of the community and surrounding area to the Parks and Recreation Department and Citizens Community Center. There are many exciting programs taking place, whether it's one of the youth and adult activity programs, Tae-kwon-do, group fitness classes, personal training sessions, or if you are stopping through for a game of racquetball or a workout and quick run on the new treadmills, the facility has something to offer everyone. It truly is the citizen's community center.

With that said, we are always interested in hearing about new program ideas and new opportunities to expand our offerings. Come by for a free tour and we'd be happy to answer any questions or hear ideas you may have for new and exciting programs. One such program we are now offering is an open gym time for parents and toddlers from 9am-Noon, Monday through Friday. We will have many of our toys, balls, and games available for you and your little ones to enjoy! Cost is only \$.50 per child for the entire three hours. We also will be starting a new member orientation program. New members will be given a tour, an opportunity to attend one group fitness class for free and to meet with a personal trainer and learn about the benefits of the personal training programs available. We value our members and truly want to provide the best of everything we can offer. One other very exciting program quickly approaching is the Lighten Up Iowa 100 day wellness program. This statewide initiative, in its seventh year, encourages healthier lifestyles by promoting physical activity and proper nutrition. Begin forming your team of 8-10 individuals with friends, family, or coworkers, as we will be holding an organizational meeting soon. Program begins January 16 and runs through April 24. Before then, take advantage of this time of year and the great weather by venturing out to one of our beautiful local parks for a barbecue or family outing, or go for a bike ride, run, or walk on the Heart of Iowa Trail.

This month all of our Fall programs will conclude. Youth volleyball, flag football, baby booters soccer, youth soccer, and coed-rec adult softball all enjoyed successful programs with over 400 participants total. Thanks so much to the volunteer coaches, the parents, officials, and participants for truly making these successful programs continue. Congratulations to Team Smokehouse for winning the 2007 Co-Rec Softball Tournament Championship. Tiny Tigers Tae-kwon-do is off to a great start, but our little guys need some more friends. This is a great opportunity for the younger children in the area to learn about respecting themselves and others while also learning the techniques of this martial art. Classes meet every Monday and Wednesday from 4:45-5:15 in the 3C's racquetball court. Our family taekwondo program is also still taking place on Tuesdays and Thursday from 6:30-7:30 pm. This yearlong class is great for all ages. Our next session of group fitness classes will begin Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. We have added a few additional times throughout the week in an effort to provide additional fitness opportunities for more community members as well as improved rates for 3 C's members. Our baton and adult volleyball programs have begun and soon we will also start men's basketball and youth 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-grade basketball. We are looking for coaches, referees, and scorekeepers to help in the operation of these programs, if interested please contact us soon. Coaches meetings will also be held in November for these programs. Dates will be announced and posted on the website and via flyers in the 3 C's. A babysitting basics program will be held in the Citizen's Community Center on November 9 in cooperation with the Iowa State University Extension office. More information for these and all upcoming programs can be found at the front-desk, online at [www.huxleyiowa.org](http://www.huxleyiowa.org), where the community calendar has undergone major updates with the facility schedule for classes and other activities, or by calling (515).597.2515.