

# HUXLEY

## COMMUNITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EVENTS

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### Huxley Public Library News:

The Huxley Public Library is accredited! Please see the special news release from the State Library of Iowa in this issue of the Story County Consumer.

Mike Hanks, Kris Bugler and Melissa Haynes would like to take a moment to give special thanks to all children and parents for participating and supporting our summer reading program. We couldn't do it without your support. Thank you!

The 2007 "Get A Clue @ Your Library" Summer Reading Program Award Ceremony will be held August 10th during Fun Family Friday from 10:00-11:00 AM. Grand Prize Reading Winner Awards will be announced and given out on August 25<sup>th</sup>, during the 2007 Prairie Festival at 1:00pm in the big tent just before the Bingo games start. *Prizes will be held at the library for those unable to attend.*

Be sure to stop in and check out our programming this fall. New Children's Programs, Adult Reading Groups and much more. Please call Kris Bugler for details at 597-2552

Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, all fines currently at \$0.15 per day will be increased to \$0.20 per day.

### **Please help support the Friends of the Public Library!**

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007, The Friends of the Huxley Public Library will once again be hosting the annual Prairie Fest Bake-Sale and BINGO games! The Bake sale will start at 8:00am and run until all items are sold. BINGO will run from 1:00pm until 4:30pm. Don't miss out on the fun!

### **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 \$2200 since February, 2006 thanks to YOUR support! Local pickup is available, please email for details: [huxlib@huxcomm.net](mailto:huxlib@huxcomm.net)

### **FYI:**

Did you know that 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) All renewals are retroactive to date received. When in doubt, re-check it out!

### **Huxley Library Accredited**

The State Library of Iowa has announced that the Huxley Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in "In Service to Iowa: Public Library Measures of Quality, 4<sup>th</sup> ed."

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. Of Iowa's 543 public libraries, 326 – including the Huxley Public Library – are accredited. The Huxley Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library administration including governance and funding; staffing; library collection; services; public relations; access and facilities. The accreditation is valid through June 30, 2010.

Iowa's accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. Libraries are cornerstones of our communities. They reflect and help strengthen the economic health of communities, as well as the people who use them.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the State Library of Iowa's Enrich Iowa/Direct State Aid Program. They also receive an official Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Chet Culver, State Librarian Mary Wegner, and Iowa Commission of Libraries Chairwoman Monica Gohlinghorst.

Said Wegner, "The director and board of trustees of the Huxley Public Library and the city of Huxley are to be commended for this achievement and their commitment to excellence in public library services for their community."

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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](mailto:huxlib@huxcomm.net)

Thank you,  
Mike Hanks, Director of Library Services

## HUXLEY PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

By Rhiannon Herman

Fall program registrations are now available. You can pick them up at the 3C's front desk or find it on line. Upcoming programs are U6/U8 soccer, and youth flag football.

A new program called **Baby Booters Soccer** was developed to give the younger children in the community a chance to be active and learn a new sport. Registrations are available at the 3C's front desk or on line. The ages for this program are 3 and 4 year olds that cannot play U6 soccer. For more information please contact the 3C's.

Why let the kids have all the fun? **Adult Flag Football** teams are now being formed. You must be 18 years or older and have at least 4 people on a team. Cost is \$40.00/team. If you cannot find a team a free agent list is being made and you will be placed on a team once all registrations are turned in. Games will be held at Nord Kalsem on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30. September 12 is the start date. Registrations can be picked up at the 3C's front desk or by going to the City Website. Any one interested in refereeing flag football (youth or adult) should contact the 3C's center at 515-597-2515.

**Fall Fitness class** schedules will soon be finalized. A new class called In The Mix has been added this session. Stacey Noe will be teaching this class which will focus on full body strength training. Stacey will also teach the evening kickboxing class. Returning classes are Heidi Ihle's morning kickboxing, Lisa Sheldahl's Body Sculpt, Irene McCormick's Yoga Fusion and Karen Hadaways's Shake It Up. Registrations will also be on the City's website once they are ready.

**Tiny Tigers Tae-kwon-do** will start on August 13. This class is for kids ages 4-6. Tiny Tigers will provide a safe and fun environment for children while they learn about themselves and others through Tae-kwon-do. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday from 5:15-5:45. Cost is \$50/month with a \$120 start up fee. Start up fee includes uniform and first month of class. Pick up your registration form today.

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### 1<sup>ST</sup> ST. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE I & II

Phase II of the First Street Reconstruction Project is progressing well. The intersection of Main and First Street has been completed and reopened to traffic. Currently, First Street is closed from Main Avenue to just west of Third Avenue. The contractor is working on sanitary sewer, water main, and storm sewer along this stretch. Once the underground utility work is complete to Third Avenue, the rest of the project to Fifth Avenue will be closed to traffic and the work will continue. While underground utility work takes place west of Third Avenue, the contractor will be grading and paving from Main to Third Avenue. There may be brief times when it is necessary to shut off water service while the new water services are switched to the new water main. These water shut offs generally last no more than 2 hours and the contractor will notify the residents before the water is shut off. There will be no disruption in sanitary sewer service. The existing street will eventually 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.

Phase I of the project from U.S. 69 to Main Ave. is mostly complete. City staff has met with the contractor to address reseeded the street where the seed is not coming up. The reseeded will have to happen in mid-August when temperatures begin to be more favorable for seeding. Residents along the first phase will soon receive a letter giving more information of the plan to reseed along the street. 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.

## CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

By Lee Ruddick, City Clerk

The opportunity to run for political office is a privilege we enjoy in our society. Citizens are fortunate that so many good people offer their time and talents for public service. To hold office in a city, a candidate must be an eligible elector. To be an eligible elector, the candidate must meet the same qualifications required to vote and be a resident of the city he or she plans to serve.

Council elections are held every two years. The next regularly-scheduled election is Tuesday, November 6, 2007, where three seats for council and the Mayor's will be on the ballot. Council members Leslee Beglinger's and Chad Lovig's terms expire December 31, 2007, and whoever is elected to these seats will serve four year terms. The council seat currently held by Ron Krull will also be on the ballot. Ron was appointed by the council to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of former council member Mike Orgler, and will complete the original term which runs through 12/31/2009. Mayor Nels Nord's term expires on 12/31/2007 and will be on the ballot as well. Council and mayor candidates are nominated by eligible electors (a person 18 years of age and residing in Huxley). All candidates must complete and submit an Affidavit of Candidacy with their nomination papers. This affidavit is a written form that includes the office being sought and the candidate's signature witnessed by a notary public. The candidate also needs to state that he or she is an eligible elector. An election guide specific to each city's election process can be obtained from the Iowa Secretary of State's office by calling (515) 281-0145 or online at [www.sos.state.ia.us](http://www.sos.state.ia.us). Your city clerk or county auditor may also be able to answer your questions.

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### 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 315<sup>th</sup> Street bridge over I-35 to 560<sup>th</sup> 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. 560<sup>th</sup> 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 grading 560<sup>th</sup> Avenue and will begin preparing the roadway for pavement this week. The contractor plans to pave 560<sup>th</sup> Avenue the first week in August. A right turn lane will also be constructed along Iowa Highway 210 at 560<sup>th</sup> Avenue to accommodate future traffic as this corridor develops. 560<sup>th</sup> Avenue is currently closed to traffic. There is a signed detour up 570<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This week, the contractor is also repaving 315<sup>th</sup> Street, just east of I-35 at the location where the sewer crosses the road to the future wastewater treatment plant. Traffic will be detoured south to Highway 210 while 315<sup>th</sup> Street is shut down. The contractor expects 315<sup>th</sup> Street to be open to traffic next week.

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.