



In March of this year Mayor Bennett issued an Emergency Declaration Proclamation due to the emergence and spread of the COVID-19 disease; and as COVID-19 continues to pose a serious and potentially deadly threat to the public and the public health as the Federal Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidance notes that large events and mass gatherings contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States.

As the Governor of Iowa by Proclamation dated August 21, 2020 continues to encourage all Iowans two years of age or older to wear a mask or other face coverings so does Mayor Bennett and your City Council. New positive cases of the virus continue to be at an alarming rate in the Iowa, including Linn County, and putting our health care system and the residents of Hiawatha in jeopardy and sadly no end in sight to the situation the city than continues to express the importance and value of wearing a face mask or covering.

Pursuant by the powers vested in the Mayor under Iowa Code Section 72.14(2) and the Hiawatha Municipal Code, Mayor Bennett issued an advanced proclamation on September 23 in conjunction with a "Mask Up" Campaign. The proclamation and the Campaign promotes and encourages all Hiawathan's and businesses to join the city in their initiative of wearing a face covering when inside any indoor public setting or place of public accommodations including parking lots and without limitation of all retail stores, restaurants, bars, and other accommodations, even if able to maintain 6' of distance from other persons. See full proclamation at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com/stronger-together](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/stronger-together)

The CDC and the Iowa Board of Medicine have determined that face coverings are a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19 that could reduce the spread of the virus, particularly when used universally within communities and as the Iowa Board of Medicine issued a face mask advisory on August 24, 2020, noting that masks are the most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used in public settings.

To promote Hiawatha's "Mask Up" Campaign residents and businesses alike received promotional pieces asking all to partner with in to fend off this COVID-19 disease; to stand together as a community, we are "Stronger Together" than alone. It is our hope that all residents, organizations and businesses see value in the wearing of face coverings and willingly encourage and recommend face coverings to all employees and customers entering their place of business to kindly "Mask Up". We are much stronger together than alone. "Hiawatha Stronger Together".

## Residential Building Permits Required, Fees Waived

The City of Hiawatha is urging residents to contact their local building department and make sure contractors are obtaining the required permits for building repairs following the August Derecho. Permit fees are waived through December 31, 2020; however, permits are still required. Having the permit helps to ensure that contractors are registered with the state and the inspections verify repairs are done in compliance with minimum safety standards. Permits are also required when homeowners are completing their own repair work.

Hiawatha Community Development Department staff can help property owners verify that contractors are registered and licensed to perform the work. For more information, including tips for finding a licensed contractor and avoiding fraud, visit the City's website page under Derecho Resources or call the Community Development Department at 319-393-1515 ext. 227.

The City of Hiawatha continues to work on organic debris removal throughout the community. **The last day for organic debris right-of-way pick up is Monday, October 26.** Contractors and City Staff are working on debris removal in the parks, structural damage debris removal and soon the right-of-way trimming and tree removal. As of October 5, crews have hauled away more than 140,000 cubic yards of debris, including more than 50 tons of structural debris. Debris placed in the right-of-way for removal should not block the roadway or sight lines and must be accessible by road crews.

## ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS & VACATIONERS

Snowbirds and vacationers should complete a house check form providing contact information for the Police and Water Departments while you are away. The house check form is available on the city website at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com), or at the police department during normal business hours. With this free service, you can feel secure knowing your residence is being checked while you are away.

Be sure to contact the Water Department at (319) 393-5556 to hold your bills, forward your bills, or turn off the water while you are away.

- When you plan to be out of town for an extended period of time, it's a good idea to have someone check on your house to be sure you don't have any water running.
- To avoid a running toilet, it's a good idea to turn the water control valve to your toilet off.
- Check your water heater for a "vacation mode" setting or turn to a lower setting.
- Please take caution as the Water Department is not responsible for any home devices that may require water at all times.

## AMNESTY DAY

Amnesty Pick Up will begin Monday, October 12. Please have items placed by curb before 7:00 AM. It is important to remember that appliances & metals must be set out separate from the rest of your items. They will be picked up by a different vehicle. Amnesty Day pick up is being contracted this year. There will only be one round of pick ups.

### Accepted Items:

- All bagged and containerized municipal waste
- Bags and containers must weigh less than 50lbs (one person must be able to lift)
- Larger items such as furniture, toys, bicycles, appliances (Air conditioners, refrigerators and dehumidifiers must have FREON removed by a licensed Mechanical Contractor), home fixtures and any other non-hazardous items
- Miscellaneous building materials i.e. a door, a window, a section(s) of fencing (must be cut down to fit into the truck and can be lifted by one (1) person)
- Latex paints – must be dried up in the container
- Tires or tires on rims
- Wheel rims and small car parts

### Unaccepted Items:

- Yard waste
- Liquid or hazardous waste
- Non-Latex paints or varnishes
- Motor oil or solvents
- Cardboard
- Televisions
- Car batteries
- Regulated medical waste
- Large car parts such as engine blocks, bodies, oversized hoods and doors
- Building demolition debris such as drywall, plaster and/or lath, concrete steps and similar items



## TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY WHEN VOTING BY MAIL

- If you are returning your ballot at a mailbox or drop box, wash your hands afterwards with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- If you are dropping off your ballot at a voting location, practice physical distancing and wear a mask or other face covering to protect yourself and others, and wash your hands before and after you drop off your ballot.

### ELECTION TIMELINE

Date	Event
10/05	Absentee Ballots Mailed; Early, In-Person Voting Begins
10/24	Last Day to Pre-register to Vote for this Election
10/24	Last Day to Request a Mailed Absentee Ballot
10/24	Auditor's Office Open for Absentee Voting
10/31	Auditor's Office Open for Absentee Voting
11/02	Last Day to Vote Absentee at 823 3rd St SW, Cedar Rapids
<b>11/03</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
11/10	County Canvass of Votes

## TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY WHEN VOTING IN PERSON



- Practice physical distancing and stay 6 feet away from poll workers and other voters.
- Wear a mask or other face covering to protect yourself, election workers, and other voters. Avoid touching your mask or face.
- Before and after voting, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

If you are sick or concerned that you have been exposed to the coronavirus, seek medical care. If you don't have an absentee ballot, contact Linn County Election Services at 319-892-5300

### EARLY, IN-PERSON VOTING LOCATIONS AND ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS

The Linn County Auditor's Office will offer two in-person, early voting locations during the dates and times listed below:

- **823 3rd St SW, Cedar Rapids** (near the Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center),
  - Mondays through Fridays, October 5 - November 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Saturday, October 24 & Saturday, October 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Lindale Mall Food Court**, 4444 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids
  - Tuesdays through Saturdays, October 6 - October 28 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **IBEW Local 405 Union Hall**, 1211 Wiley Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids
  - Sunday, October 18 from noon-6 p.m.
- **Mission of Hope**, 1700 B Ave NE, Cedar Rapids
  - Tuesday, October 20 from noon-6 p.m.

Questions regarding voter registration or absentee voting can be answered by visiting [LinnCounty.org/Vote](http://LinnCounty.org/Vote), emailing [elections@linncounty.org](mailto:elections@linncounty.org) or calling 319-892-5300, option 1.



**HALLOWEEN  
CDC  
GUIDELINES**

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

**MODERATE RISK ACTIVITIES**

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while social distancing
- Small, outdoor costume parade

**LOWER RISK ACTIVITIES**

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends

**REMINDER**  
Hiawatha DOES NOT designate a specific date or time for trick or treating. Parents, please be certain that your children are wearing reflective clothing, carrying flashlights, and watching out for organic debris that may still need picked up from the storm.

Hiawatha Parks and Rec Presents

# BABYSITTER TRAINING COURSE

OCTOBER 26, 2020 • 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Hiawatha Community Center  
101 Emmons Street

**DETAILS:**

- Red Cross Certification
- Develop leadership skills
- Basic child care skills
- Basic first aid skills
- Participants should be 12 or older
- Cost is \$75

Register at  
[www.hiawathaiowa.com/departments/parks-recreation/programs/](http://www.hiawathaiowa.com/departments/parks-recreation/programs/)



## Chili Supper Canceled

With an abundance of caution, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Members of The Hiawatha Firefighters Association have elected to cancel the 2020 Firefighters Association Chili Supper. We appreciate all the support and participation that has happened in the past with this event. We look forward to serving you again in the future.



As you may know, every Fall the Hiawatha Fire Department participates in a Fill the Boot campaign to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) to support local families effected by muscular dystrophy. Funds raised by our annual boot drive fund research and provide health care services and support for more than 1,700 MDA families across the state of Iowa. In the last 10 years HFD has raised more than \$115,000, thanks to the support of the community. The Covid-19 pandemic has dramatically impacted the MDA and their fundraising events including Fill the Boot. So this year we are taking our Fill the Boot virtual! While it will look different, our mission is still the same!



Please consider helping us Fill the Boot by making a contribution to our online page. You can scan the code below or go directly to <https://filltheboot.donordrive.com/team/HiawathaFire> and make a donation today! Your donation makes a difference to the hundreds of kids, adults and their families who live right here in our local community. We know with your help we can reach our goal and still make a big impact! Thank you for your support!

HIAWATHA PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

# TRICKS AND TREATS WITCH

THE WITCH OF HIAWATHA WILL DELIVER EACH REGISTRANT

- PUMPKIN FROM CASPERS PUMPKINS
- FOAM MONSTER PUMPKIN DECORATING KIT
- GOOFY FACE CANDY CORN MAGNET CRAFT KIT
- COLOR YOUR OWN HALLOWEEN ORNAMENT
- COLOR YOUR OWN HALLOWEEN BAG
- GOUL GANG MASK CRAFT KIT

DELIVERING TO HIAWATHA RESIDENTS ON THE EVENING OF **OCT 15** **\$12 PER CHILD** REGISTER AT [HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM](http://HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM)

## FALL READING PROGRAM

Register at <http://hiawathalibrary.readsquared.com/>

Vote for Books, Hiawatha Public Library's fall reading program encourages everyone to exercise their right to read. And earn rewards, of course! This virtual program runs from October 1 – November 7 and the payoff is a "sweet" prize package. Yes! Candy is involved! Vote for Books is for all ages and the reading electorate who earn 2020 points will be declared winners. That sounds like a lot, but it is easily attainable. Our youngest "voters" need only read or listen to 20 picture books, and all others only need to complete 4 books. Additionally, readers can tally points by engaging in Presidential Trivia, 10 fascinating questions that divulge fun facts about our past commanders in chief. Elect to join Hiawatha Public Library's reading program today, and don't forget to get out the vote on November 3.

# HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN DECORATING Contest

Enter Now

<https://www.facebook.com/Cityofhiawathaparksandrecreation>

## Hiawatha Library Renovation



# BUILDING DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS ISO RATINGS IN 2020 REPORT

Every five or six years the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) evaluates local building departments. The evaluation rates personnel qualifications, codes adopted by the jurisdiction and the thoroughness of the administration of our inspection and plan review processes. A numerical value is assigned to each of these items for commercial and for residential construction based on the evaluation report. The final rating is then used by insurance companies in rating structure insurance coverage and by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for determining funding in natural disaster events.

The rating scale is from #1 to #10:

1-3	Satisfactory
4-6	Satisfactory with few deficiencies
7-9	Significant deficiencies
#10	No building department inspections or reviews

The City of Hiawatha retained a #4 rating in both commercial and residential construction. The evaluation report showed improved grading in both commercial and residential criteria. The grading for commercial increased from 72.41 to 75.98 and for residential the grading improved from 70.18 to 71.12. A grading of 78 is required to obtain the top rating of 1-3. The City has maintained a very consistent rating since 2010.

A “4” rating is a very good rating for a small jurisdiction. Given the personnel certification requirements for each discipline, it is not practical for a city our size to retain staff to meet all of the ISO specifications. However, Hiawatha has adopted the most recent model building codes and our administration/records processes are satisfactory.

The City does meet all State regulations for certifications and uses combination inspectors to meet our inspection and plan review needs. Our scores are very comparable to the scores of Marion and Cedar Rapids and are favorably viewed for insurance ratings and FEMA ranking.

## TURTLE CREEK PARK PH I PROJECT

Peterson Contractors Inc of Reinbeck, IA, was hired to complete the construction of PH 1 of the Turtle Creek Park Project. This work includes the extension of Fitzroy Road east of Edgewood Rd with gravel surfacing; gravel parking lot; one 8’ wide x 5’ tall box culvert under the Fitzroy Rd extension; site grading for two (2) future soccer fields; subdrain and drainage for soccer fields; and one half (1/2) mile of 10-foot wide rock multi-use path/trail starting at the Edgewood Rd crossing. Work began on August 31, 2020 for the mass grading of the site. Despite rain delays, the contractor has been making good headway on the grading. The soccer fields are scheduled to be completed with drainage and final seeding by mid to late October. The remainder of the construction is scheduled to be complete by November 25, 2020.

*Hiawatha City Hall is closed to the public through the rest of 2020. Open by appointment only.*

### October Calendar

- 04 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Guthridge Park
- 07 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Guthridge Park
- 13 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 13 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 18 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Guthridge Park
- 20 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Guthridge Park
- 26 P & Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 28 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)

### November Calendar

- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 10 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 18 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 P & Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 26 & 27 City offices closed



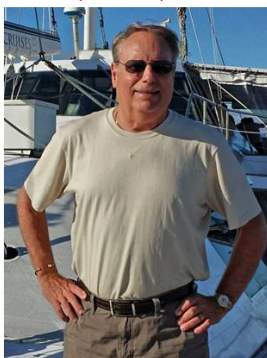
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**10/10/2020**

# Postal Customer

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**ECRWSS**



After 8 years of service as the City Engineer for the City of Hiawatha, John Bender is **officially** retiring. Throughout his years of service, John has been involved in many projects including the intersection at Emmons and Center Point Road, the N. Center Point Road rebuild, Edgewood Road Pecks Landing reconstruction, Tower Terrace Interchange, four new housing subdivisions, Turtle Creek Park, Dave Wright Family Dog Park and more. We appreciate John's service to Hiawatha and wish him many years of health and happiness while golfing and traveling with his wife and children. Happy Retirement, John!



Help us welcome our new City Engineer, Jon Fitch. Jon graduated with a degree in civil engineering from the University of Iowa in 1999. He has spent a bulk of his career as a consultant with a local firm. Prior to arriving at the City of Hiawatha, Jon spent a year with the City of Cedar Falls as the assistant City Engineer. There he spent time mentoring young staff engineers and providing project management for numerous roadway, slope stabilization and trails projects. Jon's hobbies include home improvement projects, running and watching Hawkeye Football Games. We're excited to have him on our team!

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For more information about City of Hiawatha and its services, call 319-393-1515 or visit [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com)

**CITY COUNCIL** | City of Hiawatha Regular Council Meetings are the first and third Wednesday of each month.



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#### Hiawatha Council Action

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online at [www.hiawathaiowa.com/government/city-council-documents/](http://www.hiawathaiowa.com/government/city-council-documents/) or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 319-393-1515 ext. 526