



Happy Holidays



During the holiday season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to you, the citizens of our community, who have made our community's progress possible. To our business community, HEDCO, our boards and commissions, your partnerships are a gift to our community as well. COVID-19 and this years derecho storm is no match for the resiliency of our community. We are stronger today than we ever were. It is our pleasure this holiday season to say "Thank You" and to wish you and your families good health, peace and joy this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

Mayor Bill Bennett, City Council Members & City Staff

LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH REMINDS FAMILIES OF COVID-19 THREAT DURING HOLIDAYS

The COVID-19 pandemic has been stressful and isolating for many people. Gatherings during the upcoming holidays are traditionally an opportunity to reconnect with family and friends. This holiday season, consider how your holiday plans can be modified to reduce the spread of COVID-19 to keep your friends, families, and our community healthy and safe.

Celebrating virtually or with members of your own household (who are consistently taking measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19) poses the lowest risk for spread. In-person gatherings that bring together family members or friends from different households, including college students returning home, pose varying levels of risk.

There are several factors that contribute to the risk of getting and spreading COVID-19 at small in-person gatherings.

In combination, these factors will create various amounts of risk:

- Community levels of COVID-19
- Exposure during travel
- Location of the gathering
- Duration of the gathering
- Number and crowding of people at the gathering
- Behaviors of attendees prior to the gathering
- Behaviors of attendees during the gathering

The following people should not attend in-person holiday gatherings

People with or exposed to COVID-19. Do not host or participate in any in-person gatherings if you or anyone in your household:

- Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others
- Has symptoms of COVID-19
- Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results
- May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19
- Do not host or attend gatherings with anyone who has COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

People at increased risk for severe illness.

If you are an older adult or person with certain medical conditions who is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household.

HIAWATHA FIREFIGHTERS WELCOME NEW CLASS OF FIREFIGHTERS

DECEMBER 2020



The Fire Department welcomed 11 new volunteer recruits to its ranks in mid-September. The nine men and two women bring a variety of life experiences and backgrounds including business, accounting, military, science, engineering, public safety, fitness, security, and information technology. The 11 new members are: Scott Breckenridge, Mikayla Calloway, Jacob Cooper, Adam Crawford, Robert Johnson, Sudhanwa Kholgade, Ryan Larson, Trent Partridge, Leah Pedersen, Michael Rhodes, and Lukas Voss.

They will be proceeding through a year long orientation and training period that will prepare them for their time on the streets. They have been involved in both hands on and classroom training, allowed to go on calls as observers. In January they will begin working with crews as part of their orientation process and on the job training while their classroom and hands on experiences continue.

Six of the recruits were able to participate in a live fire training session with Monroe Township Fire Department on October 18th. Firefighters utilized an abandoned house, located on Chain Lakes Rd. in Monroe Township, to practice their firefighting skills. Firefighters rotated through various fire scenarios under watchful instructors. The Hiawatha crew, since they were very new, participated in several scenarios where they were able to observe fire behavior and watch the fire grow. They then extinguished the fire. A total of 12 Hiawatha firefighters participated. The six firefighters pictured are some of the newest recruits, including, left to right, Bob Johnson, Leah Pedersen, Mikayla Calloway, Lukas Voss, Trent Partridge, and Sudhanwa Kholgade.

FIREFIGHTERS THANK VETERANS



Hiawatha firefighters routinely fly the American flag off of their ladder truck on national holidays. The attached photo was taken the morning of November 11, Veterans day 2020. In addition to flying the flag from the truck, the Hiawatha Firefighters are one of several community groups, including several scout troops that support the American Legion Post 735 by placing flags at the curbside of homes during national holidays as part of the Legions "Avenue of Flags" program.

**LETTERS
FROM SANTA**

Add a little magic this season and register your child to receive a Letter from Santa. The jolly man himself will write a letter to your child in an easy to read format with references of your child's name, age, Elf on the Shelf, accomplishments and desired present!

Registration fee \$3
Register online at www.hiawatha-iowa.com
Deadline is December 15.

OH WHAT FUN CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Kit includes:

- Snowman Snowflake Christmas Ornament Craft
- DIY Gingerbread House Sticker Placemat
- Snow Globe Picture Frame Magnet
- Surprise Fun & Games!

**Delivered directly to your door December 11th
\$8 per kit Register online at hiawatha-iowa.com**



HIAWATHA LIBRARY'S TEEN COLLECTION OF NONFICTION

As the Library Grows, So Grows the Collection

It's easy to spot the growth of Hiawatha Public Library's physical presence. After all, the expansion/renovation project increases its footprint from 8,500 square feet to 22,000. What is less obvious is the growth occurring inside those walls. The renovated portion of Hiawatha Public Library includes dedicated space for teens. Youth Services Librarian Alicia Mangin saw this as an opportunity to create a new collection, teen nonfiction. Thanks to the generosity of Kwik Star locally and Kwik Trip nationally, this new core collection is cataloged and ready for check out. Kwik Star/Kwik Trip's donation facilitated the purchase of materials totaling \$1200. The diverse items include biographies, memoirs, AP course and ACT prep study guides, reference materials and pop culture titles. Area teens will discover much to enjoy.

Mangin's commitment to this collection doesn't end with Kwik Star/Kwik Trip's donation. If you have a teen nonfiction book suggestion, please email Mangin at amangin@hiawatha-iowa.com, or place your request through our online catalog at

https://crpl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/hpl/

Temporary Building Permit and Inspection Policy

The City of Hiawatha has implemented temporary changes to our inspection and permitting processes amid the COVID-19 epidemic as follows until further notice:

Permits:

- Over the counter permits are temporarily suspended until further notice.
- Applications for new permits may be obtained using our online portal at: <https://www.citizenserve.com/citizenserve-login/>
- Assistance available by phone between the hours of 8am to 4pm, Monday-Friday at (319) 393-1515.

Inspections:

- Construction inspections will be completed as needed and depending on the situation. **24 hour notice required**
- New construction and additions: 24 hour notice required. No other change in current operations
- Remodels: inspections within the occupied space will be scheduled or suspended on a case by case basis.
- Furnace and WH replacement installations: Video inspection options are available. Onsite inspections have been suspended until further notice.

Rental inspections:

- Rental inspections are suspended for occupied areas except for emergencies.

Video inspections:

- If approved, require 24 hour notice and shall be conducted using one of the following resources using an android or iPhone app:
 - WhatsApp (preferred)
 - FaceTime
 - Google Messenger

Community Development Department is ready to serve!
319.393.1515 ext. 6

Hiawatha

Thursday, December 17 at 5:30 PM
Watch for the route to be posted on the
City Website and City Facebook Page

Parade
featuring
Santa

As cases continue to increase rapidly across the United States, the safest way to celebrate the holidays is at home with the people you live with. Gatherings with family and friends who do not live with you can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu.

Delay your travel if you...



Are sick with a fever, cough or other symptoms of COVID-19

- Don't travel or cross borders while sick. Stay home and isolate.
- If you need to travel for medical care, travel by ambulance, air ambulance, or private vehicle.

Have recently tested positive for COVID-19 with a viral test

- Don't travel while infectious with COVID-19 even if you don't have symptoms. Stay home and isolate.
- If you need to travel for medical care, travel by ambulance, air ambulance, or private vehicle.



Have had close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days

- Delay your travel and quarantine by separating yourself from others until 14 days after your last exposure.



Are waiting for results of a COVID-19 viral test

- Delay your travel until you get your test results.
- If your test comes back positive while you're at your destination
 - » You will need to isolate yourself from others and delay your return.
 - » Your travel companions will need to self-quarantine and delay their travel back home until 14 days after their last exposure to you while you have COVID-19.

December Calendar

02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM

08 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM

08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM

09 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)

15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM

16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM

17 Hiawatha Lights Parade 5:30 PM

23 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)

24 & 25 City offices closed

28 P & Z Meeting 5:30 PM

31 City offices closed

January Calendar

01 City offices closed

06 City Council meeting 5:30 PM

12 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM

12 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM

13 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)

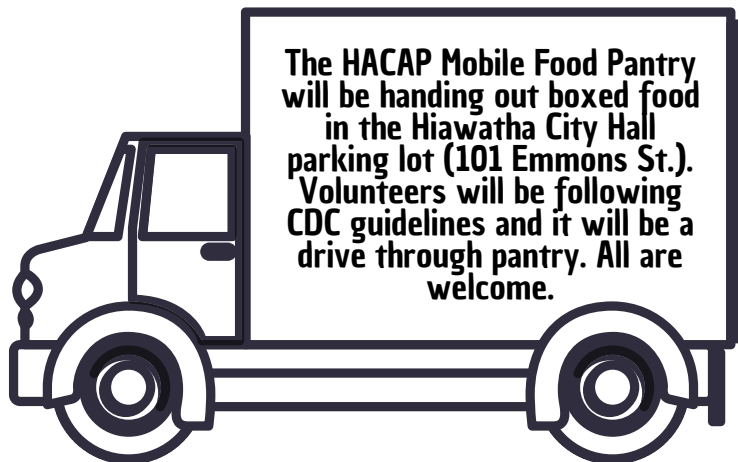
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HACAP MOBILE FOOD PANTRY Monday, December 7th at 2:00 PM



The HACAP Mobile Food Pantry will be handing out boxed food in the Hiawatha City Hall parking lot (101 Emmons St.). Volunteers will be following CDC guidelines and it will be a drive through pantry. All are welcome.

Memories from Hiawatha History Commission

Even though the coronavirus postponed Nixon Elementary School's 50th Anniversary, we know that the Grinch can't steal the Nixon Bobcats' School Spirit! (photo, Santa, Nixon Student, and the Grinch in the Nixon Library some years ago)

Learn more—There are still books available, **HIAWATHA, IOWA 70 YEARS OF HISTORY**. For more information, contact Pat 319-721-9730, se_me@live.com



Hiawatha Projects Continue to Move Forward Despite Derecho and COVID-19



Sidewalk Project



Storm Sewer Project



Turtle Creek Park Project



W. Wilman Street Resurfacing Project



Clark Park Lighting Project

The City Council approved a contract with Eastern Iowa Construction from Cascade to install new trails and sidewalks on the western end of Boyson Road as well as within Guthridge Park. In addition, sidewalk ramps along Emmons St were replaced to bring them up to code with the American with Disabilities Act. All work has been completed for each of the sites. Site restoration has been completed but due to the late season, some areas may need to be touched up in the spring. This project wrapped up in October 2020 at a cost of \$220,000.

The City Council approved a contract with Boomerang Corp from Anamosa to install new storm sewer infrastructure on Raney Street and Pirie Street. Work in these two areas started in October and is nearing completion. All that remains is site restoration. Areas will be seeded but minor work will be needed in the Spring. Work should wrap up in November at a cost of \$160,000.

The City Council approved a contract with Peterson Contractors Inc (PCI) from Reinbeck to complete phase I of the Turtle Creek Park. Work included site clearing; mass grading; rock trails; rock parking lot; storm sewer infrastructure and a rock base along Fitzroy for the future roadway. PCI had favorable weather and was able to complete all of the mass grading and seeding for the future soccer fields. If you look closely, you can see green starting to show up through the straw. All that remains of work on the first phase is installation of decorative fence on the south side of the roadway and minor grading. Some reseeding may be required in the spring. Work should wrap up in November at a cost of \$329,000.

The W. Willman Street resurfacing project from Center Point Road to 4th Ave started the week of July 6. The work included a new asphalt overlay after repair of the deteriorated street areas and replacement of the curbs; and installation of new sidewalk on the north side of the street from the new library expansion to 4th Ave. All work including site restoration has been completed. Work was completed in September at a cost of \$287,000.

The Clark Park trail lighting project began November 9th to install pedestrian and bollard lighting throughout the park for safety and walkability in our Hiawatha Community. This project was based off of our 2019 Park Master Plan and is set to be complete December of 2020. The lighting will be active during standard park hours from 6:30am to 10pm. Tucker Park is set to have trail lighting installed Spring of 2021.

Any questions please contact the City Engineer at jfitch@hiawatha-iowa.com

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12/05/2020**

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CITY MANAGER AWARDED IOWA CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION MANAGER OF THE YEAR



Mentor, team player, leader, influencer, professional, partner, positive, fearless, determined, persistent, inspirational, infectious, dedicated, committed, respected, contributor, role model, hard worker and supportive were all words that was used to describe Hiawatha City Manager, Kim Downs, in her nomination letters for IaCMA Manager of the Year Award. Kim's award is well deserved. She's worked in City Government for over 20 years. Most recently she's diligently worked with Metro Mayors and business leaders to influence the Iowa DOT to provide funding for the construction of the Tower Terrace Interchange and played an active role in moving the construction date up. After Hiawatha received city-wide destruction from the August 10, 2020 derecho, Kim wasted no time organizing the relief efforts. She coordinated Hiawatha's Emergency Management Plan with city staff and walked the streets with Council Members to make sure we were meeting the community's needs. Kim continues to lay the path moving Hiawatha forward and we're proud to call her one of our own. Congratulations, Kim!

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For more information about City of Hiawatha and its services, call [319-393-1515](tel:319-393-1515) or visit 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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Attention:

Council Meetings are being conducted virtually due to COVID-19 until further notice. Please join via Google Meet at <https://meet.google.com/qbe-smcz-pzp> or via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Vyub-x0FNe8YImqf5XsOQ>

Hiawatha Council Action

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online at 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