

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, to acknowledge and adopt the City of Hiawatha’s mission and values statement as shown below:

**City of Hiawatha Mission Statement:**

*The City of Hiawatha is a community of family neighborhoods and businesses that is responsibly governed to promote growth and provide effective services for all people.*

**City of Hiawatha Values Statement:**

*The City of Hiawatha is the metro area’s most welcoming community to live, work and play. Our village is making a path for creativity, diversity, and opportunity for all.*

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of December, 2021.

Last spring City Council and Department Leaders invited Midwest Municipal Consulting to facilitate a goal setting work session to update Hiawatha's Strategic Plan. Their guidance ensures that the priorities set by City Council are conveyed in the organization's goals and that those strategies are clearly developed to meet the overall expectations. Simply put, this forces leaders to look at what is going on today, where you want Hiawatha to be tomorrow, and what steps are needed to get there.

Many of Hiawatha's accomplishments have been completed based on past strategic plans which include Tower Terrace Interchange, lowering of the tax levy, an essential housing study, hotel study, sidewalk repair program, public library expansion and renovation, public safety training and garage construction, annexation requests, Fire Department and Parks & Recreation Master Plans and much more.

The first step was to update Hiawatha's mission and values statement to reflect the goals identified by Council and City leaders. On December 1, 2021 your City Council adopted a revised the mission and value statement as seen at the top of this article. These statements are incredibly important as we think about the future of our City. By identifying the purpose of our work, we can better understand the goals our City and staff should be committed to accomplishing, identify areas of focus and create a base for developing our strategic plan.

**The City Council’s proposed new initiatives in Fiscal Years 2022-2023 include:**

- Create a long-term financial plan, consider stabilizing the levy rate, identify trends and concerns, consider increasing the allocation for infrastructure improvements, etc.
- Promote economic development extending the urban revitalization plan to include Robins Road redevelopment from Chaffee to Boyson Road and include efforts to develop essential housing.
- Establish priority-based budgeting and project improvements, thus ranking services and programs offered based on community’s priorities.
- Create a Tower Terrace/Edgewood Road economic development and zoning plan with the neighborhood, including rezoning to include “village centers” as noted in the 2036 Comprehensive Plan-future land use map.
- Conduct a review of all city department staffing levels to ensure the adequate personnel are added at the right time and in the right positions. Also, create a succession plan for department heads who plan to retire within the next 5-10 years.
- Review current revenue streams and look for new opportunities.

**Next steps - Create an action plan to include:**

- Well-defined descriptions of the goals to be achieved
- Steps and tasks necessary to reach goals
- Designate staff to oversee carrying out each task
- Deadlines and milestones for tasks be completed
- Identify resources needed to accomplish tasks
- Measures to evaluate progress along the way

Teams are being formed and creation of the necessary action steps are being discussed. In the next couple of months, a complete action plan will be shared and progress reports will be shared along the way.

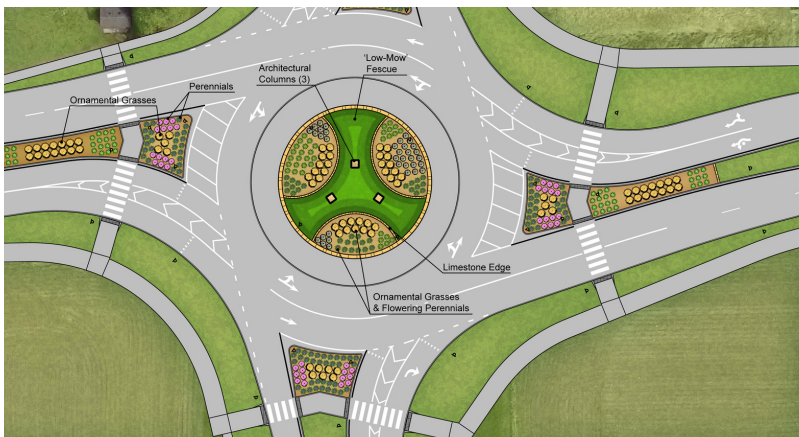


## 2022 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

City staff is working on a number of projects to be included during the 2022 construction season.

Projects include:

- **10th Ave from Blairs Ferry Rd to Emmons St - Mill and Asphalt Overlay.**
- **Eisenhower Rd from 10th Ave to 1022 Eisenhower Rd** – Full street reconstruction. This includes new ADA curb ramps for accessibility.
- **Nixon Drive from Northwood Dr to Nixon Elementary** – new asphalt overlay; replace curb and gutter sections; new sidewalk
- **Fitzroy Road from Forrest Meadow Lane to new Turtle Creek Park entrance** – new concrete pavement and site restoration
- **Hawkeye Drive from Boyson Road north to 1400 Hawkeye Drive** – widen roadway to 31 feet and install sidewalk on both sides of the roadway with new green space and new street lighting.
- **Railroad Quiet Zone** – This project includes railroad improvements and associated pavement and site restoration at Blairs Ferry Rd, Emmons St and N Center Point Rd. A railroad quiet zone is a section of a rail line at least one-half mile in length that contains one or more consecutive grade crossings at which locomotive horns are not routinely sounded when trains are approaching the crossings. Train horns may be sounded in emergency situations.
  - a. N Center Point Road - Early start date of April 18, 2022 with a 2-week completion time.
  - b. Emmons Street – Early Start date of June 13, 2022 with a complete closure of 3 weeks
  - c. Blairs Ferry Road – Start work between April 18 and August 16 with a 5-week completion time.
- **Tower Terrace Road Reconstruction** – Boomerang Construction will continue with Spring construction on the bridge replacement and replacement of Tower Terrace Road in April 2022. The contractor anticipates a full closure of Tower Terrace Road from Edgewood Road east to North Center Point Road starting April 1, 2022. This closure will last throughout the 2022 construction season.
- The North Center Point Road and Tower Terrace Road intersection is anticipated to close in late April 2022 and will be closed through September while the roundabout and street improvements coming in and out of the roundabout are completed. More detailed information and road detours will be presented in April. Residents and businesses should begin planning ahead to accommodate for longer travel times.



Tower Terrace Road Reconstruction  
Hiawatha, IA



"We know firsthand the devastation sustained during the derecho, and we're pleased to support tree replanting initiatives throughout our service territory, ITC Midwest's commitment to the communities we serve extends beyond power restoration. Trees are essential for our environment, our community, and our quality of life."

Thank you ITC Midwest for donating \$10,000 to replace trees in Hiawatha's parks lost in the 2020 derecho.

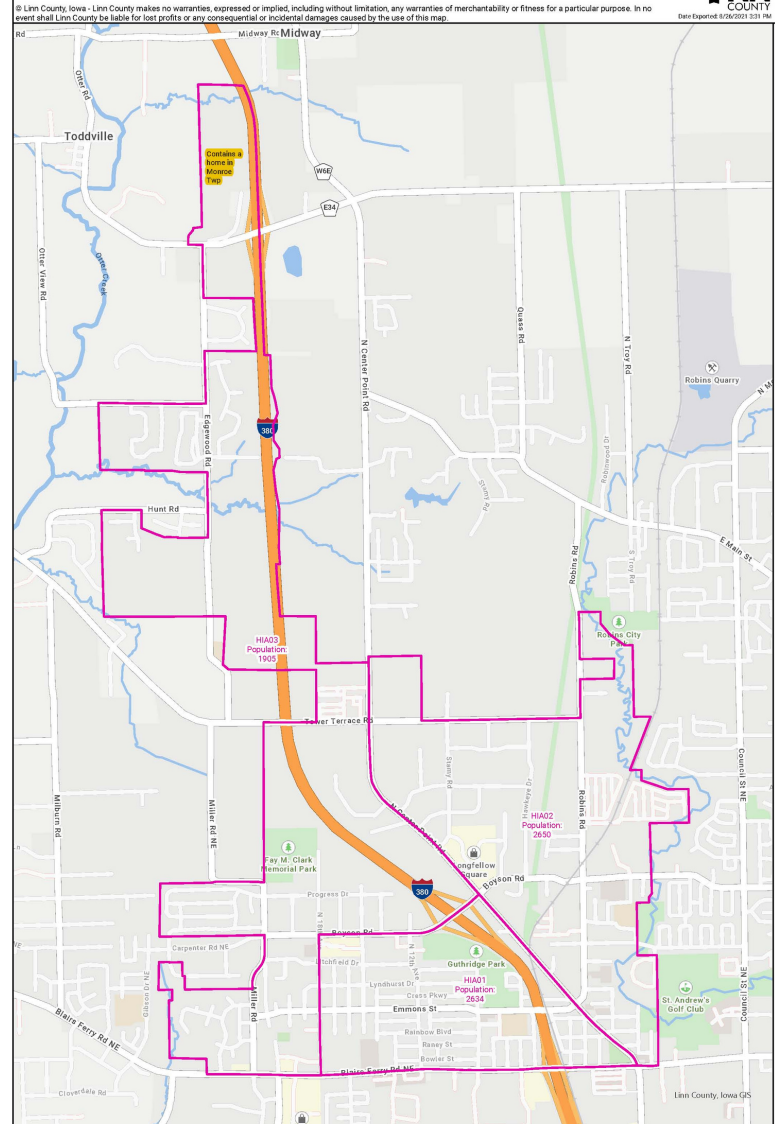
ITC Midwest President Dusky Terry



## UPDATED VOTING PRECINCTS

Hiawatha City Council approved Ordinance No. 974 on December 1, 2021 amending Chapter 3 Boundaries 3.02 Voting Precincts dividing Hiawatha into three precincts as shown on the map below.

Hiawatha 2022 Precinct Plan 02  
Includes Part of Monroe Township



THANK YOU

*Sgt. Red Fiser*

FOR 28 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
HIAWATHA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
AND THE HIAWATHA COMMUNITY

*Wishing you well in retirement!*

Read more to learn about how the FCC helps families afford internet service.

### WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

#### The benefit provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

**A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:**

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guide lines;
- Participates in Tribal specific programs such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

Household Size	Income
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240

- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;

### PARTICIPATING INTERNET PROVIDERS

- Access Wireless
- Assurance Wireless
- AT&T
- Boost Mobile
- CenturyLink
- Cricket Wireless
- ImOn
- Mediacom
- Metro by T-Mobile
- Ready Wireless
- South Slope Cooperative
- T-Mobile
- TracFone Wireless
- U.S. Cellular
- Verizon
- Windstream

See complete listing at [fcc.gov/acp](http://fcc.gov/acp)

## TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

**1**  
Go to **ACPBENEFIT.ORG** to submit an application online or print out and mail-in an application.

**2**  
Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill. Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating internet provider to select a service plan.

**TO LEARN MORE Call 1-877-384-2575 or Visit [www.fcc.gov/acp](http://www.fcc.gov/acp)**

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL

Please don't push, plow, pile, or deposit snow from your driveway, sidewalk or parking lot (residential or commercial) into the street. It is against City Code Chapter 135.12 to do so. Try to keep driveway and sidewalk snow in your yard behind the sidewalk to save as much room as possible in the right-of-way (area between the sidewalk and the street) for street snow. If you have a contractor plow your driveway, sidewalk or parking lot, please inform them of our requests.

Property owners have 24 hours to remove snow from their sidewalks after the completion of snow fall. City Code Chapter 136.03 The City can remove the snow and assess the costs to your property taxes. Bear in mind this is contracted out. This is done so pedestrians and school children have safe routes to walk on. If you want to report a sidewalk that needs to be cleared, please wait 24 hours, then call City Hall at 319-393-1515.

Check your mailbox to be sure that it is behind the back of the curb line, preferably about six inches. City Code Chapter 135.14 If a plow hits your mailbox and/or post, buy a new one if needed and bring your receipt to City Hall. You can be reimbursed up to \$75.

Help out the Water and Fire Departments by clearing snow from around fire hydrants that are near your property. This makes it easier for them to find the hydrant in the event of an emergency.

Keep your vehicles in your driveway or parking lot during snow events. This makes it easier for plow trucks to clear the streets from curb to curb. Residents in violation of removing their vehicles from the street when snow ordinances are in effect will be ticketed and possibly towed.

Check with your neighbors to see if they need help shoveling their sidewalks or driveway. It's a great way to build community spirit.

## 2021

### CONSTRUCTION TOTALS

23 single-family homes, a mixed-use building with 48 dwellings and 13 commercial buildings were approved for construction in Hiawatha making it the best year for new construction valuations in the past 14 years. The total valuation for new construction was over \$33 million; \$6 million above the previous best year 2018.

Though 23 single-family homes is not a record; it is slightly above the 10-year average. When coupled with multi-family construction, 2021 was by far the biggest residential construction valuation at \$18.8 million and the largest number of dwellings in the past 14 years at 60 units.

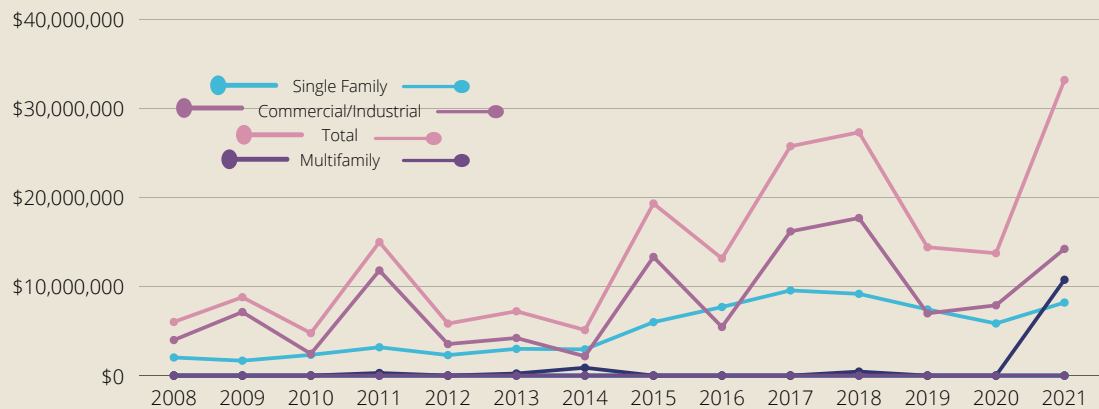
On the commercial side, the Hiawatha issued permits for 13 new commercial buildings at a valuation of \$14 million. The total added commercial square footage is over 175,000 square feet of mainly of storage and office space with about 4,000 square feet of retail space.

2021 construction will be reflected in our property valuation totals in 18 months from its total assessed value.

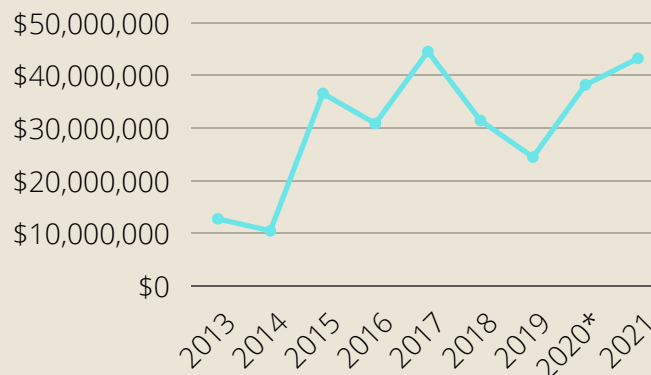


NEW BUILDINGS ONLY								
Calendar Year	Single Family		Multi-Family			Commercial/Industrial		Total
	Permits	Value	Permits	Units	Value	Permits	Value	Value
2008	15	\$2,029,015.00	0	0	\$0.00	9	\$3,987,228.00	\$6,016,243.00
2009	11	\$1,668,090.00	0	0	\$0.00	8	\$7,131,645.00	\$8,799,735.00
2010	19	\$2,322,476.00	0	0	\$0.00	11	\$2,442,835.00	\$4,765,311.00
2011	19	\$3,180,442.00	1	4	\$290,000.00	19	\$11,803,235.00	\$14,983,677.00
2012	15	\$2,297,031.00	0	0	\$0.00	4	\$3,536,608.00	\$5,833,639.00
2013	14	\$2,999,122.00	1	2	\$230,476.00	7	\$4,219,000.00	\$7,218,122.00
2014	14	\$2,945,228.00	4	4	\$880,000.00	9	\$2,165,080.00	\$5,110,308.00
2015	22	\$5,996,212.00	0	0	\$0.00	10	\$13,317,299.00	\$19,313,511.00
2016	28	\$7,693,868.64	0	0	\$0.00	10	\$5,454,930.00	\$13,148,798.64
2017	29	\$9,559,532.46	0	0	\$0.00	7	\$16,182,106.08	\$25,741,638.54
2018	29	\$9,172,103.00	1	3	\$447,469.00	9	\$17,686,262.00	\$27,305,834.00
2019	22	\$7,425,020.00	0	0	\$0.00	6	\$6,985,208.00	\$14,410,228.00
2020	16	\$5,848,388.00	0	0	\$0.00	5	\$7,886,160.10	\$13,734,548.10
2021	23	\$8,199,426.00	7	60	\$10,755,725.12	13	\$14,220,760.87	\$33,175,911.99

### NEW CONSTRUCTION PERMIT VALUATIONS



### TOTAL VALUATIONS



All construction Permits	
Year	Total Valuations
2013	\$12,747,918.00
2014	\$10,475,963.00
2015	\$36,564,426.00
2016	\$30,845,212.05
2017	\$44,533,975.04
2018	\$31,437,469.04
2019	\$24,476,221.35
2020*	\$38,202,804.15
2021	\$43,230,735.33
* \$12,502,512.03 Derecho Repairs	

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

*Hiawatha  
History  
Commission*

IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO HELP ARCHIVE HIAWATHA'S HISTORY

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KARI GRABER, CITY CLERK  
319-393-1515 X526  
KGRABER@HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM




Quonset Building Demolition  
March 2008

The Quonset Building was constructed in 1946. Fay Clark, Founder of Hiawatha, used the rear of this building to support his various manufacturing operations, while the front served as the first truck stop in the area. The front portion also included a restaurant that was ran by the Chafee family and was home to several businesses including A-1 Barber Shop and The Cobbler's Shop.

Read more about the history of Hiawatha by purchasing your own copy of "Hiawatha, 70 Years of History" at the Hiawatha Library.

Friends of the Hiawatha Public Library



Plan to attend this annual fundraiser, Fri., Feb. 4 at the Hiawatha Public Library, 150 W. Willman Street. We will have a variety of homemade soups, as well as a dessert bar! The cost is free; however donations will be accepted! All donations will go toward adult and children programming at the library.




**Snapology** **NEW**

DATES	AGES	EVENT
FEB 11	5-14	ROBLOX WORKSHOP
FEB 28	5-14	POKEMANIA WORKSHOP
FEB 28	4-14	ESCAPE SNAPOLGY

REGISTER AT [SNAPOLGY.COM](http://SNAPOLGY.COM)

**Mount Mercy University Dance Clinic**



Come Dance with Mount Mercy University Dance Team! No Experience? No Worries! Participants will learn a short, age-appropriate routine with basic and advanced dance skills. Sunday, March 27th • 1:00 – 3:00 PM • Ages: 5-7 and 8-10 Performance at 2:30 PM • Hiawatha Community Center • \$30 Register at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com)

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**February Calendar**

- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 City Hall Closed
- 28 P & Z Meeting 5:30 PM

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- 28 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

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Mediacom Channel 4 Thursdays 7:00 PM	ImOn Channel 4 Wednesdays 6:00 PM
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## COMMUNITY FIRST CARING 24/7

# HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

In the last calendar year, Hiawatha Fire Department (HFD) responded to 2,275 calls for service with a total of 48 members. In 2005, HFD responded to 475 calls (378% increase) with a total of 34 members. In 2005 the city limits extended to Tower Terrace Road. Today, the city limits extend north of County Home Road.

Hiawatha's growth since 2005 has considerably increased the demand for fire and emergency medical services and has created over-crowded conditions at the station at 10th Avenue and Emmons Street. The department is structured with 10 full-time staff (3 chief level, 5 fire-medics and 2 paramedics), 5 part-time staff and 36 volunteers with an estimate of 10 additional volunteers starting this month. There is an overwhelming need for additional building space for personnel, apparatus, equipment, training and parking.

The Hiawatha Fire Department is the only fire-based ambulance service in the area. HFD runs approximately 2,200 fire and EMS calls per year with a projected increase of 25% over the next five years due to population demographics- multi-family, single family, and commercial growth.

The City Council has vented building and expansion options over a period of ten years to address the needs of the HFD. The city council sees the need to consider a Fire Station II referendum this fall adding a second station based on the following needs:

- HFD's 2018 Masterplan states that the current station can only respond to 65.7% of Hiawatha's fire and EMS calls within the critical 4 minute response time. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1710 Standard calls for a 4-minute response time to 90% of a city's emergency incidents
- The 2018 Masterplan identified that an additional fire station strategically placed at Stamy and Metzger Roads would increase our coverage to include 92.2% of historical calls would be within the 4-minute response time.
- Increased call demand by 25%; 2000+ calls annually
- Community is naturally expanding north
- Lack of equipment/apparatus bay space
- Third interchange at Tower Terrace Road
- Lack of daily operational space
- Growing professional and volunteer staff
- Lack of parking
- Inadequate living space for diverse male & female HFD members
- Lack of outdoor space at current location without traveling off site or interfering with residential neighbors

Mayor Bennett, the City Council and City Staff have earmarked funds over the next three fiscal years to fully fund the construction costs of Fire Station II. There will be no increase in the city property tax levy rate as a result of the construction costs associated with a much-needed second fire station with the passing of the referendum. As citizens of the City of Hiawatha we welcome your participation, questions, and input on the future of our HFD-Community First-Caring 24/7.

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## We're Hiring

[www.Hiawatha-Iowa.com/  
job-opportunities/](http://www.Hiawatha-Iowa.com/job-opportunities/)

**DELIVER BY  
MONDAY,  
02/01/2022**

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**ECRWSS**

## DINE IN OR CARRY OUT WITH YOUR VALENTINE THIS FEBRUARY

### Lucky Penny

Mon - Sat 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

### Stillwater Coffee Co.

M - F 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Sat - Sun 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Tomaso's Pizza

Everyday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

### Culver's

Everyday 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

### Roasters Coffee House

M - F 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sat 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Sun 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### That One Cupcake Place

Tues - Sat 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Paradise Indian Grill

Tues - Sun 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
Tues - Sun 4:30 PM - 9:30 PM

### Oscar's Restaurant

Everyday 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### Happy Joe's Hiawatha

Everyday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### Farmer's Daughter's Market

M-F 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sat 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sun 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### El Kahir Shrine Basket Night

February 11 5:30 PM

### The Breakfast Bar

Everyday 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Drive-thru 6:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Taco John's

M - F 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Sat & Sun 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

### Dairy Queen

Everyday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

### Karma Coffee Cafe

M - F 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM

### Pita's Mediterranean & American Cuisine

Mon - Fri 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Sat 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

### Casey's

Everyday 5:00 AM - 9:30 PM

### Fareway

M-Sat 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

### Kwik Star

Open 24 Hours

### Big 10 Mart

M - F 5:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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Library Director	Jeanal Weeks	319-393-1414	weeks@hiawatha-iowa.com

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

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ImOn Channel 4 on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM