



HIAWATHA POLICE DEPARTMENT ADDS FOUNDATION 2 CO-RESPONDER

The Hiawatha City Council approved a partnership with Foundation 2 Crisis Services for a co-responder program with the Hiawatha Police Department. Foundation 2 Crisis Services has been providing intervention and support services for over 50 years in Linn County and surrounding communities. This 2-year agreement establishes a full-time law enforcement liaison within the police department. The new program funded with dollars received in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City Council is committed to supporting this position today and far into the future.

The crisis counselor will collaborate with officers to intervene on mental health-related calls to de-escalate situations that may have historically resulted in arrest, provide support to the community, and to assess where individuals in need should be referred for an assessment, treatment, and follow-up services.

The anticipated benefits of the partnership include:

- A reduction in officer time spent responding to mental health related calls
- Diverting individuals with mental health concerns from jail to behavioral health treatment
- On-site consultation for officers regarding community interactions related to mental health
- Reduction in the officer's use of force by utilizing alternative de-escalation techniques
- An increase in overall awareness around the importance of differentiating response for individuals with mental health issues
- Connecting individuals with community resources and mental health care to decrease law enforcement interactions



Jason Miller is our Law Enforcement Liaison for the Hiawatha Police Department. Jason has over 20 years working in the Mental Health field. His experience includes Psychiatric Technician at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Behavioral Specialist at Mercy Medical Center, and 12 years as Case Manager in the PACT program for Abbe Center for Community Mental Health. Within the first few weeks of our new partnership coming online it has already had a positive impact with citizens in our community. We are excited with the initial results and look forward to continuing the benefits of this program to our community.



FOUNDATION 2 SERVICES FOR PEOPLE IN CRISIS:

You don't have to manage a crisis on your own. Foundation 2 provides trained, compassionate counselors to help you make it through difficult times.

People reach out to the crisis center for a number of reasons, whether it's discussing thoughts of suicide, depression or anxiety, or finding help to mediate family conflicts. There is no "wrong" reason to call, and help is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

If you're facing a crisis, connect with the Foundation 2 Crisis Center.

24-Hour Crisis Line
(319)362-2174

Crisis specialists are available 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Mobile Crisis Outreach
(319) 247-0030

A team of trained counselors can travel to your home, work, school or any location within a 60-minute drive from our Crisis Center location.

Chat and Text Support CHAT:
foundation2crisischat.org
(9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)
TEXT: 800-332-4224
(9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

Online chat or text emotional support connects a person in crisis with a trained and compassionate crisis counselor.

Depression and Anxiety Support Group
(319) 362-2174

Ongoing support for adults learning to manage a depressive or anxiety disorder.

Suicide Survivors Group
(319) 362-2174

Support for adults who have lost a friend or relative to suicide.

Youth and Family Counseling Services
(319) 366-8797

Experienced staff offers counseling to youth and their families. Appointments can be scheduled within 24-48 hours. Sliding fee scale is available.

Youth Shelter
(319) 366-8797

Provides a brief, safe and structured stay in a nurturing environment for young people (ages 11-17) who are experiencing a personal or family crisis.

Independent Living Programs
(319) 368-3376

**Note: Independent Living Services require referral by Department of Human Services or Juvenile Court Services.*

**Iowa Aftercare Services Network serves youth who have reached the maximum age to receive formal child welfare services. *Youth Transition Decision Making prepares youth who will be aging out of DHS or JCS services to make plans for future life decisions.*

**Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP) is an advocacy group for anyone who has been in an out of home placement, including those who have aged out of foster care (ages 13-18).*



**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:
APPLY NOW FOR AMERICAN LEGION
POST 735 \$500 CASH SCHOLARSHIP**

American Legion Post 735 located at 207 Robins Road encourages high school seniors who are related to a Veteran to apply for the American Legion Post 735 Scholarship. The \$500 cash award is to be used as financial aid. Entries must be submitted by April 15th. Find information, requirements and more at www.hiawathailegionpost735.org

Thank you!



*"Alone, we can do so little;
Together we can do so much."*

Helen Keller

Thank you Center Point, Dyersville and Walker communities for your assistance clearing debris from Hiawatha after the derecho storm on August 10, 2020.



The Experience Matters
Communications Engineering Company

City of Hiawatha and Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation congratulate CEC on being in business for 75 years!



WHILE OTHERS SLEEP MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Is your love of a good mystery keeping you up at night?

Join other mystery lovers the first Thursday of the month at 2 pm at the

Hiawatha Public Library.

- Feb. 3rd Read any book by Allen Eskens
- March 3rd Read any book by Kerry Greenwood
- April 7th Read any book by Val McDermid
- May 5th Read any book by Thomas Perry
- June 2nd Read any book by Mickey Spillane

WHAT KEEPS THIS GROUP TOGETHER IS A MYSTERY

Hiawatha Public Library has always included lively book discussions as part of its programming lineup. One of its offerings, a mystery book club called While Others Sleep, has endured for years.

Hiawatha Public Library launched While Others Sleep in 2006, and though the group has undergone changes, its members are still sharing their love of a good whodunit today.

Retired school teacher and Hiawatha Library patron Donna Schlampp saw the program advertised at its inception and encouraged her friend Cindy Andersen to join her. They both still attend 16 years later, along with 8-10 amateur sleuths each month.

"When we started, we would set up tables and chairs. We soon realized this was too much work, so we abandoned the tables. Since then, we sit in a circle, chairs only, each month," laughed Donna.

Donna and Cindy agree that While Others Sleep's longevity stems from its different approach. Cindy said, "Rather than everyone reading the same book each month, we instead focus on an author. In that way, each individual gets to discuss the title they read. This leads to a lot of crossover discussions from title to title. Additionally, so many mystery authors are known for more than one character or series. Our method encourages group members to try something new."

Early on, Donna assumed a leadership role. She started book club by presenting an author history and providing everyone with one or two questions that should be considered when discussing titles. This worked well but 5 years ago, Donna decided, "I'm too old for this!"

Now, January's gathering is a potluck. Attendees read whatever they prefer. Then, each group member picks a monthly author. It is then that member's responsibility to lead the discussion about the author that they have chosen. This keeps everyone on task and gives each member ownership. This has worked well for everyone. While Others Sleep meets the first Thursday of each month from 2:00-3:00 pm at Hiawatha Public Library. Adults 18+ are invited to join in as the works of Val McDermid are up for healthy debate on April 7.

MARCH 2022




**Hiawatha Public Library
Board of Trustees**

is seeking new Board Members!

If you love the Hiawatha Library and want to see them continue their mission "to improve the quality of life by making the library a comfortable and welcoming place for the entire community, by providing resources and programs that stimulate the imagination, and by providing resources and programs that foster the creation of young readers" then we would encourage you to contact Hiawatha Public Library Director, Jeaneal Weeks, and tell her you want to be on the Board and help make a difference in your community! The Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. Major functions of the Board include:

- Hire and evaluate the library director
- Set salaries and benefits for the library's personnel
- Participate in the budget process and secure adequate financial support for the library's operations and services
- Set policies for the library's operations and services
- Engage in planning for the library's future
- Ensure library director and staff participate in training and continuing education
- Participate in Board training and educational opportunities
- Ensure the library's involvement in State Library, Library Service Area, and Metro Consortium initiatives.

Jeaneal Weeks, Director of Hiawatha Public Library
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(319) 393-1414 x309

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a national IRS sponsored program that helps you receive your maximum federal and state tax refunds. If your household income is less than \$57,000, you may qualify for VITA's services. The average tax preparation fee is \$176. Those who can't afford this fee either do their own taxes (often missing important tax credits) or do not file their taxes at all. Through VITA, IRS-certified volunteers complete and file your tax return for free!

Schedule an appointment at uweci.org/VITA2022

FIRE STATION II STEERING COMMITTEE FORMED

Public Safety is the number one priority of the City of Hiawatha. To maintain this priority, it is imperative that the City maintains the best possible Fire Department to protect the lives and property of our citizens and businesses. With the continued growth of the city and increase calls for service within our community, it is important that the city continues to evaluate the facilities and needs of your fire department. This evaluation includes the need for a second fire station. The city has formed a 15-member Fire Station II steering committee made up of Hiawatha Residents, business leaders, elected officials and city staff to aid in this evaluation. These stakeholders will offer guidance and advice to city staff and council members as we navigate evaluating the needs of the fire department and community. The city has used steering committees for several city projects including the construction of City Hall and the remodel/addition to the library. We appreciate the time and commitment these community members are giving to the city and to the fire department as we evaluate the need for a second fire station.

2022 NEW BUILDING PROJECTIONS

2022 is also shaping up to be a very good year. One of the developers is anticipating a three-year build out on our most recent residential developments. This will require at least 50 homes to be constructed each year in the Edgewood Road. development area.

Another developer is currently working with the City to rezone and install utilities and improvements for the development of over 150 acres along Edgewood Road. The area includes a variety of possible uses in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. Uses will include low to high density residential, light commercial and retail along with possible light industrial.

Finally, the City is in the process of rezoning a newly annexed addition at County Home Road and Edgewood Road. The annexation includes approximately 12 acres and the anticipated uses may include commercial and multi-family uses. The area is considered a prime location of one of Hiawatha's neighborhood centers; building on the concepts of healthy neighborhoods with commercial aspects.

Hiawatha History Commission

Hiawatha Maintenance workers break up snow and ice around a storm sewer in the winter of 1994. Workers remove ice from storm sewers prevents flooding so the water can prevent any flooding.

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



Maintenance workers collaborate to break ice around storm sewer Winter of 1994



THE IMPORTANCE OF FLUSHING WATER LINES

If the residents of Hiawatha notice the Water crew working at fire hydrants and see water running into the street, you may think that the Department is ignoring its own philosophy on conserving water. The process of periodically "flushing" fire hydrants, however, is an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, this process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers.

Flushing the water system on a routine basis removes sediment from lines and keeps the entire distribution system refreshed. Hiawatha Water Department maintains over 40 miles of domestic water lines throughout the City.

As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt or deposits and does not affect the safety of the water. The water is still drinkable. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your own home by running all water faucets for a minute or two. We also advise to postpone doing your laundry until all internal pipes have been cleared.

This same philosophy of water line preventive maintenance is one that you should use in your own home. Your home's water heater should be drained and flushed at least once a year to keep it working efficiently and to protect the quality of water inside your home. Also, if you go out of town and there is no water use in your home for a week or more, when you return it's always a good idea to run all your faucets for a minute or so before using the water. This ensures that you don't use any stagnant water that may have developed in your home's pipes while you were away.

During this global pandemic, we would like to remind customers who are not regularly occupying their space to flush their water lines. This is to ensure the water does not get stagnate which can create water quality issues such as taste, odor, and loss of bacterial control. By flushing the water lines regularly in an unused facility, the water will continue to maintain its quality.

Starting approximately Monday, March 28, 2022 through Friday May 6, 2022, weather permitting, Hiawatha Water Department will be flushing hydrants.



AND THE CITIZENS SURVEY SAYS...

Citizens surveys are a kind of opinion poll which typically asks the residents for their perspectives on local issues, such as the quality of life in the community, their level of satisfaction with local government. Surveys are randomly picked and land in citizens' mailboxes throughout the community. We sent out 1,750 of surveys with 163 responses. Citizens respond energetically to surveys that are used as a guide to the development of projects, evaluate programs, and prioritize expenditures. The information taken for the survey acts as our city's benchmark-comparing our community's performance to itself over time, data indicates areas of improvement from our residents perspectives, and provides an open communication tool for residents and city leaders-creating a better understanding of each other. When there is an overwhelming amount of public support for a particular course of action, the city then can take steps to implement that course of action.

The 2021 citizens survey overwhelmingly reflected citizens' wants and desires to continue to invest in our streets, ease of access, outdoor activities, affordable housing, and high-quality jobs.

- Continuously improve and invest in a well-maintained, safe, and effective public infrastructure network and accessible, efficient, adequately regulated city facilities. (18.5%)
- Primary investment in residential streets (70.5%); Safe and efficient traffic flow (51.3%) and then walking and bicycle paths-connectivity (38.5%)
- High-Quality Community Parks-Playgrounds. (21.2%); Indoor recreation options (18.5%); Outdoor recreation options (15.2%)
- Avoiding negative impact on environment: Water Quality: Protect water resources to maintain water quality of streams and aquifers (17.9%)
- Attraction of Quality Jobs to Hiawatha (27.8%)
- Livable Neighborhoods and Essential Housing (23.2%)
- Attracting Business: Encourage and promote vibrant and secure commercial centers full of thriving businesses and gathering spaces, which support the community's stability. (44.4%)

Although the response rate was lower than expected, the City Council and staff respect the information and our citizens' input as we move forward in our city initiatives to ensure Hiawatha is a great place to live, work and play.

We believe you will see your input reflected in our capital improvement plan, strategic plan goals, current building activity and within our city's budget.

In the following months our Hiawatha Insights staff will reflect on the work being done demonstrating how we are addressing our citizens' input on high priority initiatives.

Complete survey results can be found at www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/citizen-survey-2021

Hiawatha 
BUSINESS
Summit

 Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation

Join HEDCO for their quarterly
 Hiawatha Business Summit, hosted by
 World Class Industries!

March 22
 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
 925 N 15th Ave.

Register today at
www.tinyurl.com/hiawathabusinesssummit



Women Build
 hand and power tool class
 Tuesday, March 8 6:00 - 7:00 pm
 1720 Robins Road, Suite 200
 \$10 Register at cvhabitat.org



SPEND SPRING BREAK WITH **Snapology**

DATES: MARCH 14, MARCH 16
 EVENT: NINJA ADVENTURES, CASTLES & KINGDOMS

FIND REGISTRATION INFORMATION AT SNAPOLOGY.COM



FREE POUND FITNESS • MARCH 10 • 6:00 PM
 • HIAWATHA COMMUNITY CENTER •



MARCH 18
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 HIAWATHA COMMUNITY CENTER
 101 Emmons Street
 Hiawatha, IA 52233

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BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION

- Learn basic childcare skills
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- Develop leadership and problem solving skills
- Receive Red Cross Certification upon completion

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MT. MERCY DANCE CLINIC
 March 27 | Hiawatha Community Center | 101 Emmons Street | 4:00 PM



Tower Terrace Road will be closed from Edgewood Road east through the North Center Point Road intersection beginning Monday, April 4, 2022. The intersection of Tower Terrace Road and North Center Point Road will be closed through Friday, August 19, 2022 pending no significant delays. The detour around this intersection will take motorists from Stamy Road north to W Main Street in Robins. A detour map will be placed on the city's website in the *Latest News* section at www.hiawatha-iowa.com

Are you awesome?
We're Hiring
www.Hiawatha-Iowa.com/job-opportunities/

HiAWATHA ADOPT A STREET TREE PROGRAM 

We need your help in rebuilding our urban canopy! Hiawatha lost nearly 600 right-of-way trees. As part of the Derecho recovery efforts, Hiawatha has made replanting trees a priority over the next several years.

Simple acts of stewardship go a long way! Help Hiawatha replant so we can enjoy the numerous benefits that a lush urban canopy provides!

We invite you to plant a FREE street tree in the right-of-way of your residence. These trees are provided through Trees Forever and Local Option Sales Tax Dollars with limited quantity available. First come first served!

The primary goal of the Adopt a Street Tree program is to plant new trees in the Hiawatha Community, while caring for the newly-planted tree during its establishment. Caring for a tree during the first four to five years increases the likelihood of its survival. Your assistance helps rebuild the City Canopy while helping City Staff with tree maintenance needs.

Questions?
 Contact: 319-393-1515 or rjsaehiawatha-iowa.com

Tree sign up will be available April 1st
Tree pick up: April 23rd
 (9:00am-11:00am at Guthridge Park)

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 March 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
- 28 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

April Calendar

- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 12 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 City Hall Closed
- 19 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 Earth Day Collection at Public Works
- 25 Yard Waste and Brush Collection
- 25 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

Watch pre-recorded Council Meetings

Mediacom Channel 4 Thursdays 7:00 PM	ImOn Channel 4 Wednesdays 6:00 PM
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SAVE THE DATE

EARTH DAY

APRIL 23

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MONDAY,
03/01/2022**

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Hiawatha, IA
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WE LOVE OUR FURRY FRIENDS! 

Cedar Run Pet Boarding & Daycare

2705 Stonegate Ct.
cedarruncompany.com

Petersen Pet Hospital

1031 Kacena Rd.
petersenpethospital.com

Animal Eye Consultants of Iowa

698 Boyson Rd.
animal-eye-iowa.com

Hia Dog Boarding & Daycare

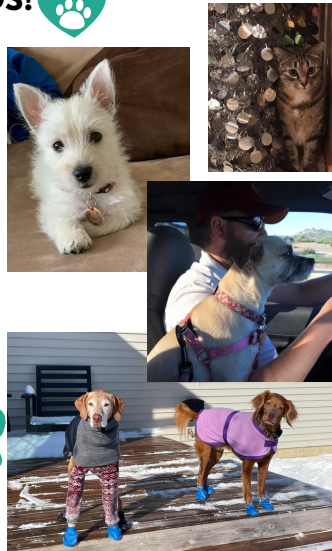
2738 N Center Point Rd.
hiadogboarding.com

Dave Wright Family Dog Park

711 Kainz Dr.
hiawatha-iowa.com

Paws to Read

Hiawatha Public Library
150 W Willman St.
hiawathapubliclibrary.org



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HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO



MARTY RECKER
WATER
SUPERINTENDENT
-15 YEARS-



CINDY KUDRNA
FINANCE
DIRECTOR
-15 YEARS-



ALICIA MANGIN
YOUTH SERVICES
LIBRARIAN
-15 YEARS-

Hiawatha!
Say hello to a great place to live, work and play

CITY DIRECTORY

TITLE	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
City Manager	Kim Downs	319-393-1515 x523	kdowns@hiawatha-iowa.com
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Finance Director	Cindy Kudrna	319-393-1515 x522	ckudrna@hiawatha-iowa.com
Parks & Recreation Director	Kelly Willadsen	319-393-1515 x251	kwilladsenehiawatha-iowa.com
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Police Chief	Dennis Marks	319-393-1212	chief@hiawathapolice.com
Fire Chief	Matt Powers	319-393-4180	mkpowers@hiawatha-iowa.com
Library Director	Jeaneal Weeks	319-393-1414	weeks@hiawatha-iowa.com

For more information about City of Hiawatha and its services, call 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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and e-mail
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Hiawatha Council Action

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/ or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 319-393-1515

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American Legion Post 735



Hiawatha, Iowa

Avenue of Flags for 2022

For \$40 a year, the American Legion will place a 3' x 5' American flag in front of your home on five National holidays:

Memorial Day
Flag Day
Independence Day

Labor Day
Veterans Day

Post 735 supports the following community activities:

Flag essay for 5th grade at Hiawatha, Nixon, and Viola Gibson

American Legion Scholarship

Legion Baseball

Hiawatha Kids League

Hiawatha Fun Days

Cemetery flags: Shiloh,

Monroe & Buffalo



IF YOU WERE PART OF THE PROGRAM LAST YEAR, PLEASE USE THIS FORM AS YOUR RENEWAL NOTICE

American Legion volunteers will deliver flags at dawn and retrieve them at dusk. A receptacle is installed near the curb in front of each home. Post 735 is responsible for the replacement of any flag that is soiled, damaged or stolen.

Mail your completed form and your check by May 1, 2022 to:

**American Legion Post 735
207 Robins Rd.
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233
319-393-2377**

Detach and return with payment

Enclosed is our check for _____ payable to American Legion Post 735
1st flag is \$40; additional flags at same address are \$25 each

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Do you have underground sprinklers? Yes _____ No _____
Do you have underground pet fence? Yes _____ No _____

Circle One
NEW or RENEWAL