

STATE of the CITY

ADDRESS

2022

September 1st
4:00 – 6:00 PM

Stillwater Coffee
1275 N Center Point Rd

presented by  **HEDCO**
Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation

Hear from the HEDCO Board of Directors, Mayor Bill Bennett, and a guest panel discussing Hiawatha's economic forecast

Register now!

<https://tinyurl.com/StateoftheCity22>

For group tickets or to purchase a table, please contact City Clerk Kari Graber at kgrab@hiawatha-iowa.com

HIAWATHA INSIGHTS

Hiawatha BUSINESS Summit BOLD

Register online today at
www.tinyurl.com/Q3-Hiawatha

Please join us for the Q3 Hiawatha Business Summit at Stillwater Coffee on September 6, 2022 at 8:00 AM

Hear updates and plans from the Iowa Department of Transportation. There will also be discussion on federal infrastructure dollars and its benefits at the local level.

- Stu Anderson, IDOT Development Division Director
- Cathy Cutler, IDOT District 6 Transportation Planner

Congratulations to the following Hiawatha businesses on being named to the CBJ's 17th annual Best of the Corridor list!

BEST PRINTER

Cedar Graphics



**BEST HOME
BUILDER**

Skogman Homes

BEST DEVELOPER

Ahmann Design, Inc

**BEST COMMERCIAL
REALTY COMPANY**

Skogman Commercial

BEST BANK

2nd Runner Up
Farmers State Bank

**BEST AUTO
FLEET DEALER**

McGrath Automotive
1st Runner Up
Junge Automotive



**BEST AUTO
SERVICE DEALER**

Cedar Rapids Toyota
1st Runner Up
McGrath Automotive
2nd Runner Up
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2nd Runner Up
Junge Automotive

**BEST COMMERCIAL
CLEANING/
JANITORIAL
SERVICES COMPANY**

Midwest Janitorial



**BEST WEBSITE/
APP DEVELOPER**

2nd Runner Up
GoDaddy



Tower Terrace Road Construction – Construction continues to move at a rapid pace along Tower Terrace Road from Miller Road east through the North Center Point Road intersection. Paving continues through the interstate interchange with on and off ramps, bridge approaches and roadways. The bridge contractor completed the demolition of the old bridge and is working on new piers on the east and center of the bridge. On the Hiawatha portion of the project, the contractor started placement of the concrete east of the interchange over to the west side of the proposed roundabout. The paving contractor hopes to have much of the paving within the N Center Point Road intersection completed by the end of August. On the west side of the interstate, grading and utility installation continues to take place. Please continue to use caution around the construction site and respect the construction traffic on all roadways. With good weather and steady progress, the contractor is hoping to have all of Tower Terrace Road and the interchange open in 2022.

Hawkeye Drive Improvements – Work continues from Boyson Road north to Kacena Drive. The contractor has completed all retaining walls, sidewalk installation and roadway improvements on the west side of the roadway over the past month. After final grading has been completed on the west side, the contractor will start the improvements on the east side of the roadway, beginning with demolition of concrete and grading. This work is set to begin around July 25. Traffic will continue to move northbound only on the west side of the road. Please use caution in this area and continue to follow all detours.

10th Ave Improvements – Work on 10th Avenue should begin in the first few weeks of August. City staff is meeting with the contractor on July 21 to determine a schedule. Work will take place from Blairs Ferry Road north to Emmons Street as well as a full reconstruction on Eisenhower Blvd from 10th Ave west 200 feet. Work consists of storm sewers, Sidewalk replacement, pavement replacement, new asphalt overlay and new ADA ramps. Please follow detours as necessary. Work will continue likely into the fall construction season.

Edgewood Road Sidewalk Installation– Staff will be installing a new sidewalk along Edgewood Road from Wolf Creek Trail to Grey Wolf Drive on the west side of the roadway. A new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) will be installed at the intersection of Progress Drive/Grey Wolf Court and Miller Road to provide a safe pedestrian crosswalk across Miller Road. Work is expected to be completed by the end of September. Please use caution when construction equipment is present.

Another Good Neighbor Policy

Hiawatha believes in maintaining a safe environment for our citizens and visitors through a good neighbor policy of sidewalk maintenance. City Ordinance 136 deals with the construction and maintenance of all sidewalks in Hiawatha. This section of the code describes who is responsible for maintaining sidewalks, the standards for maintenance and the process for assuring the sidewalks are maintained. A property owner is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk adjacent to their property (Sect. 136.04). This includes the removal of snow and ice and the maintenance of the sidewalk itself. Code Section 136.02 defines the "Defective Sidewalk" issues which must be corrected:

- Vertical separations equal to one (1) inch or more.
- Horizontal separations equal to one (1) inch or more.
- Holes four (4) inches in diameter and missing full depth parts of sidewalk.
- Excessive spalling and cracking
- Excessive dips and bumps in the sidewalk.

The Community Development Department addresses defective sidewalks through complaints received concerning unsafe sidewalks and through our sidewalk maintenance program. Our department verifies the violation and sends notice to property owners regarding unsafe sidewalks requesting them to be corrected.

For defective sidewalks, the City works with the owner to develop appropriate time frames for corrections. The City will assist property owners repairing unsafe sidewalks through our permitting and inspection processes. However, if the owner fails to replace the unsafe sidewalk the City has authority to repair the sidewalk and to assess the owner for the costs associated with the correction.

The details of the on-going sidewalk maintenance program can be accessed through the city website:

<https://www.hiawatha-ia.com/departments/public-works/sidewalk/>. We are currently addressing the second quadrant and notices for correction have been sent. Corrections are overdue so the City will be seeking bids from a contractor to correct the violations. The responsible citizens will be assessed for the work and administrative fees.

Preventative sidewalk maintenance eliminates the need for additional city involvement. More importantly, it keeps our city safe. We encourage all property owners to maintain safe sidewalks as part of being a good neighbor in Hiawatha.



LET'S TALK TREES

CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERING AN URBAN FORESTRY FEE

In 2017, Hiawatha worked with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to complete a tree inventory in city parks, at city facilities and throughout the right-of-ways. At that time, Hiawatha's tree canopy cover was 17% and we set a goal to reach 20%. Additionally, Iowa DNR recommended a plan to remove public Ash trees as a preventative measure since the destructive Emerald Ash Borer species has been identified in our county. Since the Derecho, our canopy has decreased to an estimated 10-12%. Current budgeted funds and yearly tree grants do not provide enough funds to remove and replace ash trees in addition to restoring and increasing our canopy cover.

To address this funding gap, City Council is considering approving a minimal Urban Forestry Utility Fee to aid in tree canopy recovery and growth within Hiawatha. The Utility Fee would be added to Hiawatha utility bills which are mailed out every 2 months. Currently, the proposed Urban Forestry Utility Fee would be \$2.00 per month for 10 years. After that time frame, the utility fee will be re-evaluated. This initiative will likely go to Council in September.

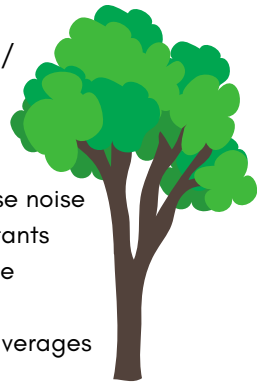
TREE INVENTORY UPDATE

The Public Works and Parks Department will be conducting an update to our City wide tree inventory in parks, City facilities and right-of-way's. This will assist the City in our recovery and regrowth needed from the 2020 derecho. The inventory helps city employees maintain a pruning schedule, document Ash trees for emerald ash borer removal, and record overall tree health and location.

The current tree inventory that was created in 2017 was very useful to city staff after the 2020 derecho as they tracked trees that needed to be trimmed or removed, stumps that needed grinding, and which species of trees should be planted where. It is now time to update the tree inventory which will provide staff with documentation on where Hiawatha's canopy currently stands and to help us determine where to focus our resources. The new inventory will be completed this fall. We will not be marking any trees at this time. Later in the fall we will be removing trees as needed based on the results of our new inventory. If you have any questions please call Public Works at 319-393-6601 or City Hall at 319-393-1515.

BENEFITS OF TREES

- Trees conserve energy by shading buildings/ homes and blocking winds
- Trees reduce water runoff and help filter water that is absorbed into the ground
- Trees increase property values and decrease noise
- Trees improve air quality by removing pollutants
- According to the USDA Forest Service i-Tree STREETS analysis, Hiawatha's trees provide \$240,066 worth of benefits annually. This averages out to approximately \$81 per tree!



HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE SAFETY FIRST 24/7

Members of the Fire Department and the Fire Department Steering Committee have been attending several city events to discuss the upcoming Fire Department projects: Fire Station 2, Training Center and Phase 2 remodel of Station 1. Our open houses have been well attended and we have talked to many residents during the Farmer Markets and Plaza Events. We will continue to host educational booths at Farmers Markets, Concert in the Parks and host several open houses at the Fire Station throughout the fall. Mark your calendars for two major fire department events this fall. We will be hosting a Fire Prevention Open House on October 9th from 2pm to 5pm and we hope to return to an in-person Chili Supper on November 5th.



In July the City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Solum Lang Architects of Cedar Rapids for the Fire Station 2 project. Solum Lang has extensive experience designing and managing fire station builds including fire stations for Cedar Rapids, Solon and Center Point. The Station 2 design is scheduled to be completed in the fall of this year. We anticipate to send the project out for bid in January of 2023 with construction starting spring of 2023. Construction of Station 2 should be completed in 2024.



VILLAGE CENTER PLAZA

Thank you to everyone who came to the Plaza ribbon cutting ceremony! Whether you are biking, walking, enjoying some food trucks, or attending an event, we look forward to seeing you outside enjoying the plaza very soon!



"This is a great investment for our city"
-Bill Bennett, Mayor

"This is a great amenity for our city as it bridges everyone together"
-Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director



Hiawatha History Commission

Watch the signs and road crews!
Slow down and be alert!

This picture is from 10/1/1992. City Employee Lee Waddington was striping the yellow center line and turn lanes on Robins Road.

We are right in the middle of construction season, so we want to remind Hiawatha residents to BE SAFE!

Thank You to EVERYONE who came to the 72nd Hiawatha Birthday Celebration!

Hiawatha Trails Master Plan

COMPLETED

MSA has completed the final draft of the Trail Master Plan. The purpose of the plan is to guide the continual improvement of the City's trail system and direct policy for parks and open space in general. It envisions a connected system of parks, and open spaces throughout the community. All together the plan provides a framework to guide long and short-term decision making and investments in the system.

The goals of the plan are:

1. Provide a framework for short, mid, and long-term improvements and growth opportunities for the existing and future trails
2. Connect Hiawatha trails within the community and surrounding areas
3. Ensure that new developments' recreational needs are serviced
4. Promote and improve safety and accessibility within Hiawatha's Trail System

The plan has informed us that the city is on track for future trail connections. We have all desired future connections in the CIP, MPO Trail Plan or future street improvement projects. **Stay tuned for a series of newsletter articles which will highlight the Trails Master Plan!**

MEET US AT THE VILLAGE CENTER PLAZA



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS!

EVERY FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER
11AM - 2PM

WOW! We had an unbelievable turnout for Food Truck Fridays in Hiawatha! We can't thank the community enough for coming to our plaza and to the vendors for selling some wonderful food!

Each week we had 200-300 guests! Thank you for showcasing our plaza and making it a fun place to be on Fridays!

With your feedback, we will be bringing back more Food Truck Fridays in September! Watch for weekly vendors on our Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Facebook Page!



We would like to thank Cedar Rapids Toyota for their generosity and helping our Parks Staff for the summer season. Thank you! The last 10 years the Parks Department has partnered with Cedar Rapids Toyota to lease a vehicle for \$1 (from April through October). For this, a Cedar Rapids Toyota magnet is put on the truck to market their business. The expenses incurred are basic maintenance and gas expenses out of the department budget. The Parks Department is also responsible for the insurance coverage and add this policy through ICAP. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUME 169

August Calendar

- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 03 Wednesday Yoga with Wendy 7:00 PM
- 05 Touch a Truck 4:00 - 6:00 PM
- 05 Music in the Park 6:00 PM
- 07 K9 Golf Tournament
- 08 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 09 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10 Wednesday Yoga with Wendy 7:00 PM
- 11 Pound Fitness 6:00 PM
- 12 Music in the Park 6:00 PM
- 16 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 17 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 17 Wednesday Yoga with Wendy 7:00 PM
- 19 Music in the Park 6:00 PM
- 20-21 HiBRAI
- 22 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM
- 26 Music in the Park 6:00 PM

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HiBRAI 2022

August 20 - 21

Register today at www.legacy.imathlete.com/events/HIBRAI2022

- 55 Mile Intermediate Charity Ride
- Overnight stay at Riverside Casino
- Fully stocked rest stops

explore & more
Touch a Truck

4-6 PM • AUGUST 5 • GUTHRIDGE PARK

coming soon!

Senior Prom

Ages 55+

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

HIAWATHA COMMUNITY CENTER

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT WWW.HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM

GUTHRIDGE PARK

Registration \$5

HIWATHA TINY TOT TRIATHLON 2022

AUGUST 12, 2022

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

August 1-6
Drop off puzzles for adults in good condition with all their pieces

August 8-20
Return to pick-up a new-to-you puzzle and enjoy!

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Weekly Concessions by Hi-Crew Kiwanis

Hi AirFX Trampoline Park
GreenState CREDIT UNION

August 5

- Touch a Truck (4-6pm)
- PastMasters Concert
- AirFX Rock Wall
- Balloon Twisters
- Floats Soda Truck
- Concessions
- Fireworks after the concert!

August 12

- BootJack Band Concert
- AirFX Rock Wall
- Regan's Face Painting
- Kona Ice Truck
- Sing2 on the BIG SCREEN following the concert
- Tiny Tot Triathlon

August 19

- Richie Lee & the Fabulous 50's Concert
- AirFX Rock Wall
- Free Caricatures
- Lazer Tag
- Inflatable
- Moo Moo's Ice Cream Truck

August 26

- Interstellar Cave Dweller Concert
- AirFX Rock Wall
- CR Face Painting
- Adorable Princess Party
- Kona Ice

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BE WEATHER AWARE!



During a Tornado Watch

- Stay tuned to radio or TV for updates
- Be prepared to take shelter at any time
- Watch the sky for funnel-shaped clouds, dark/greenish sky, or large hail
- Stock your shelter area with a flashlight, water, and a first-aid kit.

During a Tornado Warning

- Go to your designated shelter area
- If in a high-rise, get to the lowest floor possible and shelter in an interior room
- Leave vehicles and mobile homes to seek shelter in a sturdy building
- If you are caught outside, lie flat in a ditch and cover your head
- Do not attempt to outrun a tornado

During a Heat Wave

- Stay indoors in air conditioning as much as possible, and in the shade if you go outside
- If your home is not air-conditioned, spend at least two hours daily at an air-conditioned mall, library, or other public place
- Wear sunscreen outside, along with light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible
- Drink water regularly even if you are not thirsty. Limit alcohol, which speeds up dehydration
- Never leave children or pets alone in the car
- Avoid exertion during the hottest part of the day
- Take a cool shower or bath

During a Severe Thunderstorm

- Keep tree limbs trimmed that are close to your house
- Secure loose outdoor objects (patio furniture, toys) before the storm
- Go inside, or stay inside, if lightning and thunder are less than 30 seconds apart
- Avoid showering or bathing during a thunderstorm
- If you are outside in a forest, take shelter under a thick growth of small trees. Never stand under a tall isolated tree.
- If outside in an open area, move to a low spot such as a valley or ravine
- If swimming or boating, get out of the water immediately and take shelter
- Stay away from metal equipment such as fences, tractors, pipes, or bicycles.

CITY DIRECTORY

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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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Hiawatha Council Action

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