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HIAWATHA WATER’S FRONTDESK PAYMENT PORTAL

Have you ever thought about setting your water bill up for automatic withdrawal or thought about getting your bills by email? Well, you can do just that through the City of Hiawatha website. The Water Department has a payment portal that gives you the following options:

- Receive email bills
- Pay with your credit/debit card
- Set up automatic withdrawal from a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card
- View your current and past water bills
- Manage multiple accounts

Visit the City of Hiawatha website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com. > Departments > Water > Pay Water Bill > Helpful links > Pay my Water bill

Create an account on the Login: FrontDesk page

You will need

- Account number
- Property location
- Last billed amount

Be sure to have your most current water bill in hand. Or, give us a call at the Water Office 319-393-5556 Monday thru Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm. We would love to assist you in this process. When you call, we ask that you have access to your email as we will send you a verification by email to complete the process. We look forward to hearing from you!

Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation

HEDCO is pleased to announce the topics for the upcoming Hiawatha Business Summits in 2023. Join Hiawatha area businesses for a morning of networking and education! This informal gathering, hosted at a local business, provides attendees the opportunity to develop new contacts and learn more about a topic of interest to Hiawatha businesses.

The Q1 “All Things HR” reviews how work culture has changed and how employers can best support their employees through Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) efforts.

Q2 places an emphasis on technology and how recent developments in artificial intelligence, electric vehicles, and cyber security may affect business owners.

Q3 panelists provide insight on topics such as reshoring and deglobalization and how these trends may shape our economic future.

The Q4 Happy Hour panel dives into how to use Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) as a business opportunity and better target environmentally-conscious consumers.

Mark your calendars and register for the Hiawatha Business Summits today.

Register today at
www.cedarrapids.org/events/hiawatha-business-summit

THANK YOU TO OUR NEW AND RE-APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who have served and are serving as a city board and/or commission members. We are fortunate to not only have you as part of Hiawatha but also your commitment to serving our community with the best interests of the City and its citizens.

Kevin Neef	Water Board	Expires December 31, 2028
Angie Hadley	Parks & Recreation Commission	Expires December 31, 2024
Christine Gust	Parks & Recreation Commission	Expires December 31, 2024
Chris Klostermann	Parks & Recreation Commission	Expires December 31, 2024
Caleb Farlie	Board of Adjustment	Expires December 31, 2024
Mike Freeman	Board of Adjustment	Expires December 31, 2027
Tom Belin	Board of Appeals	Expires December 31, 2025
Deb Theis	Board of Appeals	Expires December 31, 2025
Kevin Neef	Planning & Zoning Commission	Expires December 31, 2027

HELLO

my name is



Help us welcome Tristan Roegner to the Hiawatha Fire Department. Tristan works as a Firefighter/Paramedic. He is originally from Plymouth, Iowa and is returning to the area after spending several years in southeast Kansas. Tristan has been in the fire and EMS field since 2002. He has earned several certifications including Fire Officer 2 and Driver Operator. He is also an instructor for many EMS certification classes. Tristan is excited to be closer to his family, and we are happy he is a part of our team.



PHASE 1 OF FIRE STATION 1 REMODEL COMPLETE

The phase 1 remodel of the fire station was recently completed. This remodel added individual bedrooms for our first responders that stay overnight at the fire station. Prior to the remodel, all the responders slept in an open dorm style room with fold down beds. This setup offered no privacy for the men and women, and it disrupted sleep as a result of comings and goings during the night or early in the morning.

The project added 6 individual bedrooms, an additional shower stall, and remodeled the kitchen. The bedrooms were constructed in the areas that used to be the training room and the day room. Phase 2 remodel of the current station will be completed after completion of Fire Station 2. The Phase 2 remodel will add a small meeting room, and work room and it will expand the fitness area. The members are excited for the completion of the project and have expressed appreciation for the private bedroom.

IT'S NOT OVER YET! ARE YOU PREPARED FOR WINTER DRIVING?

Winter driving conditions can be chilling. The Iowa State Patrol and Hiawatha Police Department recommend these 7 tips as you take to the roads this season:

1. **Keep windshields clear** - Scrape snow and ice to ensure full visibility.
2. **Be patient** - Allow more time - and daylight if possible - to get to your destination, and remember that detouring through a median typically causes problems.
3. **Always pay attention to the road** - Traffic flow can change instantly and braking times increase dramatically with snow or ice.
4. **Add braking time to exit freeways and interstates** - Exits and overpasses get slick during winter events and require even more braking time.
5. **Know when not to use cruise control** - Don't use cruise control on snow and ice conditions.
6. **Prepare a winter survival kit** - Pack the items listed to help you endure an emergency or road closure until help arrives.
7. **Turn on headlights** - It's critical to be seen on snowy and foggy days.

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WINTER

FIRE SAFETY

TIPS



INSTALL & TEST ALARMS

Carbon monoxide alarms should be tested at least once a month.



PLUG SPACE HEATERS DIRECTLY INTO OUTLETS

Never use an extension cord or power strip.



HEAT YOUR HOME SAFELY

Keep anything that can burn 3 feet away from a fireplace, wood stove, or space heater.



KEEP CHIMNEY & VENTS CLEAN

Hire a qualified professional to clean and inspect your chimney and vents at least once a year.



NEVER USE CANDLES FOR EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Always use flash lights and stock up on extra batteries.



USE FIREPLACE SAFELY

Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen when using your fireplace.



full tank of gas



first aid kit



cellphone charger



flashlight



water & snacks



ice scraper & snow brush



boots, gloves & warm clothes



music & games

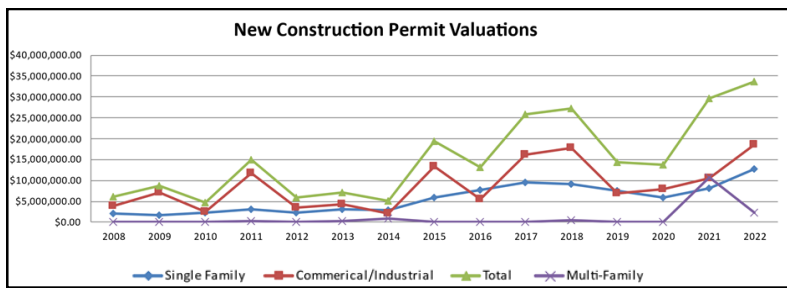


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WWW.511IA.ORG OR CALL 511



HIAWATHA ANNUAL PERMIT REPORT: 2022

2022 building permits ended on a high note with the highest ever December permit valuations at \$3.12 million.

This capped off the third highest year in 10 years at \$41.6 million in construction valuations, with permit fees exceeding \$283,000 for the year.

The year included the greatest number of new single-family dwellings since tracking began in 2008 at 35 new homes.

The strong construction year also included 6 new commercial buildings valued at \$33 million; a valuation \$4 million above 2021 and the highest on record for a single year in Hiawatha!

FISCAL 2023 YEAR TO DATE

The fiscal report indicates FY 2023 is tracking just above the 10-year average. Since July 1st, Hiawatha has issued permits for valuations in excess of \$20 million. However, the development fees are not showing as much activity as in 2021. This is only the second year for tracking development fees.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSIDERATION: UPDATED SCHEDULE

The City of Hiawatha appointed a committee to evaluate and update the Comprehensive Plan 2036 to:

- Update the vision and mission statements
- Reflect the new standards for healthy neighborhoods of diversity, inclusion and equity
- Enhance Sustainability and Environmental language
- Update the Future Land Use Map
- Add action plan goals to reflect the new amendments

The committee has completed their work and recommended adoption of the new amendments as proposed. The updated plan recommendations were scheduled for January but due to the complexity of the updates will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 27, 2023 to consider a recommendation to Council. The agenda for the meeting has been published on the city website:

<https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/board-and-commissions/> The City Council public hearing is now scheduled for March 1, 2023 at their regularly scheduled Council meeting. Public notice will be published as required by State Statute.



VACANT BUILDING ORDINANCE

In 2022 the City of Hiawatha adopted its “Vacant and Neglected Building Ordinance” to address the issue of dilapidated buildings as the City ages. The ordinance outlines a process to facilitate the removal or repair of existing abandoned buildings in order to maintain a safe and beautiful community.

In 2023, a program to eliminate these structures through repair or demolition will begin. The vacant and neglected building program establishes;

- Specific standards for vacant and abandoned building exterior appearances
- Specific standards for vacant and abandoned buildings for interior safety and sanitation
- Specific demolition requirements for non-compliance within a specified time frame
- Registration fees to recover administrative and inspection costs
- Penalty fees to act as a deterrent to maintaining non-compliant vacant buildings

Implementation of a vacant building ordinance will put the city in a proactive position rather than a reactive position. This program provides a policy and plan for reducing the blight caused by abandoned properties and provide a framework for immediately addressing severely damaged property due to a natural disaster such as a derecho. The timely elimination of the abandoned and neglected property will prevent the City from having to address the buildings as nuisances, which can be costly in human resources, financial resources and extended time frames to achieve corrections.

As a first step, the City will contact property owners of vacant and neglected buildings and include forms and documents for building registration in the program and for eventual elimination of the nuisance. The City will then work with the owners toward compliance with the standard. The ordinance includes options for rehabilitating a building and options for demolition. The enforcement process is to remove or repair a vacant and neglected building within one year of notification. If no progress is made, the City may intervene and eliminate the vacant building by demolition, assessing the property owner for all costs. The ultimate goal for this ordinance is facilitate keeping Hiawatha safe and beautiful.

2023 PROJECTS AND BEYOND

Street Improvements - City staff is working to complete construction plans for Nixon Dr, Rainbow Blvd, Marion St and 3rd Ave. All of these projects are likely to be completed between May and August assuming the city receives favorable bids.

- Nixon Dr from Northwood Dr north 325 feet will include replacement of sidewalk and a new asphalt overlay on the street.
- Rainbow Blvd from 12th Ave to 14th Ave will include a new asphalt overlay and new ADA ramps at 13th Ave.
- Marion St from 2nd Ave to 4th Ave will include a new asphalt overlay.
- 3rd Ave from Marion St south to the dead end will include some new curb and gutter and a new asphalt overlay.
- Northwood Dr - The city is working with Shive-Hattery Engineers to complete the design of a new storm sewer from Robins Rd to the existing drainage way approximately 850 feet to the east, as well as a new sidewalk from Robins Road to Nixon Drive. Staff anticipates design to be completed in March with construction between May and August. A Public Information meeting was held January 10 at City Hall with staff and consultants receiving feedback on the initial design. Staff is working with the consultant on addressing concerns.

Future projects include:

- Public Works Cold Storage Building - complete design and construct a new 50'x120' building at the Public Works site. Anticipated construction starting spring 2023
- Fire Station No. 2 - complete design of a new 18,000 sqft fire station to be constructed at the intersection of Stamy Rd and Metzger Dr. The City will be working closely with a construction manager and the architect to start construction as early as May 2023 with a completion date of June 2024.
- Turtle Creek Park - Staff is working on a plan to install a 2-stall restroom building with pavilion at the new playground and splashpad area. Staff is anticipating this work to be completed by the fall of 2023.



Libraries Promote Literacy

Libraries are committed to helping children and adults develop the skills needed to survive and thrive in a global information society. The ability to read and use computers are at the forefront of these skills.

Basic, functional literacy is an essential skill for personal and professional growth. It is also essential to a full, beneficial use of a library's services and programs. However, 130 million American adults have low literacy skills according to the American Public Media Research Lab.

The implications of these statistics are alarming. Many adults cannot identify a specific location on a map, complete a job application or an insurance form, understand the instructions on a medicine bottle, or effectively help their children with homework. With a long tradition of providing resources and services for individuals who want to improve their reading and writing skills, libraries are committed to helping people enhance and improve their learning literacy skills to live a fuller life.

The Gazette



The Gazette has partnered with area libraries to provide free access to the online version of the Gazette within participating library buildings. All of Hiawatha Public Library's public computers as well as the library's public WiFi provide free, unlimited access to thegazette.com.

While at the library, you may also:

- Sign up for a library card for free access to our physical, downloadable, and streaming collections
- Attend a community event hosted by the library
- Reserve time in our study rooms or community rooms
- Learn about volunteer opportunities

Come in out of the cold, stay informed about local events, and learn what else your local library has to offer today!

Hiawatha Public Library
150 W Willman Street Hiawatha, IA 52233
(319) 393-1515

Hiawatha History Commission



Pictured is the bell of the Hiawatha Optimist Club, chartered in 1957. Their Valentine's Day Dance was the first official youth activity in the building purchased by the Optimists in 1964. \$6,000 was paid for the concrete block building on Emmons Street across the street from the current City Hall. Later, the same building was used for the Hiawatha Library until its roof collapsed in 1982.

HIAWATHA Adventure Camp

Scholarships Available
REGISTER TODAY AT
HIAWATHA.ACTIVITYREG.COM

Visits from:
• Grout Museum
• Kona Ice
• Mississippi River Museum
• Des Moines Science Center
• Iowa State Extension & more!

Activities include:
• AirFX Field Trips
• Arts & Crafts
• Splashpad Days
• Games
• New Friends & more!

Adventure Camp Registration Now Open!

Participants will have opportunities to listen and learn from exciting speakers, help with community service projects and join various fun activities. This program encourages developing friendships and group participation. Children bring sack lunches and a snack each day. Participants will meet at Guthridge Park - Green Pavilion. A schedule of activities will be available to participants one week before each session begins.

T-shirt included. Limited to 24 registrants.

Weekly from June 5th - August 4th

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost \$125.00 per week

RIDE TO WRIGLEY

Friday, July 21st 2023 Depart: 5:30 a.m.
\$155 per person First Pitch: 1:20 p.m.
Return: 11:00 p.m.

Register Here: Hiawatha!

MARION Parks & Recreation

SUPER BOWL FANS

DON'T LET FANS DRIVE DRUNK
DESIGNATE A SOBER DRIVER

NHTSA TEAM

BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION

- Learn basic childcare skills
- Basic first aid & CPR training included
- Develop leadership and problem solving skills
- Receive Red Cross Certification upon completion

Monday, February 27
Hiawatha Community Center
\$75
Ages 11-15
Register online at
www.hiawatha.activityreg.com

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

During the Month of February
**MUCH LIKE A BLIND DATE,
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT
WILL IT BE LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?
YOU DECIDE...**

HIAWATHA PUBLIC LIBRARY
150 W WILLMAN ST

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEB 03
MUSIC
10:00 a.m.
Join Ms. Alicia as she shares stories about African American musicians & athletes.

FEB 10
ATHLETES
10:00 a.m.
Hiawatha Public Library
150 W Willman St

Friends of the Hiawatha Public Library
Soups, hot dogs, chips, cookies & drinks
\$6 adult \$3 kids cash only

SOUPER BOWL SUPPER

Friday, February 3
5:00-7:00
Hiawatha Community Center
101 Emmons St.

METRO KIWANIS VALENTINES DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 11th
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Hiawatha Community Center
101 Emmons Street

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Programs & Events are open for registration!
Sign up today at
www.Hiawatha.activityreg.com

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February Calendar

01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
13 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
14 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
14 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
15 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
20 City Hall Closed
21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
27 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

March Calendar

01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
08 City Hall Closed for Stand Down Day
13 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
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HPD K-9 RESO

With deep sadness we report the passing of retired Hiawatha Police K-9 RESO. RESO served the Hiawatha community from May 2012 through July 2020 and spent his retirement at home with his handler and family. Rest In Peace.

Hiawatha!
See how to a great place to live, work and play

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MONDAY,
02/01/2023**

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Hiawatha Council Action

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online at www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/ or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 319-393-1515 x526

December 21, 2022

Resolution #263

Robins Road Water Main Improvements Project

Resolution #264

Cedar Run Boarding and Daycare Development Agreement

Ordinance #990

Rezoning 875 Edgewood Rd from C-2 to R-7/PUD

Resolution #265

ARRO Senior Apartments Preliminary Development Plan

Resolution #266

Set public hearing for Capital Improvement Plan

Resolution #267-268

Urban Renewal Plan

Resolution #269

Consent to Collateral Assignment Agreement

Resolution #270

Release of Mortgage CDBG Housing Rehab Program

Resolution #271

Fitzroy Road Extension Project

Resolution #272-273

10th Avenue Improvements Project

Resolution #274

Hazelwood Farm 1st Addition Final Plat

Resolution #275

Community Center Rental Changes

Resolution #276

Official Newspaper for the City of Hiawatha

January 4, 2023

Ordinance #989-A

Hiawatha Urban Renewal Plan

Correcting Nunc Pro Tunc

Resolution #001

10th Avenue Improvements Project

Resolution #002

12th Avenue & Boyson Roundabout Project

Resolution #003

Interfund Transfer of Sums

WE'RE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM



OPEN POSITIONS :

- MAINTENANCE STAFF
- ADVENTURE CAMP STAFF
- INTERNSHIPS
- POLICY ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST

APPLY AT WWW.HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM

CITY DIRECTORY

TITLE	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
City Manager	Dennis Marks	319-393-1515 x523	dmarks@hiawatha-iowa.com
City Clerk	Kari Graber	319-393-1515 x526	kgraberehiawatha-iowa.com
Finance Director	Cindy Kudrna	319-393-1515 x522	ckudrna@hiawatha-iowa.com
Parks & Recreation Director	Kelly Willadsen	319-393-1515 x251	kwilladsenehiawatha-iowa.com
Community Development Director	Patrick Parsley	319-393-1515 x229	pparsley@hiawatha-iowa.com
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Public Works Superintendent	Rod Jasa	319-393-6601	rjasa@hiawatha-iowa.com
Water Superintendent	Marty Recker	319-393-1515 x232	mrecker@hiawatha-iowa.com
Police Chief	Ben Kamm	319-393-1212	chief@hiawathapolice.com
Fire Chief	Matt Powers	319-393-4180	mkpowers@hiawatha-iowa.com
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

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



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MILITARY AND VETERAN BANNER PROGRAM INFORMATION

The City of Hiawatha is proud to announce an initiative to honor those who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The Military and Veteran Banner Program is intended to honor and show appreciation for past and present military personnel along with their families. Each banner will display the honoree's name, branch, and years of service along with the names of those honoring them.

QUALIFICATIONS

In order to purchase a banner, one of the following qualifications must be met:

- The honoree is an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces
- The honoree is a retired or honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces who is, or did, reside in Hiawatha, or who once resided in Hiawatha and is now deceased
- The applicant is a current resident or business based in Hiawatha

BANNERS

Each banner will be 30" x 63" and printed double-sided and in full color. Each banner will be customized with a photo of the honoree which is provided by the applicant. There is a limit of one honoree per banner.

Banners will be displayed on light poles along Center Point Road in Hiawatha with the help of our Public Works Department. They will be displayed from Memorial Day until Veterans Day in 2023 and then again in 2024.

There is a limit of 50 banners for the first year of the program. These banners will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Your banner is not reserved until we receive payment.

Upon removal of the banner after the second year, Hiawatha City Staff will make all efforts to give the banner to the honoree or the applicant for their personal use. The City of Hiawatha will not be responsible for replacing banners that are stolen, damaged, or destroyed due to weather, age, vandalism, or any act of nature beyond our control.

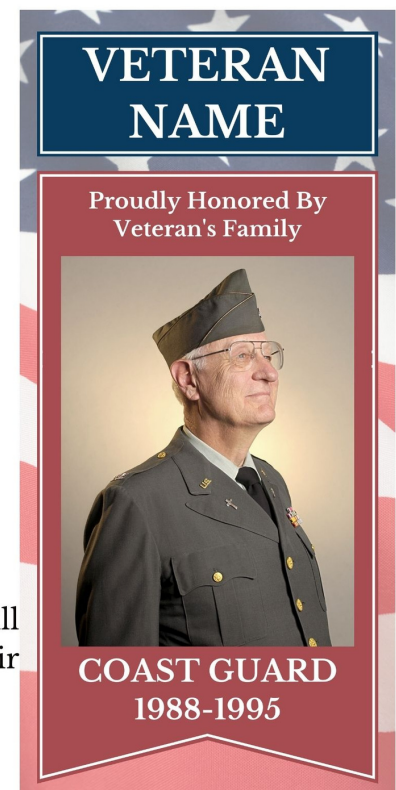
COST AND DEADLINE

Each banner costs \$125 which covers the purchase of the banner and installation for two years. The deadline to submit an application for a banner is March 6, 2023, or until availability runs out.

TO ORDER

Complete the application form and provide payment by mail or in-person at City Hall. Provide a high resolution photo of the honoree by emailing kgraber@hiawatha-iowa.com or by bringing a hard copy to City Hall to be scanned.

Questions? Contact City Clerk Kari Graber (kgraber@hiawatha-iowa.com) or Public Works Superintendent Rod Jasa (rjasa@hiawatha-iowa.com) or give us a call at 319-393-1515.



MILITARY AND VETERAN BANNER APPLICATION FORM



- Complete this order form in its entirety. Please submit one form per honoree.
- Mail or deliver this form and payment by March 6, 2023 to Hiawatha City Hall, 101 Emmons St, Hiawatha IA 52233
- 50 banner locations are available. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis as payment is received.

HONOREE

NAME: _____ YEARS OF SERVICE: _____ to _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: Army Navy Marine Corps Coast Guard Air Force National Guard

SELECT ONE: Veteran Active Duty SELECT ONE: Living Deceased

HONORED BY: _____
(individual, family, business, or family of - limited to 25 characters including spaces)

APPLICANT (PAYEE)

NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO HONOREE: _____

APPLICANT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

APPLICANT PHONE NUMBER: _____

APPLICANT EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT

The cost of one double-sided banner is \$125 which includes production, installation and maintenance. The banner will be displayed on Hiawatha streetlights for 2 seasons: between May-November 2023 and again in 2024. Checks should be made payable to the City of Hiawatha. Please include "Veteran Banner" in the memo line.

AMOUNT DUE: \$125 Cash Check # _____

PHOTO

You must provide a military photo of the honoree. You may submit a high-resolution image by emailing kgraber@hiawatha-iowa.com or provide a hard copy along with this application to be scanned by City Staff.

OFFICE USE

Application

Photo

Payment