



EMS WEEK

Where Emergency Care Begins
May 21-27, 2023

EMS week is a time to recognize all the Paramedics, Advanced EMTs, EMTs, and First Responders who have risen to the challenge time and time again to respond to the needs of our patients and our community. The Hiawatha Fire Department has a dedicated crew of 15 Paramedics, 2 Advanced EMTs, and 19 EMTs. Our crew consists of both paid staff and volunteers who donate their time to serve our community. In 2022, these dedicated EMS providers responded to 2,569 calls for service, and treated 2,180 patients with a wide variety of illnesses and injuries. Our EMS providers do more than just respond to calls for service. They also help to provide CPR, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed training to the city staff, businesses, and members of the community. They participate in community events and teach kids about fire and life safety at our schools as well. Our dedicated EMS providers spend a lot of time training on their skills and learning about new evidence-based treatments to make sure that they are ready for your emergency when you call 9-1-1. At all hours of the day, these dedicated EMS professionals show up to provide the best care and service to the citizens and businesses of Hiawatha. Join us this week in celebrating the hard work and dedication that our crews put in to serve our community.



Public works is the thread that connects us all, no matter where we live in the world. Every public works professional strives to improve the quality of life for the community they serve, leading to healthier, happier communities. Public works connectors help keep communities strong by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, and parks and grounds. They are what make our communities great places to live and work. Join us in celebrating the quiet work these professionals do that makes life better for all of us.



Professional Municipal
CLERKS WEEK
April 30 - May 6

Although it is one of the oldest positions in local government, few people realize the vital services Municipal and Deputy Clerks perform for their community. Primarily, they act as the cornerstone of their council. They also prepare the council agendas, record and index minutes and maintain the council's ordinance and resolutions files. Other responsibilities include keeping the official records of the city, conducting local elections and processing permits.



National Police Week 2023 will be observed from Sunday, May 14 through Saturday, May 20, 2023. What is National Police Week? It is a week every May that recognizes those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Police Week has paid recognition to fallen law enforcement officers since President Kennedy proclaimed it in 1962, which was followed by a joint resolution of Congress. Please join us in remembering and honoring those fallen officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in pursuit of community safety and protection.

Let's Celebrate Hiawatha!



WELCOME Re.A.L. LOW FORCE CHIROPRACTIC PC!
 Re.A.L. Low Force Chiropractic focuses on the root cause of unresolved health issues. They find all physical, chemical, or emotional stressors that are causing problems for their clients. Once found, they treat patients uniquely using low force chiropractic adjustments, nutritional counseling, nutritional supplements, posture and biomechanical recommendations, exercise and stretching recommendations and allergy and neuro-sensitivity reversal. To learn more about how their unique technique works you can visit their website at www.therealchiropractic.com/ or call 319-304-6317 to schedule a free phone consultation.



You're Invited!

Hiawatha's 73rd Birthday

Friday, June 9, 2023 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Village Center Plaza
 101 Emmons Street

Look through scrapbooks & spin the wheel to win a prize!



Pre-order your Hiawatha: Since 1950 t-shirt by May 19th at www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/hiawatha-history-t-shirt/



AMNESTY COLLECTION

May 8, 2023 • 7:00 AM

Have items placed at the curb before 7:00 AM



ALLOWED:

- Broken glass placed in a plastic bucket or other suitable container. Windows and doors with broken glass will not be collected.
- Small items placed in trash cans or plastic bags. Mark trash cans with an "X" if they are to be discarded
- Large items such as furniture, mattresses, doors, beds, tires, chairs, toilets, etc.
- Please cut railroad ties, plastic, lumber, carpet and drywall in no larger than 4' or less lengths and tie in bundles. No large demolition project debris. Remove nails and screws from lumber, trim, drywall, etc.
- Metal and appliances need to be placed curbside separate from other items as they will be collected by a different crew.



NOT ALLOWED:

- Waste oil & solvents
- Batteries
- Deposit beverage containers
- Pressurized tanks
- Cans with undried paint
- Cardboard
- Florescent bulbs
- TV's and computer monitors

To learn more about how to properly dispose of these items please contact Linn County Solid Waste Agency at 319-377-5290

Hiawatha!

MEET US AT THE PLAZA FOR FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS!

EVERY FRIDAY IN JUNE & JULY
11AM - 2PM

101 EMMONS STREET, HIAWATHA





BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

As we celebrate building safety month, sponsored by the International Code Council, we would like to recognize the staff of the building department in Hiawatha who work tirelessly with all members of the construction industry, design professionals and property owners to assure our buildings are safe, sanitary and sustainable for our citizens to live, work and play in beautiful Hiawatha.

The department includes:

- Tiffany Stinson; Permit Technician
 - Jim Fisher; Asst. Building Official / Inspector
 - Kirk Wilson; Code Enforcement / Rental Housing Manager
 - Patrick Parsley; Building Official
- Stop into city hall and say thank you to your building department team in celebration of building safety!

ANOTHER GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY: OUTSIDE STORAGE

One of our business owners affectionately refers to our city as “Beautiful Hiawatha” in their advertising campaigns. The visual aesthetics of our cityscape is one of the values espoused in our Comprehensive Plan and reflected in our ordinances.

Our Comprehensive Plan references visual elements in the Land Use Section, Quality of Life Section and the Community Character Section. All of these items point to detailed landscaping requirements, building designs and site aesthetics which enhance the beauty of Hiawatha. Items include specified building materials, night sky lighting, green space and screening of storage and garage areas. This is evidence we care deeply about how our city looks.

Consequently, we have put in place ordinances which reflect this concern especially regarding outside storage, garbage and junk vehicles. It is generally accepted no outside storage is permitted unless specifically allowed in an ordinance and no junk vehicle is allowed except in specifically designated parking areas. The regulations differ between commercial property and residential property.

Outside stored materials which are classified as garbage, trash, solid waste and junk vehicles are specifically prohibited and are considered a nuisance. (Hiawatha Ordinance Chapter 50, 51 and Hiawatha Property Maintenance Code Chapter 164) These items are to be properly contained, removed from all property and properly disposed. Additionally, all dumpsters and waste storage areas for commercial property are to be surrounded by an enclosure. (Hiawatha Ordinance Chapter 106)

Outside storage not described above is regulated in our Unified Development Code (UDC) Chapter 165. This section of the code prohibits storage of any kind; including junk vehicles, in the front yard of a residential property. Further, all outside stored materials are to be properly screened.

165.23 (9) C. Parking and Storage Restrictions.

(7) Outside Storage. Outside storage shall not be permitted in any required yard. Outside storage shall not be permitted in any front yard in a Residential District. All outside storage shall be effectively screened with landscaping and building elements or opaque fences or walls from the right of way and from off-site views.....

When we accumulate more “stuff” than we can hope to store within our residence, garage, and storage buildings, we must keep our neighbors and the wellbeing of our city in mind. If you need to store items outside, remember this good neighbor policy. Eliminate any unnecessary outside storage and properly screen the stored items which cannot be eliminated. Help us keep “Beautiful Hiawatha” beautiful!



TREE CITY USA GROWTH AWARD

The City of Hiawatha was recently honored with the 2022 Tree City USA Growth Award at the 32nd Annual Community Forestry Awards Luncheon in Ankeny. The award was presented by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources April 12th at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny.

“The Tree City USA award is a symbol for communities who have made a commitment to the management of public trees,” says state forester Jeff Goerndt. “Your community has provided an outstanding example for other Iowa communities by enhancing our forest resources and demonstrating the great value of trees in providing multiple benefits for future generations.”

Hiawatha was one of 20 Iowa communities to qualify for Tree City USA Growth status. To receive the award, a city must, at a minimum, provide education and public relations; partnerships; planning and management; and tree planting and maintenance in their communities.

Hiawatha Public Library
 May 23, 2023 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Hiawatha Business Summit- The Future is Calling - A Panel Discussion on Technology

Join HEDCO for the Hiawatha Business Summit for a panel discussion around the technology coming our direction quickly and anticipated impact for businesses, workforce and community. For additional information, or to register, visit

<https://tinyurl.com/HBSMAY23> 



Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Guthridge Park - 704 Emmons Street
 Tucker Park - 101 B Avenue
 Turtle Creek Park - 2915 Fitzroy Road

FIND YOUR VOICE THIS SUMMER AT HIAWATHA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Find Your Voice, Hiawatha Public Library's 2023 summer reading program from June 1 - July 29 invites readers of all ages to explore books, services, and free programming that empower patrons of all ages to make their voices heard while earning fun rewards.

Hiawatha Public Library's summer reading program can have a significant impact on children and adults alike. Find Your Voice not only promotes reading and literacy but also provides numerous benefits that can last a lifetime. Here are some of the benefits:

- 1. Encourages Reading:** Find Your Voice motivates children to read. It helps them discover their interests and develop a love for reading, which is an essential skill that they will use throughout their lives. Likewise, the program motivates adults to read, also.
- 2. Boosts Learning:** Find Your Voice is designed to provide children with an opportunity to continue learning and earn rewards when they are not in school.
- 3. Prevents Summer Slide:** Summer Slide is the learning loss children experience during summer vacation. Incentivized reading programs like Find Your Voice mitigate this.
- 4. Fosters Social Connections:** Hiawatha Public Library's Find Your Voice offers group activities such as book clubs and events that bring people together, creating a sense of community. And they are all free!
- 5. Provides Access to Books:** Find Your Voice provides access to a wide range of diverse books for readers of all ages. Stop by the library or call us at (319) 393-1414 to learn more about getting your very own Hiawatha Public Library card.
- 6. Encourages Caregiver Involvement:** Find Your Voice encourages caregivers to participate in their children's learning and reading journey. This strengthens the caregiver-child relationship and promotes a love for reading together.

As mentioned, Find Your Voice offers a variety of free complementary programs. Browse the library calendar at <https://hiawathapubliclibrary.libnet.info/events?r=thismonth> to learn more.

HIAWATHA SUMMER CAMP!

REGISTER TODAY



Visits from:

- Linn County Conservation
- Grout Museum
- Mississippi River Museum
- Des Moines Science Center
- Iowa State Extension & more!

Activities include:

- AirFX Field Trips
- Arts & Crafts
- Splashpad Days
- Games
- New Friends & more!

\$125.00
 PER WEEK
 M-F
 8AM-4PM

REGISTER TODAY!
[HIAWATHA.ACTIVITYREG.COM](https://hiawatha.activityreg.com)







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May Calendar

- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 06 City-Wide Garage Sales
- 07 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 07 Bike Helmet Giveaway 10:00 AM
- 08 Amnesty Day 7:00 AM
- 08 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 Parks Commission Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 16 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 17 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 Free Pound Fitness 6:00 PM
- 21 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 22 Planning and Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 Hiawatha Business Summit 8:00 AM
- 28 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 29 City Hall Closed for Holiday

June Calendar

- 04 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 07 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 Hiawatha's Birthday Celebration
- 11 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 12 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 12 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 13 Parks Commission Meeting 5:30 PM
- 13 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 Free Pound Fitness 6:00
- 18 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 20 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 26 Planning and Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

Yoga with Wendy
 Mondays at 6:00 PM
 Hiawatha Community Center
 June 5 - July 24
 \$70





Register at
[Hiawatha.ActivityReg.com](https://hiawatha.activityreg.com)

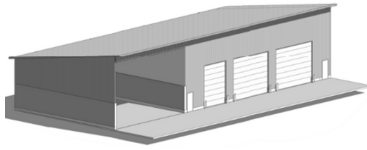


SUSTAINABLE STREET
 ART WORKSHOP:
 KANDINSKY CIRCLES
 WITH ARTIST:
 HEFALLSASLEEP

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
 *REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
 FOR THIS CLASS.

Cats in the Library
 (an adoption event)
 Saturday, June 3rd
 10:00AM - 1:00PM
 Hiawatha Public Library
 150 W Willman St.



Cold Storage Facility – Public Works is looking to construct a new 120'x50' building on the west side of the Public Works site. This building will be used to enclose machines and equipment that are not used on a daily basis to help open up space within the main facility. In addition, there will be a 50'x50' area of the building that will be used to store rock, sand and cold mix asphalt for use during the winter months in the case of a water main break. This building was bid in late April. Construction should begin in June with a December completion date.

Turtle Creek Park Upgrades – City council approved plans to install a new preconstructed precast concrete restroom and a 20'x34' pavilion at the newly constructed playground and splashpad. The new restroom will have two unisex bathrooms with automatic timers for door locks. The pavilion is a steel structure with a steel roof. Staff will be working with a utility contractor in early May to install new sanitary sewer and water main on the west side of the park. In addition, staff will be excavating and placing the footings for the restroom and pavilion during the summer months in anticipation of the precast restroom structure arriving in early fall for placement. Orange construction fence will be placed around the construction zone. Users of the park should use caution. In addition to the new restroom and pavilion, new parking lot lights will be installed in the two islands during the months of May and June. These lights will automatically turn on from dusk to dawn.

SENSUS WATER METER READING SYSTEM

The Hiawatha Water Department uses Sensus water meters to register the amount of water consumed by users. Over the years, these meters have been updated and improved to keep the most accurate meter readings. Hiawatha has always had the best interest of its customers and that includes what kind of meter reading system we are using to track usage.

The Sensus Iperl water meter tracks the amount of water used in gallons. Actually, to be exact, 100 gallons of usage. Meaning, for most residential and commercial customers, the meter registers every 100 gallons of water used.

To read the water meters, Hiawatha has gone from manual readings, which I am sure many of you remember having to manually read your water meter and mail that reading in with your water payment? To an AMR (Automated Meter Reading) system which required the installation of a meter reading device called an MXU to the outside of your home that is connected through a conduit to your water meter. This was quite the update as our Water Operators could then drive by your home, click a button on a handheld device, and collect the reading to be downloaded back in the water office.

Now today, we have yet again upgraded to the best reading software with SA (Sensus Analytics) FlexNet reading system which allows the office staff to read your meter in real time through the Sensus computer software. So, no need for the Water Operators to spend hours driving around the city to collect meter readings. The office can do in with a click of a button through the FlexNet MXU device on the outside of your home. This also means if we need to research high consumption, zero consumption or trends in your water usage, we can do just that from the SA software right here in the office. It is amazing how much technology is evolving every day. We are sure excited to be a part of a community that is always reaching for that something better to give our customers the best service we can.

We are actively working on getting appointments with the last few sections of town needing either an updated Iperl water meter or an updated FlexNet MXU. If you have any questions give our office a call a 319-393-5556. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Hiawatha Water Quality Report Available Online

Hiawatha's yearly Water Quality Report (or Consumer Confidence Report) is now available online. To access the report, go to the Hiawatha website (www.hiawatha-lowa.com) and select Water under Departments. On the Water page, scroll down select Consumer Confidence. This link will take you to the Iowa Rural Water Association Website where you can "View CCR Report". You will be able to view reports from 2011 thru 2022.



The Hiawatha Farmers Market begins its 19th season on Sunday, May 7. Since 2004, it has been a weekend tradition for customers to stroll the market sourcing fresh produce, meats, eggs, breads, sweets, honey, plants and handcrafted items.

The market hosts over 40 small businesses made up of farmers, producers and craft makers of high-quality products, raised, grown and made locally.

The season starts May 7 and runs every Sunday through October 29. Hours are 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Farmers Market is located in the N 10th Avenue parking lot of Guthridge Park.

The market hosts multiple events throughout the year including the Bike Helmet Giveaway on opening day, New Horizon's Band Concert on July 2 and the Fall Festival on the last day of the market.

2023 Hiawatha Farmers Market Vendors include:

- Musil Gardens
- New Dawn Artistry
- Ineichen Tomatoes
- Cindy's Pies
- Blakely Gardens
- Frenchique
- Sister Phyllis
- Carol Forbes
- Dave's Coffee Cakes
- The Blue Strawberry Coffee Co.
- Tree of Life
- Gordon Spurgeon
- Bloomer's
- Flourish by Faith
- White Birch and Co.
- Dotti's Kitchen & Craft Creations
- Midwest Best Beef
- Lori Ann Candies
- Miry's Creations
- Refarming Microgreens
- Tangled Heartstrings
- Nielson's Honey Farm
- The De-Ranged Chicken Bread Co.
- Big B Honey
- Timeless Prairie Orchard
- Bagge Strawberries
- Home
- Dill's Kettle Corn
- Old Dog Carving
- Chef Green & Co
- The Barkery LLC
- Ewetopian Farm
- Peter Piper's
- Crazy Good Meats
- Late Harvest Farms
- Circle W Acres
- Blissful Bites Cheesecakes
- Hue Hill
- Cedar Crafted Candles
- Rehberg Pork
- Betty's Fresh Produce
- Zeke's Sweet Treats
- Pasta of the Prairie
- Homemade by Theresa
- Home Grown by Jim
- Buser's Produce
- Kristen's Sweet Creations
- David's 3D Designs

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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

March 15, 2023

Resolution #23-042

2023 Street Improvements

Resolution #23-043 - #23-044

Urban Renewal Plan

Resolution #23-045 - #23-051

General Obligation Bonds

Resolution #23-052

2036 Comprehensive Plan

Resolution #23-053

Cold Storage Facility

Resolution #23-054

Northwood Dr Storm Sewer

Resolution #23-055

Proposed Tax Levy for FY2024

Resolution #23-056

ClearGov Software

Resolution #23-057

Pushcarts and Vendors

Resolution #23-058

Historical Commission

April 5, 2023

Ordinance 991

Removal of TIF Ordinance

Resolution #23-059

Cold Storage Facility

Resolution #23-060 - #23-061

FY 2024 Budget

Resolution #23-062

Northwood Drive Storm Sewer

Resolution #23-063 - #23-064

Turtle Creek Park

Resolution #23-065

Purchase of Toyota Tacoma

Resolution #23-066

Police Video & Camera Systems

Resolution #23-067 - #23-068

Public Works Vehicle Replacement

Resolution #23-069

Sewer Waiver

Resolution #23-070

Peddlers Solicitors and Transient Merchants

Ordinance 992

Pushcarts and Vendors

Ordinance 993

Historical Commission

Important DEADLINES
are approaching.....

Hiawatha Soccer	May 5
Rec United Soccer	May 5
Tennis Session 1	May 31
Summer Camp	Until full
Yoga with Wendy	June 4
Blastball	June 12
Tennis Session 2	June 28

Register today at <https://hiawatha.activityreg.com/>

SCAN ME!  

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:  

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Parks & Recreation Director	Kelly Willadsen	319-393-1515 x251	kwilladsene@hiawatha-iowa.com
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Fire Chief	Matt Powers	319-393-4180	mkpowers@hiawatha-iowa.com
Library Director	Jeaneal Weeks	319-393-1414	weeksje@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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