

The Hiawatha Community bids farewell to a dedicated public servant as Dick Olson, who has spent years tirelessly serving as a council member, resigns. With his departure officially confirmed, Olson leaves behind an indelible mark on the city's development, governance, and the lives of its residents.

Dick Olson began his journey as a city council member 21 years ago, driven by a passion to create positive change and serve the community he held dear. Over the years, he has become a well-respected figure, admired for his unwavering dedication and commitment to the betterment of Hiawatha.

As news of Dick's resignation spread, tributes poured in from colleagues, constituents, and fellow public servants. Many expressed gratitude for his inspirational leadership and passion for public service.

While Dick may be resigning from formal office, his spirit of service will undoubtedly continue to influence the city's future leaders and residents. His resignation marks the end of an era, but his accomplishments will be a guiding light for those who aspire to serve the community with the same dedication and integrity.

As we celebrate this esteemed council member, let us rejoice in his remarkable journey, cherish his accomplishments, and remember the lasting impact he has left on the heart of Hiawatha. Thank you, Dick Olson, for your selfless service, and may your future be as fulfilling as the legacy you leave behind.

Hiawatha!

FAY M. CLARK Hall of Fame Award



The Fay M. Clark Hall of Fame Award honors Hiawatha community members who, through their leadership and service, have significantly enhanced Hiawatha and whose efforts contribute to making Hiawatha a great place to live, work and play.

The award is named after Hiawatha's founder and first mayor, Fay M. Clark, whose entrepreneurial spirit and collaborative efforts led to Hiawatha becoming the 17th incorporated town in Linn County in 1950. We hope to honor Clark's legacy of hard work, collaboration, and being a good neighbor through this award. The Fay M. Clark Hall of Fame Award will be presented at Hiawatha's State of the City Address.

For additional information about the award or to nominate an individual, visit:
www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/hall-of-fame-award

Nominations are due by Thursday, August 31.

Hiawatha BUSINESS Summit

The Global Economy - A Discussion on Reshoring and Supply Chain

Join HEDCO for a panel discussion around the global economy. Listen to how local businesses are working with international dynamics related to reshoring, immigration, deglobalization and supply chain impacts.

- TUESDAY, AUG 22, 2023 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
- WORLD CLASS INDUSTRIES, 925 N 15TH AVE, HIAWATHA
- REGISTER AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3DLEEPO](https://bit.ly/3DLEEPO)



GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY: FENCES AND SHEDS

The City of Hiawatha regulates fences and sheds in an effort to maintain neighborhood utility easements, drainage ways and the community appearance while respecting individual property rights. The regulations for these structures are found in the building code for structural requirements, the Unified Development Code (UDC) for setbacks and appearance and the City engineering standards when located on or near an easement. As small as these structures are, fences and sheds can still cause considerable consternation between neighbors.



Fences: Fences are as varied as the materials of construction known to man. They can be made of plastic, wood, metal and living plants, to name a few. Fences are built for many varied reasons as well: to protect property, screen uses from neighbors and the public, prevent trespass, secure pets or simply as lawn ornamentation.

Regulations apply to all types of fences by addressing specific concerns. In Hiawatha the regulations control height limitations, screening requirements and fence location in relationship to property lines, structures and streets. Fences are divided into two categories based on “opaqueness”.

135. “Opaque” is defined as a structure which blocks or otherwise prevents the passage of light through 50 percent or more of its surface area.

Of the fences pictured above only the living fence would be considered “opaque”. The other fences are considered non-opaque. Opaque fences qualify as screening when required to conceal storage, screen transitional yards or to separate non-compatible uses. Opaque fences are restricted to shorter heights when adjacent to a street since they impede visibility at corners.

The general limits for residential fences include:

- All fence installations require a building permit.
- Fences in the rear yard and between houses may be 6 feet in height.
- Fences in front of houses may be:
 - 4’ feet in height for non-opaque types
 - 30 inches in height for opaque types
- Fences along the side street of a corner lot will vary in height based on location and type.
- Fences are allowed in utility and drainage easements if constructed to allow the free flow of storm water. Fences in an easement damaged in the process of utility maintenance are the responsibility of the owner to repair.
- All fences must be located completely within the owner’s property.
- All fences are required to be properly maintained by the owner.

Sheds: Sheds are defined in the Hiawatha code as accessory structures. As with fences these small structures come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes and are used for a plethora of purposes. When properly installed and maintained sheds can enhance a neighborhood by concealing stored materials and equipment. When not installed and maintained properly sheds can be fire hazards, impede storm water and become an eyesore.

The regulations are intended to reduce the hazards associated with sheds much the same as other structures. They are regulated for setback, height, allowable size, proper materials, adequate structural capacity and stability. The building code regulates accessory structures over 120 ft² while the UDC regulates the location, area and height of all sheds. The general rules for residential accessory structures include:

- All sheds greater than 120 ft² require a building permit.
- Sheds cannot exceed 15 feet in height.
- All sheds must be located behind the main structure.
- Sheds allowed in the drainage easement must be raised to allow the free flow of storm water.
- Sheds in utility easements must be placed on skids and not on a concrete slab.
- All sheds must be properly anchored to a concrete slab or to ground anchors.
- All sheds must be at least 5 feet from a property line or must have a fire wall installed.
- All sheds must be maintained so as not to become a nuisance.

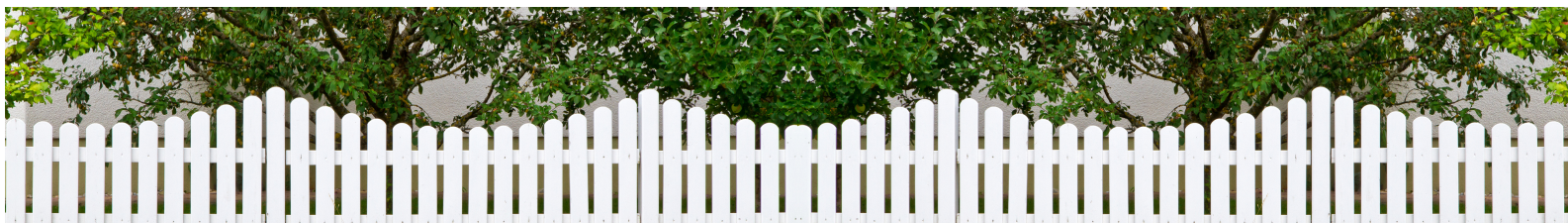
These are only the general regulations for fences and sheds. Your local home owners’ association may have additional restrictions for these installations. As an example, some neighborhoods do not allow fences and some require sheds to “resemble the main house”.

It is important to contact your home owners association, the Community Development Department and call “811” before you attempt to install a fence or accessory structure.

For more information on fences and sheds you may go to the City of Hiawatha website and onto the Community Development page to access our online permit portal for more forms and information.

<https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/community-development/>

When we follow the rules for installing and maintaining fences and sheds, we retain our property rights while respecting the values of the community as a whole. By following these simple regulations we are following good neighbor policies which seek to preserve the beauty and safety of Hiawatha.



Community Tree Planting



City of Hiawatha & Monarch Research Hiawatha Native Tree Right-of-Way Enrichment Program Registration Opens August 7th – August 26th

EXCITING NEWS for Hiawatha residents!! The City has partnered with Monarch Research to provide residents and landowners with up to three, free, 3-gallon trees to plant in the right-of-way adjacent to their property. The primary goal of this city-wide initiative is to provide residents and landowners subject to ROW easements, with native Iowa trees to replace trees lost during the 2020 derecho, and to establish new growth in areas that were previously vacant.

Don't miss out! The Hiawatha Native Tree Right-of-Way Enrichment opens August 7th, while supplies last! Up to three free trees are available to residents, to be planted in the area between the street and sidewalk. Are you in a position to help restore Hiawatha's tree canopy this fall?

Visit: <https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/free-native-tree/> for more information and for a link to claim your free tree on August 7th!

CARGILL CARES COUNCIL FUNDS FOR FREE SUMMER MEALS



Helping the world thrive

Food insecurity for children is a problem that increases when school is not in session. At both Hiawatha Elementary School and Nixon Elementary School, more than 60% of the students receive free and reduced priced meals. Many of these same children do without a healthy lunch during June and July. The impact of this takes many forms.

The ability to learn is affected by hunger. When the body is not fueled, the brain suffers. Kids who are hungry are often more lethargic than kids who have eaten a healthy meal. Again, food is fuel that affects both physical and mental performance. And thirdly, food insecurity leads to obesity. Children who aren't receiving nutritious lunches typically rely on foods with extremely low nutritional content because these foods are readily available and require little preparation. To combat these ill effects, Cedar Rapids Community School District offers free dine-in meals at various area schools. Because Hiawatha kids would need to walk or bike about 2 miles to Wright Elementary to benefit from the program this summer, Youth Services Librarian Alicia Mangin sought funds to offer grab and go meals each Monday - Thursday, disbursed from Hiawatha Public Library. "I am pleased to share that Cargill Cares Council fully funded free brown bag lunches for children during July. The Council's generous \$2000 grant ensured that many kids enjoyed delicious and nutritious meals and their bodies and bellies were happier for it. Thank you to the entire Cargill Cares Council."



Who owned Hiawatha's first police squad car?

Answer will be shared in September's edition of the Hiawatha Insights!

The first Police Department consisted of three Marshals, who had no special training except for returning from duty in World War II. This was training enough to allow them to carry weapons.

Are you interested in History?
We are accepting new members on the Hiawatha History Commission.
Please call Marilyn James at 319-721-7077



Saturday, August 12th
2 - 7 PM

NEW LOCATION!
Guthridge Park,
704 Emmons Street, Hiawatha





Music *in the* Park

AUGUST 4TH

THE DETOUR BAND

70'S & 80'S ROCK & COUNTRY

TOUCH A TRUCK 4-6PM

DANCERS EDGE ENTOURAGE 5:30PM

TRACKLESS TRAIN 6-9PM

BALLOON ARTIST 6-9PM

ROCK WALL & EURO BUNGEE 6-9PM

CRAVIN SHAVIN 6-9PM

FIREWORKS 9PM

AUGUST 18TH

NOTHING'S REAL

90'S ROCK FAVORITES

REGAN'S FACE PAINTING 6-9PM

ROCK WALL & EURO BUNGEE 6-9PM

THE FREEZE

AUGUST 11TH

JUNIPER STREET

CLASSIC TO CONTEMPORARY ROCK

TINY TOT TRIATHLON 5PM

LAZERTAG 6-9PM

ROCK WALL & EURO BUNGEE 6-9PM

MOVIE UNDER THE MOON 9PM

KONA ICE



AUGUST 25TH

RICHIE LEE

& THE FABOLOUS 50'S

KIRACATURES 6-9PM

ROCK WALL & EURO BUNGEE 6-9PM

THE FREEZE



6-9PM

FRIDAY EVENINGS
GUTHRIDGE PARK
FREE ADMISSION

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY
ACTIVITIES EACH WEEK!
CONCESSIONS PROVIDED BY THE
METRO KIWANIS CLUB

VOLUME 181

August Calendar

- 04 Touch a Truck 4:00 PM
- 04 Music in the Park 6:00 PM
- 04 Fireworks 9:00 PM
- 06 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 06 K9 Golf Outing 1:00 PM
- 10 Free Pound Fitness 6:00 PM
- 11 Tiny Tot Triathlon 5:00 PM
- 11 Music in the Park 6:00 PM
- 13 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 18 Music in the Park 6:00 PM
- 19 HiBRAI 8:00 AM
- 20 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 22 Hiawatha Business Summit 8:00 AM
- 25 Music in the Park 6:00 PM
- 27 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

September Calendar

- 03 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 10 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 14 Free Pound Fitness 6:00 PM
- 17 Mental Health Matters 5k
- 17 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 22 Family Formal 6:00 PM
- 24 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Blood Drive

At Hiawatha Public Library

Tuesday, August 8th 11:00-3:00

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>



Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

Drop off Dates: August 1st-15th
Drop off your puzzles for adults at the library in the original box, in good condition, with all the pieces.

Pick up Dates: August 16th - 31st
Return to pick up puzzles. Take them home and enjoy!



Hiawatha Public Library 150 W Willman Street, Hiawatha



Parenting Workshop

Thursday, August 10th 4:30-6:30 pm
at the Hiawatha Public Library

Presented by Dr. Sara Tawil
Owner & Therapist
Olive Branch Therapy, LLC



The Mental Health Matters 5K Run and Walk was created in an effort to decrease stigma around mental health challenges, encourage reaching out for help and honor those who have died by suicide.

Because so many people struggle with suicidal thoughts and behaviors regardless of age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status, Foundation 2 Crisis Services supports all people, any time, every time! They have been providing support in the metro communities for over 50 years. Their crisis support and suicide prevention services are available 24/7 and at no cost. You can call the Foundation 2 Crisis Line at 319-362-2174 or text (855) 895-8398

To register for the Mental Health Matters 5K visit <https://bit.ly/MHM5K>



Join us for FIREWORKS IN GUTHRIDGE PARK

FIRST FRIDAY IN AUGUST
FOLLOWING MUSIC IN THE PARK

YOGA WITH WENDY

Yoga is a practice that connects the body, breath, and mind. Wendy uses physical postures, breathing exercises, and meditation to help improve your overall health. Beginners welcome!

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

September 11 - October 16

Hiawatha Community Center

<https://bit.ly/yogawithwendy>

STAY UP TO DATE WITH PROJECTS AND DETOURS AT WWW.HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM UNDER THE "NEWS" SECTION

Edgewood Road Extension - The City held a Public Open House on Tuesday, July 11 in the Hiawatha Community Center to allow feedback on a preliminary layout of the Edgewood Road extension from Blairs Ferry Road to the north side of Tower Terrace Road. The study is being updated to reflect current and projected traffic conditions as well as to update the cost opinion to allow both Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha to seek state and federal grants in order to move the project forward in the future. City staff from both cities and consultants from Anderson-Bogert Engineers heard from over 100 citizens and business owners on things they liked and did not like related to the roadway alignment and proposed intersection control. There are a lot of unknowns for future design at this stage of the study, but it is always beneficial to hear from the public. The consultant will provide all of the public comments to the cities and determine what changes need to be made before making updates to the plan and finalizing a report with estimated costs. The projected timeline for future design and construction is dependent on council priorities as well as when funding can be obtained. We rely heavily on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), state and federal grants due to the high costs. City staff will post the layout and cross section presented at the meeting on the City website.

Emmons Street Railroad Crossing Improvements - Emmons Street will be closed from 6th Avenue to N Center Point Road and 4th Ave from Emmons to Clark Street to construct a median required for the Rail Quiet Zone. This work also entails new sidewalk on the north and south sides of Emmons St. Pedestrians will continue to have access across the north or south sides of the bridge throughout construction. Westbound traffic will be detoured down N Center Point Road to Blairs Ferry Rd to 6th Avenue. Eastbound traffic will be detoured down 10th Ave to Blairs Ferry Rd to N Center Point Road. Traffic should expect delays. Please try to avoid the areas during construction. All work is anticipated to be completed by Monday, August 14, pending no interruptions.



The Hiawatha Police Department recently hosted an internship for a senior from Mount Mercy University. Our intern, Trey, was required by Mount Mercy to complete a 120-hour internship to complete his degree. Following a vetting process and interview, Trey job shadowed various Hiawatha Police Officers and several first responder actions over the course of 3 weeks in June. Trey found the experience to be reassuring that he is pursuing his life's calling to be a Police Officer. We found the experience mutually beneficial as a collaboration with Mount Mercy University's Criminal Justice Department and a way to help foster and grow the next generation of Police Officer!



The Policy and Administrative Department recently hosted an intern from Kirkwood's Workplace Learning Connection program. Jacob Bruns, a driven and passionate senior from Kennedy High School, stands out among his peers for his exceptional grades and involvement in various extracurricular activities. Jacob's commitment to volunteer work at the local library and other activities, highlights his dedication to making a difference in his community. Jacob jumped at the chance to explore the world of governance and policymaking in order to gain firsthand experience in a field that he aspires to enter one day. He shadowed city officials, attended council meetings, and participated in workshops on policy development and administrative procedures. It is our hope that this experience provided Jacob with the necessary tools to succeed in his future career in the public sector.

AFG GRANT RECIPIENT



The City of Hiawatha was recently awarded a 2022 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$76,160.00.

The grant was for vehicle mounted exhaust systems for the Fire Department vehicles. These systems attach to the exhaust system of the vehicles and act as a filter or scrubber. These systems reduce staff's exposure to the known carcinogens found in diesel exhaust. These systems are an industry best practices in preventing firefighter exposure to carcinogens.

Dan Veerhusen, one of the department's part-time Fire Medics was the main author of the grant. Dan has had great success in writing successful grant applications. In fact, this is the second year in the row he has written a successful grant and has been able to secure. In Dan's career he has written several grants with him being able to secure over a half a million dollars in grant funding. His other successful grants in recent years include funding for:

- replacement of the fire department handheld radios
- funding for a ballistic and trauma training mannikin
- replacement of our self-contained breathing apparatus' (SCBA)
- upgrading our breathing air compressor and fill station
- acquire a John Deere Gator UTV

These grants allow us the opportunity to have the best equipment and resources available to serve our community.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO



KELLY WILLADSEN
PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR
-10 YEARS-



LOGAN PERKINS
WATER OPERATOR I
-5 YEARS-

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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

June 21, 2023

Resolution #23-122

Sewer Waiver

Resolution #23-123

Fire Station No. 2

Resolution #23-127 - 128

Sewer Waiver

Resolution #23-129

Chapter 90 Water Service System

Resolution #23-130

Rail Quiet Zone

June 28, 2023

Resolution #23-124

Emmons Street Trail Bridge

Resolution #23-125

Resignation of Council

Member declaring a

vacancy seat

Resolution #23-126

Appointing individual to fill

vacancy on city council

Resolution #23-131

Purchase of diesel filtration system

Resolution #23-132 - 133

The Crossing on Boyson 1st Addition

Resolution #23-134

28E Agreement Building

Inspections and Plan

Review Services

August Meeting Calendar

02 City Council 5:30 PM

08 Parks Commission 5:30 PM

08 Library Board 7:00 PM

14 History Commission 1:30 PM

14 Board of Adjustment 5:30 PM

15 Water Board 5:30 PM

16 City Council 5:30 PM

28 Planning and Zoning 5:30 PM

July 5, 2023

Proclamation

Parks & Rec Month



City of Hiawatha has three council seats up in the 2023 election. Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy form and a Nomination Petition with no less than 25 signatures. Completed paperwork must be filed with the Linn County Election Services Department. Visit www.sos.iowa.gov to obtain the required documents to file for candidacy.

Important dates:

First day to file nomination papers is August 28, 2023

Last day to file nomination papers is September 21, 2023

TITLE	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
City Manager	Dennis Marks	319-393-1515 x523	dmarks@hiawatha-iowa.com
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Parks & Recreation Director	Kelly Willadsen	319-393-1515 x251	kwilladsen@hiawatha-iowa.com
Community Development Director	Patrick Parsley	319-393-1515 x229	pparsley@hiawatha-iowa.com
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Water Superintendent	Marty Recker	319-393-1515 x232	mreckerehiawatha-iowa.com
Police Chief	Ben Kamm	319-393-1212	chief@hiawathapolice.com
Fire Chief	Matt Powers	319-393-4180	mcpowers@hiawatha-iowa.com
Interim Library Director	Chris Stoner	319-393-1414	cstoner@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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