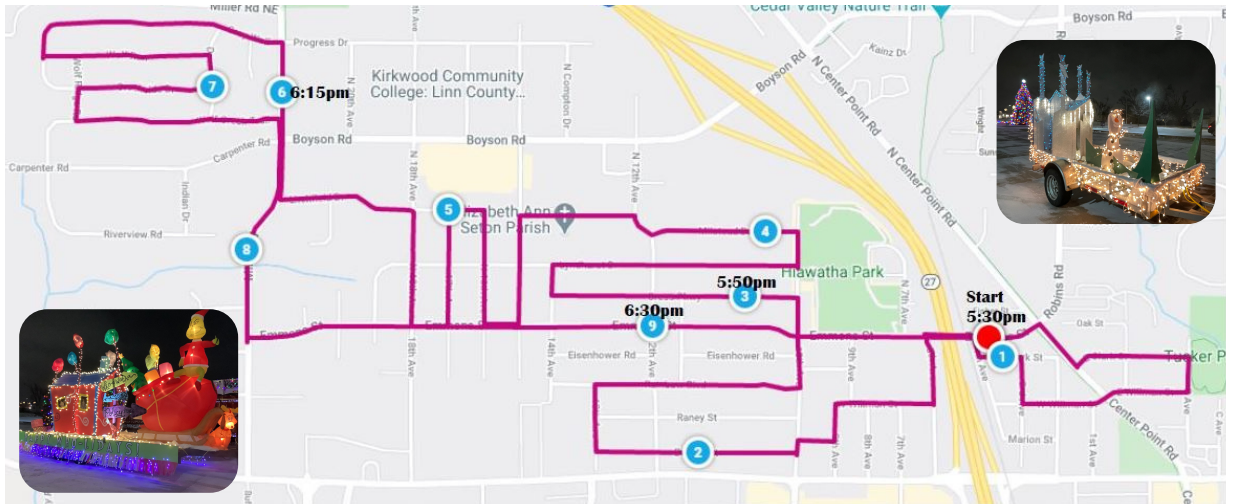


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Holiday Lights
PARADE
featuring Santa

DECEMBER 14
5:30 PM

If the parade does not go by your residence, please park in the 10th Avenue parking lot of Guthridge Park



HIAWATHA INSIGHTS

HEDCO NAMES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



Liz Mathis
HEDCO



The Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) leadership and board members have approved the appointment of Liz Mathis to fill the newly created HEDCO Economic Development Coordinator position. In this role, Mathis will advocate for current businesses and those who wish to relocate to Hiawatha. She will play a critical role in fostering business growth, retention and expansion within Hiawatha, securing investors and representing HEDCO within the economic development community.

"Liz has years of experience working on business growth and understanding the issues surrounding workforce development and shortages," said Dennis Marks, Hiawatha City Manager. "We are pleased she will join us, to help Hiawatha thrive."

Liz is a former broadcast journalist, retired non-profit leader and served 11 years as a state senator from Linn County. She was a legislative liaison for the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) and involved in an array of economic development policy. She currently serves on a small college board of regents and is a former bank board director. Liz is helping Hiawatha create a vibrant place for businesses and residents. She lives in Hiawatha and is committed to her community.

If you'd like to reach out to Liz, you can email her at lmathis@hiawatha-iowa.com

COLLABORATIVE GROWTH INITIATIVE SURVEY

The City of Hiawatha and HEDCO, along with adjacent communities within the greater Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Statistical Area, are undertaking a comprehensive research study to better understand the key assets, challenges and opportunities that will impact our region's ability to attract and retain residents and to grow the talent needed to support current and future business demands. To support this initiative, we are requesting your input to this confidential survey.

Please take the brief survey here by December 6: www.bit.ly/collab-growth-survey

We thank you in advance for sharing your input and we greatly appreciate your time.

For questions or concerns, contact Liz Mathis at lmathis@hiawatha-iowa.com



HIAWATHA CITY COUNCIL
2023 ELECTION RESULTS
YOUR VOICE
MATTERS

The November 7, 2023 General City Election votes have been tallied. Steve Dodson, who joined the City Council in 2018, was elected to serve as Hiawatha's next mayor. Outgoing Mayor Bill Bennett did not run for re-election. He was first elected mayor in 2016. Aime Wichtendahl, who also joined City Council in 2016 retained her position as a City Council member. Two newcomers will join her, Ben Fiedler and Jeff Cater.

Hiawatha City Council will soon accept applications to fill the unexpired term of office due to Dodson's transition to mayor. If you are interested in serving as a City Council member, please contact City Clerk Kari Graber at kgrab@hiawatha-iowa.com

CANDIDATE	VOTES
Steve Dodson	886
Jeff Cater	717
Ben Fiedler	722
Aime Wichtendahl	712

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

The City of Hiawatha has snow removal rules in place to help keep our community safe. Here is what you need to know before winter weather strikes:

- Make sure sump pumps and downspouts don't drain to sidewalks. The drainage can freeze causing icy buildup and slippery conditions on driveways, sidewalks, and streets.
- Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after a snowfall event ends. Remember to clear the area around fire hydrants as well.
- When removing snow from your property, do not place it in streets, alleys, driveways, or on sidewalks.
- Commercial Properties - Make sure you have a snow removal plan in place this winter season. If there is not enough room to store pushed snow on the property, you must have a plan for snow removal from the site before snow clearing may take place.

Snow Ordinance

Hiawatha's snow ordinance helps ensure safe, effective, and rapid snow removal of our streets. You can help! Do not park in the street when either:

- The National Weather Service predicts three (3) or more inches of snow within 24 hours or
- Three (3) or more inches of snow has fallen and your street has not been cleared

Failure to remove vehicles from the public street or City-owned off-street parking will result in a fine of \$25.00 with additional cost resulting from a tow fee.

Note: The City does not conduct normal snow removal operations on all city streets for snowfall of less than two (2) inches.

Stay Informed

When a snow ordinance is in effect, the declaration will be communicated through the following channels:

- In the *Latest News* section of the City's website
- Text and E-mail alerts
- Via City of Hiawatha Facebook channels
- Via local news channels and radio stations

Scan QR code to sign up for City of Hiawatha Alerts or visit <https://bit.ly/Hiawatha-Alerts>



HIAWATHA FIRE DEPARTMENT &
HIAWATHA WATER DEPARTMENT
KINDLY REMIND YOU TO

KEEP THEM CLEAR

IF THERE'S A FIRE HYDRANT NEAR YOUR HOME, DO YOUR PART TO KEEP IT ACCESSIBLE THIS WINTER:

- REMOVE SNOW AND ICE
- CLEAR A WIDE ENOUGH PERIMETER AROUND THE HYDRANT FOR WATER STAFF AND FIREFIGHTERS TO WORK (ABOUT 3 FEET)
- CLEAR A PATH FROM THE HYDRANT TO THE STREET

City Hall & Library HOLIDAY CLOSURES

December 24 - 26
December 31
January 1 - 2

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO



SARA MELISA
HIAWATHA POLICE OFFICER
-20 YEARS-



TRENT MACTAGGART
HIAWATHA POLICE SERGEANT
-20 YEARS-



Holiday Safety Tips!

- Inspect extension cords for damage before use; discard if necessary.
- Prepare live trees by soaking the trunk for 24 hours before bringing them indoors and maintain daily watering.
 - Keep trees at least 3 feet away from heat sources.
 - Turn off decorations when not in use or when you're not present.
- Place candles 1 foot away from flammable materials, or consider battery-powered alternatives.
- Don't use extension cords with space heaters; maintain a 3-foot clearance from flammable objects.
- Dress warmly and wear layers, including a hat, as 40% of body heat escapes through the head.
- Keep driveways and sidewalks clear of snow and ice, applying ice melt as needed to prevent slips.

Happy Holidays!
FROM THE HIAWATHA FIRE DEPARTMENT



PORCH PIRATES

As the holiday season approaches, the presence of “porch pirates” becomes increasingly evident, overshadowing the joy of festive gift-giving. These bold thieves prey on unattended packages left on doorsteps, taking advantage of the surge in online shopping. The Hiawatha Police Department is steadfast in its commitment to helping you safeguard your holiday deliveries, ensuring that the season remains merry and theft-free. Here are some tips to safeguard your packages:

- **Strategic Scheduling:** Opt for delivery times when someone is home to receive the package, or coordinate with neighbors or family to keep an eye out for your deliveries.
- **Enhanced Security:** Installing visible security cameras, especially around entryways and porches, can act as a deterrent to potential thieves.
- **Smart Access Control:** Smart lock systems ensure that only you or trusted contacts can access your front door, and they can be controlled remotely via smartphone apps.
- **Secure Storage:** Where available, utilize package lockers or Amazon Hub lockers to prevent packages from sitting out in the open.
- **Stay Informed:** Sign up for delivery notifications from shipping companies and online retailers to stay updated on your packages' status.
- **Signature Verification:** Request a signature for delivery to ensure your package reaches you or an authorized recipient directly.

In case you become a victim of porch piracy or witness suspicious activity in your neighborhood, report it promptly to the Hiawatha Police Department, providing detailed information that can aid in apprehending porch pirates and preventing further thefts.

This holiday season, let's work together to shield our deliveries and ensure that the joy of the holidays remains undisturbed. The holiday spirit is about giving and sharing, not taking from others. Stay vigilant, protect your packages, and have a safe and happy holiday season.



Happy New Year

A New Year always brings excitement and celebration. Remember that the use of consumer grade fireworks within city limits is only allowed from December 31 at 6 p.m. to January 1 at 12:30 a.m. In order to help keep this holiday and the beginning of the new year enjoyable and safe, remember that fireworks need to be handled with care by adults over 18 years old. Never light fireworks inside or near structures and make sure you have a fire extinguisher or bucket of water nearby. Fireworks and sparklers debris can remain hot after use and should be soaked in water before disposal. We hope you have an enjoyable and safe start to 2024!

HIAWATHA HISTORY COMMISSION



Founder, Fay Clark built a “modern trailer court” on 20 acres of land east of Robins Road—Hiawatha Oakbrook Trailer Park. The 200 square foot trailers without bathrooms were tiny compared to today’s mobile homes. The families used a common bath house. Do you recognize any of these kids who lived there in 1947?

Answer to November Mystery:



This concrete post is found in Clark Park. Concrete fence posts have a rich history that can be traced back to the early 1900s. They were initially used by railroad companies to mark their right of way, and farmers quickly followed suit.

The History Commission needs your help! Are you knowledgeable about Hiawatha’s History? Do you have pictures to share? Consider joining the Hiawatha History Commission! Please call Marilyn James at 319-721-7077 for more information.

Bring your own skates and have some fun this winter at the Guthridge Park Ice Rink! Weather permitting, we hope to have the ice rink open after the new year!

Hours:

The rink will be open to all ages for free skating during the hours of 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM daily during the season (January-March), as long as weather conditions are accommodating.

Closures:

The entry gate will be locked if the ice surface does not allow for safe skating. Check the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Facebook page for rink status.

Rink Guidelines:

We ask for your help to make the Guthridge Park ice rink an enjoyable experience. Please review the posted guidelines before skating.



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



Turtle Creek Park - If you haven't stopped out at Hiawatha's newest park, Turtle Creek Park, located at 2915 Fitzroy Road, you are really missing out! The 15 acre park is now home to a playground, splash pad, restroom facility and pavilion! Take a look at the progress we have made over the last two years.

September 2021 - Turtle Creek Park playground was installed and open for play.

August 2023 - Two new shade panels were installed offering more shade to our splash pad users.

September 2023 - The Public Works and Parks crew were busy preparing for our new restroom facility including footing, plumbing and electrical conduit. The restroom was delivered on September 26th and placed with a crane on the footings. Staff will complete concrete work spring of 2024 in time for parks and restroom facilities to be open for our users.



November 2023 - The Turtle Creek Park Pavilion is nearing completion, which means we will have an additional pavilion that will be available to rent next summer! We will complete the concrete work next spring when weather permits along with laying sod. We anticipate rentals could start in June of 2024!



The Hiawatha City Council has approved ordinance changes which allow certain forms of urban agriculture. It will soon be permissible to keep bees and chickens within the city limits as long as the requirements of Ordinance section 165.28 and Ordinance 55A are met.

Bees will be allowed in Hiawatha as a conditional use. The process includes a hearing before the Planning & Zoning Commission and a public hearing before the Board of Adjustment. The applicant must show compliance to the following:

- Maximum number of hives is two
- Maximum size of the hive is five feet in height and twenty cubic feet in area
- Hive shall be set back five feet from adjacent property lines which do not have a barrier or screening.
- Hives shall not be kept in the front yard or side yard which abuts a street and shall be at least 10 feet from a public sidewalk.
- Hive entrance must face away from adjacent property buildings within twenty feet or shall have a complying "flyway"

Application for a conditional use permit for keeping bees can be made online or at Hiawatha City Hall and the fee for the application is \$150. The process can take up to six weeks to complete.

Chickens will be allowed as a licensure program detailed in City Code Section 55A. Some of the limits and requirements for keeping chickens include the following:

- Chickens are allowed only on property with a single-family dwelling occupied by the permittee.
- Applicant shall notify all adjacent property owners of their plan to keep chickens
- Applicant shall submit a Certificate for attending an approved class on keeping urban chickens.
- No roosters are allowed
- A maximum of six chickens are allowed
- Chicken enclosures are required and shall be twenty-five feet from any neighbor's buildings.
- Chickens shall be secured within a properly fenced yard.
- Chickens shall be secured within a coop each night.
- Chicken yards and coops shall be properly maintained to control odors and predators.

A license to keep chickens will be available at Hiawatha City Hall after January 1st, 2024. The City Council is considering the registration fee and annual fees at their December 6th meeting.

Failure to comply with the ordinance will be considered a nuisance and shall be immediately abated. These rules are in place to promote the good neighbor policies in the City of Hiawatha. For additional information contact the Community Development at 319-393-1515



Thank You

from
The Hiawatha Fire Department

The Hiawatha Fire Fighters Association would like to thank everyone that attended the chili supper! We want to extend an additional thank you to all of our sponsors for this event.



We appreciate your continued support

Give the gift of HiBRAI



In need of a gift for cyclist that has everything? Gift them a HiBRAI registration this holiday!



www.2024hibrai.eventbrite.com



Take & Make Gingerbread House

* FOR KIDS AGES 5-12

This cardboard kit includes accessories, decorative stickers, an electronic candle and instructions. It is not edible.



Register for pickup online beginning December 17th at www.bit.ly/HPL-HOUSE

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TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE



ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07

DONATE NEW TOYS TO GIVE CHILDREN A BETTER HOLIDAY

Drop-Off Location:
Hiawatha City Hall
101 Emmons Street
Hiawatha, IA 52233



Are you looking for a fun way to burn calories, build strength, improve balance and more?

Try a **FREE** Jumping Fitness Class!

January 23, 2024 • 6:00 PM
Hiawatha Community Center
*Pre-registration Required



www.bit.ly/jump4free

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CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

City of Hiawatha **does not** provide Christmas tree pickup and removal. It is the responsibility of the resident to contact their garbage hauler and make arrangements for the removal of their Christmas tree after the holidays.

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December Calendar

- 02 Reindeer Run 9:00 AM
- 02 Dance to the Nutcracker 10:30 AM
- 04 Tweens Take & Make Kits 9:00 AM
- 04 Preschool Story Time 9:00 AM
- 06 Expressive Arts 10:00 AM
- 06 Mahjong 2:00 PM
- 06 Friendship Craft Club 6:00 PM
- 07 Scrabble Club 1:00 PM
- 07 Mystery Book Club 2:00 PM
- 08 Fall Crafts for Kids 3:15 PM
- 11 Preschool Story Time 9:00 AM
- 11 Scrabble Club 5:30 PM
- 11 Paws to Read 6:30 PM
- 12 Tuesday Tales 10:00 AM
- 13 Mahjong 2:00
- 13 Friendship Craft Club 6:00
- 14 Scrabble Club 1:00 PM
- 14 Free Pound Fitness 6:00 PM
- 14 Holiday Lights Parade 5:30 PM
- 15 Doodlebugs Surprise 10:30 AM
- 18 Preschool Story Time 9:00 AM
- 19 Tuesday Tales 10:00 AM
- 20 Mahjong 2:00 PM
- 20 Candlelight Yoga 5:30 PM
- 20 Friendship Craft Club 6:00 PM
- 21 Scrabble Club 1:00 PM
- 21 Comic Book Club 7:00 PM
- 27 Mahjong 2:00 PM
- 27 Friendship Craft Club 6:00 PM
- 28 Scrabble Club 1:00 PM

For additional information visit www.Hiawatha-ia.com/calendar



Hiawatha!
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Hiawatha Kids League

SPRING REGISTRATION OPEN!

Register online at www.bit.ly/HKL2024 or in-person at Hiawatha City Hall



2024 Activity Brochures will be hitting your mailboxes the first part of January! Mark your calendars for all the upcoming special events and programs!

Friends who do not reside in Hiawatha can pick up a copy of the brochure at Hiawatha City Hall or the Hiawatha Public Library during normal business hours starting the first week in January. Program registration will be available at www.hiawatha.activityreg.com



Letters from SANTA



LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A PERSONALIZED LETTER FROM SANTA THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

www.bit.ly/Hiawatha-Santa-Letters

**DELIVER BY
FRIDAY,
12/01/2023**

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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.

October 18, 2023

Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Resolution #23-182

EDC financial support

Resolution #23-183

HEDCO financial support

Resolution #23-184

Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance financial support

Resolution #23-185

Horizons financial support

Resolution #23-186

Set public hearing for 12th & Boyson

Resolution #23-187

Street Finance Report

Resolution #23-188

Springbrook & Edgewood Lift Station

Resolution #23-189

Employee Benefit Renewal

November 1, 2023

Resolution #23-190

Sewer waiver

Ordinance #1000

55A Urban Chickens and Ducks

Ordinance #1001

165.28 Urban Agriculture

Ordinance #1002

Figure I Land Use Matrix Amendment

Resolution #23-191

Cold Storage Building

Resolution #23-192

28E Monroe Township Services

Resolution #23-193

Fire Department Software

Resolution #23-194

Setting a public hearing

Resolution #23-195

Purchase of FrontDesk Software

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

One of the pleasures of this holiday season is the chance to say "Thank You" and wish you and your families peace and joy this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

-Mayor Bennett, City Council & City of Hiawatha staff

December Meeting Calendar

06	City Council	5:30 PM
11	History Commission	1:30 PM
11	Board of Adjustment	5:30 PM
12	Parks Commission	5:30 PM
12	Library Board	7:00 PM
18	Planning and Zoning	5:30 PM
19	Water Board	5:30 PM
20	City Council	5:30 PM

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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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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	Chris Stoner	319-393-1414	cstoner@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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