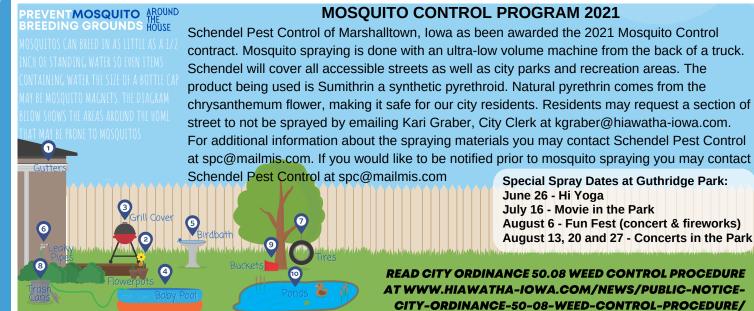




# REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

2020 was a year of exponential loss with approximately 375,000 losing their lives to COVID-19 in America. City of Hiawatha would like to take a moment to remember those who have passed by offering you an opportunity to write their name on a banner outside of City Hall. The banner will be displayed throughout the year to honor your loved ones. Please bring a marker and a memory to share.



#### MAY 2021

#### Online Water Payments are BACK!

The Water Department is now offering FrontDesk, a modern and convenient payment portal that provides online access to your utility account along with the option to pay your monthly bill online! Payment options include debit or credit cards, the ability to enroll in autopay, receive your bills electronically and the ability to manage your account 24/7. FrontDesk is mobile-friendly and can be accessed from anywhere, on any device, from any internet connection.

Please contact the Water Department with any questions you may have at 319-393-5556.

## STEPS TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE WATER PAYMENTS



CLICK
"PAY WATER BILL"

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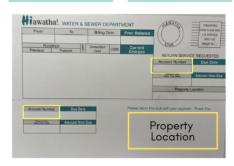
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Be sure to have a current Water Bill in hand for the following information pertaining to your account:

- Account Number
- Property Location (located on the right side of your bill above the perforated line)
- Last Billed Amount





#### **Hiawatha Police K9 Golf Outing**

On Sunday, August 1st, 2021 the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit will be hosting their 9th Annual 4-Person Best Shot Golf Outing at Hunters Ridge Golf Course in Marion to raise funds to support the K9 Program.

Registration Forms can be found at www.hiawatha-iowa.com on the Events Calendar, or on the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit Facebook Page.

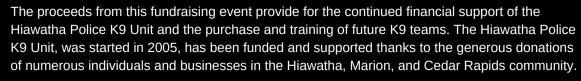
Tuesday, July 27th, 2021 Team Registration Due - \$85/Golfer

Sunday, August 1st, 2021 Golf Outing Hunters Ridge Golf Course

Check-in 11:00am-12:00pm

Shotgun Start 1:00pm

Dinner, Raffle Drawing and Prizes, and K9 Demo following dinner



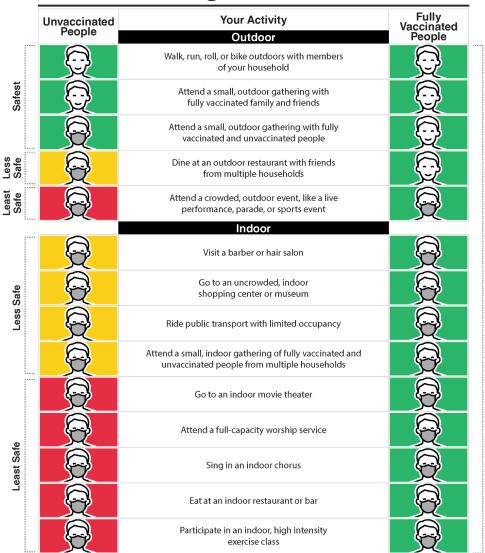
In August of 2020 the event sold out for the first time with thirty-three 4-person teams. We hope to see everyone again this year at Hunters Ridge.

To make a donation, for more information about different Sponsor possibilities, or if you have questions about the Golf Outing please contact Officer Erik Naaktgeboren at <a href="mailto:K9@hiawathapolice.com">K9@hiawathapolice.com</a>.

Follow them on Facebook at Hiawatha Police K9 Unit



#### **Choosing Safer Activities**



"Protect yourself, your family and the community, get the vaccine."



Tim Sagers MD Medical Director MercyCare Business Health Solutions

#### Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



#### Take prevention measures

Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.

**All lowans** over the age of 16 who need help to schedule a vaccine appointment can now call 211 for assistance





## 211 services are available in 240 languages

- Dial 211 from any phone, press 1 then press 9 and you'll be connected to the Vaccine Navigator Hotline.
- Select your preferred language. You will need to share a few details about yourself to schedule your appointment.
- Make sure you write down the date, time and location of your appointment.

Visit hiawatha-iowa.com/ news/in-need-of-avaccine/ for a list of pharmacies distributing vaccines.

# COLORFUL SUMMER READING PROGRAMS BEGIN JUNE 1

Summer reading programs are the literature Olympics for Hiawatha Public Librarians! So, flex your reading muscles and prepare to earn points for having your nose in a book, engaging in library missions, or participating in library programs.

Reading Colors Your World, an incentive-based program for all ages kicks off on June 1 at hiawathalibrary.readsquared.com/. Register for the program that is right for you, and you're off and running. When you earn 1,000 points, you will not receive a gold medal, but instead will be rewarded with a prize package of goodies. Additionally, if you complete the program, you will qualify for grand prize random drawings to be held after the program ends on July 31.

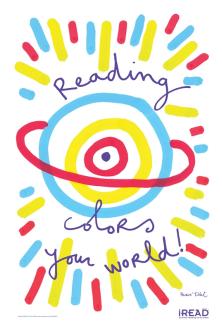
Mark your calendar now for June 1, and let the games begin!

#### **HIAWATHA STRONG**

Hiawatha is incredibly proud and privileged to have so many business owners choose to do business here. Our newest initiative, titled Hiawatha Strong, is aimed at recognizing our local businesses and celebrating the years they've been in operation. If you are a business owner in Hiawatha, please complete the form on HEDCO's website to let us know more about you and your business. We look forward to connecting with you and having the opportunity to commemorate the years you've enjoyed success in your business.

> https://www.hedco.org/ hiawatha-strong/





# HIAWATHA WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

Hiawatha's Yearly Water Quality Report (or Consumer Confidence Report) will no longer be mailed out to our Hiawatha residents. The report is now available online. To access the CCR Report go to the Hiawatha City Website (www.hiawatha-iowa.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 2020.



TREE CITY USA

Hiawatha was recognized, virtually, at the Urban Forestry Awards luncheon on Arbor Day, April 8, for our dedication to the importance of trees in our community. The Arbor Day Foundation and Iowa Department of Natural Resources awarded Hiawatha with the Tree City USA Award and Tree City USA Growth Award.

#### PROTECTING OUR WETLANDS

As part of our MS4 program, the City of Hiawatha oversees erosion control on construction sites, the design and installation of storm water management plans, and maintenance of the City's overall storm water drainage system. The system includes erosion control measures, detention devices, retention basins, drainageways and wetlands. All of these components help to control storm water runoff thus reducing erosion, elicit discharges and flooding.

One of our largest drainageways is located northwest of Alwine Court and Ashworth Ct. and north of Willowood Drive. In the past, the drainageway filled up with silt and debris due to construction and dumping in the area. In 2011, after researching the function and effectiveness of this particular area, Hall and Hall Engineering was hired to draw up a plan to dredge out the original stream using guidelines provided by the Corp of Engineers. The City spent \$125,000 to have the original stream dredged channeling the water into the middle of the drainageway, replacing the original top soil and planting new wetland plants.

The City is currently investing over \$300,000 to repair the damage caused by the derecho of 2020. The contract for clearing debris and for restoration of the drainageways is scheduled to be completed by August of 2021.

These protected drainageways act as natural retention basins. The plants slow the flow of water from the area protecting properties in the area and downstream from flooding. The plants in the natural waterway area reduce soil erosion by holding the soil in place. Finally, the protected area provides habitat and food for wild animals such as deer, owls, fox, turkey's pheasants, fish, frogs and turkeys.

In 2013 the City put up signs designating the area as an environmentally sensitive area, and the City has been relying on the citizens; especially those adjacent to the drainageways to assist in maintaining this valued resource. The city asks that people help protect this natural resource

- by not mowing the natural plants and foliage,
- by not chopping down or planting trees in the area,
- · by not dumping garbage or organic debris,
- by not making trails in the area because they lead to erosion and
- by not planting non-wetland plants in the area. The City appreciates the help of the drainageway neighbors and the citizens of Hiawatha in preserving our City's natural habitats and its natural resources for the benefit of all future generations.



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Saturday, June 26th | Guthridge Park



- 5k Walk / Run
- Morning Group Yoga by Dusty Swehla of Panda Marie
- · Breakout Sessions featuring:
  - Sound Healing
  - Buti Yoga
  - Meditation
  - & more!
- Evening Group Yoga by Dusty Swehla of Panda Marie
- · Local Food Trucks
- Wellness Market
- Live Concert to follow featuring a SURPRISE artist!

Masks will be required for all guests and volunteers, and we will be practicing social distancing. To purchase tickets visit, www.eventbrite.com/e/145925325577

#### VILLAGE CENTER PLAZA

The city has hired McComas-Lacina Construction out of lowa City for the development of the plaza in the front green space of City Hall. The project will serve as a gathering place and event venue for the City of Hiawatha and visitors. The improvements along the trail include grading, paving, seat walls and landscaping. A restroom building is proposed on the south end of the site along with various site lighting including color changing bollards and column lighting. This project is scheduled to begin May 3 with a completion date of September 30. The trail will remain open throughout construction with temporary closures.



#### VOLUME 156

#### May

- 01 City-Wide Garage Sales
- 02 Farmers Market 10:00 AM 1:00 PM
- 03 Amnesty Pickup
- 05 City Council meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 Farmers Market 10:00 AM 1:00 PM
- 11 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
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- 31 City Hall Closed for Memorial Day

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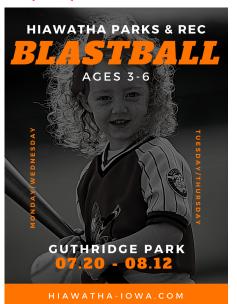
#### **CLEARING THE AIR**

We appreciate the concerns of neighbors regarding the spontaneous combustion of the large mulch pile located near the intersection of Tower Terrace and Edgewood Road. We wanted to assure you that the owner of this property is not intentionally setting these fires, as spontaneous combustion is an act of nature. The owner has been in contact with the City, Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Linn County Public Health Air Quality to assure that he is properly maintaining the site. Linn County Public Health Air Quality and Hiawatha Fire Department are actively monitoring the situation and mitigating the pile when it burns. The contractor has developed a plan to control the fire, minimize smoke and mitigate the possibility of more fires. Meanwhile, he is taking steps to move chips from the property and create compost from the remaining chips. Thank you for your understanding as we do our best to address the situation.

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#### **Hiawatha Council Action**

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online at www.hiawathaiowa.com/goverment/city-council-documents/ or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 319-393-1515 ext. 526

