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2018 Housing Fund Grant Rehabilitation Program

Housing Rehabilitation Program



The City of Hiawatha has determined that housing rehabilitation funding assistance would be greatly beneficial to the community. The owner-occupied housing rehabilitation project is a grant awarded to the city through a competitive application process that assists low to moderate income homeowners with repairs to their property to meet minimum housing standards and addresses lead hazard concerns.

If you live in the designated area and own your home, please consider taking advantage of the five year forgivable loan to rehabilitate your home.

- The program invests \$24,999 in general repairs and an additional \$7,500 for lead reduction work if necessary
- Funding assists with repairs such as siding, roofing, windows, plumbing and electrical work and other eligible items
- If you live in your home for five years after home improvements are completed, you as the homeowner would owe -0- dollars for the improvements made
- Homeowners are not required nor need to match the dollars invested by the program
- This program is available to anyone who meets the qualifications

To qualify, you must:

- Reside in and own the home for which you are seeking rehabilitation funds for at least one year
- Live within the Target Area (map shown on the right)
- Fall at or below the 2017 Federal Household Income guidelines (table shown below)



2017 Federal Household Income Guidelines for Linn County

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Household Income*	44,750	51,150	57,550	63,900	69,050	74,150	79,250	84,350

The city's application is due to the State of Iowa on May 4, 2018. Your interest and preliminary applications are needed, please contact Pat Parsley at pparsley@hiawatha-iowa.com, 319-3931515 ext. 229 or Kim Downs at kdowns@hiawatha-iowa.com, 319-393-1515 ext. 523 with your interest in the housing rehabilitation program.

Hiawatha City Administrator Awarded One of the 2018 Women of Influence

On April 12, Hiawatha City Administrator Kim Downs took the stage with nine other women to accept an award as one of Corridor Business Journal's 2018 Women of Influence. This is the 14th annual awards banquet held to honor women considered role models as leaders in their fields and communities and to recognize the positive impact they have made in the Corridor.

Kim was nominated by staff members at the City of Hiawatha and the application process included a summary of achievements and letters of recommendation from Hiawatha City Council, other government officials and business professionals who have worked with Kim in some capacity over the years.

The list below provides a snapshot of Kim's accomplishments over an 18 year span of working in city government:

- Iowa Rural Water Association's City Clerk of the Year 2003
- Mentoring program participant with another city 2010
- Daniel Burnham Award from APA of Iowa for Hiawatha Comp Plan Development 2017
- Oversaw and facilitated the creation of HEDCO 2010
- Spearheaded Tower Terrace Development Corridor: coordinated with Cedar Rapids, Marion, Robins, Linn County and Hiawatha promoting the new interchange on I-380
- Convinced IDOT to place I-380/Tower Terrace on their five year budget 2017
- Initiated housing rehab programs in Ryan and Hiawatha

Kim possesses the rare qualities which allow her to bring government and business together so that business can flourish and citizens prosper in the community. Her energy, vision and attitude are truly contagious and contribute greatly to her success and the success of those around her. She is a proven "Woman of Influence" in the Eastern Iowa Business Corridor.

If you get the opportunity, please congratulate Kim on this well-deserved honor!



City Employees Attend Annual Stand Down Safety and Wellness Training



On March 7, city employees attended annual Stand Down Safety and Wellness training at city hall. Ongoing training is vital to maintain the presence of safe work practices to the forefront and promote the overall safety and wellbeing of our employees. We consider Hiawatha a safe workplace and it is because we have adopted safety programs including a safety committee, safety policies, regularly scheduled employee safety training sessions throughout the year, individual departments addressing safety concerns as they occur, pre-employment and fit for duty physicals, and return to work program. All of these measures and more are in place to help employees perform tasks safely and reduce or avoid the risk of danger, at the same time increasing awareness of a safe and healthy environment.

During the 2018 Stand Down Safety and Wellness Day, employee training lineup included back safety, lifting and ergonomics, distracted driving, cell phones, intersections, safe backing, safety belt/harness, prevention of chronic illness, and a few team building activities. The Fire Department conducted an emergency response simulation at the Hiawatha Maintenance Shop and at City Hall to provide education and evaluate employee response to a dangerous situation that could potentially occur on any day while working in a public building.

Because of the generosity of ICAP, the City's property and casualty insurance carrier, employees enjoyed a free lunch from Carlos O' Kelly's. This was a successful day of learning and a wonderful opportunity to bring employees together from all departments, some of which are located in off-site facilities and don't get the opportunity to collaborate on a daily basis.

Thank you Cedar Rapids Toyota!

We would like to thank Cedar Rapids Toyota for their generosity and helping our Parks Staff for the summer season. Thank you! The last seven years the Parks Department has partnered with Cedar Rapids Toyota to lease a vehicle for \$1 (from April through October). For this, a Cedar Rapids Toyota magnet is put on the truck to market their business. The expenses incurred are basic maintenance and gas expenses out of the department budget. The Park's Department is also responsible for the insurance coverage and add this policy through ICAP. Thank you!



Hiawatha Council Action

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

Hiawatha History Committee Facebook Page

Hiawatha History Committee is happy to announce that they have their very own Facebook page! Please "like" and "follow" Hiawatha History Committee to stay up to date with progress on the creation of the first Hiawatha History book and you can also submit any History artifacts directly to the page.



League of Women Voters Legislative Forums

The 2018 League of Women Voters Linn County Legislative Forums will be split between Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha. The Saturday, April 21st forum will be at the Kirkwood Community College Regional Center, 1770 Boyson Road in Hiawatha. All forums 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM.

All eleven Linn County Legislators have been invited. These free public forums are a venue for state representatives and senators to discuss issues of concern and to answer questions from constituents. If internet signal strength allows Pro Video will stream the forums live on the LWV Linn County and Pro Video Productions Facebook pages. Following the forum, a video of the event can be viewed via the Neighborhood Network News link on the League website www.lwvlinncounty.org. The forums are held on the third Saturday of the month while the Iowa Legislature is in session.

The League of Women Voters of Linn County conducts the forums as part of its voter education program. The League of Women Voters Linn County is a non-profit volunteer political organization that neither supports or opposes any candidate or political party, encourages citizen participation in government and is open to everyone 16 years and older.

Parks and Recreation Department - Seasonal Positions Available

Seasonal Parks Maintenance Positions - The City of Hiawatha is accepting applications for three Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions for the 2018 summer season. The Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions are responsible for performing a wide variety of activities related to the city parks and other city facilities. The city is looking for self-motivated individuals with good communication skills, ability to follow instructions and ability to work as a team.

Daily tasks will include maintaining the cleanliness and orderliness of park grounds and facility structures. Essential duties include, but are not limited to, mowing, trimming and weeding, routine facility clean-up (after park and community center rentals), minor equipment maintenance and assist other departments as directed.

Non-standard work week, weekends and holidays may be required. Any combination of education and experience providing the required skills is beneficial. Pre-employment physical and a valid driver's license required. Must be 18 to apply. Rate of pay starts at \$11.00.

Seasonal Adventure Camp Employees - The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department are looking for Summer Leaders and Directors for the Hiawatha Kids Adventure Camp Program. Responsibilities include working with children from the ages of 5-12 in daily activities and field trips from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday through Friday; program dates June 11, 2018 - August 10, 2018. Must be 18 years of age. Hourly rate: \$9-\$10.80.

Employment application and job description can be found at www.hiawatha-iowa.com under job opportunities or by contacting the City Clerk's office at 101 Emmons Street, Hiawatha, Iowa 52233. EOE. Positions open until filled.

April Calendar

- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 09 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 17 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 Earth Day Event 9:00 - 11:00 AM Public Works Building - 1410 Robins Road
- 23 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 29 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park

May Calendar

- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
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- 28 Holiday - City Hall Closed



SAVE THE DATE

JULY 12, 2018



State of the City Luncheon

JOIN US AT THE KIRKWOOD
LINN CO. REGIONAL CENTER
1770 BOYSON ROAD
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!



Little Mustangs Basketball Clinic

This offensive improvement camp is designed for boys and girls grades K-5th who want to gain some serious offensive skills in basketball! Mount Mercy's head coach, Aaron Jennings and players will take you through the Mustang Offensive Improvement series. This sequence of drills has helped make the Mustangs one of the top offensive programs in the country.

Over two days, specific attention will be given to shooting, ball handling, footwork, passing, cutting, screening and offensive rebounding. Participants will also get to test these new skills in full and half court games and individual contests. Get registered today on the City website!

When: May 9 and 10, 2018

Where: Nixon Elementary School

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Fee: \$30.00

MLB Pitch Hit & Run

Major League Baseball's Pitch Hit & Run (PHR) is a FREE, one day event for boys and girls ages 7-14. PHR is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. Participants compete in either the Baseball Division or Softball Division and have the opportunity to advance through four levels of competition including Locals, Sectionals, Team Championships and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game. This is a collaborative event with Marion Parks and Recreation. To register online, please visit: www.pitchhitrun.com paper registrations are available at Lowe Park and Hiawatha City Hall.

Fee: FREE, must register for the event by deadline

When: Monday, May 7

Rain-date: Wednesday, May 9

Where: Lowe Park

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Registration Deadline: April 20, 2018

Safety Tips to Prepare Residents for Solicitors, Vendors and Peddlers

Warmer temperatures sparks an increase in the presence of solicitors, vendors and peddlers trying to sell their products and services at your doorstep, in a mobile vehicle travelling up and down the residential neighborhoods, and even selling food from a pushcart in the City right-of-way. While it is convenient to be able to purchase frozen treats and other snacks as you are playing outside in the yard or at the park with your children, it is important that residents know what to look for when dealing with solicitors, vendors or peddlers.

For the safety of the community, the City of Hiawatha has a policy in place to make sure all solicitors, vendors and peddlers go through a license process before they are allowed to conduct business in the City. The licensing process can take up to two to three weeks and includes the following steps:

- Running a background check on all members of the crew (applicant pays for each background check).
- Hiawatha Police Department run background checks on each member of the crew and approve or deny the application.
- Owner/Supervisor of business must complete an application form and provide information on all members of the crew including contact information, make/model/color/year of all vehicles being used, list criminal convictions and last three cities where the company most recently conducted business.
- Supply one of the following: evidence that the applicant has filed a bond with the Secretary of State in the penal sum two times the value of the goods or merchandise sold or a \$1,000 bond.
- Supply a certificate of general liability insurance including products liability coverage in the amount of \$300,000 per occurrence and \$100,000 for property damage
- Applicant must pay a license fee ranging from \$40 for a one day license up to \$300 for a one year license.
- Applicants are required to pay \$5.00 per ID badge for each member of the crew and must come to City Hall for a photo and city printed ID badge.

The application process is rigorous and it is all in an effort to protect Hiawatha residents as much as possible. All solicitors, vendors and peddlers conducting business in this city must display a photo ID badge featuring the City of Hiawatha logo, individual's name, name of business and license expiration date. Soliciting in residential areas is allowed only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. If there are any suspicions or concerns regarding a solicitor, peddler or vendors' right to conduct business in your neighborhood, please contact the Police Department at: 319-393-1212 or the City Clerk's Office at 319-393-1515.



Have you liked the Fun Fest Facebook page yet? Stay updated on activities throughout the day and latest news on what's to come at this year's event!

Watch our monthly videos and see what our friend Henry is up to. Don't miss out on Fun Fest 2018, August 24-25!



Permit Technicians Class

The City of Hiawatha in conjunction with the Iowa Association of Building Officials (IABO) and the Illinois/Iowa Association of Building Officials (ILLOWA) is hosting a class for permit technicians at City Hall on May 15, 2018. The training being offered in Hiawatha will qualify for re-certification continuing education units for certified permit technicians. Featured this year will be Christine Rose who began her career in code administration as a permit technician and was recently promoted to Deputy Building Official for the City of Fargo.

Permit technicians are an integral part of code enforcement and administration in Iowa and across the nation. The skills needed to perform this job are varied and include technical code knowledge, basic office skills, administrative clerk skills and customer relations skills. These skills are recognized through a national certification developed and maintained by the International Code Council (ICC).

IABO and ILLOWA are chapters of ICC. They promote the achievement of certifications for all staff involved in code enforcement. This year the Permit Technician class is being held during the same week as the Eastern Iowa building official training in Cedar Rapids.

The City of Hiawatha also encourages certifications and the associated training. Our current staff includes a certified permit technician: Jen Goerg. We are proud to be host to the permit technicians of Iowa and the surrounding area this year.

Hiawatha Public Library Now Offering Kanopy

The Hiawatha Public Library is excited to announce that the popular on-demand video streaming service Kanopy is now available for free to residents of Hiawatha. Hiawatha residents can access Kanopy by visiting: <http://hiawatha.kanopy.com>.

After a simple sign-up using an email address and library card, Hiawatha residents can stream up to five films a month on demand instantly. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema. Adult Services Librarian Erin Zaputil says, "We are thrilled to be able to offer Kanopy to Hiawatha residents. With offerings such as The Great Courses, and independent and foreign films we believe Kanopy will be a great addition to our collection and will help meet the call for streaming content."

For more information, call the Hiawatha Public Library (319) 393-1414 or visit our website at:

www.hiawathapubliclibrary.org.



Don't Miss the Hiawatha Earth Day Collection/Recycling Event on April 21, 2018

Just in case you missed it in the March newsletter, the City of Hiawatha is celebrating Earth Day by hosting our annual collection/recycling event at a new location: **Public Works Facility 1410 Robins Road**. This is a chance for all Hiawatha residents to drop off the following items for recycling and proper disposal:

- Household hazardous waste sponsored by Linn County Solid Waste
- Electronic equipment sponsored by Midwest Electronic Recovery
- Documents for shredding sponsored by Heartland Shredding
- Unserviceable flags and purchase of new flags sponsored by American Legion Post 735
- Gently used cell phones to be donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers sponsored by the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Chapter 735
- Eyeglasses and hearing aids sponsored by the Hiawatha Lions Club
- New or gently used children's book collection (Reach Out and Read Program) sponsored by the Hiawatha Lions Club and the Unity Point Clinic
- Prescription/medication waste sponsored by Hy-Vee Pharmacy
- Trees for Kids - Free Seedling Packets

The 2018 Earth Day event is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Load up your car and stop down at the **Public Works Facility located at 1410 Robins Road**. Follow the sign that says **ENTER HERE** on Robins Road.

City Wide Spring Cleanup and Event Dates

Monday, April 30, 2018 - Leaves, brush & yardwaste pickup. **Place all items at curbside by 7:00 AM.**

Saturday, May 5, 2018 - Garage Sales. Contact City Hall at 393-1515 or email aseverson@hiawatha-iowa.com if you want to be part of the listing. Maps can be picked up Friday, May 4, 2018 at City Hall and the Hiawatha Public Library.

Monday, May 7, 2018 - Amnesty Pickup. **Place all items at curbside by 7:00 AM.**

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Fire and Water Departments improve Hiawatha's insurance rating

The City recently received the results of an audit by Insurance Services Organization (ISO). ISO evaluates a community's ability to respond to structure fires by evaluating the Fire Department, Water Department, and 9-1-1 Communications System. The Fire and Water Departments are proud to announce that they were able to improve Hiawatha's ISO rating from a class 4 to a class 3. The ratings are based on a 1-10 scale, where 10 is no fire protection. With a rating of 3, Hiawatha is in the top 10% of the more than 46,000 communities evaluated. Insurance companies use ISO information to help establish fair premiums for homeowners and commercial fire insurance.

In general, the price of fire insurance in a community with a good grade is substantially lower than in a community with a poor grade. Fire departments may also use the rating as a tool toward planning for future community fire protection needs. ISO audits usually occur every 10 years.

The fire department was able to gain significant points through its community risk reduction program - fire inspections, fire safety visits, the use of fire codes, and how fire investigations are handled. It's especially noteworthy that the Hiawatha Water Department obtained a near perfect score of 39.36 out of 40 thanks to improvements in the water distribution system!



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