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Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan Open House Update

The Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is in the process of updating the original Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan. As part of this update, they held a public input meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 in Hiawatha providing information and sought feedback from the public. The roughly eight mile project would update existing portions of Tower Terrace Road and connect the roadway between Robins Road and Alburnett Road. When complete, the project will provide an east to west corridor from Interstate 380 in Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha to Highway 13 in Marion with a construction cost estimate of \$90 million over a period of 30 years. Hiawatha’s total cost share estimate in today’s numbers are \$16,400,000.

The purpose of this plan was to revisit the goals and objectives identified in the 2010 plan to confirm its application to the current vision of the jurisdictions along the corridor. This plan builds upon and supplements communities to their next steps in the corridor plan.

The implementation plan included:

- Phasing the corridor into financially manageable sized construction projects,
- Developing conceptual plans and cost estimates for each project,
- Assigning priority for each project,
- Identifying funding sources, and
- Developing an implementation schedule.



Above Picture: Tower Terrace Road / I-380

This update involves many jurisdictions and agencies, including:

- City of Hiawatha
- City of Robins
- City of Cedar Rapids
- Linn County
- City of Marion
- Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT)

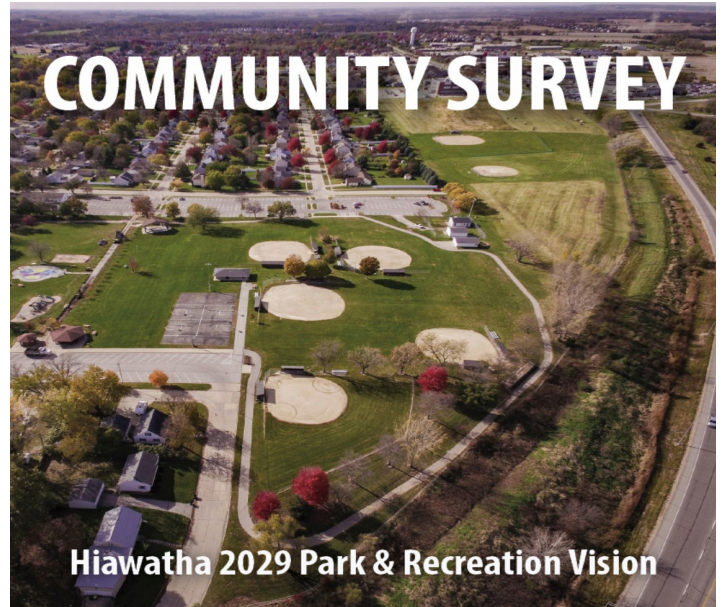
As we know, Tower Terrace Road will be a major thoroughfare through the metro region. With projected high traffic volumes in areas and high pedestrian and cycling traffic, this roadway will need to have qualities and features in common especially in appearance and functionality.

Included in this project is the estimated \$20 million construction of the I-380/Tower Terrace Road Interchange, which is on track for construction by the Iowa Department of Transportation to begin in fiscal year 2022.

We want to hear from you!



The Parks and Recreation Department is updating their Comprehensive Plan and we need your input. We would appreciate a few minutes of your time by completing a short survey located at the following link: <https://hiawathaparksvision.com>. Let us know your wants, needs and desires so we can better serve you and the community! Don't use the internet? No problem, paper surveys can be found at Hiawatha City Hall.



We are bringing you a new date for Fun Fest 2019! Mark your calendars for August 2-3, 2019. We will have plenty of activities for you and the family to enjoy before schools back in session! Stay up to date on all the excitement by liking the Hiawatha Fun Fest Facebook page!



Dog Park Cleanup

On November 18, 2018 Dave Wright and the City hosted a volunteer clean up day at the future Dog Park location. Although there was snow and cool temperatures, 20 volunteers came together to help clean the area by picking up garbage and brush. We would like to give a huge thank you to Boy Scout Troop 766, the Subaru Club, Xavier High School Students, family and friends. This was the first major step in development and we can't thank them enough. This winter we will continue working on the Dog Park development with completion to be next fall.

Schrader Group acquires 50-acre subdivision site in Hiawatha

Schrader Group, one of the most active single-family subdivision developers in the Linn County communities south of Cedar Rapids, is expanding its focus to Hiawatha.

Schrader Group plans to begin work later this month on the 50-acre Todd Hills Addition south of Todd Hills Road and west of Edgewood Road. The subdivision will consist of 85 lots in a mix of sizes, with most being 0.3-acre or 0.4-acre, and some larger lots under one acre.

Loren Hartelt, director of business development for Schrader Group, said the company likes the way lots have been selling in the area and the improved transportation infrastructure with improvements to Edgewood Road. GLD Commercial brokered the sale of the site.

The first lots will be available in May. Walford-based Schrader Group has 600 acres under development in five other locations in Fairfax, Swisher, Walford, Ely and rural Linn County.



The Todd Hills Subdivision site (red outline) south of Todd Hills Road and west of Edgewood Road in Hiawatha

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.

Rental Licensure Program Changes

The City of Hiawatha currently registers and inspects approximately 1,100 residential dwellings contained within about 300 buildings. We work with about 275 different owners and management agencies in the process of maintaining accurate certifications for the properties.

The program includes a system of regular inspections and complaint inspections. Regular inspections are initiated by our Code Enforcement staff and one scheduled in one to five year inspection intervals depending on violations and hazards associated with the property. For example: "Exceptional property maintenance programs" will earn the five-year inspection interval.

Complaint inspections are usually initiated by an occupant of the rental property. These inspections are scheduled as quickly as possible based on the level of the hazard and availability of inspection staff.

Fees for this program are generated to cover a portion of the program administration and associated inspections. The City Council recently passed a resolution allowing annual renewal fees and inspection processing changes to facilitate the migration of the licensure program to an electronic, on-line format. The new system is scheduled for implementation in January of 2019 and will include:

- On-line access for property registration
- On-line access for updating registration information
- On-line payment of registration, licensure and inspection fees
- Public access to registered and certified rental property listings
- On-line invoicing for annual fees and registration updates

Rental property owners have received their first notice regarding the system change. A final notice will be sent in January. **We are asking all rental property owners to delay attempts to access their accounts or pay fees on-line until contacted by Jerry Youtsey**, our code enforcement officer in charge of the conversion. He will send specific directions regarding registration and access in the new system.

We look forward to the implementation of these improvements to the system which will provide a more efficient and customer friendly rental licensure program. More importantly, these changes will facilitate the City's ability to maintain safe and sanitary rental housing options.

New Planning and Zoning Board Member

The City of Hiawatha Planning and Zoning Commission has a new member, Lisa Jepsen. Lisa resides in Hiawatha and has served as an officer in the Wolf Creek Home Owners' Association since 2011. She is currently the Association President.

Lisa works at the University of Northern Iowa as an Associate Dean. She has been at UNI since 2000 and has held positions as the MBA Director and Professor of Economics. Along with a considerable daily commute, Lisa stays busy teaching and enjoying life with her husband and their "furry kids" in beautiful Hiawatha.



Lisa is completing the term for Reta Saylor who has retired from the Commission after many years of dedicated service. We wish to thank Reta for her service and wish her well.

December Calendar

- 05 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 10 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 10 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 17 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 Holiday - City Hall Closed
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January Calendar

- 01 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
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Hiawatha Fire Department Awarded Grant

We are pleased to announce that the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Board of Directors has awarded the Hiawatha Fire Department the grant to fund the purchase of a John Deere All Terrain Vehicle. The vehicle will be used during community events to provide faster response to emergencies and to reach areas off road where normal fire vehicles cannot go. It will have the capability to both fight brush fires, and to transport injured parties. The value of the grant was \$13,406. The Hiawatha Fire Firefighters Association will use money from the Chili Supper, the Fireman's 5K, and other donations to equip the "Gator." We expect to take full delivery of the Gator with equipment in mid January.

Shriners Support Fire Department



The El Kahir Shrine has been very supportive of the Hiawatha Fire Department since moving to Hiawatha several years ago. The Shriners are extremely involved in providing care for children, including those suffering from burn injuries. In addition, the Shriners have supported our educational efforts locally. Last spring they allowed the fire department to host an all day medical training session for first responders from around the area at their facility on Stamy Road. At the November 7, 2018 Council meeting, the Shriners presented a check to the Hiawatha Fire Department for \$170 supporting our department. The Hiawatha Fire Department wants to extend a thank you to the El Kahir Shrine for all they do to support the Department and Community!

Fire Department Chili Supper

The Hiawatha Firefighters Association hosted its annual chili supper on November 3, 2018. The chili supper culminates months of planning and several days of food preparation. Firefighters cooked up more than 25 roasters of our delicious recipe, in both hot and mild style. In addition, families and supporters provided hundreds of different desserts. This year we especially want to thank the 37 sponsors that provided ingredients, drinks, desserts and many silent auction items. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and our community, we made more than \$5,000. The donated money will go toward equipping a new all terrain vehicle.



Wickwire Chiropractic and Wellness Center New Location

The team at Wickwire Chiropractic and Wellness Center celebrated their new location in Hiawatha at 655 North Center Point Road with a ribbon cutting. Dr. Lee Wickwire founded Wickwire Chiropractic and Wellness Center in 2009 and offers his expertise along with his team helping the community live their best life!

Help us welcome Dr. Wickwire and his team to their new location. Congratulations!



The Hiawatha History Committee Presents

Santa makes a visit to the Hiawatha Library in the 1990's. Do you have any pictures of the Library in the 1960's - 1980's? Call Pat at 319-721-9730 or email her at se_me@live.com.



Tech Time for Tots Comes to Hiawatha Public Library

From birth, children are immersed in a sleek pool of technology. The digital age is here and it will continue to evolve and amaze in unimaginable ways. Rather than wince and wish it away, libraries need to embrace this innovative way to enhance early literacy skills for preschoolers. Just as Hiawatha Public Youth Services Librarian Alicia Mangin provides reader's advisory for print books, she welcomes the role of media mentor, providing caregivers with advice as to the quality of available apps for kids and how to interact with their children while exploring them.

With this in mind, Hiawatha Public Library debuts Tech Time for Tots on Friday, January 18, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. The Giacometto Foundation awarded the Library \$1,200 to purchase an iPad Pro to add a digital component to story time. Tech Time for Tots will feature picture books in digital format and other high quality apps that will strengthen talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. The iPad images will be mirrored to a larger screen and young children will be encouraged to play along. Please join us for this new endeavor or email Alicia Mangin at amangin@hiawatha-iowa.com if you have questions.

Snow Ordinance Reminder

Our snow ordinance is in effect when the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts a snowfall in which three (3) or more inches of snow are expected. While the Snow Emergency is in effect, **there is no parking on any city street**. Vehicles found parked in violation of this ordinance will receive a **\$25** parking ticket and/or be impounded. During overnight snow removal operations, vehicles found in violation on City streets will be towed. The Snow Emergency declaration will be sent to all the local media including but not limited to: KGAN (Channel 2), KCRG (Channel 9) and KWVL (Channel 7). The declaration will also be posted on the City website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com. Your cooperation is appreciated.

REMEMBER - Don't park in the street if:

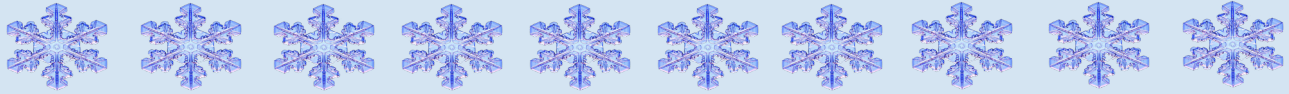
- The 24 hour (or less) prediction by the NWS is for three (3) or more inches of snow.
- Three (3) or more inches of snow has fallen and/or your street has not been cleared.

When in doubt about parking, just move your vehicle off the street.

City will **NOT** conduct snowfall clearing operations on all streets for a snowfall of less than two (2) inches.

Sidewalks must be shoveled within 24 hours of the cessation of snowfall, clear snow from around fire hydrants that are near your property, check with your neighbors regarding snow removal and direct sump pumps and downspouts away from hard surfaces so that water doesn't build up and freeze, creating slippery conditions on driveways, sidewalks or streets.

Sign up on the Hiawatha website (www.hiawatha-iowa.com) to receive notifications for snow emergencies to your cell phone or email.



Edgewood Road Ready to Open North of Blairs Ferry Road

This new section of Edgewood Road just north of Blairs Ferry Road is constructed and ready to open. The extension of Edgewood Road to the north will serve the new development under construction in the Peck's Landing First Addition. New traffic signals at the Blairs Ferry/Edgewood Road intersection are installed to accommodate traffic access to the north. Please be aware that new traffic lanes will be opened in the next few weeks.

For further information contact the City Engineer at jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com.



Mitchell Drive Pump Station Upgrade Under Way



The planned replacement of the Mitchell Drive pressure line has been constructed by Maxwell Inc. from Iowa City. This pumping station is a very important facility for the City as most of Hiawatha north of Stamy Road is served by this pump station. The tremendous growth in the northern areas of Hiawatha has required this line to be replaced and upgraded. There were no service interruptions. This project is funded with sewer reserve funds.

For further information contact Public Works at rjasa@hiawatha-iowa.com.

Guthridge Park Trail Replacement Project Shut Down for the Winter

The planned replacement of the pedestrian trail in Guthridge Park project has been shut down for the winter months. The project includes the total removal and replacement of the existing trail which will include a new rock base and a new asphalt surface for the approximately 1/2 mile trail. The very wet weather we experienced the last few months has limited the work the contractor, Pate Asphalt Systems from Marion, was able to accomplish this fall. The trail has a rock surface that will be available over the winter months for your use, with the new asphalt surface planned to be completed in the spring. This project is funded with Capital Improvement park funds.

For further information contact Parks and Recreation at kwilladsen@hiawatha-iowa.com.



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Hiawatha Holiday Greeting

During the holiday season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to you, the citizens of our community, who have made our community's progress possible.

To our business community, HEDCO, our boards and commissions, your partnerships are a gift to our community as well.

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

Mayor Bennett, City Council
Members and staff.



Disposal of Christmas Trees

The 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 your Christmas trees after the holidays.



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