

TURTLE CREEK PARK

Turtle Creek Park will soon be a place to play and create! The City purchased the northwest Hiawatha property in 2018 and completed a Park Master Plan in 2019 to help guide the development. In 2020 the City broke ground and completed Phase 1 of development in November of 2020. The City is now in Phase 2 development of Turtle Creek Park with an expected completion spring of 2022.

Phase I included:

- Excavation and rock base of the extension of Fitzroy Road
- 10 foot rock surfaced trail from Edgewood Road down Fitzroy Road to the new park entrance
- Installation of storm culvert under Fitzroy Road
- 10 foot rock surfaced trails
- Grading and site restoration of two soccer fields.

Phase II includes:

- Paving of 10' gravel trails
- Paving of Fitzroy Road trail
- Construction of a new parking lot
- Construction of a new playground and splashpad
- Construction of stormwater detention basin. This has the possibility of being used as a future ice skating rink in the winter
- Installation of water main for a future well and building

What does the future have in store? Possibilities include:

- A restroom building at the north playground area
- New recreation building near the south end of the site with playground and parking lot
- Extension of trails to connect to new subdivisions to the west and south



Turtle Creek Park
2915 Fitzroy Road

Restrooms at all Hiawatha Parks have been winterized and closed for the winter season. Temporary restrooms have been placed at Clark, Tucker, Turtle Creek and Guthridge Parks for your convenience.

Operation HiReLeaf

Tree plantings have been ongoing this fall in four (4) parks throughout the city and in all right-of-ways thanks to funding through Trees Forever and Mid-American's Branching Out grant. We continue to partner with Trees Forever, local businesses and other agencies for funding opportunities to add additional trees in parks and right-of-ways. The Public Works and Parks Department are conducting annual pruning while overseeing stump removal and addressing residents' concerns. Planning for spring plantings has begun and there is continuous progress on long-term planting goals. Spring planting opportunities will be announced in March of 2022.

TREE PLANTING TIP:

Prepare young trees for winter. Give your tree 2-3 inches of mulch all the way out to the tips of the branches; making sure the mulch does not touch the trunk. Add a tree guard to the trunk to protect against rabbits eating the bark. Continue watering until the ground freezes, then remove your watering bag until springtime watering begins.

Thank You!

Hiawatha residents for planting trees in your right-of-ways and on your properties! You are making a big difference in the future health and beauty of our beloved city.

SCOUTS RECEIVE HIGHEST HONORS

Noah Gritton and Peyton Haack achieved their Eagle Scout honors by completing projects in Hiawatha this fall. Noah restored parking lot islands in Guthridge and Fay Clark Parks. Peyton painted four (4) dugouts in Guthridge Park. Congratulations Noah & Peyton!



Noah Gritton and team work on parking lot islands in Guthridge Park



Peyton Haack stands proud with his completed dugout in Guthridge Park

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PARKS DIRECTOR AWARDED IOWA PARKS NEW PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Parks and Recreation Director, Kelly Willadsen, accepted the Dr. Carole J. Hanson New Professional Award presented by Steve Jordison CEO of Iowa's Parks and Recreation Association. This award recognizes professionals who exemplify commitment and exceptional service to the leisure services profession and to the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association. In support of her nomination a colleague stated, "Kelly is more than just an outstanding professional, she is someone who displays strength, leadership, and is a positive role model for her peers." When asked to contribute a recommendation letter, City Manager, Kim Downs stated, "Ms. Willadsen possesses much knowledge of our corridor area, region and the State of Iowa with a strong understanding of park and recreation infrastructure needs promoting economic development. This understanding is a vital attribute as a director and board member. She makes a positive addition and image of our state."

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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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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
To watch a previously recorded council session visit www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Vyub-x0FN8Y1mqf5XsOQ/featured

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To our citizens, on behalf of our Hiawatha Team; City Council, City Staff and myself, we wish you a joyful and safe holiday season. Thank you for being a part of our community. Each of you play a part in making our community an exceptional place to live, work and play. Our community celebrates a path to creativity, diversity and opportunity for all. To our business community, HEDCO, our boards and commissions, your support and resilience is remarkable and will be written into Hiawatha's history. Thank you for your leadership and we wish you and your families a joyful and safe holiday season. Blessings to all in 2022!

Mayor Bill Bennett, City Council Members & City Staff

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS QUALITY OF LIFE

The City of Hiawatha is committed to promoting economic sustainability by utilizing economic resources in an efficient and responsible way that provides our community with long-term benefits and a sense of well-being. A successful business community directly impacts our residents' quality of life by helping to support local amenities, offering a variety of job opportunities, and improving our overall economy. The City of Hiawatha is committed to supporting our local economy by attracting new and young entrepreneurs, assisting existing businesses with their expansions and growth, evolving workforce initiatives, and a variety of other activities. The City of Hiawatha is proud of the businesses that have chosen our community to provide goods and services, as well as use our talented workforce. Retaining these businesses by helping them grow and thrive is a continuing goal of the City's economic development strategy.

BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Hiawatha has a longstanding reputation as a strong supportive business environment

Local leaders created incentive programs to meet business needs and reward companies for making an investment

Processes, permitting, and incentive programs are streamlined and made easy

BUSINESS RETENTION

Retaining businesses is an important part of increasing economic opportunity and prosperity for all citizens

Each year, the city conducts business retention visits in order to learn more about local business successes and challenges

City staff helps to minimize obstacles and challenges to growth that a company may face

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Partnered with State of Iowa and Cedar Rapids Economic Alliance to survey workforce needs

HEDCO and city staff promote workforce strategies; up-skill education incentives, internships, diversity and inclusion

City staff continue to connect directly with the business community to bridge the employee gaps

MARKETING

Partnership with Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO)

Sharing and celebrate business success stories. When your business succeeds, we feel our entire community benefits

Ongoing training and networking opportunities as well as offering a wide variety of business opportunities.

HIAWATHA CITY COUNCIL 2021 ELECTION RESULTS YOUR VOICES MATTERS

The November 2, 2021 General City Election votes have been tabulated! All City Council members are retaining their seats. City Council is made up of five members: Rob Archibald and Steve Dodson will continue to serve Hiawatha alongside Jerry Mohwinkle, Aime Wichtendahl, and Dick Olson.

CANDIDATE	VOTES
Rob Archibald	618
Jeffery Cater	266
Marcia Correll	329
Steve Dodson	536

HIAWATHA INSIGHTS

Another Good Neighbor Policy

We are now entering the snow and ice season for northeast Iowa. Last year brought us more than an average amount of snow and it became difficult for all of us to keep our sidewalks clear. As a reminder, our city believes in maintaining a safe environment for our residents and visitors through a good neighbor policy of sidewalk maintenance.

According to Ordinance 136 of the Hiawatha code the property owner is responsible for clearing the sidewalk adjacent to their property within 24 hours of the cessation of a snow or storm event. Further; according to the ordinance, the City may take immediate action 24 hours after a snow event to remove the snow and ice and to assess the cost to the property owner without notice. The ordinance also states the adjacent property owner may be held liable for damages due to lack of maintenance. 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.

136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, AND ACCUMULATIONS

The abutting property owner shall remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations within a reasonable time, not to exceed 24 hours following the cessation of snow fall or the forming of ice, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax. The abutting property owner may be liable for damages caused by failure to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from the sidewalk.

In Hiawatha, the process reflects an enforcement policy which reminds the citizenry we can accomplish this goal together as neighbors in a timely manner to maintain public safety. The process remains as implemented in 2020:

- The city receives a complaint and opens a "snow complaint" file for the property,
- The city performs an inspection to verify snow has accumulated on the sidewalk
- The city contacts the owner through door notice and a one-time letter notice. The reminder at your door and the letter are your invitation to correct the safety hazard as quickly as possible. If the sidewalk is cleared, no further action is required.
- The city re-inspects the sidewalk and if necessary, has the sidewalk cleared of snow.
- The city sends the bill for snow removal and penalties to the responsible property owner.

For all subsequent snow complaints on a given property:

- ✓The city will verify snow has accumulated on the sidewalk and, **Without further notice**, the city may schedule the snow to be removed and,
- ✓The city will send the bill for snow removal and penalties to the responsible property owner.

Please remember that we ask you to clear and maintain your sidewalks for the safety and enjoyment of our neighbors which may include walking impaired individuals including veterans, elderly and children. If the City takes too long and fails to remove the snow and ice in a timely manner, the danger of accidents increases. We encourage all property owners to maintain safe sidewalks as part of being a good neighbor in Hiawatha.



Together, Hiawatha Fire & Hiawatha Water Departments kindly ask you to

KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR THIS WINTER

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

6 "TO DO'S" BEFORE VACATIONING THIS WINTER SEASON

If you're planning on vacationing or snowbirding this season, we kindly remind you to:

- Contact the Water Department to update your temporary address and make arrangements to have your bills held or pay in advance.
- Prevent running water in your restroom, turn the water control valve on your toilets off.
- Be safe, ask a trusted friend check your home for running water.
- Check your water heater and/or softening units manufacturing recommendations for a "vacation mode"
- Wrap water lines in heat tape and add insulation around skirting to avoid drafts in mobile homes
- Contact the Hiawatha Police Department to request that officers keep an extra eye on your home while you are away.

Hiawatha Water Department is not responsible for any home devices that may require water at all times.
Hiawatha Water Department 319-395-5556
Hiawatha Police Department 319-395-1212



Christmas Tree Disposal

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.

REASONS TO Celebrate

Hiawatha Kids League SPRING REGISTRATION OPEN

Online at www.tinyurl.com/hkl2022 or in-person at Hiawatha City Hall

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SPEND LOCAL
ENJOY LOCAL
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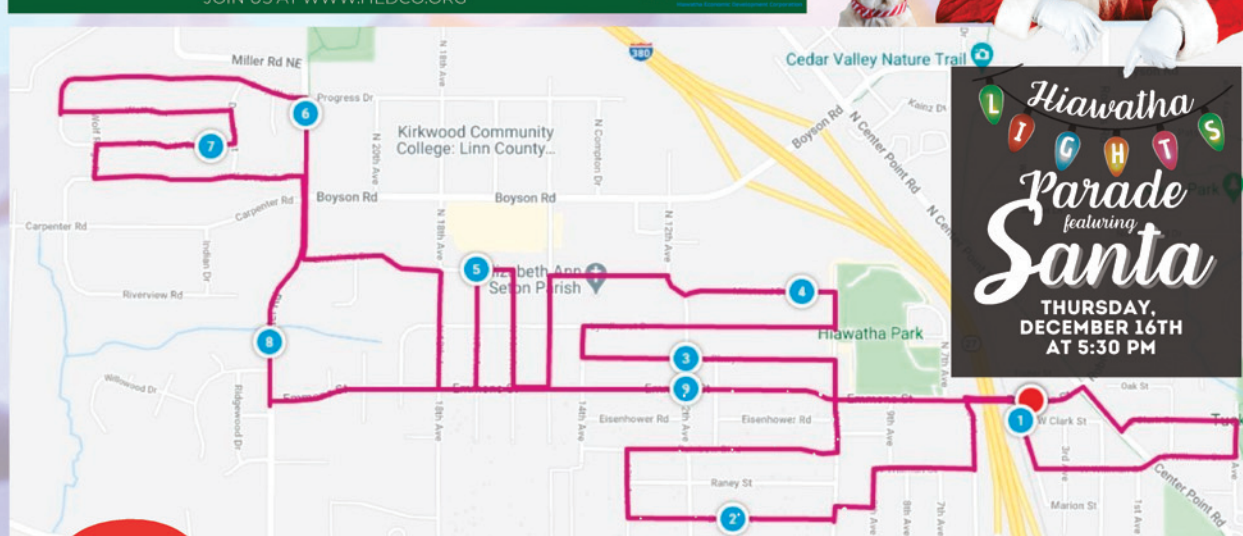


JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT WHERE YOU LIVE, WORK AND PLAY!

DID YOU KNOW?

- 95% of Hiawatha businesses employ less than a 100 employees
- Small and medium size enterprises (SME's) represent 90% of Hiawatha's business population; 60-70% of employment and 55% GDP in developed economies. SME's don't just significantly contribute to the economy - they ARE the economy
- The U.S. Economy has more than 27M small businesses in the county generate 50% of our gross domestic product
- Locally owned businesses provide many economic benefits to a community- they live in the community and are less likely to leave and are more invested in the communities future
- Only 14% of money spent at chain retailers stays in the local economy, compared to 48% of money spent at independent businesses through operations, jobs, and community initiatives
- Small business employees 50,000 people in the metro Linn County

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LETTERS FROM SANTA

Your child will be filled with Christmas joy when they receive their very own Letter from Santa! Santa would love to write a letter to your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews no matter where they live!

\$3 per letter - Deadline December 18, 2021

Sign up today at www.hiawatha-iowa.com or in-person at Hiawatha City Hall



View all of the library's upcoming programs at once or sort them to view events catered to a specific age group or type. From this page, you can sign up to an RSS feed to have events updated right into your feeder app or add us to your calendar to stay on top of updated the events and programs presented by the Hiawatha Public Library.

www.tinyurl.com/hilibraryprograms



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www.hiadogboarding.com

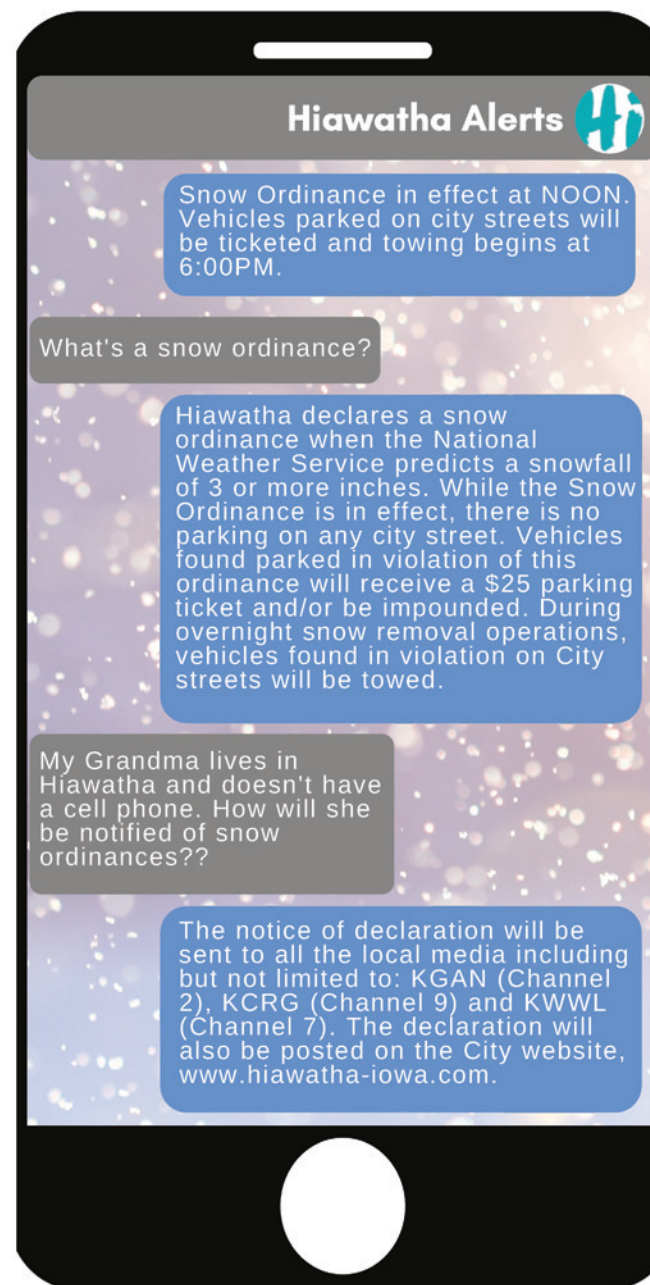


Stride Autism Center
1327 Boyson Rd
www.stridecenters.com



Village Center
Groundbreaking

SNOW ORDINANCE NOTICE



Hiawatha Alerts

Snow Ordinance in effect at NOON. Vehicles parked on city streets will be ticketed and towing begins at 6:00PM.

What's a snow ordinance?

Hiawatha declares a snow ordinance when the National Weather Service predicts a snowfall of 3 or more inches. While the Snow Ordinance 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.

My Grandma lives in Hiawatha and doesn't have a cell phone. How will she be notified of snow ordinances??

The notice of declaration will be sent to all the local media including but not limited to: KGAN (Channel 2), KCRG (Channel 9) and KWLL (Channel 7). The declaration will also be posted on the City website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com.

To avoid parking tickets and tow fees DO NOT park in the street when:

- The National Weather Service is predicting 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, move your vehicle off the street.

As a reminder:

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

Sign up for text and email alerts by scanning this QR code



Winter Driving Tips

Check the weather forecast and road conditions
Check your preferred news station, website or call 511.

Check your vehicle before you drive
Inspect your battery, lights, oil, water, brake, air, gas, engine, tire, and yourself.

Allot enough time to drive safely to your destination
Drive below the posted speed limit when road conditions are less than ideal.

Avoid distractions.
Don't text or talk on the phone while driving. Pull over if you need to use your phone.

Maintain a safe distance between you and other drivers
Winter road conditions often result in longer stopping distances.



HOST YOUR MEETING AT THE HIAWATHA LIBRARY

Are you looking for a private space to work, study, or meet at no cost? Hiawatha Public Library offers six meeting spaces. We encourage you to reserve a conference or study room. To reserve visit the reservation page on the library's website. Click on a green available spot to access the particular details such as dimensions of the rooms, technology availability, occupancy loads, and photos. <https://hiawathapubliclibrary.libnet.info/reserve>



TRAINING TOGETHER TO KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE

Live-fire training is essential for fire departments to be able to provide immense fire protection and services to the community. Hiawatha, Robins and Monroe Township Fire Departments spent weeks preparing for a live-fire training that took place at a vacant home off of Robins Road this fall. Intentional fires were set throughout the home to simulate real house fire conditions. Hands on training provides experience and creates opportunity for our communities to work together.

December Calendar

- 01 City Council meeting 5:30 PM
- 13 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 14 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 & 24 City offices closed
- 27 P & Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 30 & 31 City offices closed

January Calendar

- 05 City Council meeting 5:30 PM
 - 10 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
 - 11 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
 - 11 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
 - 18 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
 - 19 City Council meeting 5:30 PM
 - 24 P & Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- To watch previously recorded City Council Meetings tune into Mediacom Public Access Channel 4 on Thursdays at 7:00PM or Imon Channel 4 on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30PM