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### 2019 General City Election

The November 5, 2019 General City Election votes are tabulated! We have one new City Council member coming on board as well as two council members and mayor maintaining their positions.

**City Mayor and City Council beginning new terms in 2020 are:**

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Mayor # of Votes</b>
Bill Bennett	394 or 95.39%
<b>Total Votes Registered</b>	<b>413</b>

<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>Council # Votes Received</b>
Jerry Mohwinkle	377 or 34.72%
Dick Olson	333 or 30.66%
Aime Wichtendahl	352 or 32.41%
<b>Total Votes Registered:</b>	<b>1,086</b>

The newly elected officials will take their oaths of office during the regular City Council meeting on December 18, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. Each will serve four year terms beginning January 1, 2020. City Council is made up of five members: Jerry Mohwinkle, Aime Wichtendahl, and Dick Olson will join Rob Archibald and Steve Dodson to make up the five-member structure of City Council. Council Member Denny Norton chose not to run. Denny held a council position for eight years; we enjoyed his contributions to the City and wish him well in his retirement.

### New City Hall Hours

After reviewing the results of a random survey of Hiawatha residents, surveying other metro communities in the Midwest, and considering staff preference, City Council voted to change the office hours of City Hall to **7:30 AM to 4:00 PM beginning January 1, 2020.**

This change will better reflect the time services are needed at City Hall. Thank you for responding to our survey!

**NEW**  
**Opening**  
**Hours**



**Edward Jones  
Ribbon Cutting  
1713 Boyson Road, Hiawatha**



**Hope Hearing & Tinnitus Center  
Ribbon Cutting  
1727 Boyson Road, Hiawatha**

### 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.



### Library Welcomes New Operations Manager

Claire Broyles started as Hiawatha Public Library's new Operations Manager on October 28. She comes to Hiawatha from Radford, Virginia, where she worked for the Radford Public Library for eight years, first as a Library Clerk and then as Cataloging Librarian for three of those years.



During her time in Radford, Claire earned her Master of Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina, and previously earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music with a concentration in Vocal Performance.

Claire has started a weekly newsletter to keep patrons informed about upcoming events and has implemented usability changes to the library website. She has also met one-on-one with each staff member to open lines of communication.

Claire moved to Hiawatha with her two cats and has appreciated learning about the area. She enjoys reading, singing, trying new restaurants, playing with her cats, and making up games with her nephews.

### Finance Director Joins Iowa League of Cities Mentor Program

Hiawatha Finance Director, Cindy Kudrna, was recently approved to be a Mentor in the Iowa League of Cities Clerk Mentoring Program. As a mentor, she will help new or less experienced clerks by sharing her skills, knowledge and experience, and giving guidance by answering technical questions and describing procedures. This program helps to set up mentees for success in the city clerk profession. Mentors also provide moral support and encouragement, and introduce their mentees to others in the profession at meetings and conferences.



Congratulations, Cindy, and thank you for sharing your knowledge to help others!

### Hiawatha Fire Department Chili Supper a Success

The Hiawatha Firefighters Association hosted its annual chili supper November 2. The chili supper culminates months of planning and several days of food preparation. Firefighters cooked up more than 25 roasters of their delicious recipe, in both hot and mild style. Families and supporters provided hundreds of different desserts. This year, we especially want to thank the many sponsors that provided ingredients, drinks, desserts and many silent auction items. The fire department raised more than \$8,000, which will go toward training supplies and equipment.



### 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 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. The notice of 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](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com).



**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 or if 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. The 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 to receive notifications for snow ordinance declarations to your cell phone or email. Your cooperation is appreciated.**



**Hiawatha Council Action**

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained on-line at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/) or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 319-393-1515 ext. 526.

**Hiawatha Promotes Professional Development**

The City of Hiawatha is committed to developing and maintaining a well-trained and educated staff. The City strongly encourages participation in professional organizations which provide the opportunities to obtain the desired training, networking and certifications to continually advance the professionalism at the City.

One of the organizations in which Hiawatha participates is the Iowa Association of Building Officials (IABO). IABO was organized in 1959 and continues to provide opportunities for local inspectors and code officials to receive training and to participate in the development of the building codes adopted for local regulations. IABO also provides national certification opportunities as a chapter of the International Code Council. City staff often participates in these educational opportunities as students and as presenters.

IABO recently participated in the establishment of a new organization dedicated to the education and development of permit technicians in Iowa; the Iowa Permit Technicians Association (IPTA). Hiawatha employees Patrick Parsley; Community Development Director and Jennifer Goerg; the previous permit technician now employed with the City of Marion took the lead in founding IPTA. Last week they held their charter meeting and their first election of officers. This landmark event featured 35 new members and a training opportunity.

After the IPTA charter meeting, Patrick Parsley; Community Development Director, taught a class on "Basic Code Enforcement." Patrick is a qualified ICC instructor. IBTA extends their strong appreciation to IABO, the City of Hiawatha, Jennifer Goerg and Patrick Parsley for their contributions to IPTA!



Patrick Parsley  
Community Development Director  
City of Hiawatha  
Instructor



Jennifer Goerg, Permit Technician,  
City of Marion - President  
Amy Kaplan, Zoning Clerk,  
City of Huxley, Vice-President  
Holly Jackson, Zoning Technician,  
Mills County - Treasurer  
Karen Rowan, Senior Admin. Specialist,  
City of Clinton - Secretary  
Angie Wiese, ICC Board of Directors,  
Swearing in officers  
Richard Hauffe, Senior Regional Manager,  
ICC Government Relations

**December Calendar**

- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 09 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 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)
- 16 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 17 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 City Offices Closed
- 25 City Offices Closed
- 25 Council meeting airs  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)  
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 31 City Offices Closed

**January Calendar**

- 01 City Offices Closed
- 13 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 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
- 22 Property Inspection Mtg. 5:30PM
- 22 Council meeting airs  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)  
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 27 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

## Hiawatha Sidewalks Maintenance Program

The following is the fourth in a series of articles regarding sidewalks in Hiawatha. Because Hiawatha views sidewalks as an important asset to our community, the Council has taken action to direct staff to take actions to enhance our sidewalk maintenance program. This series of articles is intended to raise the awareness of our sidewalks and the value they hold in our community in order to encourage and promote sidewalk maintenance and sidewalk usage.

### Sidewalk Maintenance Program:

*Council took action on November 6 approving a sidewalk maintenance program for the City of Hiawatha. The program includes:*

1. A survey process which includes an assessment of all of the public sidewalks in Hiawatha over a ten-year period.
2. A description of a defective sidewalk and the standards used for making repairs and corrections to non-complying sidewalks.
3. A notification process that meets the nuisance abatement requirements in State Statute including appeals, invoices for work and assessment options for collections.
4. A documentation process through our permit software which tracks each address from notification to completion to assessment if necessary.

*The implementation of the "Sidewalk Maintenance Program" will begin in 2020. A copy of the approved program details can be found on our web-site at <https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/public-works/sidewalk/>.*

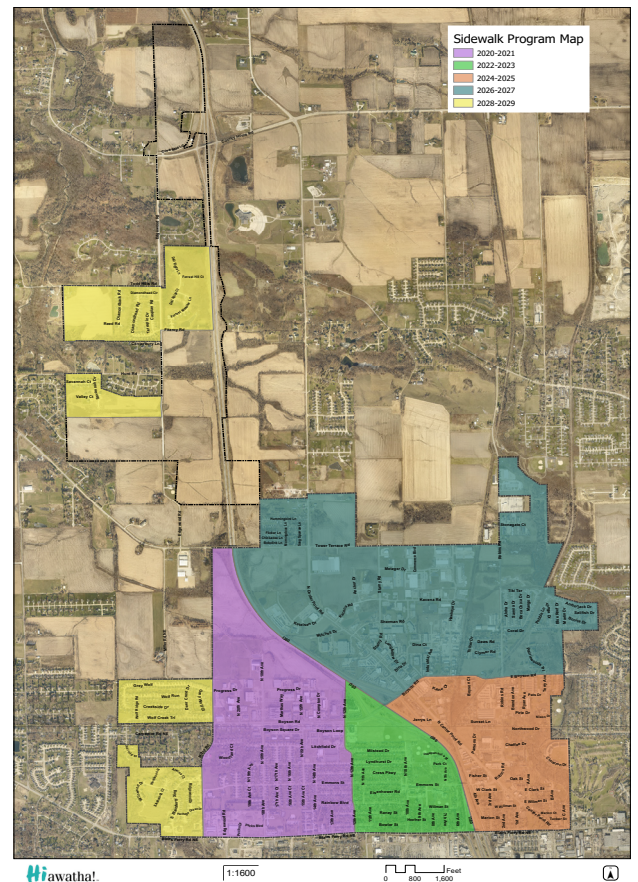
### The program details include:

- A. The reduction in the permit fee for sidewalk repairs: The fee for residential sidewalk repairs has been reduced from \$60 to \$0 to facilitate the program and reduce the cost to the home owner. This fee is available only for lots used for one and two-family dwellings. All other properties will require a commercial sidewalk repair permit which specifies a fee of \$100. The fee for the installation of new sidewalks remains at \$60 for residential and \$100 for commercial sidewalks.
- B. A specification to allow existing 4-foot sidewalks to remain 4' in the repair process. The new standard for new sidewalks in Hiawatha requires all sidewalks to meet the ADA standard of a minimum 5' width. However, Council is allowing 4' wide sidewalks in existing areas where the present sidewalk is 4' wide.
- C. Recognition of the new SUDAS standards as adopted by Hiawatha which contain the updated specifications and accessibility tolerances. While the tolerances are in reference to the construction and repair, they do not amend the defective sidewalk definition.

*Community Development consulted with the Engineering Department and neighboring jurisdictions on the matter of defining a defective sidewalk. The Hiawatha Engineering Department agrees the new goal for incorporating ADA as part of the program standards will be the best evidence Hiawatha is moving forward with compliance mandated by ADA; however, using ADA tolerances for inspecting existing sidewalks is impractical. Further, the City Attorney has rendered an opinion this is in compliance with ADA requirements for the City<sup>5</sup>.*

**The implementation for this program will include a public open house and mailings to all properties affected by inspections scheduled in 2020. The public open house will be on January 22, 2020 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the City of Hiawatha multi-purpose room in the lower level of City Hall.**

The open house will feature an explanation of the property owner's responsibility, examples of compliance options and a map of the designated areas set for inspection in 2020. Inspection notices will be sent to the property owners in the designated inspection area prior to commencing with the project. The Sidewalk Maintenance Program is our directed effort to keep Hiawatha beautiful, safe and accessible to all of our citizens and visitors. Hiawatha values our public sidewalks and the purposes they serve in connecting our community and enhancing its livability. Join us in retaining and improving this valued asset.







**2020 Program Brochure Available January 6**

Hiawatha Parks & Recreation 2020 Program registration will be available on Monday, January 6. Program brochures can be found at Hiawatha City Hall, the Hiawatha Library, and to each student at Nixon and Hiawatha Elementary. Thank you to our supporting sponsors: Hiawatha Bank, Culvers, Pairiewoods, Hiawatha Chiropractic, Casa Las Glorias, Petersen Pet Hospital, Window World, Elite Dent Repair, D & N Fence Company and MSA Professional Services.

**Free Monthly Pound Class with Trisha**

All are welcome to this FREE full-body cardio workout using lightly-weighted drumsticks, called Ripstix. This one-hour class happens the second Wednesday of each month in 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Hiawatha Community Center.

**Hiawatha History Commission**

*Tucker Park Full of History*

Tucker Park is named for Wesley Tucker, who sold the land for the park to the City of Hiawatha for \$1. He also helped build up the community by buying land north of Cedar Rapids. He then sold it to those who wanted to build houses and move their families to Hiawatha. Tucker Park has two playgrounds, a splash pad, a pavilion, many walnut trees, and a walking trail. New playground equipment was installed this fall with the help of local nonprofit groups.



*Bev Daws, Wesley Tucker, and Bob Quimby*



**Save the Date for Fun Fest 2020**

Mark your calendars for August 7-8, 2020! 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!

**Whispering Pines Painting Party**

Our painting parties include everything you need for a girls' night out or fun date night. From the seasoned painter to the newbie, these painting classes have something for everyone! We'll provide all the supplies and clean up the mess; you just need to pre-register and show up. Space is limited, so gather your friends and register today. BYOB!

To register, text Donita at (319) 270-1112. Check out the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Facebook page to see the project of the month!

Fees vary with each project and are between \$25-\$45. The Painting Parties are held at the Hiawatha Community Center the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

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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*

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Fire Chief	Mike Nesslage	319-393-4180	mnesslage@hiawatha-iowa.com
Library Director	Jeaneal Weeks	319-393-1414	weeksj@hiawatha-iowa.com

For more information about the City of Hiawatha and its services, call **319-393-1515** or visit [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://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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