

JULY 2021

AMNESTY

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

16 TONS OF BAGGED YARDWASTE

10 TONS OF BRANCHES

1.2 TONS OF TIRES

5 TONS OF STEEL DEBRIS

84 TONS OF HOUSEHOLD DEBRIS

106 APPLIANCES

THANK YOU TO D&D TREE SERVICE FOR CHIPPING THE BRANCHES, ABC DISPOSAL FOR DONATING REFUSE TRUCKS FOR THE CAUSE AND TO OUR STAFF WHO PICKED UP ALMOST ALL OF THE DEBRIS BY HAND!



INTERIM FIRE CHIEF ATTENDING NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY

The Hiawatha Fire Department announced that Interim Fire Chief, Matt Powers, will attend the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy this fall.

“Chief Power’s selection into the program is significant because the program is highly competitive, and only administrative level chiefs are accepted,” explains Retired Fire Chief Mike Nesslage. “The fact that Matt is willing to take on the EFO program speaks volumes of his commitment to this department and our community,” adds Nesslage.

The EFO Program is administered under the FEMA and the United States Fire Administration at the National Fire Academy (NFA) in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The program provides senior officers with a broad perspective on various aspects of the administration of fire and EMS. The blended online and on campus courses focus on leadership when dealing with difficult or unique challenges within a community. The program also provides senior officers with an understanding of the need to transform fire and EMS organizations from being reactive to being proactive while reflecting the diversity of their communities. The class sessions are led by leaders in the fire service and other related industries, and provides an opportunity for the attendee to network with fire service leaders from around the country.

Chief Powers began as a probationary firefighter at HFD in 2000. He served as a volunteer firefighter paramedic, volunteer fire lieutenant, and volunteer assistant chief prior to being hired as a full time paid deputy chief in 2011. There are currently two deputy chief positions in the department – Powers is Deputy Chief of Safety and Training, while Nick Jellison serves as Deputy Chief of EMS (Ambulance Service.)



IN CELEBRATION OF CEC'S 75TH YEAR IN BUSINESS, THEY ARE HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE!

Meet CEO Kim Lehrman along with several other members of our executive leadership team, enjoy a beverage or snack, visit with the CEC hiring team to learn about open opportunities, and enjoy an afternoon of socializing and start-of-the-art technology demonstrations.

THURSDAY, JULY 22ND
2:30PM - 5:30PM
405 BOYSON ROAD,
HIAWATHA IA 52302

OPEN

HIAWATHA LIBRARY OPEN TO PUBLIC

Hiawatha Library is now open without restrictions. Though most programming is still virtual, they are slowly moving to in-person events beginning with Tuesday Tales at 10:30am on July 13. Masks are not required. Find more information about HPL's programs and services at www.hiawathapubliclibrary.org

Hours as of July 12:

Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday - Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday
Closed

Hiawatha!
2021
Fun!
Fest!
August 6&7

Friday, August 6th
Compass Rose Band
Concessions Available by HiCREW
Kiwanis Club

Saturday, August 7th
Mix Tape 6:30pm-9:30pm
Fireworks to follow
Concessions available

Hiawatha Public Library

MOVIES UNDER THE MOON
featuring
MONSTERS, INC.

FRIDAY, JULY 9TH
GUTHRIDGE PARK
BROWN PAVILION
9:00 PM

Take your library ANYWHERE!

- SEARCH THE CATALOG
- RENEW ITEMS
- PLACE HOLDS
- AND MORE

Download the MLN Mobile App!

Available on Google play and the App Store

Metro Library Network
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Hiawatha!
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UNDERSTANDING THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

The public right-of-way (ROW) consists of infrastructure such as public streets, parking, sidewalks, trails, vegetation cover and a strip of land. The width of the ROW can vary greatly based on the width of the street needed for transportation purposes. Generally, the ROW on a common city street is 50 to 60 feet wide. Typically, the maintenance of the land is the responsibility of the abutting property owner. However, the city has the right to determine what takes place in the ROW through its code of ordinances. Public right-of-way also contains easements. An easement provides a means for public access within the ROW. This allows for vehicle and pedestrian travel. In addition to transportation access, the easement allows utilities access to the strip of land for overhead and underground applications.

The Code of Iowa, Section 364.12, requires cities to maintain all public grounds, including streets, as well as requiring abutting property owners to maintain adjacent property and clear snow/ ice by city ordinance. Our city ordinances define the right to occupy, permits required to perform work and the general regulations of the ROW.

Here is a summary of the various responsibilities associated with the ROW in the City of Hiawatha:

Care of Streets and Street Related Infrastructure

Typical street related infrastructure includes the street, street parking and curbs. The city is responsible for the establishment and maintenance, including snow removal, of this infrastructure. In addition, the city takes into account that sight obstructions are mitigated by having proper setbacks at street intersections, so drivers and pedestrians have a safe view of streets.

Sidewalks and Walking/Biking Paths

The property owner has the responsibility to maintain a safe sidewalk adjacent to their property. To maintain safe sidewalks/trails, property owners ensure they are free of ice, snow, debris and obstructions. At times, property owners are responsible for repairs for infrastructure that is not in good working order as defined in local ordinances.

Utilities

Utilities and their easements are contained within the strip of land between sidewalk infrastructure and the street/curb. Hiawatha manages this area and allows permission through easements for utilities such as water, sewer, storm sewer, gas, electric and telecommunication to access the ROW to maintain existing utilities, make repairs and allow for new utility installation. Our city has ordinances that require permits for excavation, construction and restoration.

Vegetation/Trees

The main vegetation/landscaping found in the ROW are trees. ROW trees are aesthetically pleasing and help beautify and preserve the city. City ordinances establish standards as to which species of trees are permitted and where planting must occur to not interfere with a safe view of the street. The City of Hiawatha shares the responsibility with the property owner on planting and maintaining ROW trees: The property owner completes the pruning and trimming of trees, and the city assumes the responsibility of removing diseased and storm-damaged vegetation.

Excerpts from Billy Goldy; Iowa League of Cities | March 2021 | Pg. 25

GROW SOLAR LINN & JOHNSON COUNTIES

Area homeowners, farmers, and business owners can attend a free online, one-hour solar Power Hour to learn about solar, volume purchasing, and sign up for free quotes and site assessments. City of Hiawatha is partnering with Grow Solar Linn + Johnson Counties to co-host the educational event on August 17, 2021 with City of Marion. The Midwest Renewable Energy Association is providing program assistance. Those interested can register for the Power Hour and sign up for program alerts at linnjohson.growsolar.org. Program information will also be available at facebook.com/GrowSolarLinnJohnsonCounties.

“The program itself is really kind of based on two steps,” said Amy Drahos, senior air quality scientist with Linn County Public Health. “We have the educational component;... And then the next step for those that attend is an opportunity to receive more affordable solar pricing based off a group buy model...” Grow Solar Linn + Johnson Counties is administered by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) at no cost to the counties or other program partners.

**DELIVER BY
SATURDAY,
07/10/2021**

Postal Customer Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

PRSR STD
US Postage
PAID
Hiawatha, IA
Permit No. 33

ECRWSS



**State
of the
City**

ADDRESS

2021
presented by
HEDCO
Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation



Q & A session
Mayor Bill Bennett



keynote speaker
Congresswoman Ashley Hinson

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021
CRYSTAL GROUP | 855 METZGER DRIVE HIAWATHA, IA 52233

fastest
GROWING COMPANIES CBI

Congratulations to the following Hiawatha based businesses for making Corridor Business Journals Fastest Growing Companies List:

- Channel Fusion (No. 24)
- Integrated Connection, LLC (No. 14)
- Q4 Real Estate (No. 11)

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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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FAMILY FUN AWAITS WITH THE HIAWATHA LIBRARY'S ADVENTURE PASS

Sure. You can borrow everything from your favorite spooky audiobook to hands-on STEM kits to Oscar-winning tearjerkers, but now your Hiawatha Public Library card can also be your passport to adventure. Adult residents of Hiawatha, Robins, and Linn County can transform their library card into free access to recreational and educational attractions in Iowa with Adventure Pass. The passes allow entrance for two (2) adults and two (2) children and additional tickets can be purchased at the venue. Available sites include African American Museum of Iowa and a savings of \$17.00; Grout Museum District Buildings for a \$36.00 savings; Quad Cities FunBundle and a savings of \$87.00 (entrance to Quad City Botanical Garden, Niabi Zoo, and Putnam Museum and Science Center); and Reiman Gardens for a \$33.00 savings. One pass to a venue may be reserved every 365 days. This guarantees a fun family outing at no cost. Click here to learn more and reserve your ticket to adventure today!



LOOKING BACK IN TIME WITH THE HISTORY COMMISSION

The Hiawatha Fire Department moved into their current building on July 1st, 1972. Around 1950, the department housed 3 trucks and had volunteer firefighters, who responded from home or work by ROTARY phones!

If you'd like to learn more about the history of Hiawatha consider purchasing a "HIAWATHA, 70 YEARS OF HISTORY" book by contacting Pat at 319-721-9730 or se_me@live.com



Over the last 10 summers, Cedar Rapids Toyota has allowed the Parks Department to lease a vehicle for \$1 each summer (April - October). In return, a Cedar Rapids Toyota magnet is put on the truck to market their business. The expenses incurred, in addition to the lease, are basic maintenance and gas expenses out of the department budget. The Parks Department is also responsible for the insurance coverage and add this policy through ICAP. Thank you for your generosity, Cedar Rapids Toyota!

Hiawatha Council Action

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINS WITH LIFEGUARD AIR AMBULANCE

A helicopter landing in Guthridge Park attracted a lot of attention last month. Thankfully, this was not an emergency. Firefighters, EMT's, and Paramedics from the Hiawatha and Robins Fire departments trained with the Lifeguard Air Ambulance on June 8th. The helicopter, following its normal procedures did a flyover of the area first to insure its safety, then landed in an area near the tennis courts. Firefighters cordoned off the area to make keep public away until after the helicopter had landed and shut down. Once the helicopter shut down and was safe to approach, the helicopter crew gave a safety presentation and reviewed procedures with the emergency responders. The crew typically carries a pilot, a nurse, and a paramedic. This combination of providers allows the flight crew to provide a wide variety of care to critical patients. Patients with a range of issues from severe trauma to strokes can benefit from care. The flight crew can support emergency responders on the ground by providing additional care, and rapid transport: especially if there is an extended scene time, such as when a patient has to be extricated from a car, or they patient is going to the University of Iowa for care. This is a great example of how Hiawatha Fire and Rescue partners with other agencies to provide the great patient care!

- 01 Farmers Market 10:00 - 1:00 PM
- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 06 Music in the Park - 6:00 PM
The Compass Rose Band
- 07 Fun Fest Concert - 6:30 PM
The Mixtape followed by Fireworks
- 08 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 09 History Commission Meeting 1:30 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)
- 13 Music in the Park - 6:00 PM
The Bamboozlers
- 15 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 17 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 Music in the Park - 6:00 PM
The Bamboozlers
- 21 HIBRAI BIKE RIDE 8:00 AM
- 22 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 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)
- 27 Music in the Park - 6:00 PM
Robby Vee & his Rock n Roll Caravan
- 29 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Picnic in the Park

Wednesdays
Guthridge Park
Brown Pavilion
11:30 AM
June 9 - July 28

Pack a lunch and join Ms. Alicia for stories, fingerplays, and songs! The adventure will include a take home craft and a special treat for the first 36 kids. Please practice social distancing.



9TH ANNUAL HIAWATHA POLICE K9 GOLF OUTING

SUNDAY AUGUST 1ST
1:00PM SHOTGUN START

REGISTER by Tuesday, July 27th, 2021
 30 TEAM LIMIT - SOLDOUT LAST YEAR

4-PERSON TEAM
\$85/GOLFER

Includes: Range Balls, Green Fees & Cart, Dinner, K9 Demo, Complimentary Beverages, and voucher for another round of golf.



HUNTERS RIDGE GOLF COURSE
 2901 Hunters Ridge Rd
 Marion, Iowa

For more info contact:
 Officer Naaktgeboren
 K9@hiawathapolice.com
 319.393.1212

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Hiawatha!

Say hello to a great place to live, work and play

July

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- 05 City Hall Closed for Holiday
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FRIENDS OF HIAWATHA PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION

HIBRAI

Hawatha's Bike Ride Around Iowa

AUG 21-22



SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!
[HTTPS://LEGACY.IMATHLETE.COM/EVENTS/HIBRAI2021](https://legacy.imathlete.com/events/hibrai2021)

Hiawatha Public Library
 is excited to offer

DIY BIRD HOUSE KITS

Build and decorate a bird house for your backyard feathered friends!
 Registration is required and begins July 18.
 Pickup available July 21 - July 24
<https://hiawathapubliclibrary.org/new-events/craft-4-kids-diy-bird-house-kits>





\$25 ALL ACCESS PASS

- ✓ INDOOR ATTRACTIONS
 Trampolines, Ninja Warrior, Climbing
- ✓ OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS
 Mini-Golf, Climbing Wall, Bungee Trampolines

\$10 BASIC PASS

- ✓ OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS
 Mini-Golf, Climbing Wall, Bungee Trampolines

\$3 OFF PASSES

WITH ANY FOOD TRUCK PURCHASE



Friday nights through August, you can pay one low price for a full evening of fun. Purchase a \$10 Basic Pass that includes all of the outdoor attractions: FX Mini-Golf, climbing wall and bungee trampolines. Or go big with the \$25 All Access Pass that includes the outdoor attractions plus all of the indoor attractions: trampolines, ninja warrior courses and climbing.

Plus! Each week a local food truck will be on site from 5 - 7:00 PM. Get \$3 off any pass with proof of your food truck purchase. Support your local food vendors and save on family fun!

2021 MUSIC IN THE PARK

GUTHRIDGE PARK BANDSHELL

AUGUST 6
THE COMPASS ROSE BAND

AUGUST 13
THE BAMBOOZLERS

AUGUST 20
NEW TRICK

AUGUST 27
ROBBY VEE & HIS ROCK N ROLL CARAVAN



EL KAHIR SHRINE KID'S DAY

- BOUNCEY HOUSES
- KIDS GAMES
- FOOD
- & MORE!




SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH
12:00PM - 4:00PM
905 TOWER TERRACE RD