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HEDCO Announces the Hiawatha Hustle Winners

Exciting news! The winners have been voted by the Corridor for the second annual Hiawatha Hustle! The City of Hiawatha and Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation teamed up to showcase some of our outstanding local businesses. We asked the public to vote for their favorite Hiawatha business by industry, receiving 846 votes! Each month, we will take the opportunity to spotlight each award-winning business. The recipients are listed below. Congratulations to our 2019 Hiawatha Hustle Award winners!



- Advertising: Metro Studios
- Automotive: CR Toyota
- Services/Tech: Hawkeye Communication
- Education/Daycare: Hiawatha Elementary
- Finance/Insurance: Farmers State Bank
- Food/Drink: Oscar's Restaurant
- Health/Well Being: Murray, Wilson & Rose Counseling and Behavioral Services
- Industrial/Manufacturing: CCB Packaging
- Personal Services: Barbers Etc.
- Real Estate/Construction Services: Hawkeye Electric
- Senior Living/Group Home: Hiawatha Care Center
- Best Shopping: Farmers Daughter Market



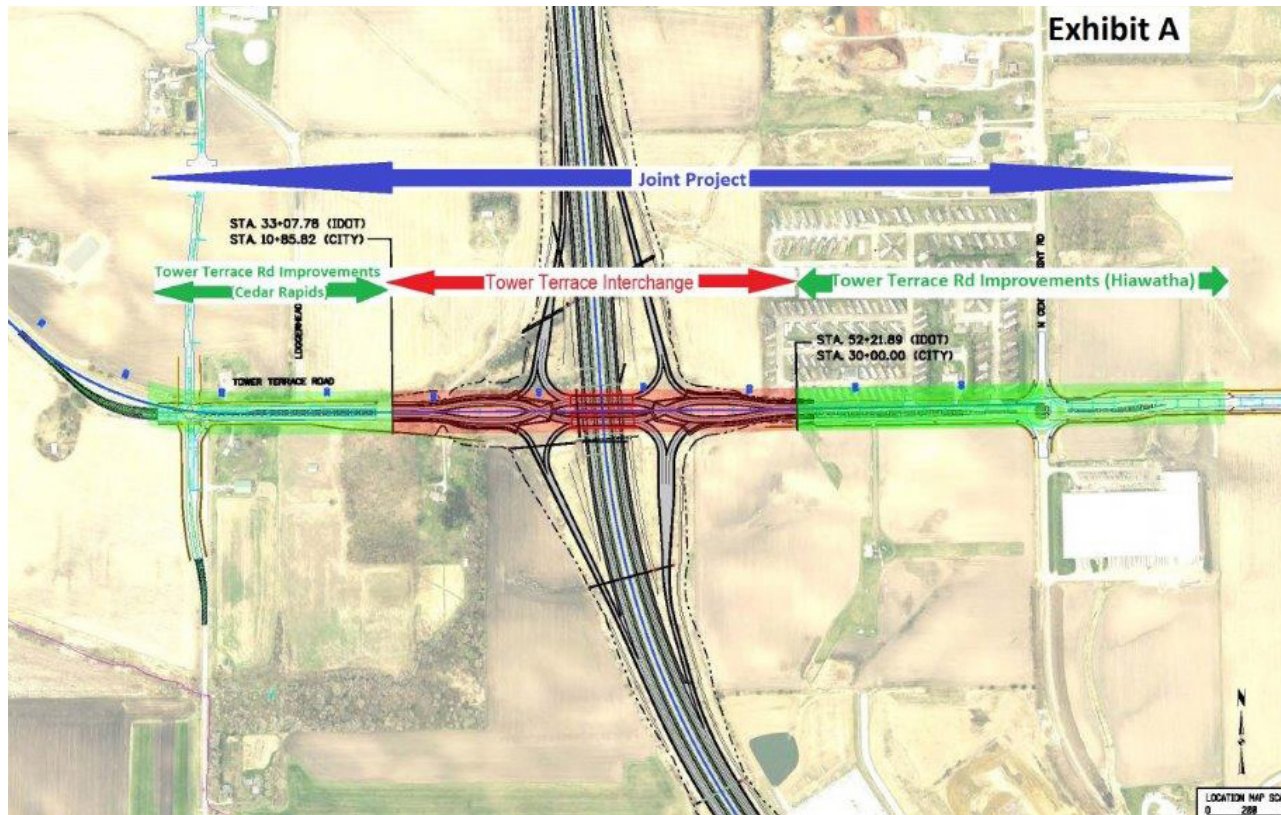
Above: Mark Parmenter presents the award for Best Services/Tech to Mr. & Mrs. Callanan of Hawkeye Communications/Fandel Alarm. The Hiawatha business' staff are experts in home and commercial security systems.



Left: Metro Studios is a full-service marketing agency. Services include digital marketing, website services, branding, photography, video services, and audio production. Metro Studios has been in business for over 30 years.

Iowa DOT Holds Public Input Meeting January 9 on Tower Terrace Interchange

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) held a public input meeting January 9 to discuss the proposed improvements to I-380 and Tower Terrace Road between Center Point Road and Edgewood Road. This includes a new interchange at I-380 and the rebuilding of Tower Terrace Road with new concrete paving. The public meeting at the Hiawatha Community Center shared the proposed impacts on the existing properties and the process for the negotiations of needed right-of-way for the project. Also, IDOT shared access points to be closed and new ones added. The \$17 million project is planned for construction starting late 2021 with completion in 2023. For questions, please contact Catherine Cutler, Iowa DOT’s transportation planner, at Catherine.Cutler@iowadot.us.



Plans Move Forward for Railroad Quiet Zone Construction

Anderson Bogert Engineers, from Cedar Rapids, has completed the Notice of Intent for a Quiet Zone on the current railroad crossings at Blairs Ferry Road, Emmons Street, and North Center Point Road. The City has submitted preliminary plans for the roadway work to the Canadian National Railroad and the Federal Railroad Authority. This work will add the necessary safety improvements at each crossing to meet current standards for a quiet zone. This will allow the railroad to eliminate the warning horns as a train approaches the crossing. With the application submitted, we hope to receive approval by February to start the final design plans. The construction goal is to be completed by late 2020. For questions, please contact the City Engineer at jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com.

Work Started on New Traffic Signal at Center Point Road and Willman Street

The City Council approved a contract with Rathje Construction from Marion to install a new signal at Center Point Road and Willman Street in the amount of \$114,7000 for mast arm and signal. The new signals will replace the existing 4-Way Stop installation with signals that will be actuated by pedestrians or side street traffic. The contractor constructed the large concrete bases for the signals and some limited underground conduit. The work will continue when the weather is warmer this spring, with completion of work by July. For questions, please contact the City Engineer at jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com.

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 at 319-393-1515 ext. 526.

HIAWATHA NEW CONSTRUCTION

The City of Hiawatha had another productive year in building construction. In 2019 we permitted 22 single/two family dwellings and six new commercial buildings. These numbers are slightly below our growth from the past three years but continues the growth we have seen since 2008 which was the year of the housing market crash.

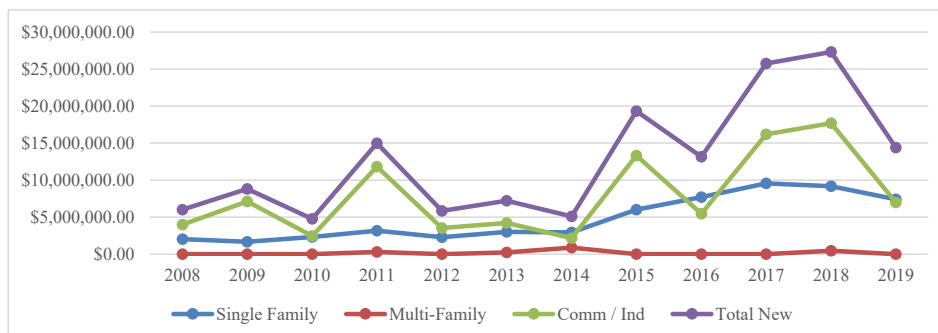
NEW BUILDINGS PERMITS

Calendar Year	Single Family		Multi-Family			Commercial/Industrial		Total Value
	Permits	Value	Permits	Units	Value	Permits	Value	
2016	28	\$7,693,868.64	0	0	\$0.00	10	\$5,454,930.00	\$13,148,798.64
2017	29	\$9,559,532.46	0	0	\$0.00	7	\$16,182,106.08	\$25,741,638.54
2018	29	\$9,172,103.00	1	3	\$447,469.00	9	\$17,686,262.00	\$27,305,834.00
2019	22	\$7,425,020.00	0	0	\$0.00	6	\$6,985,208.00	\$14,410,228.00

Single family residential growth has room to continue as an additional plat is scheduled to be ready for development in 2020. This will add to our four existing residential developments in various stages of completion: Heritage Green-85%, Dell Ridge-70%, Rolling Prairie-25% and Pines at Turtle Creek-95%.

Future residential growth in Hiawatha is predicted to continue to increase. Our studies from the Comprehensive Plan 2036 indicated we are in need of additional housing units in nearly all price ranges. The study noted Hiawatha is especially lacking 50% of the potential essential housing units for our growing population. This translates as a need for over 500 additional units. Over all, Hiawatha is predicted to need over 1,600 new dwelling units in the next 20 years in our continued growth pattern.

The commercial building in Hiawatha has slowed slightly as well. Over the past four years new commercial construction has averaged over \$12 million in valuations with a total of 36 new buildings. The new development at Peck's Landing and the new construction along NCPR and Stamy are indicators our commercial construction should continue; however, 2019 was below average at approximately \$7 million.



New Water Department Employee

The Water Department has a new face out in the field. Robert Dunn joined the Water Department team in December 2019 as a Water Utility apprentice. He is excited to be a part of the outside Water Operator crew. Rob will be working with the current Water Operators, learning the ropes of daily well testing, locates for Iowa One Call, meter readings, and the current meter change out program. He will be learning various tasks such as water main breaks, locating water main valves and curb stops.

Rob lives in Walker with his wife and two children, and is an active member of the Walker City Council. The Water Department is excited to have Rob on board. Welcome!



February 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 Holiday-City Offices Closed
- 18 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
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Local Option Sales and Service Tax – What It’s Doing for You and Your Community

Paving the way for better connections, Hiawatha, like many Midwest communities, is battling again and again weather-beaten roadways. In 2014, the City received a Local Options Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) extension in the form of one (1) cent local option sales tax, which contributes \$900,000 annually to help fight deteriorating pavement, infrastructure growth opportunities, and quality of life initiatives.

Armed with much-needed funding, the program has ambitiously rehabilitated our parks, streets, sewer, and water. The program also supported funding for a much needed building expansion of the library and updated public safety equipment and facilities. While it provides much needed funding it also enabled us to lower our city levy rate by .21 per \$1,000 for each of the last two fiscal years.



The program uses sales tax generated throughout Linn County residents as well as thousands of visitors who shop and dine in our metro community. To date, more than approximately thirty (30) blocks of roadway have been improved and much more.

When the one (1) cent local option sales tax ends in 2024, approximately 100% of

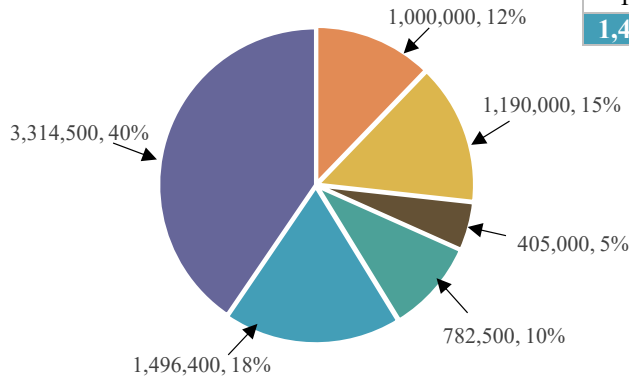
Hiawatha citizens will be within walking distance of a local options sales and service tax project.

5-Year Impact

- North Center Point Road/Emmons Street Reconstruction
- Industrial Avenue Reconstruction
- Edgewood Road Extension
- Edgewood Road Northwest Extension
- Robins Road Improvements
- Guthridge Park Trail
- Sewer Upgrade at Mitchell Drive
- Library Expansion and Renovation Project
- Ambulance Power Cots
- Edgewood Road Water/Sewer Expansion Project
- Proposed Fitzroy Water Storage Tank
- Fire Hydrant Upgrades
- Solar Panel Installation at Public Works and Library facilities
- Removal of diseased trees in public right-of-way 5-yr initiative

Library	Public Safety	Sewer	Water	Parks	Streets
1,000,000	1,000,000	30,000	150,000	10,000	500,000
1,000,000	160,000	150,000	430,000	31,400	40,000
	30,000	225,000	165,000	100,000	400,000
	1,190,000	405,000	37,500	400,000	575,000
			782,500	195,000	527,000
				264,000	32,500
				360,000	60,000
				136,000	600,000
				1,496,400	250,000
					165,000
					165,000
					3,314,500

Local Option Sales Tax
Total Used/Allocated: 8,188,400



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies

Two ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held during the month of January in Hiawatha. Sherwin-Williams celebrated its ribbon-cutting January 13, while Proactive Pediatric Therapy held its ceremony January 29. Welcome to Hiawatha!



Sherwin-Williams
January 13, 2020
1950 Blairs Ferry Road NE #100



ProActive Pediatric Therapy
January 29, 2020
1717 Boyson Road

Hiawatha! 2020 Fun Fest! August 7&8

Registration for Adventure Camp Begins March 2

During this four-week-summer camp, Kindergarten through 5th grade participants will enjoy field trips, listen and learn from exciting speakers, participate in community service projects, and participate in various other fun activities. Our program encourages children to develop friendships and participate in group activities. Children will meet at the Green Pavilion in Guthridge Park. Each child will receive a camp t-shirt to wear for scheduled field trips.



1st Session: June 8 - July 3

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Monday - Friday

2nd Session: July 13 - August 7

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Monday - Friday

Registration Fee: \$300/session

Deadline: Until spots are filled - Limit: 50 Kids

Hiawatha Fire Department Honors Members for Service

Hiawatha Fire Department held its annual recognition event January 7. Rookie of the Year was awarded to Firefighter/Paramedic Micah Powell, EMS Provider of the Year was awarded to Firefighter/Paramedic Greg Brenneman, and Paid Member of the year was awarded to Firefighter/Paramedic Zach Brunscheen. The Caring for the Community Award was presented to Firefighter John Zlabek and Volunteer Member of the year was awarded to Captain Brad Ransford. In addition, Tanner Ayers-Berry, Coleman Cross, David Husmann, Israel Lightner, Alex Potter, Micah Powell, and Kyle Thoreson were honored for one year of service. New members were also sworn in. They are Mason Ayers-Berry, Morgan Beers, Michael Behn, Kenna Fry, Alex Gragg, Josh Hulme, Logan Ludwig, Matt Sitter, and Austin Wille. Caleb Fairlie and Pacer Langguth were recognized for completing five years of service. Brad Ransford and John Zlabek were recognized for completing 15 years of service and Matt Powers was recognized for completing 20 years of service. Congratulations to all, and thank you for all you do to care for our community!



Hiawatha History Commission

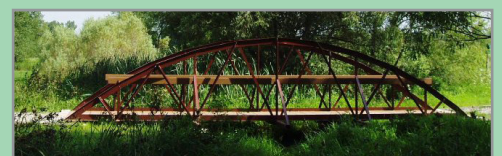
Fay M. Clark Park

Fay M. Clark Park is named for Fay Clark, Hiawatha's first mayor and one of the founders of our city. The park was dedicated June 6, 2008 and was attended by Jerry Clark, one of Fay's two sons. Fay owned the first business in Hiawatha, too, which became known as the Quonset Building. After the building was torn down in 2014, some of the trusses were made into a small bridge and placed in Clark Park.

Clark Park has a walking trail and disc golf course, as well as a play area and a pavilion, for all to enjoy!

***SAVE THE DATE - June 12, 2020**

Hiawatha will soon be celebrating its 70 anniversary! The History Commission is planning something special, so watch for updates!



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Shaping Hiawatha's Future

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flows into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. Think of your morning commute:

Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways, and other public transit systems. Or think of your local schools: Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education. The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, fire departments, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults. Every home in Hiawatha will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census by April 1, 2020. You will have three options for responding: Online, by mail, or by phone.

Questions Asked

Respond to the 2020 Census is easy. Learn more about the questions that are asked and how your answers will be used.

<https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html>

Spread the Word

Everyone can play a part in ensuring a complete and accurate count in 2020.

<https://2020census.gov/en/how-to-help.html>

Who is Required to Respond?

If you live in the United States, you are required by law to complete the 2020 Census.

<https://2020census.gov/en/am-i-required.html>

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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.

CITY COUNCIL | City of Hiawatha Regular Council Meetings are the first and third Wednesday of each month.



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