



**BRING YOUR OWN SKATES AND HAVE SOME FUN THIS WINTER AT THE GUTHRIDGE PARK ICE RINK!**

**Hours:**  
The rink will be open to all ages for free skating from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, as long as weather conditions are accommodating.

**Closures:**  
The entry gate will be locked if the ice surface does not allow for safe skating. Check the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Facebook page for rink status.

**Rink Guidelines:**  
We ask for your help to make the Guthridge Park ice rink an enjoyable experience. For the safety and enjoyment of all skaters, please follow these guidelines:

- Skating is at your own risk.
  - All children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
  - Helmets are strongly recommended.
  - Do not sit or lean on the walls of the rink.
  - Avoid stepping on the tennis court surface with skates.
  - Enter and exit the rink via the rubber surface on the north side of the rink near the benches.
  - No digging or chipping at the ice surface. This helps keep it as smooth as possible. The ice will only be resurfaced a few times each season.
  - No food or drinks inside the tennis court.
  - There is no carrying children, racing, or jumping on the rink.
  - Music is not provided but welcome if it is of appropriate volume and family-friendly. Headphones are not allowed.
  - Pucks are not allowed on the ice for everyone's safety.
  - The City of Hiawatha is not responsible for personal property, damages, or injuries.
  - The City of Hiawatha reserves the right to remove anyone from the ice deemed reckless or possibly harmful to other skaters.
  - Be respectful to everyone who comes to enjoy public skating.
  - If a conflict or incident arises, contact the Police Department at (319) 393-1212.
  - For maintenance issues, contact Parks and Recreation Department at (319) 393-1515 Option 3.
- Rules will be posted onsite.

Welcome to Hiawatha!  
**BIG 10 MART BRINGS GODFATHER'S PIZZA AND ERBERTS & GERBERT'S SANDWICHES TO HIAWATHA!**



Running low on fuel? Stomach on empty? Stop by Big 10 Mart and get what you need!

Inside your local Big 10 Mart you will find an Erbert & Gerbert's Sandwich shop offering freshly baked bread daily, meats and cheeses that are hand-sliced for freshness, and chef-inspired soup and sandwich recipes, handcrafted to pack a punch! Online ordering, catering, and drive-thru are available.

Not in the mood for a sandwich? Check out the new Godfather's Pizza Express offering pizza pies piled high with fresh quality ingredients - it's pizza the way it was meant to be! Online and in-person ordering available.

For additional information visit Big 10 Mart at 1225 Boyson Road Hiawatha, IA 52233 or call (319) 294-2921.

**HIAWATHA INSIGHTS**

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**DELIVER BY  
MONDAY,  
01/02/2023**

**Hiawatha Council Action**  
The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online 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 x526

<b>November 16, 2022</b>	<b>December 7, 2022</b>
<b>Ordinance 989</b>	<b>Resolution #255</b>
Hiawatha Urban Renewal Plan	Fire Station Dorm Remodel
<b>Resolution #245 - 246</b>	<b>Resolution #256</b>
10th Avenue Project	Water meter sewer waiver
<b>Resolution #247 - 248</b>	<b>Resolution #257</b>
CDBG Derecho ARPA funds	Setting public hearing date for development agreement with Cedar Run Boarding and Daycare
<b>Resolution #249 - 252</b>	<b>Resolution #258</b>
Financial Reports	Setting a public hearing date for CDBG Water Main Improvements
<b>Resolution #253 - 254</b>	<b>Resolution #259</b>
City Schedules	10th Avenue Project
	<b>Resolution #260</b>
	Fitzroy Road Project
	<b>Resolution #261 - 262</b>
	Hawkeye Drive Improvements Project



**WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?**

**UKULELE CLASS**

**TEEN THROUGH ADULT**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**5:15PM - 6:00 PM**

**FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 29**

\*NO CLASS ON MARCH 15

**Fee: \$120**

**SIGN UP TODAY AT:  
HIAWATHA.ACTIVITYREG.COM**

**CITY DIRECTORY**

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City Manager	Dennis Marks	319-393-1515 x523	dmarksehiawatha-iowa.com
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Fire Chief	Matt Powers	319-393-4180	mkpowers@hiawatha-iowa.com
Library Director	Jeanal Weeks	319-393-1414	weeksj@hiawatha-iowa.com

For more information about 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.

 <b>MAYOR BILL BENNETT</b> mayor@hiawatha-iowa.com	 <b>COUNCIL MEMBER JERRY MOHWINKLE</b> jmohwinkle@hiawatha-iowa.com	 <b>COUNCIL MEMBER ROB ARCHIBALD</b> rarchibald@hiawatha-iowa.com
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**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**  
Help us welcome Shay Minear to a new role within the Fire Department. Shay has been a member with the department since 2016 and recently has become one of our part-time Paramedics. She is a Critical Care Paramedic teaches several paramedic certification classes and also works for Simulation in Motion in Iowa. We are excited to have her in her new role within the department.

Frank Sir-Louis recently was hired by the Fire Department as a part-time Fire Inspector. Frank will be tasked with assisting with the Fire Prevention and Risk Reduction efforts of the Fire Department. His duties will include completing fire inspections of new and existing commercial buildings. He will also assist with inspecting and reviewing plans for fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems.  
Frank currently works full-time as a Firefighter with the Iowa City Fire Department where he completes fire inspections as part of his assignment. Frank has an extensive background in electrical contracting. Frank was a volunteer at Hiawatha Fire Department prior to joining Iowa City. Welcome to the team!

**FIRE STATION NO. 2 UPDATES**

The city hired Solum Lang Architects to provide the architectural design of the new Station No. 2. Solum Lang has been working on numerous concepts for different sites over many years.

Recently, the state of Iowa allowed government entities to hire Construction Managers for help with design and construction of municipal projects. Traditionally, all projects were required to go through a Design-Bid-Build process where an engineer/architect would complete a design, put it out for bid and the government entity was required to hire the lowest bidder. This method did not always give the owner the best end result as contractors would sometimes lower their bid to win the project and then try to find change orders throughout the project.

With the new legislation, by hiring a Construction Manager, the CM can work directly with the owner and architect to determine the best materials and design at the lowest value to help maintain budgets. Value engineering can occur during design and not happen in the construction phase. In addition, the contractor helps with the bidding phase by soliciting bids from subcontractors while also being able to self-perform some of their own work which was not previously allowed. Prior to going out for bid, the Owner establishes a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) from the construction manager, meaning that the project should not exceed the price unless there is a required change from the owner due to an unforeseen condition during the construction process.

The City of Hiawatha is required to go through a process of notifying potential Construction Managers that they will be seeking a Construction Manager at Risk, soliciting Statements of Qualification, rating the CM's and setting up interviews with qualified construction managers. After interviews and rankings have been completed, the owner can finally solicit a proposal. While this does require additional upfront work by the owner, we believe long term that it will be beneficial to the project to have a trusted partner that is looking out on behalf of the owner.

The city is currently in the process of interviewing three (3) potential construction managers for the Station No. 2. Interviews are expected to be completed Friday, December 9. After this time, we expect to have a proposal in hand from the CM before the end of the year. Council is expected to take action to hire a Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR) at the January 4, 2023 council meeting. After a CMaR is hired, they will be brought up to speed in the design process, provide an updated cost estimate and then work with the owner and architect on final design with an expectation of meeting the project budget. While this process is likely to set the construction timeline back a few months, staff feels it will provide the best product in the end.



**FIRE TRAINING IN BUILDING SLATED FOR DEMOLITION**

Recently, fire department members were able to train and practice in several buildings that are slated for demolition as part of the redevelopment at 100 Boyson Rd. Members were able to practice skills, such as breaking windows, entering a second story from a ladder, forcible entry and search and rescue. These are all skills that are important skills that are difficult to train on without doing hands on training. The training session ended up with several fire evolutions in the garages on the property. Those evolutions allowed our members to practice skills such as fire attack, ventilation and gaining access through garage doors. This type of training is invaluable and allows us to make sure we are ready to respond to emergencies when they happen.



**NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

The Hiawatha Police Department recently took part in a no-shave November fundraising calendar event. Hiawatha officers joined others from the Cedar Rapids Police Department, Marion Police Department, and the Linn County Sheriff's Office for the calendar shoot. The fundraiser supports two causes this year, Pancreatic Cancer Research and Running for Heroes. This collaboration also involved sales of the calendars at Honor and Respect. Last year's calendar raised about \$10,000. Please visit the following links for further information on organizations that support first responders.  
<https://honor-respect.com/> • <https://running4heroes.org/>

**ADOPT A STREET TREE - SPRING OPPORTUNITY**

This fall the City removed 184 right-of-way and public trees that were affected by the Emerald Ash Borer, derecho or deemed a safety hazard in our community. In order to replant, we need your help. In April, the Parks and Public Works department will be offering its 3rd year of the Adopt-A-Street-Tree Program. We invite you to plant a free tree in the right-of-way of your residence. These trees are provided through Trees Forever and Local Option Sales Tax dollars, with a limited quantity available. There will be a tree sign up available beginning April 1st that can be found on the City of Hiawatha Website or social media outlets. First come, first served! The primary goal of the Adopt-a-Street-Tree program is to help rebuild our tree canopy in the Hiawatha community, while caring for the newly-planted tree during its establishment. Caring for a tree during its establishment period (the first 2-3 years), increases the likelihood of its survival. Your assistance helps rebuild the city canopy while helping staff with tree maintenance needs. So, whether a tree was removed from your right-of-way this fall, or was lost during the derecho, this program is open to any Hiawatha resident that would like to replace a lost tree or newly plant a right-of-way tree at your residence. Tree planting information and materials can be found on the City website under the Public Works Department Urban Forestry Releaf Tab.



**TRAVEL SAFE AROUND SNOWPLOWS**

1. Don't crowd the plow. Snowplow trucks plow far and wide — sometimes very wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the centerline and shoulders during plowing operations.
2. Don't tailgate or stop too close behind snowplows. Snowplows are usually spreading deicing materials from the back of the truck. They may need to stop or take evasive action to avoid stranded vehicles. If you find yourself behind a snowplow, stay behind it or use caution when passing. The road behind a snowplow will be safer to drive on.
3. Watch for snowplows operating in either lane of travel or in tandem.
4. Don't travel beside a plow for long periods. When plowing through a snowdrift or packed snow, the impact can move the truck sideways.
5. Snowplows can create a cloud of snow that can reduce your visibility to zero in less time than you can react. Drive smart. Never drive into a snow cloud — it could conceal a snowplow.
6. Snowplows travel much slower than the posted speeds while removing snow and ice from the roads. When you spot a plow, allow plenty of time to slow down.
7. A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.
8. Plows turn and exit the road frequently. Give them plenty of room.
9. Snow plows will make 2 passes on each side of the street. To save yourself some work don't clear the end of your driveway until the second pass has been made.
10. Section 135.12 City Code: It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.



**LIBRARIES BUILD COMMUNITY**

Libraries are community hubs. They connect people to information and connect people to people. They are safe havens for kids, providing after-school homework help, games, and book clubs. They offer computer classes, allowing older adults to stay engaged in a digital world. And library bookmobiles and community outreach programs help those living in remote areas and those who are home bound to remain connected to the world.

**LIBRARY EARNS THEISEN'S MORE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY GRANT**

In November, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque shared wonderful news with Youth Services Librarian, Alicia Mangin. After an independent review of more than 343 worthy applications, Hiawatha Public Library was awarded the Theisen's More for Your Community Grant. The Library will receive \$1,214 to purchase Vox Books which will be added to the circulating collection. A Vox Book is a print book with a ready-to-play audio book inside. Vox Books combine literacy and entertainment to create a fun learning experience for kids. Also, a broadband connection is not required thus bridging the digital divide that can be a barrier. On Tuesday, December 6, Alicia and Library Director Jeaneal Weeks attended a quick celebration at the Theisen's Store located at 1800 51st ST NE, Cedar Rapids in honor of this achievement. Alicia is grateful to Theisen's and will let the community know when the new Vox Books are available for checkout.



**2018 CDBG HOUSING GRANT COMPLETE**

In 2018, the City of Hiawatha was awarded \$236,994 of CDBG Housing Sustainability funds for a housing rehabilitation program. The program was administered by ECICOG. Six homes qualified in the targeted area and were allowed up to \$24,999 to have eligible repairs which included things like siding, roofs, gutters, windows, doors and other repairs that are necessary to meet local codes or address health and safety issues. The program was completed in September 2022 and final invoices were processed.

Due to the need and success of our previous program, a second CDBG Home Rehabilitation Block Grant application was completed in October 2022. This project will allow for 12 homes in the targeted area to be renovated with a total project cost of \$345,000, with \$275,000 coming from grant funding and \$70,000 in local match. A decision on our grant application is expected soon. This has been a very successful program and we look forward to more opportunities in the future.



**EASY-TO-SEE HOUSE NUMBERS HELP US FIND YOU FASTER!**

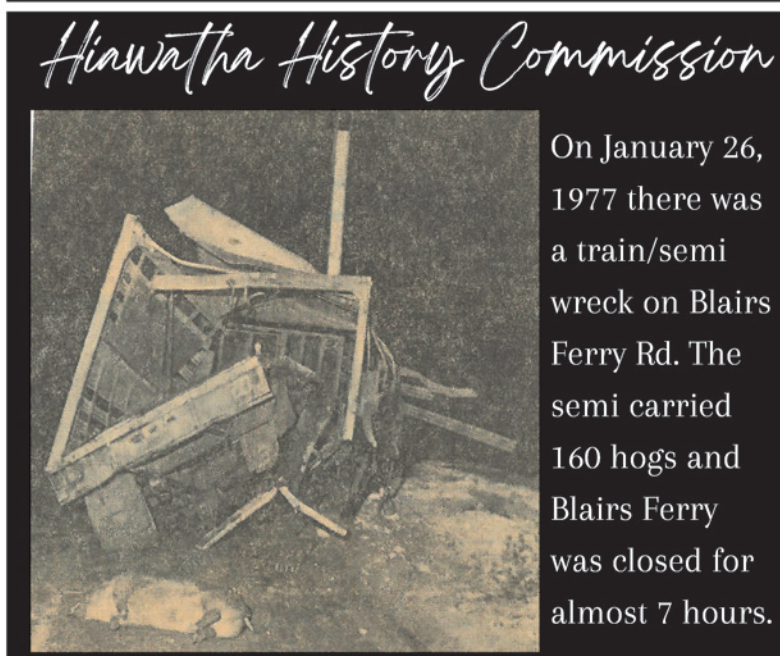
Did you reinstall your house numbers after getting that new siding after the derecho? Can the Police and Fire Department clearly see your house or building number from the street? It's a little thing that can make a big difference during an emergency.

While our Police and Firefighters are very familiar with Hiawatha's streets and neighborhoods, finding the exact location of a residence depends on plainly visible house numbers.

What's the best way to ensure we can easily find your residence?

- Have large numbers posted on the exterior, near the front door or garage. The numbers should be at least 4 inches tall.
- Use reflective materials such as metal or reflective/high-visibility stickers.
- Make sure the numbers contrast with the color of your house or building. Put dark-colored numbers on light-colored siding or vice versa.
- If you have a mailbox near the curb in front of your house, put your house number on it also, following the tips above.

It's extremely important for us to be able to identify your home in the event that you or a household member can't come outside to wave us down. Clearly visible house numbers are especially important when we respond to police calls or emergency medical calls, where smoke and flames typically aren't a clue we can look out for.



On January 26, 1977 there was a train/semi wreck on Blairs Ferry Rd. The semi carried 160 hogs and Blairs Ferry was closed for almost 7 hours.

**Comprehensive Plan Review Committee Report**

The City of Hiawatha appointed a committee to evaluate and update the Comprehensive Plan 2036 to:

- Reflect the new standards for healthy neighborhoods of diversity, inclusion and equity
- Enhance Sustainability and Environmental language
- Update the Future Land Use Map
- Add action plan goals to reflect the new amendments

All meeting notices were posted in the city website for date, time and location. The materials are available to the public on the Hiawatha website under "news and events" The public was invited to review the material and to attend the meetings which were held at Hiawatha City Hall in the multi-purpose room in the lower level. The meeting dates were October 27 and November 17, 2022. Discussion highlights are as follows.

**Healthy Neighborhoods:**

The process included a seminar on healthy neighborhoods: <https://www.msa-ps.com/event/healthy-neighborhood-design-challenges/>. The committee viewed the seminar on their own and it was reviewed during the meeting. Most of the discussion centered on the flexibility of design as different types of residential densities are allowed to be closer together and, in some cases, mixed. In the end the committee determined it was healthier to have the mix of housing options as long as it could be accomplished with the proper controls on access, landscape, screening and architectural designs.

The discussion included the expansion of allowances for duplex and "accessory dwelling units" into more residential districts. The committee noted the need to be mindful of available services for sewer, water, fire suppression and access to sidewalks and roads. The added burden on staff for licensing these units must also be considered in moving forward to allow this use. It was recommended to wait and see how it works for Marion and Cedar Rapids as they have already implemented this option in some residential neighborhoods.

**Sustainability and Environment:**

The main focus for these amendments focused on integration of urban agriculture and the implementation of regulations which will accommodate new sources of energy such as solar and wind. Generally, the committee is open to the concept of urban agriculture if properly controlled and licensed. It is imperative we retain our "city" as a diverse urban area considering the comfort and needs of all citizens while at the same time making allowance for differences and a variety of residential uses.

**Future Land Use Map:**

Staff presented the updates to the future land use maps which adds the annexed property and changes the zoning to match zoning changes in the existing zoning Land Use Map. The future land use map is broad in nature and forward looking to allow for flexibility and to eliminate the need for frequent changes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The committee has completed their work and recommended adoption of the new amendments as proposed. The plan recommendations will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 23, 2023 to consider a recommendation to Council. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the city website: <https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/board-and-commissions/> The Council public hearing is scheduled for February 1, 2023 at their regular Council meeting. Public notice will be published as required by State Statute.



**Sing, play, move and bond with your Little One - from baby to preschool age!**  
Join us for 45 minutes of music and play while we explore songs, instruments, games, rhythms, chants, pitch, movement, sign language, and a variety of musical styles. Classes are designed for ages 6 months - 6 years with a caregiver.  
Hiawatha Community Center  
DATES: Thursdays, February 2 - 23 TIME: 9:00am - 9:45am FEE: \$60 REGISTER: [Hiawatha.activityreg.com](https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com)

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**January Calendar**

- 02 City Hall Closed
- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 History Commission 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
- 17 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

**February Calendar**

- 01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 13 History Commission 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
- 20 City Hall Closed
- 21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 27 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM



**IN REMEMBRANCE OF PAT WHITE**

The Hiawatha Water Department and Water Board would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Pat White. Throughout Pat's 12 years of service to the Water Board we have appreciated his knowledge and dedication. Pat will be missed.



Keep an eye on your mailboxes for a copy of the 2023 Parks & Recreation Activity Brochure



New registration software coming soon!  
[Hiawatha.activityreg.com](https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com)