

## SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

Hiawatha City Council approved the sidewalk maintenance program in 2018. The program began in 2019 but phase one was delayed by COVID-19 and the Derecho of 2020. In the first phase individual property owners invested over \$70,000 repairing 8,800 ft<sup>2</sup> of sidewalks after receiving their notice to repair. This is about an 80% compliance rate for all defective sidewalk notices. Phase I Summary totals when completed:

- Total number of repairs: 171 separate repair sections
  - Total square footage of repairs: 15,100 ft<sup>2</sup>; about 3,800 linear feet of sidewalk
- The Phase II portion of the program was initiated last summer and includes sidewalks within the area bounded by I-380 on the north and east, 12th Avenue on the west and Blairs Ferry Road on the south. This area includes the **green section** of the sidewalk maintenance map noted below. Inspections are being completed and notices for repair are being sent. Residents in the area will notice markings on the sidewalks for repair and have received or will be receiving notice of a defective sidewalk along their property. Residents are given until June of 2022 to make the required corrections. Residents are encouraged to schedule a meeting with an inspector at 319-393-1515 x227 if they have any questions regarding their notice or markings. Additional information can be accessed online at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/public-works/sidewalk/](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/public-works/sidewalk/)

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.



## THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE, SANTA & MRS. CLAUS!



## CLOTHING, SHOES & TEXTILES NOW ACCEPTED AT LINN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY

Clothing, shoes, bedding, curtains, drapes, and accessories such as purses and belts can now be recycled at the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency!

The Solid Waste Agency has partnered with Thrift World to accept textiles. They are accepted as long as they are clean and dry, regardless of condition. After the items are dropped off at the Resource Recovery building located at 1954 County Home Road, Marion, they are taken to Thrift World for sorting and processing. Items are then sold in Thrift World's retail stores. Textiles that do not sell are exported to developing countries.

Textile recycling makes a big difference with landfill diversion. According to the EPA, 13.1 million tons of textiles are trashed in the U.S. each year. The average person in the U.S. throws away approximately 70 pounds of clothing and textiles per year. Statistics show approximately 50% of this material could be re-used or recycled, but only 15% or 2 million tons are recovered for re-use or recycling. Linn County residents can make a difference, one piece of clothing at a time! To recycle your clothing, visit the Linn County Solid Waste Agency Monday – Friday, 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Saturdays are by appointment only. Call 319-377-5290 for more information.



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### IN REMEMBRANCE OF HISTORY COMMISSION MEMBER, CAROL A. DUDLEY JOHNSON



Carol A. Dudley Johnson, early resident of Hiawatha and a member of the Hiawatha History Commission passed away. Carol's earthly journey ended November 29, 2021, after a ten-month bout with mesothelioma. Her first home was in Walker, Iowa, then to the student housing Quonsets at Coe College. In 1950's the Dudley family built their home on one of the first streets in Hiawatha. As a kid, she worked the usual jobs: Hiawatha A&W, Eagle Grocery Store, May's Drug and Armstrong's Department Store. She recently played a vital role in creating the "Hiawatha, 70 years of History" book. Thank you, Carol, for helping to preserve Hiawatha's history.

### CITY DIRECTORY

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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.

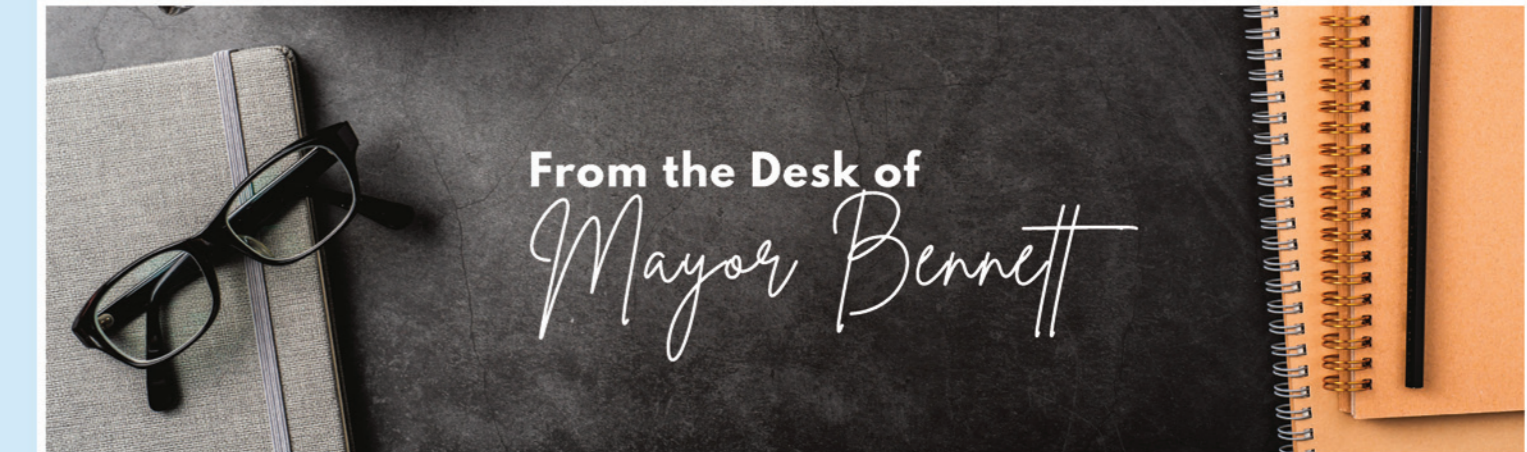
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**Hiawatha Council Action**  
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## REFLECTING NOW TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AHEAD

Every year, the city carves out time to go through a series of questions and activities that help us develop greater awareness, gratitude, insight, and intention as community leaders. In this news article, I share our annual practice that involves:

- **Looking back**- Our Hiawatha team did an amazing job mitigating Derecho. The stats are incredible. Although our recovery will take up to five-years to replant and grow our tree canopy-a loss of 60%, we are making progress with the help of many; city council, city staff, our citizens, Trees Forever, ITC, and Operation ReLeaf as we work as a community to restore 500 right-of-way trees, 200 city park trees and 2300 waterway trees. Council earmarked \$100k of local sales and service tax for tree recovery, this year alone we were able to replant 87 trees in City Parks, an additional 448 trees were donated to residents through grants and donations.
- **Assessing our housing progress**-Housing plays a critical role in economic opportunity for individuals and their families, affects current and future workers, employers, communities, and regional markets. Hiawatha developers are turning ground and have begun building much needed multi-family and single-family housing units. The last multi-family housing unit constructed in Hiawatha was 25+ years ago. Our aging multi-family housing stock, with less than 1% new multifamily housing products to attract individuals working and commuting into the community. We severely lack housing that ranges in price from \$150,000 - \$300,000. Over the past 10-years every home built has had an assessed value of \$300,000+. People are leaving Hiawatha to find this price point. A healthy neighborhood consists of housing at all price points, partnerships between developers and the city create excellent value and adds essential housing.

Category	Amount	Category	Amount	Total
PARK FACILITY REPAIRS	\$ 123.5K	DERECHO: FEMA & STATE ASSISTANCE	\$ 177K	<b>\$ 2M</b> OVERALL COST OF DAMAGE CLEAN UP
CITY HALL ROOF REPAIRS	\$ 300K	RIGHT-OF-WAY STUMP REMOVAL	\$ 281K	
OTHER CITY FACILITY REPAIRS	\$ 4.5K	COST OF ORGANIC DEBRIS PICK UP	\$ 120K	
STREETLIGHTS, POLES & SIGN REPAIRS	\$ 15K	RIGHT-OF-WAY TREE REMOVAL	\$ 200K	
DRY CREEK & LOWER FERRY WATERWAY	\$ 319K	HOUSEHOLD ROCK UP	\$ 185K	
SANITARY LIFT STATIONS & WATER IRON PLANT BUILDING DAMAGE	\$ 22.5K	FEMA/State COVERED-85%-\$785,000		
ENGINEERING	\$ 24K	Insurance Recovery-\$892,000		
		NRCS Covered-\$319,000		
		Local Share-\$101,000		



HIAWATHA INSIGHTS

**HIAWATHA POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS TO TEAM**



Hiawatha Police Department is pleased to introduce its newest members to the community, Officer Mitch Roland and Officer Ryan Mensen. They joined our team within weeks of each other in the fall of 2021 and will attend the 301st Basic at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy together this spring. While in attendance, they will focus on topics such as unbiased policing, crisis intervention, communication, legalities, tactical skills patrol procedures and more. Both Officer Roland and Officer Mensen grew up in the area. Officer Roland studied at the University of Iowa while Officer Mensen studied at Kirkwood Community College. We feel fortunate to have a community that is supportive of our department which makes the department attractive to these great Officers. Please welcome them to the community as you meet them.



**We want YOU in our staff photo next year!**  
**Find your next career at the City of Hiawatha.**  
 Find available positions at [www.Hiawatha-Iowa.com/job-opportunities/](http://www.Hiawatha-Iowa.com/job-opportunities/)



**GROUND STORAGE TANK COMPLETE**

Hiawatha Water Department is excited to announce the completion of their one million-gallon ground storage tank and water treatment booster pump station located at 2910 Fitzroy Road. With the project beginning in 2019, it has taken nearly two years to complete. The additional 1.0 MG storage tank compliments the two one-half million-gallon elevated storage tanks in Hiawatha, providing portable water and fire protection to residents. The ground storage tank is constructed of concrete and can be seen from Interstate 380 to passersby. The water treatment booster pump station provides the capabilities to deliver water to the elevated water towers, and to function as a stand-alone water system, if required. This booster station has three pumps with each being capable of providing over 600 gpm, a high efficiency building to keep maintenance and heating costs low, and a backup generator for power outages to ensure the treatment plant is always operational. This project was made possible from funding from the Iowa State Revolving Fund and Local Option Sales and Service Tax funding.

**FLOWING WATER PREVENTS WATER LINES FROM FREEZING**

Just a couple of reminders from the Hiawatha Water Department. With winter approaching and the temperatures dropping, it is a good time to think about the service lines that supply water to your residence or business. Although the water service lines should have been installed below the typical frost line, winter will occasionally provide us with a deep frost that could possibly freeze your service line. Once that service line freezes, the chances to get it thawed diminishes until the ground around the service line warms up. To assist in preventing frozen water service lines, customers can turn the water on just enough to create a slight water flow in a sink or bathtub. Customers that live in mobile homes should also use heat tape wrapped on the service line and around the meter to prevent freezing. Heat tape should be checked regularly to ensure it is in place and functioning properly.

**OUTDOOR ICE SKATING RINK**

Bring your own skates and have some fun this winter!

**Hours:**  
 The rink will be open to all ages for free skating during the hours of 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM daily during the season (December-March) 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.



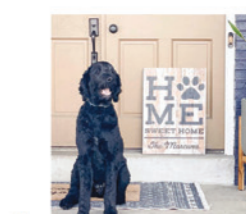
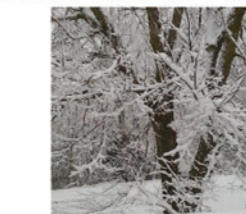
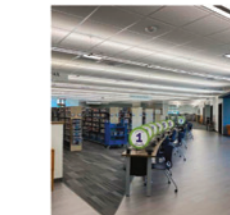
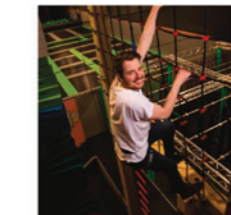
**For the safety and enjoyment of all skaters, please follow these guidelines:**

- 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

Thank you for following the rules and keeping the ice rink a fun and safe place to be this winter.

**11 WAYS TO STAY BUSY THIS WINTER IN HIAWATHA**

1. Book a workshop to make a sign at Board & Brush
2. Visit the new and improved Hiawatha Library
3. Go ice skating at Guthridge Park
4. Take an afternoon forest therapy walk at Prairiewoods
5. Try a free Pound Fitness class in the Community Center
6. Reach new heights at AirFX Trampoline Park
7. Find bargains at Ornerly Octopus Surplus Store
8. Learn about your family history at Linn County Regional Center
9. Try yoga, a spray tan or get a massage at Panda Marie LLC
10. Obtain your permit to carry at Midwest Shooting Indoor Range
11. Walk/bike our trails at Guthridge, Tucker, Clark or Turtle Creek Parks



- 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

**February Calendar**

- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
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- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
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- 28 P & Z Meeting 5:30 PM

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**SWEAT. SCULPT. ROCK. WITH POUND - ROCKOUT. WORKOUT.**

January 6	February 10
March 10	April 14
May 5	June 9
July 14	August 11
September 8	October 13
November 10	December 8

Free Pound Fitness in the Hiawatha Community Center in 2022!  
 Bring a water bottle & towel!  
 6:00 PM  
 101 Emmons Street

- **Letting go-** Well, 2020 was the craziest year ever, and while it might not be the year we all wanted, 2021 felt very much like a residual of 2020. Today, I am choosing to focus on the year ahead. Bring on 2022! Let us focus on being the best we can given the circumstances- our lives are what we make it, and we are going to make 2022 one of our best.
- **Envisioning the future-** City staff and City Council revisited their strategic plan in 2021. Strategic planning is an important process we as a city go through every three-years. It is a vital tool to ensure that the priorities set by the City Council are conveyed in the organization's goals, that those strategies are clearly developed to meet those goals, and the overall city government is accountable to meeting its community needs. It involved stepping back from our day-to-day operations and asking where our organization is headed and what our priorities should be. Leaders envision their goals, dreams, and the future of common objectives they are pursuing with others. We acknowledge and appreciate our past and then we imagine the greatest of possibilities. One's vision becomes reality.
- **Setting goals-** As a city council and staff, we have realized many accomplishments based on past strategic plans which include Tower Terrace Interchange, lowering of tax levy, conducted essential housing study, conducted hotel study, develop sidewalk repair program, public library expansion and renovation, public safety training and garage, continued annexation request, Fire Department and Park & Recreation Master Plans, expansion of city parks (dog park & turtle creek park, lighting trails, and more)

**The City Council's proposed new initiatives Fiscal Years 2022-2023:**

- Create a long-term Financial Plan, considering stabilization of the levy rate, trends and concerns, possibilities of increasing the allocation for infrastructure improvements.
- Promote economic development extending urban revitalization plan to include Robins Road redevelopment from Chaffee to Boyson Road, including efforts to develop essential housing.
- Establish priority-based budgeting and project improvements, thus ranking services and programs offered based on community's priorities.
- Create a Tower Terrace/Edgewood Road economic develop and zoning plan with the neighborhood, including rezoning to include "village centers" as noted in the 2036 Comprehensive Plan-future land use map.
- Conduct a review of all city department staffing levels to ensure the adequate personnel are added at the right time and in the right positions. Also, create a succession plan for department heads who plan to retire within the next 5-10 years.
- Review current revenue streams and look for new opportunities.

I hope this gives you an idea of how we learn from your past, plan for our future, and become better community leaders with the same thoughtful intention.

**CITY PROJECTS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH LOCAL OPTION SALES AND SERVICE TAX (LOSST) DOLLARS**

We are seeing a lot of construction activity throughout the city. City staff is busy overseeing projects at Village Center Plaza, Turtle Creek Park, Rolling Prairie Estates, Heritage Green, and Edgewood Village amongst many other projects. Some of these projects are very close to being completed for the winter and will be finalized in the spring. We expect subdivision work to continue until the ground is too frozen to be productive. Staff is starting the design of multiple street projects to be completed in 2022. Projects include Hawkeye Drive from Boyson Road north to 1130 Hawkeye Drive; 10th Avenue improvements from Blairs Ferry Road to Emmons Street which will include a new asphalt overlay as well as new pavement at



the cross section of Eisenhower Boulevard directly in front of the Fire Station; Nixon Drive Improvements which will include a new overlay and sidewalk from Northwood Drive up to Nixon Elementary; and the extension of Fitzroy Road from Forrest Meadow Lane east to the new park entrance. Many of these projects are made possible through the use of Local Option Sales Tax dollars.

**YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN AWARDED QUALITY TIME AWARD**

Hiawatha Public Library Youth Services Librarian, Alicia Mangin, was awarded the Quality Time Award by the Iowa Library Association. This award is given to deserving individuals who have demonstrated positive leadership in youth services, contributes to the library and youth services profession and who is overall an exemplary professional. Congratulations Alicia!

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY Celebration**

**Monday, January 17 at 2:30**

Alicia will share Martin's Big Words and tell the story of the observance of this Federal Holiday. Then, kids will create a Unity Bead Bracelet.