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Let's Get an Accurate Count for 2020

The census gathers so much more than population figures. Our count impacts things like federal funding, resource distribution, political representations and business decisions, while also providing valuable statistics. The 2020 census is important to the city of Hiawatha and all our residents; it is in our best interest to get an accurate count of our community.

The census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790. Census data determines how the \$600 billion in annual federal funding is distributed to states and communities for infrastructure and roads projects, health care, schools, and more. An accurate count ensures that states and communities get the resources they need to serve our residents, including Medicaid and school lunch programs. For Hiawatha, its RISE-State Roadway Grant funding, Housing Rehabilitation Programs, emergency management planning, Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization funding we utilize for road, trail and transit funding, and much more.



Businesses use census data to make decisions about where to open a business or expand operations. Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Development Corporation, Linn County, the City of Hiawatha and other metro communities rely on census data, as well, to analyze the health of our business community and help tell the stories of our community to the rest of the world.

A state's political representation at the federal level is impacted by census data. Representation in the U. S. House of Representatives and the Presidential Electoral College election system are both determined by census counts. Iowa has steadily lost a member of Congress over the years due to population decline. In 1910, Iowa had 13 members of Congress representing Iowa's interests in the U.S. House of Representatives. Today, Iowa only has four.

Our country's Electoral College system to elect the president is determined by adding the number of Senators each state has - each state has two - with the state's number of representatives in the U.S. House. That leaves Iowa with six votes in presidential elections. It is easy to see how accurately counting every person is vital to our state's interests being heard on the federal level.

Census Day is April 1, 2020. By that date, households will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You'll then have three ways to respond: online, by phone, or by mail. This marks the first time you can respond online, making it easier than ever.

Learn more on the census, how it is gathered, and why it's important to participate, at www.2020census.gov.

Hiawatha City Council Approves Street Projects

Design Underway for 12th Avenue Resurfacing

The City Council approved a contract with MSA Professional Services to start the design work for a resurfacing project on 12th Avenue from Blair's Ferry Road north to Lyndhurst Drive. Because the pavement shows signs of distress, the first phase of the project is to analyze and review different rehabilitation methods based on cost factors, design life, and industry recommendations. The study resulted in the selection of a "crack and seat" method with a new asphalt overlay as the most cost-effective method to restore the pavement surface. The design plans are being prepared which will include the overlay process along with the reconstruction to the existing sidewalk ramps at six intersections to restore the ramps to the current ADA standards. Also being developed is a staging plan to hopefully reduce disruptions as much as possible to neighborhood traffic.

The plan calls for a public open house to provide information to residents, which is scheduled for **June 20, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**, in the multi-purpose room, on the lower level of City Hall. Notices for this meeting will be mailed to those living within 500 feet of the project slope. A notice will also be posted on the Hiawatha website at hiawatha-iowa.com.

Hiawatha Approves Contract for New Traffic Signal at Center Point Road and Willman Street

The City Council also approved a contract with Shive Hattery Engineers to prepare plans for a new signal at Center Point Road and Willman Street. The new signals will replace the existing 4-way stop installation with signals that will be actuated by pedestrians or side street traffic. The project has been bid with the goal is to have the new signals installed by late summer. Visit the city's website to view a virtual tour of the new intersection.

New Street Proposed for Midtown Development

The City Council has authorized moving ahead with the extension of Midtown Drive adjacent to the new Midtown Development scheduled to start construction later this year. This development will be a mix of residential units, senior living, live/work, retail, and commercial buildings that will be made available through phased construction over the next five to six (6) years. The new street extension will connect Robins Road with the extension of "A" Avenue to the existing Clark Street. For questions, contact the City Engineer at jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com.

Hiawatha Police K9 Golf Outing is Aug. 4

The Hiawatha Police K9 Unit will be hosting its annual 4-Person Best Shot Golf Outing at Hunters Ridge Golf Course **Sunday, Aug. 4** in Marion to raise funds to support the K9 Program.

Check-in is from 11:00 AM to Noon, with a Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM. There will be a dinner, raffle drawing, and prizes, with a K9 Demo following dinner.

The proceeds from this fundraising event provide for the continued financial support of the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit and the purchase and training of future K9 teams.

Cost of registration is \$85 per golfer and is due July 31. Registration forms can be found on the event calendar at www.hiawatha-iowa.com.

To ask about different sponsor possibilities, or for questions about the golf outing, contact Officer Erik Naaktgeboren at K9@hiawathapolice.com.

ATV Made Possible by Firehouse Subs Grant

Firehouse Subs awarded the Hiawatha Fire Department with a \$13,407 grant, which allowed the department to purchase an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). The vehicle was displayed May 4 at Firehouse Subs.

The new vehicle will allow firefighters to provide firefighting, medical support, and execute search and rescue mission in areas impassable by traditional emergency vehicles, such as on trails.



Hiawatha Council Action

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online 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. 524.

Building Safety Is a Good Neighbor Policy

Local jurisdictions, Home Depot, and the International Code Council (ICC) have teamed up to assist builders and owners to achieve building safety. The "Permit Center" project was initiated at the national level through a commitment from Home Depot to work with local ICC members and jurisdictions to provide space and allow the display of local safety compliance handouts, permit materials, and manned booths near customer service counters.



This project is a reflection of Home Depot's commitment to building safety through public awareness and the promotion of modern updated building codes, strong and efficient code enforcement, and a well-trained, professional workforce.

Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement retailer with more than 2,200 stores in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. In addition to their stores, Home Depot offers over 35 services ranging across interior, exterior and home systems projects. Safety is important to Home Depot and they ensure their service providers are licensed, insured, and familiar with local building codes, laws and building officials. The local jurisdictions of Hiawatha, Marion, Cedar Rapids and Linn County have combined efforts to provide a "Permit Center" at the local Home Depot on 1st Avenue. The display includes a brochure rack with safety and permit information from all four jurisdictions.

The jurisdictions are committed to providing information and training to promote building safety throughout our communities. Be sure to contact your local building department before starting your next building project. Working with your local building departments and inspectors will assure the safety of your building project, and make this a truly Good Neighbor Policy.

Backflow Prevention Devices Must Be Checked Annually

It's that time of the year for lawn irrigation systems to be put on line for the season. If you are a customer who has a lawn irrigation system or a commercial building, then you have a backflow prevention device such as the one shown in the photo to the right.



This RPZ, reduced pressure zone device, is installed after the water meter at the property and allows water to flow in one direction but never the opposite direction. This protects the water system from contamination, pollution, or other potential hazards due to backflow.

As part of the International Plumbing Code, each backflow prevention device must be checked yearly to ensure the device is functioning properly by a certified tester. Once the test is completed the device can be put into service and a copy of the paperwork must be sent to the Water Department Office verifying the proper test was completed, in addition, noting any deficiencies, and/or any repairs completed. Contact the Hiawatha Water Department at (319) 393-5556 if you have any questions about the devices.

June 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)
- 24 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
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July Calendar

- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 04 City Offices Closed Happy 4th of July!
- 08 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
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The Hiawatha Farmers Market is held Sundays from 11 AM-2 PM in Guthridge Park.

Local Nonprofits Support Fun Fest

Last year, five local nonprofit organizations (El-Kahir Shrine, HiCREW Kiwanis, Girl Scout Troop 2378, Hiawatha Firefighters Association and the Park and Recreation Foundation) offered their services at Hiawatha Fun Fest providing meals, beverages, performing for the community and volunteering their time. By having their support, and allowing local groups to offer their services, all nonprofits were able to raise funds for their organizations.

The HiCREW Kiwanis Club is a prime example. The Club raised nearly \$500 during their PancakeBreakfast, which helped them reach their goal of donating 1,000 dictionaries to area 3rd grade classrooms for the upcoming school year. As a Fun Fest committee, we want to continue offering the opportunity for local nonprofits to raise funds for their groups while supporting our Fun Fest event annually. Without their leadership and support, Fun Fest would not be possible.

Join us Aug. 2-3 in our efforts to promote our nonprofit organizations in giving back to our community. For more information, go to <https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/hiawatha-fun-fest-2019/>.

Friday
 4-6 Touch a Truck
 6-9 Whiskey High
 6-9 Laser Tag

Saturday
 8 5K Fireman's Run
 8-10 HiCREW Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
 11-6 Food and Beverage
 Clock House Brewery
 Shriners Grill Out
 Kona Ice
 Aroma Pizza
 Girl Scout Troop 2378
 11-12 Hiawatha Parade
 12-3 Activities

12-9 Entertainment
 Community Entertainment- 12-1pm
 Daytime Dancers & CR Spirits
 -Story Time- Darrin Crow 1:30pm
 -CR Municipal Band 3pm-4pm
 -Funk Daddies 6:30-9:30pm
 -Food Trucks 6-9pm
 -Whittle Concessions
 -Clock House Brewery
 9:30 Fireworks at Dusk!!!

**HIAWATHA
 FUN FEST 2019**

Children's festival games 12-4pm
 Face Painting 12-5pm
 Balloon Artist 12-5pm
 Trackless Train 12-5pm
 Chainsaw Carver 12pm-6pm
 Bags Tournament 12pm-6pm
 Inflatable's 12-7pm
 Euro Bungee and Zipline 12-7pm
 Water balloon contest 2:00pm
 Culvers Ice Cream Contest 3:00pm
 Kids Tractor Pull 3:00pm registration,
 4:00pm start time.

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Red Cross Babysitting Course Available for 11-15 Year Olds

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a babysitting class for 11-15 year olds June 28, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at the Hiawatha Community Center. The class will provide the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants develop leadership skills, learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe, and help children behave. They will also learn about basic child care and basic first aid. The cost for the class is \$75. To register, go to www.hiawatha-iowa.com. Participants must bring their own sack lunch.

Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Hiawatha

A destructive insect of ash trees has been confirmed in Hiawatha. The emerald ash borer (EAB) was discovered at Guthridge Park near the tennis courts on May 16 by City staff and has been confirmed by the ISU Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic. There are now 61 counties in Iowa confirmed positive with this invasive pest. EAB has spread to 35 states destroying tens of millions of ash trees.

EAB is a metallic-green beetle that measures approximately 1/2 inch long. The immature stage of the insect feeds on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the trees ability to transport water and nutrients.

EAB infested ash trees include thinning or dying branches in the upper canopy, evidence of woodpecker activity, S-shaped feeding galleries under dead or splitting bark, D-shaped exit holes, and water sprouts (along the trunk and main branches).

Since the completion of the 2016 Hiawatha tree inventory, the City has taken a proactive approach in removing infested ash trees on public property.



Photo credit: phys.org

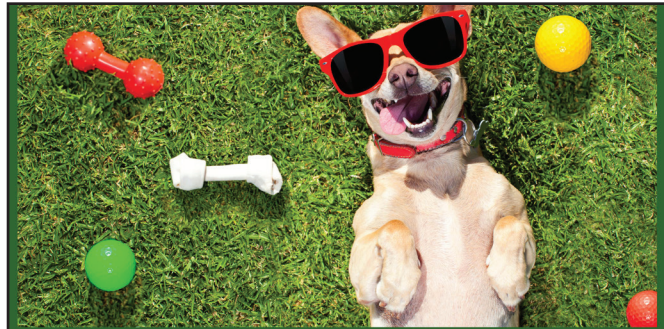
If a landowner is interested in protecting a valuable and healthy ash tree, he or she should check with experts to see what treatment options are available.

To learn more about EAB and other pests that are threatening Iowa's tree population, please visit www.IowaTreePests.com.



Take Me to Your Reader

A Universe of Stories invites readers of all ages to blast off into the literary stratosphere at Hiawatha Public Library. This incentive-based reading program will continue until July 27, when it concludes with a fun day of food and activities for all participants. This year's program commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing and includes activities for the whole family. Adults, teens, kids, babies, and even expectant parents can read their way to rewards. Visit hiawathapubliclibrary.org for more info. Happy Reading!



BIG DOG IN TOWN DOG PARK FUNDRAISER

NOMINATE YOUR DOG TO BE HIAWATHA'S
"BIG DOG IN TOWN"

- TO NOMINATE VISIT HIAWATHA CITY HALL BY JULY 5
- NOMINATIONS ARE \$5
- ALL NOMINEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN HIAWATHA'S FUNFEST PARADE AND ANNOUNCEMENT CEREMONY
- WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT AT AUGUST 3RD
- VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ONLINE BEGINNING JULY 8 AT \$1 PER VOTE
- LEARN HOW TO VOTE IN JULY'S EDITION OF HIAWATHA INSIGHTS AND AT HIAWATHA PARKS AND RECREATION FACEBOOK PAGE

FOR INQUIRIES:

319-393-1515

aseverson@hiawatha-iowa.com

Coaches Needed for Blastball

Coaches are still needed for Blastball. Blastball is a fast paced action game, for kids three (3) to five (5) years old, that has all the excitement that t-ball lacks. This program teaches baseball/softball fundamentals: hitting, throwing and fielding. They will also learn teamwork and sportsmanship offering a lot of fun for players as well as parents. Sessions will consist of practices and scrimmages. The games will be held at Guthridge Park in Hiawatha from July to August 8 Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday 5:30 to 6:15 PM or 6:30 to 7:15 PM. Registration is \$30 and includes a shirt. Registration deadline is June 15.

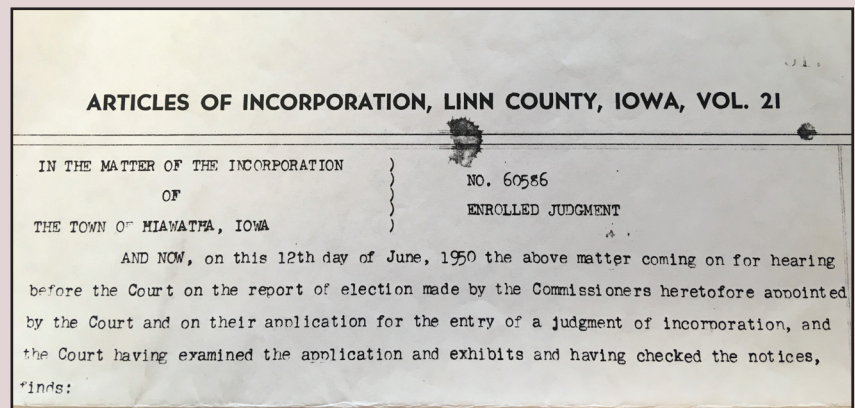


New Hours for 2019! The Hiawatha Farmers Market will be held every Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, Rain or Shine!

Do you know how old the town of Hiawatha is?

Fay Clark and 45 others petitioned the Linn County District Court to incorporate Hiawatha, after he had a vision of a highway running through the fields of what would soon become Hiawatha.

Hiawatha became the 17th incorporated town in Linn County on June 12, 1950.



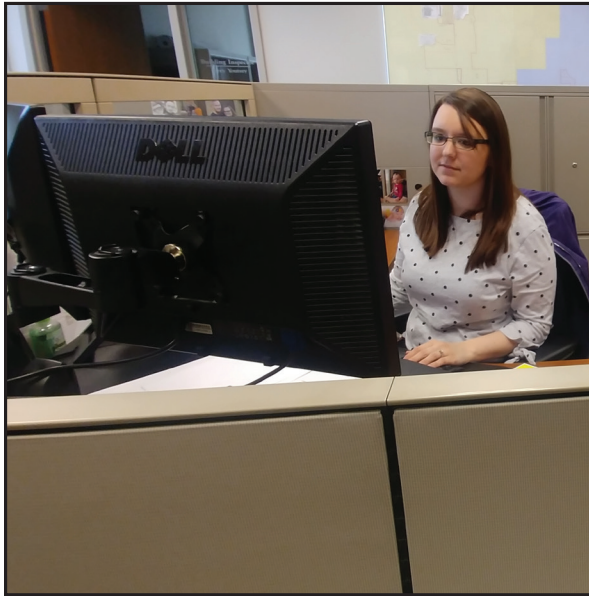
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Tiffany Stinson Joins City Staff as Permit Clerk

The City of Hiawatha has hired a new permit clerk for the Community Development Department. Tiffany Stinson began serving in this position on April 22. Her duties include customer assistance for the permitting and rental registration programs, along with serving as the administrative assistant for the department. You will see Tiffany at City Hall's front counter, and at all Planning & Zoning and Board of Adjustment meetings as the clerk.

For the past three years, Tiffany worked for Unity Point Health, at one of their counseling centers. Previous employment includes customer service experience and administrative work. She graduated high school from Center Point-Urbana and has an Associate's degree from Kirkwood Community College.

Tiffany currently lives with her husband and daughter in Shellsburg. She and her family enjoy a quiet life on a small acreage with their two dogs. Stop by City Hall and welcome Tiffany to our team.

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