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### Legislative Day 2018

Throughout the year, your City Council, Mayor and staff meet with our district’s legislator to discuss issues and opportunities within the district. Each year brings new legislation along with different opinions on each side of the aisle. In each session there are bills written both from the senate and house side; some of those bills make it out of committee and some hold back for next years funnel.



There are many important topics and the one at the top of the list for discussion was the annual appropriation of the commercial backfill. The backfill reduces the financial impact of statewide tax cuts on local government and serves to help prevent local property tax increases. This took effect in 2014. Initially we didn’t increase property taxes but did have to implement utility franchise fees to help bridge the gap that was created by placing a cap 3% growth from 4% growth. We are seeing growth but only equal to the backfill. If we lose the backfill we will dip into our 30% general fund reserves. This will be important to retain unless they can provide another source of revenue.

Other topics of discussion:

Tax increment financing is an economic development tool that has provided smart growth for Hiawatha. Changes to the established rules for development would negatively impact our city’s ability to generate and participate in economic development. We have no other affordable tool in our tool box. Other topics of discussion included:

Long-term Workforce Strategies - Iowa’s workforce challenges. As a city we are in support of Future Ready Iowa initiatives to enhance our local efforts to build Iowa’s talent pipeline. It is important to engage regional collaboration with our schools, colleges, business communities and take a holistic approach in developing and enhancing our workforce.

GEMT - Ground Emergency Medical Transport HF2285 is a bill that will allow us the ability to receive supplemental reimbursements from the federal government for uncompensated care costs associated with transporting Medicaid patients to the hospital.

Home Rule 50th Anniversary - 50 years ago the citizens of Iowa passed the Home Rule amendment that gave local governments the ability to make decisions for their communities. It allows Hiawatha’s governing body to make the best decisions for our citizens and the ability to handle our community’s issues the way we see best resolves the problem limiting State government’s control.

### Tower Terrace Road Interchange project brings the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) to Hiawatha



On February 22, 2018 local and state IDOT representatives traveled to Hiawatha to tour the city and future Tower Terrace Road Interchange site with the mayor and city staff. While in town, IDOT met with three local businesses with operations relying heavily on transportation: CCB Packaging, Crystal Group and UPS. The purpose of the meeting was to provide IDOT with a business perspective on the need for investment in the Tower Terrace Road Interchange project. The primary concerns raised by the businesses were reliability and safety.

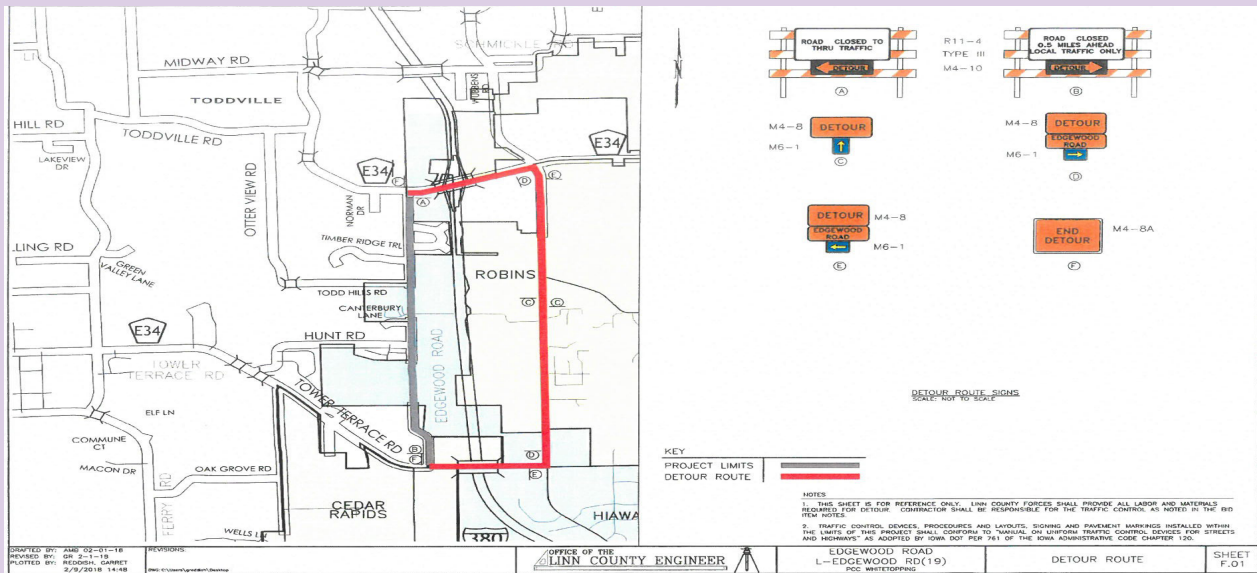
### Edgewood Road Paving Project to Establish Detour

We have been working with Linn County Engineering to participate in the Edgewood Road paving project in the summer of 2018. The grading and culvert reconstruction project took place last summer.

This section of Edgewood Road (formerly Loggerhead Road) is approximately 1.8 mile in length and is partly in Hiawatha and partly in Linn County. The final plans for the paving project are almost complete, with bidding planned for March 20, 2018 at the Iowa DOT monthly letting. The current plan for the work is estimated at 35-40 working days, with a monetary incentive for each day the contractor completes the project ahead of schedule.

In order for the project to be completed, a detour will be established on Tower Terrace Road, Center Point Road and County Home Road. The project schedule will be available to property owners once determined, but detailed project updates can be seen on [www.linncounty.org](http://www.linncounty.org).

To assist with communication please call 319-892-6400 or email [engineer@linncounty.org](mailto:engineer@linncounty.org).



### Edgewood Road Sanitary Sewer Extension

The Edgewood Road sewer extension approximately 2,000 feet south of Hunt Road was included in a development agreement during the annexation of property in 2009. As the property was annexed, there was a plan to extend this sewer to the property within the next few years. The sewer service was not needed as soon as expected; however, the approximately 80 acres east of Edgewood Road and west of I-380 can also be served once this sewer line is installed.

Now that the paving project of Edgewood Road is progressing, this sewer will provide shovel ready lots for development in Hiawatha. The schedule is to conduct soil tests and do engineering design in the spring with construction planned for the fall of 2018.

### Robins Road Asphalt Overlay Project Under Design

The Engineering Department is in the process of testing Robins Road from Stonegate Court to approximately 1,200 feet south of Tower Terrace Road. The roadway carries approximately 4,000 cars per day and has an asphalt surface with considerable deterioration. By testing the roadway material, several options can be considered to improve the roadway surface. Options considered are a new asphalt overlay, in place asphalt recycling, or possibly full depth reclamation. The work is scheduled for the summer of 2018 and is funded with road use tax.

For further information, contact Public Works at [rjasa@hiawatha-iowa.com](mailto:rjasa@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/](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/) or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

**Rosemary Earl Establishes the Hiawatha Public Library Earl Family Foundation**

Rosemary Earl joined the Hiawatha Public Library as director when it was little more than a small, narrow space in the Hiawatha City Hall building. Her career as a librarian spanned from the 70's until 2003, and libraries have changed in a myriad of ways throughout her tenure. Still, the core mission of libraries has remained the same, and it is one that Rosemary has always recognized as essential - to connect community members with information and knowledge.

To further this library mission, as honorary chair of the new fundraising project for the library expansion and remodel, Rosemary opened the Hiawatha Public Library Earl Family Fund through the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation in late 2017.

"I established the fund," she explains, "because, if you're going to go out and ask for donations you should have some of your own money in it yourself." She hopes she can encourage others to give to help the building project. "This library has grown and grown and I think it is a big asset to the community," she says.

For Rosemary, who turns 80 in April, the expansion of the Hiawatha Public Library will fulfill a lifelong vision. "It makes me feel very proud to be part of this," she says. "I'll be anxious to see the new building."

**Parks and Recreation Department - Seasonal Positions Available**

**Seasonal Parks Maintenance Positions** - The City of Hiawatha is accepting applications for three Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions for the 2018 summer season. The Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions are responsible for performing a wide variety of activities related to the city parks and other city facilities. The city is looking for self-motivated individuals with good communication skills, ability to follow instructions and ability to work as a team.

Daily tasks will include maintaining the cleanliness and orderliness of park grounds and facility structures. Essential duties include, but are not limited to, mowing, trimming and weeding, routine facility clean-up (after park and community center rentals), minor equipment maintenance and assist other departments as directed.

Non-standard work week, weekends and holidays may be required. Any combination of education and experience providing the required skills is beneficial. Pre-employment physical and a valid driver's license required. Must be 18 to apply. Rate of pay starts at \$11.00.

**Seasonal Adventure Camp Employees** - The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department are looking for Summer Leaders and Directors for the Hiawatha Kids Adventure Camp Program. Responsibilities include working with children from the ages of 5-12 in daily activities and field trips from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday through Friday; program dates June 11, 2018 - August 10, 2018. Must be 18 years of age. Hourly rate: \$9-\$10.80.

Employment application and job description can be found at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com) under job opportunities or by contacting the City Clerk's office at 101 Emmons Street, Hiawatha, Iowa 52233. EOE. Positions open until filled.

**March Calendar**

- 07 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 12 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 12 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 13 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 13 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 Board of Appeals Meeting 5:30 PM
- 14 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 20 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 26 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 28 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 30 Holiday - City Hall Closed

**April Calendar**

- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 09 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 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)
- 17 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 Earth Day Event 9:00 - 11:00 AM Public Works Building - 1410 Robins Road
- 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)
- 29 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park

**FRIENDS OF HIAWATHA**  
**SEE WHAT'S POPPIN' IN THE PARKS!**  
**PARKS & RECREATION**



**JOIN THE FRIENDS OF HIAWATHA PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION FOR AN OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS HOW OUR FOUNDATION CAN IMPROVE YOUR HIAWATHA PARKS & RECREATION EXPERIENCE**  
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**APRIL 23RD • 5PM**  
**HIAWATHA COMMUNITY CENTER**



**Dirt Road Rockers**

**eastern iowa arts academy**

**PASTMASTERS**

**Hiawatha!**  
**2018 FUN! FEST!**

**ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP**

**Friday August 24th**  
**6:00-9:00pm**  
 Dirt Road Rockers  
**9:00-11:00pm**  
 Movie Under the Moon

**Saturday August 25th**  
**12:00-2:30pm**  
 Dance and Gymnastic Performance  
**2:30-3:15pm**  
 Hanson Family Jugglers  
**3:30-5:30pm**  
 Eastern Iowa Arts Academy Music Showcase  
**6:00-9:00pm**  
 The Past Masters  
**9:00-9:30pm**  
 Fireworks!

**Come enjoy the Fun!**  
**Free for the whole Family**

**Easter EGG HUNT**  
 saturday,  
 March 31, 2018  
 START TIME: 9 AM

**with special guest: the EASTER BUNNY**

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# HIAWATHA FARMERS MARKET

EVERY SUNDAY  
APRIL 29TH - OCTOBER 28TH  
11AM - 2PM



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VENDOR CALL  
319-393-1515

## League of Women Voters Legislative Forums

The 2018 League of Women Voters Linn County Legislative Forums will be split between Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha. The Saturday, March 17th and Saturday, April 21st forums will be at the Kirkwood Community College Regional Center, 1770 Boyson Road in Hiawatha. All forums 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM.

All eleven Linn County Legislators have been invited. These free public forums are a venue for state representatives and senators to discuss issues of concern and to answer questions from constituents. If internet signal strength allows Pro Video will stream the forums live on the LWV Linn County and Pro Video Productions Facebook pages. Following the forum, a video of the event can be viewed via the Neighborhood Network News link on the League website [www.lwvlinncounty.org](http://www.lwvlinncounty.org). The forums are held on the third Saturday of the month while the Iowa Legislature is in session.

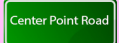
The League of Women Voters of Linn County conducts the forums as part of its voter education program. The League of Women Voters Linn County is a non-profit volunteer political organization that neither supports or opposes any candidate or political party, encourages citizen participation in government and is open to everyone 16 years and older.

## The Hiawatha History Committee Presents

“Did You Know” the history behind Hiawatha street names?

### Center Point Road

Center Point Road is named because it is the road to Center Point, Iowa.



### Tower Terrace Road

Tower Terrace Road was named after the KCRG Channel 9 tower located in the area.

## The Importance of Flushing Water Lines

If the residents of Hiawatha notice Water crews working with fire hydrants and see water running into the street, you may think that the Department is ignoring its own philosophy on conserving water. The process of periodically “flushing” fire hydrants, however, is an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, this process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers.

Flushing the water system on a routine basis removes sediment from lines and keeps the entire distribution system refreshed. Hiawatha Water Department maintains over 40 miles of public water lines throughout the City.

As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt or deposits and does not affect the safety of the water. The water is still drinkable. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your own home by running all water faucets for a minute or two. We also advise to postpone doing your laundry until all internal pipes have been cleared.

This same philosophy of water line prevention maintenance is one that you should use in your own home. Your home’s water heater should be drained and flushed at least once a year to keep it working efficiently and to protect the quality of water inside your home. Also, if you go out of town and there is no water use in your home for a week or more, when you return it’s always a good idea to run all your faucets for a minute or so before using the water. This ensures that you don’t use any stagnant water that may have developed in your home’s pipes while you were away.

**Starting approximately Monday, March 26, 2018 through Friday, May 4, 2018, weather permitting, Hiawatha Water Department will be flushing hydrants.**



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## Hiawatha Business Summit Held at Munson Electric



On February 13, 2018 approximately 50 attendees filled the seats at local Hiawatha business, Munson Electric Inc. to hear Jennifer Daly, President and CEO of Cedar Rapids Iowa City Corridor Development speak on workforce initiatives, business recruitment and the employer role in regional workforce strategies.

The Hiawatha Business Summits are generally held on a quarterly basis throughout the year at various businesses in Hiawatha or at Hiawatha City Hall. Sponsored by Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO), Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance and University of Iowa Community Credit Union, the events include networking with other business professionals and a short presentation. The next Business Summit is scheduled for May 8, 2018 at 7:00 AM in the Hiawatha Community Center with a presentation by Balanced Fitness and Health.



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