

**ANOTHER GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY:
Inoperable Vehicles in Residential Areas**

The City of Hiawatha regulates the repair and storage of inoperable vehicles in residential areas to maintain a beautiful and safe city. The regulations attempt to maintain a balance between property use rights and avoid neighborhood nuisances.

No one wants to see junk vehicles parked in their neighborhood or see oil and other fluids polluting the stormwater, staining the sidewalks, or killing the plants. Nor should neighbors have to endure the noise and traffic which may be associated with this type of activity.

It may also be argued an individual's maintenance work on personal vehicles or participation in this activity as a hobby should be allowed to do so in a safe, clean, and environmentally friendly process.

When the City receives a complaint or notices a vehicle of concern the activity is categorized as either "junk vehicle/hobby vehicle" which is defined as a nuisance or as maintenance work on a personal vehicle. The terms are defined in Chapter 51: Essentially any unlicensed or inoperable vehicle or any vehicle with broken glass or missing exterior parts can be considered a nuisance.

If it is determined the vehicle is a nuisance, the City will initiate an abatement process requiring the vehicle to be removed within a reasonable amount of time. If the owner fails to remove the vehicle the City may remove the vehicle at the owner's expense.

If it is determined to be a hobby project or maintenance work on a personal vehicle owned by the property owner, the City will issue a notice to remove the vehicle or to have it operable within 30 days. The allowable activity is limited to minor repairs and must not become offensive to the adjacent property occupants.

In all cases, an inoperable vehicle may be stored inside a structure. As we consider our property and the vehicles we own, we should endeavor to be considerate of our neighbors. The city encourages you to be a good neighbor and respect the balance between our property rights and our role in keeping Hiawatha a beautiful and friendly place to live.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FLUSHING WATER LINES

If the Residents of Hiawatha notice the Water crew working at fire hydrants and see water running into the street, you may think that the Department is ignoring its 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 domestic water lines throughout the City.

As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity 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 postponing doing your laundry until all internal pipes have been cleared.

This same philosophy of water line preventive 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.

We would like to remind customers who are not regularly occupying their space to please be sure to stop by from time to time to flush the water lines. This is to ensure the water does not get stagnate which can create water quality issues such as taste, odor, and loss of bacterial control. By flushing the water lines regularly in an unused facility, the water will continue to maintain its quality. Starting approximately Monday, March 20, 2023 through Friday May 5, 2023, weather p, permitting, Hiawatha Water Department will be flushing hydrants.

**DELIVER BY
WEDNESDAY,
03/01/2023**

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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 x526

January 18, 2023
Proclamation
Human Trafficking Prevention
Resolution #23-004
Setting a public hearing for the Capital Improvement Play FY2023-2027
Resolution #23-005
Engagement letter with Speer Financial Local Option Sales and Service Tax Revenue Bonds
Resolution #23-006
Construction Manager at Risk for Fire Station No. 2

Resolution #23-007
Hiawatha, Marion, Robins, Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization Community Project Funding 28E Agreement
Resolution #23-008
Purchase of Fire Department Extrinsic Equipment

February 1, 2023
Resolution #23-009
CIP FY2023-2027
Resolution #23-010
Tax abatement under the Hiawatha Urban Revitalization Plan

WE ARE GEARING UP FOR SUMMER!

NOW HIRING!

OPEN POSITIONS { SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE ADVENTURE CAMP COUNSELORS

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NOW OPEN! { PROGRAM REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE AT NOW! [HTTPS://HIAWATHA.ACTIVITYREG.COM](https://hiawatha.activityreg.com)

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For more information about 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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HIAWATHA INSIGHTS

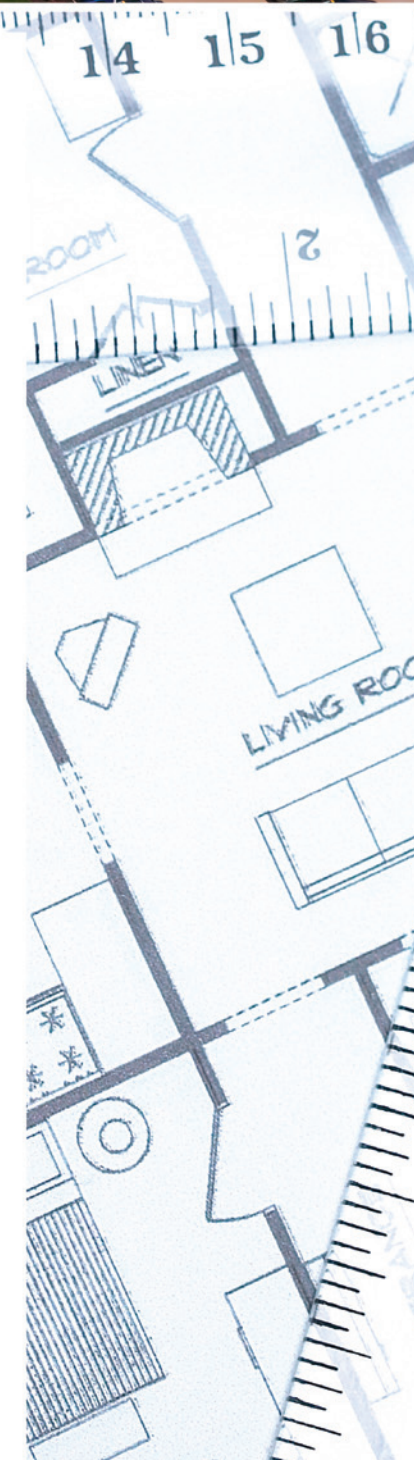
Hiawatha On-line Permit System

In 2018, the City of Hiawatha launched a website permit system. The system includes an online application and payment processes for building permits and zoning applications. Access to the permit portal is located under the "I want to" tab on the home page of the City website, www.Hiawatha-Iowa.com. Contractors, designers, and citizens are encouraged to submit their permit applications and supporting information such as plans, site plans, and work descriptions, online. You will be notified when your plans and permits have been reviewed. Credit card payments can be accepted online after the review has been completed.

A permit is required for all work that is not "exempt", as defined in Ordinance 155. (Incomplete list below)

- One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided that the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet.
- The replacement of up to two windows, and/or one exterior door within a one-year period when replaced with windows or doors of similar size, style, and material, and no structural changes.
- Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height.
- Private Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work.
- Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 24 inches deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons, and are installed entirely above ground.
- Swings and other playground equipment accessories to detached one- and two-family dwellings.
- Window awnings in Group R-3 and U occupancies, supported by an exterior wall only.
- Decks accessory to one- and two-family dwellings meeting all of the following limits:
 - Less than 200 square feet in area and,
 - Less than 30 inches above grade at all points and,
 - Not attached to the main structure.

This process has been expanded to include rental housing registrations for new rentals and re-registration of existing rentals. The new rental program includes invoice payment options. Open your account at our permit portal and take advantage of the electronic submittal process. Please contact Tiffany in the building department at 319-393-1515 for portal registration assistance. We are proud of our ability to provide better-faster service in our one-stop-permit-shop in our implemented electronic paperless process.



UNDERSTANDING UTILITY LOCATES

If you're driving through the neighborhood, take a look out of your window and see an array of colorful flags or spray paint adorning your neighbor's yard, you may wonder what's it all about. You are most likely looking at a yard that has been located by various utility companies. Locating utilities is required by law before you can dig into the ground. A person who violates the law could be penalized up to \$500,000 depending upon the violation and for how long the violation continues. For example, a locate is required when installing an irrigation system, planting bushes or trees, installing a mailbox or street sign, and replacing a driveway or sidewalk. By placing a locate ticket at 1-800-292-8989 or online at www.IowaOneCall.com, responding utilities will come out, free of charge, within 48 hours and locate all utilities on that property. This informs you or the contractor of where the utilities are before you dig to protect yourself and the utility. Each utility has a designated color associated with a flag or paint. Water = blue, Gas = yellow, Power = red, Sewer = green, Telephone = orange, Cable TV = orange/black, and Reclaimed Water = purple. These marking markings are good for up to seven (7) days. If you see a yard full of these colorful flags or spray paint, you will know that utility companies have been out doing their job to help everyone stay safe while digging.



HELLO

my name is



The Hiawatha Police Department is proud to introduce our newest hire, Officer Josh Gettle. Officer Gettle fills an open position within our department which restores our full sworn strength. Officer Gettle is a Certified Iowa Peace Officer most recently employed as a Cedar Rapids Airport Police Officer. He studied Criminal Justice at Kirkwood Community College earning an AA degree. Officer Gettle is currently field training with veteran Officers who are certified in Field Training. Please join us in welcoming Officer Gettle into the Hiawatha family!



GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU GRANT AWARDED TO HIAWATHA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Hiawatha Police Department recently applied for and was awarded a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) grant. This state-funded contract provides overtime pay to Officers enforce traffic laws outside their normally scheduled shift of work. The focus areas are based on vehicle crash data, and the focus areas for the HPD are speed, seat belts, and impaired driving enforcement. Being scheduled outside their normally scheduled shift allows reduced call responsibility for the Officers so that they can focus solely on traffic enforcement, and this is accomplished without affecting the availability of Officers for emergencies. Although this traffic enforcement occurs throughout the yearly contract, special attention is paid to impaired driving enforcement surrounding holidays and events where prioritizing impaired driving enforcement is beneficial to the safety of our community.

DON'T BE LEFT UP IN SMOKE: CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS TODAY

As we prepare to "spring forward" this month, the Hiawatha Fire Department encourages you to test your home smoke alarms and replace the batteries. Every day in the United States, needless home fire deaths occur. Working smoke alarms significantly increase your chance of surviving a deadly home fire. A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert scanning the air for fire and smoke.

In addition to changing your smoke alarm batteries, we recommend these simple steps to protect your life, your loved ones, and your home:

- Dust or vacuum smoke alarms when you change the batteries.
- Test alarms once a month using the test button.
- Replace the entire alarm if it's more than 10 years old or doesn't work properly when tested.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, and both inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- For the best protection, equip your home with a combination of ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms or dual sensor alarms.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout your home so that when one sounds, they all sound. Interconnected alarms are available at most stores that sell smoke alarms.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector on every floor of your home, including the basement. A detector should be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door and there should be one near or over any attached garage. Each detector should be replaced every five to six years.
- Make sure everyone in your home understands the warning of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Finally, prepare and practice an escape plan so that you and your loved ones can get out of your home safely should there be a fire. Plan to meet in a place a safe distance from the fire and where first responders can easily see you. Parents, download a Home Fire Escape Plan at <https://sparky.org/assets/uploads/FPW22GRID.pdf>

Hiawatha! STAND DOWN SAFETY DAY

CITY HALL WILL BE
CLOSED ON THURSDAY,
MARCH 23 FROM
8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
FOR STAFF TRAINING.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
WILL REMAIN OPEN
DURING THIS DAY.

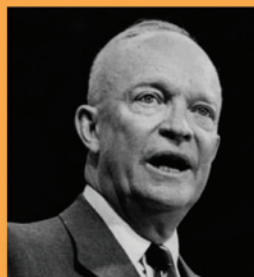


Libraries Protect Your Rights

Libraries are advocates for everyone's right to read and right to privacy.

Freedom of information is fundamental to the American way of life, and it sets us apart from many countries. Libraries and librarians are committed to preserving the freedom to read to enhance learning and to ensure access to information for all.

Libraries manifest the promises of the First Amendment by making available the widest possible range of viewpoints, opinions, and ideas, so that every person has the opportunity to freely read and consider information and ideas, regardless of their content or the viewpoint of the author. Librarians are trained to curate collections that serve the information needs of everyone in their community.



*Don't join the book burners.
Don't think you're going to
conceal faults by concealing
evidence that they ever existed.
Don't be afraid to go in your
library and read every book...*
-Dwight D Eisenhower

Hiawatha History Commission



HELP US SOLVE THE
HISTORY MYSTERY

The Hiawatha History Commission is seeking your help in identifying the people in this photo. The home was located at the corner of Blairs Ferry Road and Center Point Road. If you have any information about who they may be, or if you are interested in joining the Hiawatha History Commission, please contact Marilyn James at 319-393-5067

MILITARY AND VETERAN BANNER PROGRAM



The Military and Veteran Banner Program is intended to honor and show appreciation for Hiawatha's past and present military personnel and their families. Each banner will display the honoree's name, branch, and years of service along with the names of those honoring them.

COST AND DEADLINE

Each banner costs \$125 which covers the purchase of the banner and installation for two years. The deadline to submit an application for a banner is March 6, 2023, or until availability runs out.

QUALIFICATIONS

To purchase a banner, one of the following qualifications must be met:

- The honoree is an active-duty member of the United States Armed Forces
- The honoree is a retired or honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces who is living or has lived in Hiawatha, or who once resided in Hiawatha and is now deceased
- The applicant is a current resident or business based in Hiawatha

TO ORDER

Download and print the application form at <https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/military-and-veteran-banner-program-information/> Once completed, submit the form, a high high-resolution, and payment by mail or in person at Hiawatha City Hall. Questions? Give us a call at 319-393-1515.

4-H Babysitting Basics

This day camp will cover topics you need to know to have a successful babysitting experience and even business! We will cover the babysitter's responsibilities, what families expect, how to care for children of different ages, games and play ideas, basic first aid, safety, and how to handle emergencies.



**Where? The Hiawatha Public Library
When? Monday, March 13, 9 AM-3 PM
Who? 5-9th Grade Youth
Cost? FREE (Thank you, Hiawatha Public Library!)**

Questions?
Contact
linn4h@iastate.edu
or
319-377-9839

Register to attend:



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

FREE Hiawatha ADOPT A STREET TREE PROGRAM

We invite you to plant a FREE street tree in the right-of-way of your residence. These trees are provided through Alliant Energy Branching Out grant and Local Option Sales Tax Dollars with limited quantity available. First come first serve!

The primary goal of the Adopt a Street Tree program is to help plant new trees in the Hiawatha Community. Caring for the newly planted tree during its establishment period, (4-5 years) increases the likelihood of its survival. Your assistance helps rebuild the city canopy while helping City Staff with tree maintenance needs.

Any Hiawatha resident willing to plant, water, and provide general care for a street tree at their residence is invited to participate in the Adopt a Street Tree program opening April 1st. Follow these easy steps to get signed up today!

- Complete the application form with the QR Code to the right, or visit the Hiawatha City Website: www.hiawatha-iowa.com
- Wait for a confirmation email from City Staff with more information about how to get a FREE tree.
- Plant, Care and Enjoy!

Questions? Contact: 319-393-1515 or rjasah@hiawatha-iowa.com

Do:
-Plant a Tree
-Water
-Mulch

Don't:
-Prune
-Fertilize
-Build a wall or raised bed around the tree



Application opens
April 1st

HIAWATHA ADVENTURE CAMP 2023

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:00pm
Guthrie Park

Trips to AirFX
Iowa State Extension and Outreach
Visits to Dairy Queen
Outdoor Fun
Guest Speakers
Parks, Playgrounds, Splash pads
and SO MUCH MORE!
\$125.00 per week!

Get registered today!! www.Hiawatha.ActivityReg.com

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 23

2023

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HIAWATHA COMMUNITY CENTER
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HIAWATHA, IA 52233

DATES
MARCH 09
APRIL 13
MAY 18
6:00PM



Snapology

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SNAPOLGY PROVIDES FUN, HANDS-ON STEM EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE. FROM ROBOTICS TO ANIMATION, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. YOUR CHILD WILL USE LEGOS, BRICKS, K'NEX AND TECHNOLOGY TO MAKE LEARNING FUN. SNACKS PROVIDED!

DATE: APRIL 14
EVENT: POKEMANIA

DATE: APRIL 21
EVENT: TRAINING DRAGONS

DATE: APRIL 28
EVENT: ROBLOX

DATE: MAY 5
EVENT: MADRIGAL MAGIC

DATE: MAY 12
EVENT: JEDI MASTERS

REGISTRATION: \$35 GRADES K-5TH MINIMUM OF 6 MAXIMUM OF 20 REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.HIAWATHA.ACTIVITYREG.COM

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- 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 5:30 PM
- 14 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 City Hall Closed for Stand Down Day
- 27 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

April Calendar

- 05 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 07 City Hall Closed
- 08 Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 AM
- 10 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 10 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 Parks Commission Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 18 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 Earth Day Time TBD
- 24 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

FRIENDS OF HIAWATHA PARKS & RECREATION

EGG MY YARD

FUNDRAISER
Wake up on Easter Sunday, April 9th, to fun filled eggs spread throughout your yard!

24 EGGS - \$15
48 EGGS - \$25
100 EGGS - \$40

www.2023EggMyYard.eventbrite.com

Easter EGG HUNT

SATURDAY
APRIL 8TH
9:00 AM
Guthrie Park

FRESH CONVERSATIONS

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! *Fresh Conversations* is a free nutrition and physical education program for ages 60+. The program offers practical tips and sensible solutions to everyday problems that get in the way of doing what most people want to do: eat well and live well! *Fresh Conversations* is also an opportunity to connect with other adults for a friendly group discussion!

Hiawatha Community Center
Date: Tuesday, March 28
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Call 2-1-1 for food resources near you. For more information on *Fresh Conversations*, contact the Iowa Department of Public Health at (515)782-9451