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### CR Toyota Voted Best Auto Dealership in Hiawatha

CR Toyota has been in business for 50 years and has become one of Eastern Iowa's top volume New and Certified Toyota Dealer. Cedar Rapids Toyota is located just west of I-380 on Boyson Road, in Hiawatha Iowa.

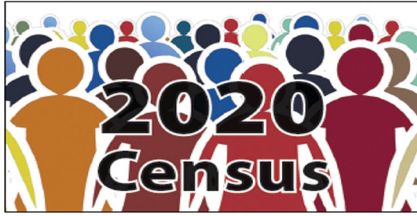
CR Toyota's 50-plus employees take pride on providing outstanding customer care, along with Iowa's best Toyota, Certified, and used vehicle value. They are a community partner making a difference by giving back in both big and small ways.



**Thrivent Financial  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
February 20, 2020  
1625 Boyson Rd, Ste 100**



**Unity Point Clinic Express  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
February 29, 2020  
Peck's Landing-1940 Blairsferry Road**



### Shaping Hiawatha's Future

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flows into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Think of your morning commute: Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways, and other public transit systems.

Or think of your local schools: Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education.

The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, fire departments, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults.

By April 1, 2020, every home in Hiawatha will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding: **Online, By Mail or By Phone**

<p><b>Questions Asked</b></p> <p>Respond to the 2020 Census is easy. Learn more about the questions that are asked and how your answers will be used.</p> <p><a href="https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html">https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html</a></p>	<p><b>Spread the Word</b></p> <p>Everyone can play a part in ensuring a complete and accurate count in 2020.</p> <p><a href="https://2020census.gov/en/how-to-help.html">https://2020census.gov/en/how-to-help.html</a></p>	<p><b>Who is Required to Respond?</b></p> <p>If you live in the United States, you are required by law to complete the 2020 Census.</p> <p><a href="https://2020census.gov/en/am-i-required.html">https://2020census.gov/en/am-i-required.html</a></p>
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### 2020 Census Jobs

**The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count.**



The 2020 Census is your chance to play a part in history! Temporary census positions offer the perfect opportunity to earn extra money while helping your community.

Are you looking for ways to help your community? The U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring temporary positions for the 2020 Census in our area.

2020 Census jobs are temporary, many have flexible hours and they pay well. The largest number of positions available are for census takers. The pay rate for census takers in Linn County is \$21.50 per hour.

By working for the Census Bureau, you can help them reach their goal for the 2020 Census to ensure everyone is counted. Census counts have a huge impact on our community. The 2020 Census data will be used to determine how more than \$675 billion from more than 100 government programs are distributed to states and localities, including communities like ours. The data influence choices made about which roads are fixed, where schools are built and businesses opened, what medical services are offered, and more.

If you're interested, please visit the Census Bureau job site to apply. You'll also be able to see job descriptions and frequently asked questions at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://recruitment.2020census.gov/ats/careersite). You can also call 1-855-562-2020 to apply. <https://recruitment.2020census.gov/ats/careersite>

### 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 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 domestic 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 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.

*Beginning approximately Monday, March 23, 2020, through Friday April 30, 2020, weather permitting, the Hiawatha Water Department will be flushing hydrants.*

**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 at 319-393-1515 ext. 526.

**Council and Planning and Zoning Implement Robins Road Corridor Study**

With the guidance and assistance from Bolton and Menk’s professional planner; Rose Schroder, and input from the implementation work group, City staff completed documents which implement the land use recommendations from the Robins Road Corridor Study. The intent is to control and accommodate land development which reflects the vision of the Comprehensive Plan 2036 as detailed in the study.



To accomplish that goal, Council has approved an ordinance establishing an overlay district in our Unified Development Code (UDC) by amending the text of the UDC. Mixed Use Overlay District. The Mixed-Use Overlay District is intended to ensure consistent site development of properties located in and near the Neighborhood Village Centers. The standards will aid to unify the appearance, encourage a pedestrian friendly built environment, ensure the beautification and function of the centers of commerce located in and near residential uses.

Along with the new overlay, rezoning has been approved for portions of the underlying zoning districts. The nature of the mixed-use overlay requires:

- Elimination of industrial uses which are not compatible with residential and retail uses.
- Elimination of residential single-family dwellings along the “main street” in order to accommodate neighborhood businesses.
- Creation of transitions from business uses to residential uses.
- Creation of high-density residential uses in the vicinity to support the central business commerce and
- Revitalization of the area as part of vibrant “Downtown” Hiawatha through public improvements on Robins Road.

The timeline for development in the area is unpredictable. Ms. Schroder stated, “In my experience, since this redevelopment is privately driven no time table for specific projects is available and the redevelopment in this situation varies greatly, from five years to more than 25 years depending on circumstances.” It is anticipated the reconstruction of Robins Road coupled with the development of a “downtown” at the south end of this district will act as catalysts for redevelopment and shorten the 25-year projection.

We look forward to the continued development and in this case re-development as it progresses along Robins Road and throughout Hiawatha. The Vision encapsulated in the new overlay reflects the values for developing and maintaining a growing, welcoming and friendly beautiful Hiawatha.

**March Calendar**

- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 History Committee 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
- 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
- 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)

**April Calendar**

- 01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 13 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 14 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
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**HIAWATHA**  
**EASTER SCRAMBLE 5K**  
**Saturday, April 4**  
 8:00 AM  
 Guthridge Park

Skip, hop or walk your way through the course! The Hiawatha Easter bunny will greet you at the finish line with a basket full of eggs filled with prizes!

CHANCE TO WIN A 39" SMART TV!

Proceeds benefit the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation



For more information or to register, visit [www.hiawathaparks.com](http://www.hiawathaparks.com)  
 Hiawatha Parks and Recreation 319-393-1515




**Easter EGG HUNT**  
 WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
*Hiawatha Easter Bunny*  
**APRIL 11TH**  
**GUTHRIDGE PARK**  
**9AM - SHARP!**





**HIAWATHA**  
**Farmer's MARKET**  
**SUNDAYS**  
**10AM - 1PM**



**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FARM**

<b>MAY THROUGH OCT</b>	FRESH VEGETABLES
	FRESH FRUIT
	BAKED GOODS
	HONEY

**GUTHRIDGE PARK**

## Library Renovation and Expansion Project Updates

Seasonal weather conditions will continue to impact this schedule. Exterior backfill has been placed. The bar joists and decking for the main level have been installed, as well as the interior steel stairs.

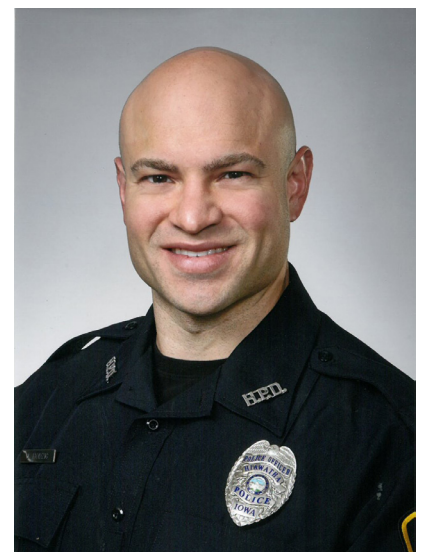
The main level concrete floor slab is complete and the upper level masonry elevator slab and wall has been constructed. Interior wall framing is ongoing, wall sheathing has been installed, with roof trusses set, shingling will follow. The HVAC and electrical rough-ins have begun in the lower level.

Phase I-completion date is now May 13, 2020, with the Phase II completion date is now set for August 14, 2020.



## Officer Hodzic Completes Iowa Law Enforcement Training

The Hiawatha Police Department is proud to announce that Usama Hodzic, hired in June 2019, has received his Iowa Peace Officer certification from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy's 289th Basic Academy. Shortly after his graduation in December, Officer Hodzic began his Field Training, which takes at least another 12 weeks of on the job training. It is with great pride that we share an experience of Officer Hodzic's at the academy. Every academy class elects officers to be leaders in the class and a liaison between academy staff and the students. Officer Hodzic was voted by his classmates to Class Captain, one of the highest officer rank in the class. This is a service position that his peers trusted him with, in which he excelled, according to instructors. He also had to write and read a speech at graduation. Please join us in congratulating Officer Hodzic and his achievements. He is an asset to the department and a valuable police officer for the Hiawatha community.





### Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Hiring Seasonal Parks Maintenance

The City of Hiawatha is accepting applications for three (40 hour) Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions for the 2020 summer season (April - September). The Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions are responsible for performing a wide variety of activities related to the city parks and other city facilities.

#### Adventure Camp Counselors

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department is 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 Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

#### To Apply

Go to Hiawatha-iowa.com and complete a Hiawatha employment application or pick up an application at City Hall, 101 Emmons Street. All paper copy applications and resumes should be returned to the City Hall address to the attention of the City Clerk. For more information, call (319) 393-1515.

### Hiawatha History

#### Commission

*Save the Date*

#### 70th Birthday Celebration

**June 12, 1950 - June 12, 2020**

Hiawatha will soon be celebrating its 70th birthday! The History Commission is publishing a book about the history of Hiawatha and is planning something special for the birthday June 12-13.

Watch for updates! **Pick up a pre-order form at City Hall or the Library to order a Hiawatha History Book!**



Hiawatha,

Iowa

*70 Years  
of History*

*1950-2020*

### Learn about Building Personal Power with a Workshop on Growth and Development at Hiawatha Business Summit

**Wednesday, April 8  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Hiawatha Community Center  
101 Emmons St. Hiawatha**



The Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation, the City of Hiawatha and the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance collaborate to bring you the Hiawatha Business Summit. Join us to discuss Building Personal Power - a workshop focused on growth and development for you and your business.

The discussion will focus on optimizing both your personal and professional goals with guest speaker Dorene MacVey, founder and coach of ithrive31.

Noele Doiron, Regional Investment Vice President, T.Rowe Price Investment Services, will discuss the Platinum Rule, uncovering your relationship style and recognizing how to treat others the way they want to be treated to build and maintain loyalty with customers and employees. Register Now at [cedarrapids.org/events/Hiawatha-Business-Summit](http://cedarrapids.org/events/Hiawatha-Business-Summit)

We can't wait for your K9 companions to enjoy the new Hiawatha Dave Wright Family Dog Park! But, before they do, we need the spring weather to arrive in order to have a nice turf coverage. Weather pending, we hope to have your furry friends enjoying the park before summer arrives! Stay tuned for more information and updates on when the grand opening will be!

In order to keep the park clean for your dogs to play and enjoy the outdoors, we are now accepting financial donations of all types. Any type of monetary donation will help us further develop the park and aid in additional equipment. There are also naming opportunities for large items, such as benches, as well as dog waste and bag dispenser stations. We sincerely appreciate you considering a donation to the Dave Wright Family Dog Park.

We thank you, and your furry friend thanks you too!

visit: <https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/parks-recreation/dog-park/> for more information!



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 3/20/2020**

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## Hiawatha, Iowa 52233



### Welcome Firefighter Paramedic Matt Lellig

The Hiawatha Fire Department congratulates Matt Lellig, a long-time volunteer member of the Hiawatha Fire Department, on becoming a full time paid member January 21. Lellig has been a Fire and EMS volunteer his entire adult life. He joined Jesup ambulance in 1998 after graduating from high school, and rapidly became an EMT, then going on to attend Paramedic School at the University of Iowa. During this time Matt also volunteered on the Jesup Fire Department, following in the footsteps of his Dad, who had volunteered for 20 years. In 2007, Matt joined the Hiawatha Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter, and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in 2018. He is a Certified Firefighter 1 and 2, and Instructor 1. Prior to working full time for Hiawatha, Matt worked at Iowa County Ambulance as a paramedic, and briefly at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo. During racing season, Matt works part time on the trackside ambulance and fire units at the Iowa Speedway during NASCAR and INDY Car racing events.

### CITY DIRECTORY

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Police Chief	Dennis Marks	319-393-1212	chief@hiawathapolice.com
Fire Chief	Mike Nessler	319-393-4180	mnessler@hiawatha-iowa.com
Library Director	Jeaneal Weeks	319-393-1414	weeks@hiawatha-iowa.com

For more information about the 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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