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Hiawatha Certifies a Decrease in the Levy Rate in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

At the April 4, 2018 regular council meeting, the City of Hiawatha City Council adopted the budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019 that will begin July 1, 2018. Discussions began last fall with department managers and council members by setting priorities and goals for the upcoming year and have demonstrated responsible budgetary decisions and accountability to the Hiawatha residents.

The City of Hiawatha elected officials have weighed the needs and benefits of projects and services against their associated costs. Some of the projects included in the FY19 budget are Water, Sewer, and Storm Sewer improvements, updates in the Park and Recreation Department, Library, Fire and Ambulance Service and the Police Department.

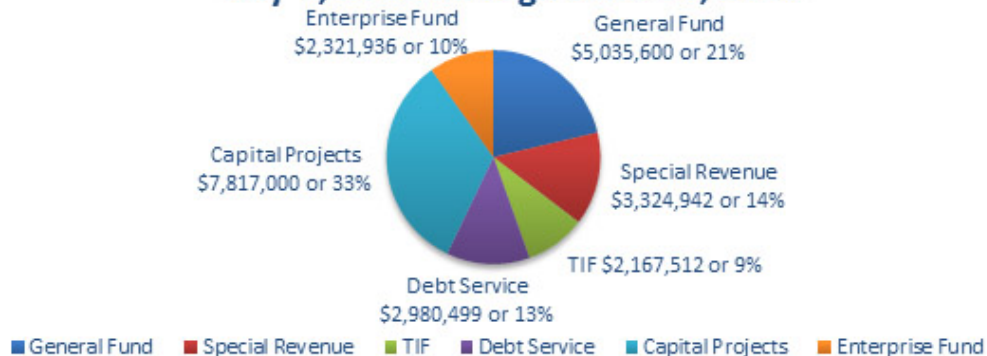
Taking into consideration of the council’s goal of lowering the tax levy rate, the city was able to levy for Employee Benefits, Debt Service, and a portion of the Liability Insurance.

The tax rate will be reduced \$0.21 to the rate of \$15.20 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable valuation for Fiscal Year 2019. Based on a property valued at \$100,000, the city portion of your property taxes would be approximately \$845.53, which estimates to a \$32.00 reduction compared to Fiscal Year 2018 property taxes. The city’s tax levy is a very important part of the residential property-tax equation. A property owners’ tax bill is determined when Linn County Assessor values a property and the state sets a “rollback,” or what percentage of the value of property is subject to tax. The property value is then multiplied by the levies of the other jurisdictions with taxing authorities, such as the State of Iowa, Linn County, Local School Districts and Community Colleges. The City of Hiawatha receives approximately 40% of the total taxes you pay to Linn County Treasurer.

FY19 City of Hiawatha Budget Highlights:

- City levy rate reduced 21 cents to \$15.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value
- Impact to residential property owner: City property tax decrease of 3.65% (based on \$100,00 assessed property value)
- Impact to commercial property owner: City property tax decrease of 1.35% (based on \$100,00 assessed property value)
- Hiawatha receives 40% of total property taxes paid to Linn County Treasurer
- Achieved a General Fund ending balance of 30%

Total Budgeted expenses \$23,647,489 by Fund for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019



6th Annual Hiawatha Police K9 Golf Outing



On Sunday, August 5, 2018 the Hiawatha Police K9 Unit will be hosting our annual 4-Person Best Shot Golf Outing at Hunters Ridge Golf Course in Marion to raise funds in support of the K9 Program.

Registration Forms can be found at www.hiawatha-iowa.com on the Events Calendar.

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 Team Registration Due - \$85/Golfer

Sunday, August 5, 2018 Golf Outing Hunters Ridge Golf Course
 Check-in 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Shotgun Start 1:00 PM
Dinner, Raffle Drawing and Prizes, and 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. The Hiawatha Police K9 Unit, which was established in 2005, has been funded and supported thanks to the generous donations of numerous individuals and businesses in the Hiawatha, Marion, and Cedar Rapids community.

Approximately 20 teams participate each year in the fundraising event. The event is supported annually by approximately 50 sponsors that participate as Tournament and Hole Sponsors or donate Raffle Prizes.

To make a donation or ask about different Sponsor possibilities, or if you have questions about the Golf Outing contact Officer Erik Naaktgeboren at K9@hiawathapolice.com. Follow us on Facebook at **Hiawatha Police K9 Unit**.

2018 Earth Day Collection Event Another Success



On Saturday, April 21, 2018, Hiawatha held the 11th annual Earth Day collection event at the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility located at 1410 Robins Road. 268 residents came out to take advantage of free disposal/recycling services including electronic equipment, household hazardous waste, documents for shredding, unserviceable flags, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and medications. While driving through, residents also had the opportunity to

purchase new flags, donate children's books to support Reach Out and Read, and drop off their old cell phones to support Cell Phones for Soldiers. Some residents even took home free seedlings to plant in their yards.

Amount of materials collected during the event: 4,300 pounds of material shredded, 1,613 pounds of household waste collected, 156 eyeglasses, 7 hearing aids, 15,557 pounds of electronic equipment received, 40 flags, 250 children's books, and 85 cell phones donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers.

The Earth Day collection event runs so efficiently each year because we are fortunate to have outstanding support from our City employees, volunteers, and other partners including Heartland Shredding, Linn County Solid Waste Agency, Midwest Electronics Recovery, Hiawatha American Legion Post 735, American Legion Women's Auxiliary Local Chapter 735, Hiawatha Lions Club, Hy-Vee Pharmacy (Edgewood Road), UnityPoint Clinic-Hiawatha Pediatrics, and Department of Natural Resources Forestry Bureau. Thank you everyone for giving your time and service in helping out with Earth Day!

Mosquito Control Program 2018

On April 4, 2018 City Council awarded the 2018 Mosquito Control Program to Mosquito Control of Iowa from Rolfe, Iowa. Mosquito Control of Iowa has over 30 years of experience in the industry and they have been performing mosquito spraying services in Hiawatha for the last several years in a row.

Hiawatha uses a Full Integrated Pest Management Program including a combination of treatments throughout the season based on the NEPDES permit. Program services include surveying, monitoring, larvaciding in stagnant water areas to control mosquitoes in the larva stage, and contact and residual spraying. Depending on the weather and species of mosquitoes encountered, the treatments will be selected from the control methods to provide the city with the best results. Mosquito Control does all spraying by ground using multiple pieces of equipment; they do have an airplane but it is used only for emergency situations.

Scheduled spray dates:

- Concerts in Guthridge Park on August 3, August 10, August 17, August 24, and August 31
- Movie in Guthridge Park on July 27
- Hiawatha Fun Fest in Guthridge Park on August 25

If you have questions or if you would like to be notified prior to mosquito spraying please contact Mosquito Control of Iowa at (712)848-3295 or mosquito@iowatelecom.net. Additional information on the company including chemical specifications can be found at



www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.net or on the Hiawatha website under news at www.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/ or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

Weather Alarm Batteries

It's reported that Mark Twain once said, "In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours." It certainly seems like our spring here in Hiawatha has been that way. With the snow gone and melted, area fire departments are busy putting out wildfires. We want to pass along a few spring safety reminders!

- Check the batteries in your weather radio! The fire department often touts the value of replacing batteries in your smoke and CO detectors, but we don't often talk about other safety tips. Your weather radio is paramount. Storms can cause power outages, and without battery back-up, your weather radio may not work. Weather radios are extremely important for early warning; remember that the siren system is an outdoor system, so you may not hear it indoors. Having a working weather radio, with charged batteries, can make the difference of giving you time to get to shelter.
- Speaking of power outages, plan ahead. While replacing batteries in your weather radio, be sure to check out your flashlights. Know where they are so that you can find them quickly in the dark. If you rely on other devices for weather and news information, consider having a battery backup for those devices.
- If you have a generator, make sure that you give it a test run BEFORE you need it. And most importantly with generators, DO NOT run them in your garage. They will quickly produce enough carbon monoxide to kill you and others, not only in the garage, but in the house. If you make any modifications to your electrical system to use the generator, make sure they are done by trained electricians. Improperly installed generators, tied to house systems, can create problems for line crews working to restore electricity, including death.
- We encourage you to talk over your safety plans with your family. While the fire department normally touches on fires, it's good to talk about things like tornados and power outages. Having this conversation ahead of time will allow your family to respond quickly and effectively during an emergency.
- Along with planning, make sure you talk about your "safe spot" for storms. Some families go as far as putting extra flashlights, battery powered radios, blankets, pillows, and even books or games in their shelter area. This will make waiting out a storm a little more comfortable if you are hiding in a corner of your basement.
- When planning be aware of lightning when storms are approaching. Anytime you hear thunder you are at a risk of being struck by lightning. When thunder roars-go indoors.

For more severe weather tips, go to <https://www.weather.gov/safety/>

Join us for Hiawatha Fire's EMS Week Open House

The Fire Department will have interactive displays for kids including:

- Play paramedic
- CPR demonstration
- STOP the Bleed Demonstration
- 911 Simulator

This event is free and open to the public. Hot dogs will be provided!

Date: May 20, 2018
Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM



May Calendar

- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 06 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 08 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 09 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 13 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 14 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 21 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 27 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 28 Holiday - City Hall Closed

June Calendar

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Hiawatha Fun Fest!

August 24-25th, 2018

FRIDAY

6-9pm Dirt Road Rockers Band
9-11pm Movie Under the Moon (voted on in July)

SATURDAY

8am	5K Fireman's Run	
8am-10am	HiCREW Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	
11am-8pm	Food and Beverage Vendors	
11am-12pm	Hiawatha Parade	
12pm-8pm	Activities for Kids & Adults	
	Hiawatha Library Craft and Story Time	12pm-3pm
	Macaroni Kid Children's Craft	12pm-3pm
	Junior Fire Fighter Obstacle	12pm-4pm
	Children's festival games	12pm-4pm
	Face Painting	12pm-5pm
	Rock Wall/Army Vehicles- National Guard	12pm-5pm
	Trackless Train	12pm-5pm
	Hiawatha Kids League/5 Seasons Heating and Cooling	
	Inflatable's	12pm-7pm
	Euro Bungee and Zip line	12pm-7pm
	Water balloon contest	2:00pm
	Culvers Ice Cream Eating Contest	3:00pm
	Kids Tractor Pull 3:00pm registration, 4:00pm start time.	
	Clark Park Glow in the Dark Disc Golf Tournament	7:30pm
12--9 Entertainment		
	Community Entertainment	12pm-2pm
	(CR Spirits, CRAG Gymnastics, Marion Music Academy, Dancers Edge, and Westside Music and Dance)	
	Hanson Family Jugglers	2:30pm-3:10pm
	Eastern Iowa Arts Academy	3:30pm-5:30pm
	Past Masters	6pm-9pm
	Fireworks at Dusk!!!	9pm-9:30pm

Splash Pads

Guthridge and Tucker Park Splash pads will be turned on for your enjoyment from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend, weather permitting. The hours will be from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. We look forward to the nice weather ahead for your children to enjoy our parks in Hiawatha.



Parks Open

The parks are now open for the season! If you would like to rent a pavilion for a family gathering, special event or company picnic let us know! Rentals can be made online at www.hiawatha-iowa.com or at Hiawatha City Hall.

Water Board Newly Appointed Board Members

The Hiawatha Water Board would like to welcome their two newest members, Carl Ransford and Ruth Hospodarsky. Carl will serve a term ending December 31, 2023 and Ruth will serve a term ending December 31, 2020. Welcome Carl and Ruth!



May 2018 is Building Safety Month

WHEREAS, the City of Hiawatha, Iowa is committed to recognizing our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and,

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion and vigilance of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and,

WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes that include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our community's local code officials who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep America great, and,

WHEREAS, "Building Codes Save Lives" the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, raises awareness of the importance of building safety where we live, learn, work, worship and play, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes, and,

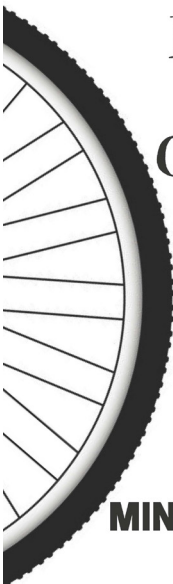
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Bennett, Mayor of the City of Hiawatha do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 as Building Safety Month.

HIAWATHA'S BIKE Rodeo & PARADE

FRIDAY, MAY 18TH
4:30PM - 6PM
GUTHRIDGE PARK

F BIKE SAFETY
R HAND SIGNALS
E HELMET SAFETY
E HELMET GIVEAWAYS
E INTERACTIVE LESSONS

MINI-MAINTENANCE SESSION



Edgewood Road Paving Project to Start June 4, 2018

The City has been working with Linn County Engineering to participate in the Edgewood Road paving project the summer of 2018. This section of Edgewood Road (formerly Loggerhead Road) is approximately 1.8 miles in length and is partly in Hiawatha and partly in Linn County.

The pre-construction meeting for concrete overlay project for Edgewood Road was held April 26, 2018. The contractor, Horsfield Construction from Epworth, Iowa, plans to start on June 4, 2018 and have the project completed by late July, weather permitting. This project will be administered by the County Engineers office. There is a notification system called 'Notify Me' and residents can subscribe to the Linn County system on the website (www.linncounty.org/list.aspx). The County already has over 150 residents signed up to the system. Hiawatha will also place notices on the website, but recommends Hiawatha residents interested in the project subscribe in order to receive the updates. These updates are project specific and will be sent out weekly.

In order for the project to be completed, a detour will also be established on Tower Terrace Road, Center Point Road, and County Home Road. Detour signs will be placed at each intersection to identify the route.

Further information can be obtained by calling 319-892-6400 or email engineer@linncounty.org.

Emmons Street Reconstruction Project Planned for Summer 2018

Final project design is complete on the removal and replacement of two sections of Emmons Street. The project includes an area just east of the railroad tracks to the new intersection construction at Center Point Road and the area between 9th Avenue and 10th Avenue. A public hearing was held on the May 2, 2018 to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract, estimate of cost, and setting the bid date for May 10, 2018. We will have the bidding results ready for the City Council to review and award contract at their May 16, 2018 meeting. The schedule is to start construction before June 18, 2018 and complete construction by August 24, 2018.



For further information contact the City Engineer at jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com.

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.

Options being 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 Local Option Sales Tax.

For further information contact the City Engineer at jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com.

Boyson Road Repair - East of Robins Road

There is a large area of Boyson Road just east of Robins Road that is broken and sunk causing a considerable rough surface. Because of the large traffic volume on the section of Boyson Road, repairing the roadway is very difficult. The City has hired a contractor to remove and replace the entire area at one time. This will be done on a Saturday while the road is closed and a detour is established. By using a contractor and high-early setting concrete, the road will be opened to traffic by Sunday evening. The current schedule is a weekend early May.

For further information contact the Public Works at rjasa@hiawatha-iowa.com.



Hiawatha Water Quality Report Available Online

Hiawatha's Yearly Water Quality Report (or Consumer Confidence Report) will no longer be mailed out to our Hiawatha residents. The report is now available online. To access the CCR Report go to the Hiawatha City Website www.hiawatha-iowa.com and select Water under Departments. On the Water page, scroll down and select Consumer Confidence. This link will take you to the Iowa Rural Water Association website where you can "View CCR Report." You will be able to view reports from 2011 through 2017.

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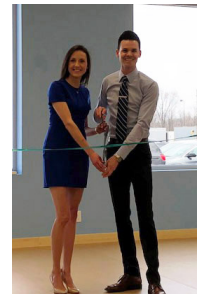


The Dancers Edge Ribbon Cutting

The Dancer's Edge held their Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting on April 21, 2018 to celebrate their 15,000 square foot expansion. With over 30,000 custom-built square feet they are one of the largest private dance facilities in America.

The Dancer's Edge is a family oriented dance studio serving our metro communities with a pride and passion for teaching the art of dance and currently have an enrollment of 900 plus students.

The Dancer's Edge is located at 1550 Hawkeye Drive in Hiawatha. For more information about The Dancer's Edge visit www.dancersedgeonline.com.



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