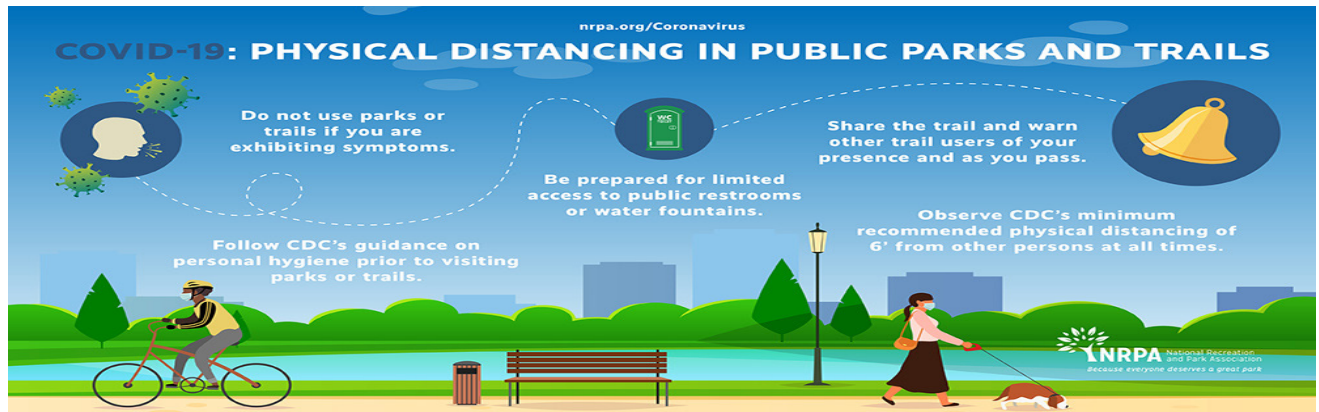




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Spring is in full bloom, with sunny skies, mild temperatures, and fresh flowers out in full force many of us are enjoying the outdoors. Fresh air and exercise are important right now—for physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing even more so during this COVID19 pandemic. So how can we get outside and be active in a responsible and respectful fashion?

When spending time outdoors, all people should:

- Maintain social distancing by keeping a distance of at least 6-feet between yourself and anyone you encounter outdoors. Have a cloth face covering on hand for when social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Spend time outdoors alone, or only with members of your household. This is not the time for team sports or recreation.
- Avoid popular parks and trails that are frequently crowded.
- Avoid touching surfaces like crosswalk buttons, park benches, playground equipment, etc. Carry hand sanitizer with you so you can clean your hands while outside, and be sure to wash your hands as soon as you return home.

In order to follow updated guidelines provided by the state of Iowa and the Iowa Department of Public Health, the City of Hiawatha is extending building closures until May 15, 2020 with foreseeable extensions, everyone should continue to follow these recommendations:

- Stay home as much as possible.
- If you must go out for essential errands like getting groceries or prescriptions, go alone if possible and maintain social distancing.
- Practice social distancing by staying 6-feet away from other individuals. Avoid groups of more than 10 people.
- Consider wearing a cloth face covering when running essential errands to protect others in case you are infected with COVID-19 and have no symptoms, or have not yet developed symptoms.

Thank you for positively following the recommended guidelines and protecting the health of the people around you, these protocols are of the most importance during this unprecedented time of COVID19.

We would like to encourage you to take a few minutes to respond to the 2020 Census by mail or online. There's no need to wait for a census worker to come to your door to respond because COVID19 ensured no one will be going door to door for quite a while. Completing your census information is more important now than ever before. Our communities census information correlates with how federal monies flow through our community projects such as street improvements, housing rehabilitation, school resources and so much more.

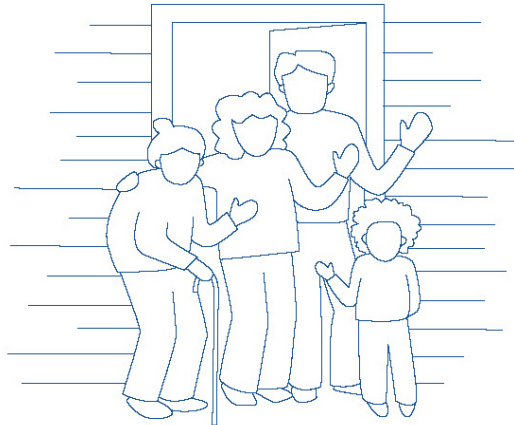
Most households have received their forms in the mail. For those of you that our first timers, you can respond to the census online at www.my2020census.gov. More census information on the following pages.

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

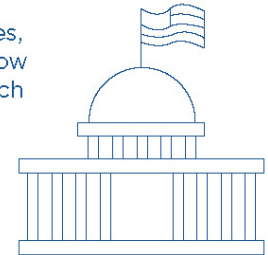
Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.



It's about fair representation.

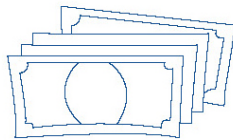
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



It's in the Constitution.

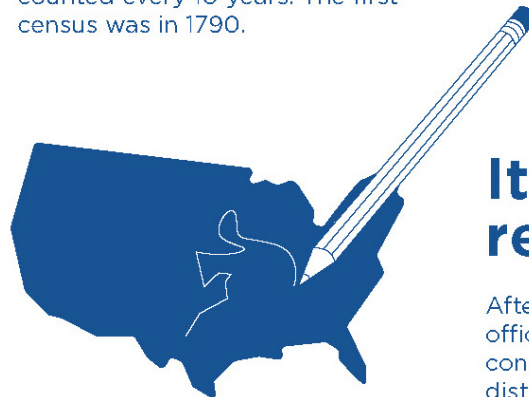
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.

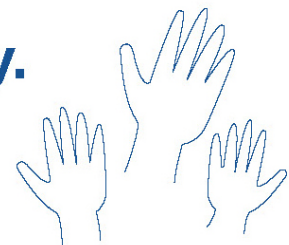


It's about redistricting.

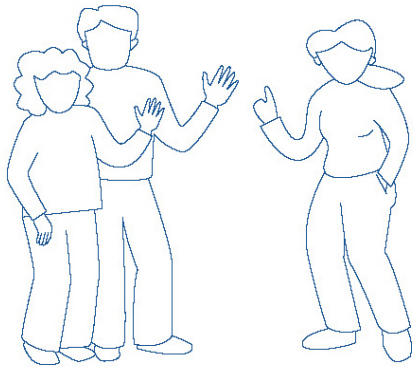
After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

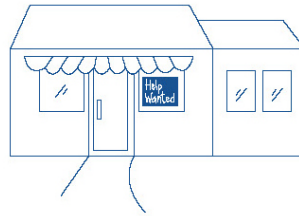
Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



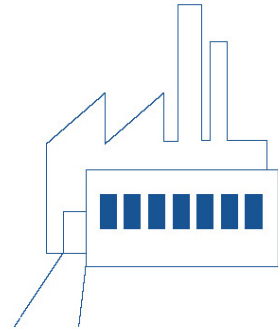
Census data are being used all around you.



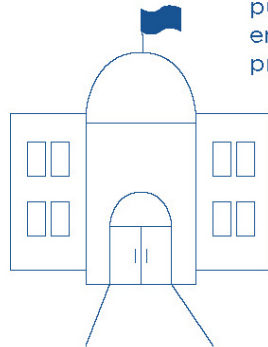
Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, which create jobs.



Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.



Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.



Your privacy is protected.

It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.



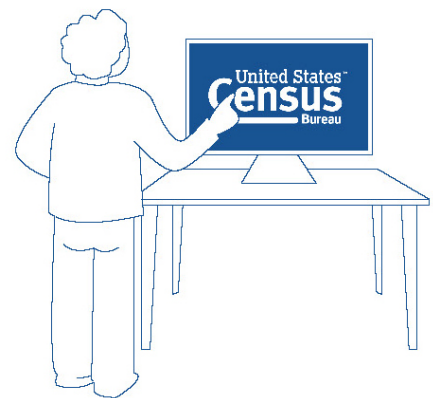
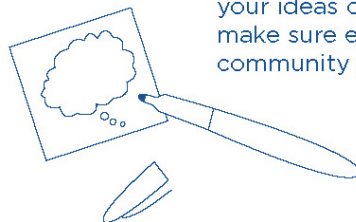
2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.



2020 Economic Development Insights

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to reshape the way our world is interconnected, from how we conduct business to how we live our lives. Our thoughts are with all who have been impacted by the recent outbreak of COVID-19. As business owners and leaders, it is important to remain informed and prepared as this outbreak continues to impact our local and global communities. While recognizing social distancing is essential and important during this time, we do not want to overlook the importance of investing in our local economy.

Hunter Commerce Park Development:

The first of three buildings featuring flexible business and office space on the NCPR business district. 52,000 square feet. Construction has begun with site plan pending for a second building.



Mercy Care Facility at 1195 Boyson:

Major remodeling on the 3rd floor includes 24,000 square feet and an investment of over \$3 million. Eventually the facility will house the first “Emergency Unit” not located in a hospital.

Hiawatha Library Addition:

The library is adding nearly 14,000 square feet in a two-story addition. Coupled with a complete restoration of the existing space, the project is estimated at \$4 million and will include a community center and accommodation for roof mounted solar panels.



Residential Development:

Plans of improvements have been approved for two housing developments; Dell Ridge 4th; 10 lots on 6 acres and Rolling Prairie adding a potential of 56 lots on 35 acres. The paving of a third development is under way at Todd Hill 1st addition. The first addition will feature about 30 lots on 20 acres and should be ready for homes this summer.

Public Safety Training and Support Facility



The Public Safety Training and Support Facility Project includes site improvements and a new building to support Public Safety at 101 4th Avenue on the south side of City Hall. The building shall be 7,200 square feet in area, with about half of the building providing secure indoor storage for Public Safety vehicles,

and the other half providing a classroom and a physical training space. The site improvements include parking for nine vehicles and landscaping to help it fit in the neighborhood.

Construction starting in May with completion of December 2020. Bid was awarded to Point Builders LLC in the amount of \$999,000.



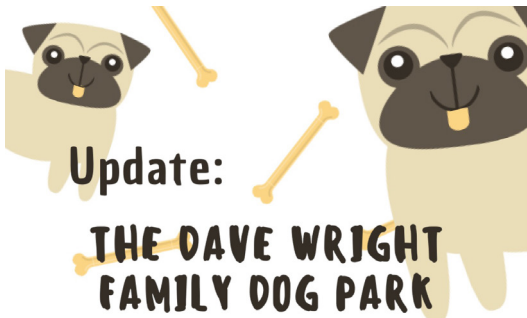
Hiawatha Water Quality Report Available Online

Hiawatha’s Yearly Water Quality Report (or Consumer Confidence Report) will no longer be mailed 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 the Department tab. On the Water page, scroll down 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 thru 2019.

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 at 319-393-1515 ext. 526.



Update:

THE DAVE WRIGHT FAMILY DOG PARK

We are getting closer to the completion of the Dave Wright Family Dog Park! We anticipate opening mid summer. Our staff has been working hard to make it unlike any other park! Stay posted in next months newsletter for more information! Your furry friends are going to love it!

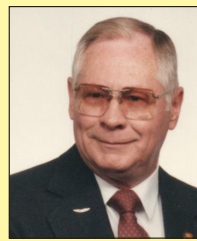


Honoring Friends Who Have Passed

The Hiawatha History Commission lost two past members recently. Don Earll died March 12 and Don Gabel died March 27. Don Earll worked for at Collins Radio for 35 years, until his retirement in 1990. Don Gabel Don was an air traffic manager for the F.A.A and retired from there after many years of service. Both men were passionate about preserving the history of Hiawatha and will be greatly missed.



Don Earll



Don Gabel

Flushing of Water Lines

The Hiawatha Water Department is reminding everyone to flush all the water lines in buildings that have experienced diminished use lately due to Covid-19. Water within a building can and will get stagnant over time if not flushed out or used on a regular basis. Over time the chlorine residual will dissipate out of the water. When water sits idle for extended periods of time, it can create water quality issues such as taste, odor and loss of bacterial control. Flushing all of the water lines in a property will allow the water to maintain its great quality for use. You may have noticed the Water Department has not been flushing fire hydrants this spring. We did not want to do an unnecessary disruption of services at this time. Hiawatha does have a looped water system to keep the water quality up. We also have auto flushers in specific areas of the city that keep water moving. Please feel free to contact our office Monday – Friday 319-393-5556 if you should have any questions.

Get Ready for the Summer Reading Program

Librarians Marta Petermann and Alicia Mangin are being re-programmed. No worries! This is an enthusiastic endeavor they are happily taking on. To ensure the safety of all involved, Petermann and Mangin are rolling out virtual opportunities for our patrons. Programs include story times, informational and cultural events, free available resources, and games to engage individuals and families. To access these events, like us on Facebook at Hiawatha Public Library, or check our website at www.hiawathapubliclibrary.org to learn of upcoming events or download fun activities like the Quarantine Bingo card found at <https://hiawathapubliclibrary.org/adult-events>. Summer Reading begins June 8 and your re-programmed librarians are eager to present Imagine Your Story. The 2020 theme invites us to celebrate the fanciful fairy tales we grew up with and the legends and myths that have been handed down for generations. In keeping with social distancing practices, Petermann and Mangin will debut READsquared, an on-line reading program that can be maintained from your personal computer or device. To minimize contact, readers will be rewarded with a completion package that will include area food coupons and trinkets. Keep your eye on our website to learn more about READsquared and the variety of virtual programs that will complement it.



Hiawatha Public Library

May Calendar

- 02 City Wide Garage Sales - **CANCELLED**
- 04 Amnesty Pick Up - **POSTPONED**
- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM - **CANCELLED**
- 11 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 12 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 13 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 20 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 27 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)

June Calendar

- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 07 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 08 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
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For more information about the City of Hiawatha and its services, call [319-393-1515](tel:319-393-1515) or visit www.hiawatha-iowa.com.

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