

CITY CREWS READY FOR WINTER

The Hiawatha Public Works Department is prepared for the winter season. Part of preparation is sharing information with residents about snow routes, snow ordinances and policies.

Snow removal routes in Hiawatha are designated as Emergency Snow Routes and Local Routes. Emergency routes are defined as "main arteries". These roads connect major sections of the City, have the highest traffic counts and provide access for emergency, fire, police, medical services, schools, commercial businesses and bus routes. Local Routes are streets that have low traffic counts in residential and commercial areas. During snow events, operators will focus on Emergency Snow Routes first, then proceed to Local Routes.

While a snow ordinance is in effect no parking is allowed on any City streets. Cars parked on City streets during an ordinance will be in violation and may be ticketed and/or towed. Snow ordinances remain in effect until snow has stopped falling and City streets are fully cleared.

FUN FACTS ABOUT SNOW REMOVAL



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11/01/2022

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RECEIVE SNOW PARKING NOTIFICATIONS THIS WINTER

The City of Hiawatha would like to ensure you know the parking regulations during snow and ice removal operations. Removing vehicles off city streets improves efficiency and safety for street crews and first responders. The City may declare a snow ordinance based on several factors, including snow, sleet, freezing rain and blowing snow. When this snow ordinance goes into effect, the following applies:

- No parking on a city street, alley, or city-owned off-street parking once the snow ordinance is declared.
- Once declared, a snow ordinance is in effect until the snow has stopped falling and City streets are fully cleared.
- When a snow ordinance is in effect, the declaration will be communicated through the following channels:
 - In the *Latest News* section of the City's website
 - Text and E-mail alerts
 - Via City of Hiawatha Facebook channels
 - Via local news channels and radio stations



PROTECT YOUR WATER METER & PIPES THIS WINTER

WATER MAIN BREAK INFORMATION

Here at the Water Department we know the importance of having water available when you open the tap or flush a toilet. We also understand the frustration you experience when the water is not present. It's that time of year for water main breaks to occur. The Water Department wants to make sure our residents know what to do when this happens. When a water main break occurs it requires the Water Department employees to close down several water main valves to isolate the main and control the leak. We do our best to inform our customers when a water main break occurs. Many times, these main breaks are an emergency or occur after hours and our customers are not aware of until water is not available. Rest assured, the Water Department employees will work diligently to find the source of the leak and correct the issue to reestablish water to your property in a timely manner. We appreciate your patience when a situation like this arises. If you should see or suspect a water leak please report it to the Water Department at 319-393-5556. If it is after business hours, please contact the non-emergency Police Department number 319-393-1212. We will promptly investigate your concern.

As winter weather settles in, please consider these simple steps to protect your pipes from freezing:

- Ensure your water meter can be turned off in case of emergency. Turn your shut-off valve on and off a few times to confirm it is in working conditions. If the valve is inoperable, contact a plumber to make repairs.
- Eliminate drafts from rooms containing your meter or pipes. Seal cracks from cold air and cover draft-prone windows with plastic or insulation. Open cabinet doors under sinks to help circulate warm air near pipes.
- Insulate water pipes that may be vulnerable to cold air drafts with wrap that contains fiberglass or other known insulating materials.
- Cover your meter with a blanket or rug to protect it.
- Protect outdoor faucets by disconnecting hoses and turning off any indoor shut-off valves to those faucets.
- Always keep your home's temperature above 55 degrees, even if you are not home for an extended period.



CITY DIRECTORY

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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.

 MAYOR BILL BENNETT mayor@hiawatha-iowa.com	 COUNCIL MEMBER JERRY MOHWINKLE jmohwinkle@hiawatha-iowa.com	 COUNCIL MEMBER DICK OLSON dolson@hiawatha-iowa.com
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Hiawatha Council Action

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/ or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 319-393-1515



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 07 & 21

Leaves only. Leaves must be in paper bags. Place bags along the curb. Do not stack them.



THE CITY OF HIAWATHA IS PLEASED TO INTRODUCE DENNIS MARKS AS ITS NEXT CITY MANAGER



Marks is a Hiawatha native. He was born and raised in Hiawatha and attended Hiawatha Elementary School. Marks entered public service in 1987 as a police officer and has 30 years of experience in local government. He also has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Mount Mercy University. Most recently, Marks served as Police Chief here in Hiawatha, a position he has held since 2007.

During his 15 year tenure in the Hiawatha Police Department, Marks' leadership resulted in growth and positive culture change within the department. Marks fostered an environment that encouraged the retention of our officers, where the average tenure is 13 years of service. He also transformed the department into an agency that is respected across the corridor through increasing professionalism and growing department training programs.

DENNIS MARKS
CITY MANAGER

Marks was named Interim City Manager in August and Hiawatha City Council appointed Marks as City Manager and approved his employment contract on October 5th.

"I am honored to be named City Manager. I am excited for the unique challenges and opportunities that will come with leading Hiawatha into the future," said Marks. "We have a great team of dedicated and caring employees here at the City and I know we will continue working together to make Hiawatha a great place to live, work and play."

YOUR VOICE MATTERS VOTE.

Date	Event
11/06	Last day to vote early at Lindale Mall
11/07	Last day to vote early at Auditor's Office, 935 2nd St SW, Cedar Rapids
11/08	Election Day! Polls are open 7am - 8pm Absentee ballots must be received by Linn County Election Services by 8:00 PM.



Join the Hiawatha Fire Department for their annual Chili Supper!!!

ALL YOU CAN EAT
CHILI, HOT DOGS & DESSERT
\$10 ADULTS \$5 KIDS

Saturday, November 5th
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
60 10th Avenue



DEPUTY CLERK EARNS IOWA CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK DESIGNATION

This fall, Deputy City Clerk and Administrative Coordinator Amy Scheer obtained her designation of Iowa Certified Municipal Clerk through the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association. This certification required extensive hours of specialized education and training. Completion of this certification is evidence of Amy's dedication to serving the constituents of Hiawatha with excellence. Congratulations Amy!

HIAWATHA INSIGHTS

Stay up to date with projects and traffic detours on www.Hiawatha-Iowa.com under the "News" section

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

10th Avenue – LL Pelling placed asphalt on 10th Avenue from Blairs Ferry Road north to Eisenhower Road. Once driveway approaches, installation of sidewalk ramps and site restoration is completed, the road will be open to through traffic. All work is expected to be completed by November 1, 2022.

Fitzroy Road – Final grading and concrete paving started mid-October. Following the paving, the contractor will pave the driveway to the Well House as well as intersection improvements at Fitzroy and Forrest Meadow Lane. All work should be completed by mid-November, including site restoration.

Tower Terrace Road – Starting Friday, October 14, North Center Point Road was fully open to traffic. This includes the new roundabout intersection at Tower Terrace Road and N Center Point Road. In addition, Tower Terrace Road opened from the new North Center Point Road roundabout east to Robins Road.

Tower Terrace Road will NOT be open west of the North Center Point Road roundabout as work still needs to be completed at the west end of the project. Barricades will be installed for westbound traffic. Drivers should use caution in the intersection and should not follow construction vehicles that will be headed west. The interchange on and off ramps will not be open until late spring 2023.

Trail Connections - A new sidewalk was added along the west side of Edgewood Road, connecting Wolf Creek Trail to Grey Wolf. Installation was completed by individuals from Water, Public Works, GIS, and Engineering departments, saving the City a considerable amount of money thanks to their help. Soon a rapid flashing beacon crosswalk will be added to safely assist walkers across Edgewood Road to Clark Park.



10th Avenue Overlay Project



Tower Terrace Bridge Pour



New Sidewalk along Edgewood Road

PEOPLE'S LAW LIBRARY

Hiawatha Public Library and the People's Law Library of Iowa, in partnership with the University of Iowa Law Library, has launched the People's Law Library of Iowa, a new legal resource website providing easy to understand information on topics related to Iowa's laws.

The website includes information on legal topics such as consumer law, family law, and landlord/tenant law, as well as guidance on researching legal issues, a glossary of more than 100 legal terms, and more. The goal with the People's Law Library of Iowa is to provide a trusted, reliable source of information on Iowa's laws with no legalese that the average person can easily comprehend. This website will help Iowans understand their rights and feel empowered as they navigate the legal system.

The inspiration for the People's Law Library of Iowa came from a similar, well-established resource in Maryland and the work of the Iowa Access to Justice Commission to identify ways to help Iowans overcome obstacles when accessing the Iowa justice system. The website stems from a partnership between the State Library and the University of Iowa Law Library.

Funding for the People's Law Library of Iowa came from a portion of the State Library's allotment from the American Rescue Plan Act. The University of Iowa Law Library spearheaded the effort to develop content for the website, with the State Library providing administrative support and contracting for the website design services.

<http://www.peopleslawiowa.org/>



The Fire Department recently took delivery of our refurbished aerial ladder truck. Over the past nine months the ladder truck has been in Wisconsin at the manufacturer, Pierce Manufacturing. The manufacturer refurbished the aerial ladder, pump and made several safety upgrades to the vehicle. The refurbishment process allows us to extend the useful life of the vehicle at a cost of approximately one third of the price of a new truck. Members have already reloaded the equipment back on and have been training to refamiliarize themselves with its operation.

The City of Hiawatha encourages its citizens to join in celebration of Veterans Day on November 11, 2022. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced that the theme for Veterans Day 2022 is Honor, stating, "Honor reflects the military value and tradition of answering the call to duty."

We have several veterans that work for the City of Hiawatha, and even more that call Hiawatha home. Thank you to all our veterans for your sacrifice and service to our country.

LET'S TALK TREES

In an effort to rebuild Hiawatha's tree canopy, the ReLeaf Committee recommended adding a \$2 monthly Urban Forestry fee to water utility bills to fund the planting of 1,200 trees over the next ten years.

At the October 5, 2022 City Council Meeting, Council Member Aime Wichtendahl stated, "I do think the benefits of this (Urban Forestry Fee) plan to reduce noise, provide oxygen, reduce heat islands caused by hard services, increase property values and promote physical and mental wellbeing is an overall benefit to the City." Council Member Rob Archibald agreed stating, "It's mind-blowing to think that we lost over 50% of our tree count in one storm. I think the (Urban Forestry Fee) is the right way to go about it. That way we don't have to levy which in turn would cost more."

City Council unanimously passed Ordinance Number 986 and Resolution Number 22-221 setting the Urban Forest Utility fee on October 5, 2022. The \$2 monthly fee will be reflected on December's Hiawatha Water bills. To see the ordinance and resolution in it's entirety, visit <https://www.towncloud.io/go/hiawatha-ia/agendas/338>

Preparing for the Holiday Season



NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY DECORATED HIAWATHA HOME TO WIN \$150 GIFT CARD!

- Home must be located within Hiawatha city limits
- Winner will be notified December 20

WWW.TINYURL.COM/MAKINGHIAWATHABRIGHT

Sign-up for the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation's Annual Reindeer Run!

3-Mile Fun Run with Prizes for Best Dressed Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 AM

Fay M. Clark Memorial Park

www.HiawathaRR22.eventbrite.com



SAVE THESE DATES!

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony with Cocoa & Pictures with Santa
December 7th at 5:30 PM
Village Center Plaza

Holiday Lights Parade
December 15th at 5:30 PM
Route to be announced



- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 05 Chili Supper 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- 07 Fall Leaf Collection 7:30 AM
- 08 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 Fall Leaf Collection 7:30 AM
- 24 City Hall Closed
- 25 City Hall Closed
- 28 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

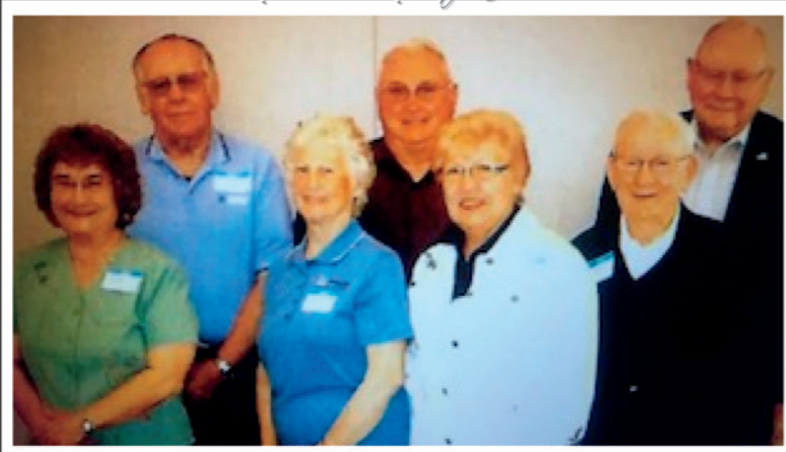
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- 23 City Hall Closed
- 26 City Hall Closed
- 30 City Hall Closed

Welcome to Hiawatha!



Visit Scooter's newest location at 1004 Robins Road

Hiawatha History Commission



Happy 15th birthday Hiawatha History Commission!

The commission was formed in 2007 to preserve the history of the establishment of Hiawatha and make it available to interested people. Early members were Edie Wheeler, Dick Larson, Bev Daws, Jerry Seifried, Roberta Hamdorf, Clarence Sampson and Don Gabel. Anyone interested in helping with this mission, please contact City Hall.

NOV 19 Snapology 1-4PM
Hiawatha Community Center
REBUILDING THE LOVE OF LEARNING
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SNAPOLGYOFHIAWATHA](https://tinyurl.com/snapologyofhiawatha)



books and baked goods sale

NOVEMBER 19 10:00 - 1:00

Bargain prices on books, magazines, audiobooks, CDs, and DVDs for all ages.

**Hiawatha Public Library
150 W Willman Street**

Letters from SANTA

ADD A LITTLE MAGIC TO THE SEASON AND RECEIVE A LETTER FROM SANTA! SANTA WOULD LOVE TO WRITE YOUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, OR NEPHEWS, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE!

Fee: \$3
Deadline: December 15

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TOYS FOR TOTS

TOY DRIVE
DONATE NEW TOYS TO GIVE CHILDREN A BETTER HOLIDAY

Drop-Off Location: Hiawatha City Hall
101 Emmons Street Hiawatha, IA 52233

ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL THURSDAY, DECEMBER 09

City Hall HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving

Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday

Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2 in observance of New Years Day