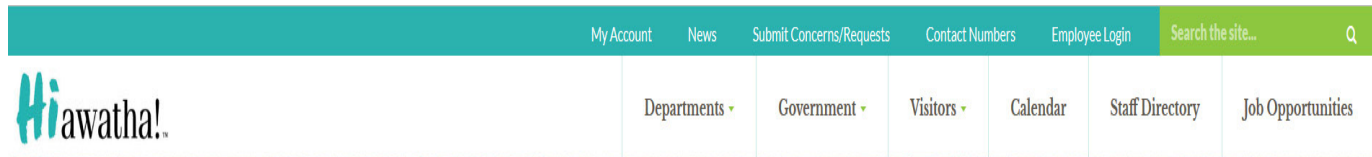




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Using Technology to Promote Transparency of City Government



The City of Hiawatha strives to find methods to increase our government’s transparency and be more open to the public in our daily practices. The Mayor, City Council and staff work hard to be crystal clear to the public of their actions. We do this in several ways with our City website being our primary source for information. Through our newly redesigned website we provide easy access to government records, featuring notices to upcoming city council meetings with detailed agendas and from those meetings provide readable minutes. Council packets, strategic plan and capital improvement plan are accessible on our website by clicking on the Government tab/ City Council/City Council Documents link on the right hand side of page. By clicking on the Departments tab/ Policy and Admin citizens can access our annual audit and request public records by emailing your request to the City Clerk or City Administrator. Most recently you will find a “Stay Current” section at the bottom of all website pages. Click on the “Get Alerts” button to be the first to know about snow emergencies, projects, leaf pick up, deadlines, events, announcements and more! You can subscribe to both email and text alerts. An additional way to stay connected to the latest City information is by liking our City of Hiawatha, Iowa Facebook page.

The other avenues we use to keep citizens informed is through our Hiawatha Insights monthly newsletter containing information on our infrastructure projects, upcoming events and much more. Our council meetings are held every first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM. These meetings are open to the public. Our council meetings are also recorded and can be viewed on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month on Media-com Channel 18 at 7:00 PM or ImOn Channel 4 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Lastly, our doors are always open along with easy access to mayor, council and staff with online access to emails and phone numbers. We welcome your questions, comments and participation. Our city hall hours are from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday or by appointment.

Transparency is a process. We understand transparency promotes accountability and provides opportunities for our residents to be better informed about what is going on in our community. As technology improves and funding becomes available, we will open up new avenues to help connect the public to our government records and finances. We encourage you to visit our city’s website at: www.hiawatha-iowa.com.

Boyson Road Trail Extension Project - Project Cost Estimate Approximately \$100,000.00
Hiawatha City Council has authorized a design contract to prepare plans and specifications for the extension of the Boyson Road Multi-Use Trail from 12th Avenue to 15th Avenue. The proposed extension is the next project in the continued effort to develop a trail system along the south side of Boyson Road from Edgewood Road to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail east of North Center Point Road. The trail bid package allows for the construction of this extension yet this fall. It is anticipated that construction can begin mid-October.
The project will be funded with the Capital Project Funds.



**North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Project Phase II -
To Continue Through 2017 - Project Cost \$2,813,000**

Hiawatha awarded a contract to Rathje Construction Inc. from Marion to reconstruct the existing intersection of North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road. This project will move the intersection approximately 100 feet to the northwest. Rathje will reconstruct approximately 400 feet of North Center Point Road to south of Fisher Street.

Temporary pavement repairs have been completed in order to open all streets to traffic this fall. The project will continue starting spring of 2017 and will be completed in the fall of 2017. Contact the Engineering Department at cityengineer@hiawatha-iowa.com with any questions.

The project is funded with Capital Projects Funds, LOSST funds and Water Revenue Funds. Project completion date is November 2017.

Engineering Department Hires New Staff

Rick Harbaugh has been recently hired in the Engineering Department to fill the Construction Observer position. Mr. Harbaugh has over 20 years of experience in the construction field and holds numerous certifications in Iowa DOT concrete and asphalt testing, construction site pollution prevention, work zone safety and construction administration. Rick also has engineering survey and design experience in both the private engineering field and government engineering field. Welcome Rick!



Special Needs Dance

Mark your calendars! The Special Needs Dance is October 21 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM in the Hiawatha Community Center. The dance is Halloween themed - make sure to wear your costumes! Snacks and drinks will be provided. This event is sponsored by Barbers Etc.



Park Restrooms Closing

Park Restrooms will be closing after the last farmers market on October 23, weather permitting. Thank you for a great year!

Fall Festival Farmers Market

When: October 23rd, 2016

Time: 11am to 2pm

Where: 10th Avenue Parking Lot
of Guthridge Park

What: Trick or Treat, Costume Contest,
Farmers Market, Family Photos, Coloring
Contest, Pumpkin Decorating!

Enjoy the last farmers market with the
vendors and have some fun!

Kids Movie Night

The Hiawatha Park and Recreation Commission and UICCU gives children the opportunity to see a movie for **FREE** in the Hiawatha Community Center!

Bring your blankets and pillows and enjoy popcorn and juice on us!

Here's whats coming soon for 2016-17:

November 11th- Angry Birds

January 13th- Finding Dory

March 10th- The Secret Life of Pets

Sponsored by:



Hiawatha!



September 7, 2016

ORDINANCE #869 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 137 Vacation & Disposal of Streets §137.05 Disposal of Vacated Streets or Alleys by adding 4 portions of right-of-way previously vacated & disposed. RESOLUTION #16-175 setting a public hearing date (9/21/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required §65.01 Stop Intersections (2.) Stop Intersection by adding (EE.) North bound Ridgewood Drive shall stop at Blairs Ferry Crossing, (FF.) South bound Ridgewood Drive shall stop at Heritage Green Drive, & (GG.) Worthington Court shall stop at Heritage Green Drive & amending (3.) 4-Way Stops by adding (F.) S. Blairs Ferry Crossing & Heritage Green Drive. RESOLUTION #16-176 setting a public hearing date (9/21/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, & estimate of cost on file & direct publication of the notice to bidders in con-

nection with the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project. RESOLUTION #16-177 authorizing the purchase & installation of exterior lighting for the fire station at a total cost not to exceed \$6,152.00, with Munson Electric of Hiawatha, Iowa, utilizing available funding in Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). RESOLUTION #16-178 authorizing the Fire Department to proceed with accepting the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance for Firefighters Grant Award & further authorizing staff to proceed with the solicitation of quotations for the purchase of personal protective equipment including Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus units & a high pressure compressor with fill station to replenish the apparatus with air at a cost not to exceed \$275,320.00, with 95% or \$262,210.00 being reimbursed by the grant and the city's match of 5% or \$13,110.00 through LOSST dollars. RESOLUTION #16-179 approving Final Plat & authorizing execution of a

Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & Forrester Ridge, LLC of Dell Ridge Second Addition. RESOLUTION #16-180 accepting improvements installation in connection with sanitary sewer extension across Parcel A Plat of Survey No. 1936 to the property located at 1450 Robins Road. RESOLUTION #16-181 authorizing City Staff to proceed with the application process & filing of a Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Program Grant through the State of Iowa & approving matching funds. RESOLUTION #16-182 approving the FY2016 Street Finance Report. RESOLUTION #16-183 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #4 for the FY 2015 Water & Sewer Extension Project, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd. of Anamosa, Iowa, in the amount of \$66,490.50.

September 21, 2016

ORDINANCE #870 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required §65.01 Stop Intersections (2.) Stop Intersection by adding (EE.) North bound Ridgewood Drive shall stop at Blairs Ferry Crossing, (FF.) South bound Ridgewood Drive shall stop at Heritage Green Drive, & (GG.) Worthington Court shall stop at Heritage Green Drive & amending (3.) 4-Way Stops by adding (F.) S. Blairs Ferry Crossing & Heritage Green Drive. RESOLUTION #16-184 adopting plans, specifications, form of contract & placing estimate of cost on file in connection with the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project. RESOLUTION #16-185 approving application for Pay Estimate #2 for construction of city drainage improvements on & along Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company property between mileposts 37.67 & 38.02, Cedar Rapids Subdivision, & directing City Clerk to make the second payment installment to Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company of Chicago, IL, in the

amount of \$100,000. RESOLUTION #16-186 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #2 for the 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Ricklefs Excavating Ltd., of Anamosa, IA, in the amount of \$190,945.14. RESOLUTION #16-187 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #1 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, Iowa, in the amount of \$36,438.90.

October Calendar

- 02 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 05 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 10 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 10 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 16 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 18 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 FINAL Farmers Market & Fall Festival 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 24 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 26 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)

November Calendar

- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 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)
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- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 24 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 25 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 28 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE!!

Hiawatha Fire Department will host their Annual **Hiawatha Fire Department Chili Supper**. The event will be held at the Hiawatha Fire Station, 60 N. 10th Avenue, on **Saturday, November 5, 2016, from 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**. It includes all-you-can-eat chili, plus hot dogs, brats, desserts and drinks. Cost is \$5.00 per person.



Smoke Detector and Battery Check Day!

Mark the date on your calendar. Hiawatha firefighters will be conducting their annual smoke detector day on Saturday, October 29 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Firefighters will be accepting appointments to check your smoke detectors. We are focusing on making sure your smoke detectors are up to date and functioning! This is voluntary and at no charge to residents. If you would like assistance with your smoke detectors, please call 319-393-4180 to set up an appointment.



Snow Ordinance Reminder

Our snow ordinance will be in effect when the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts a snowfall in which three (3) or more inches of snow are expected. While the Snow Emergency is in effect, **there is no parking on any city street**. Vehicles found parked in violation of this ordinance will receive a **\$25** parking ticket and/or be impounded. During overnight snow removal operations, vehicles found in violation on City streets will be towed. The Snow Emergency declaration will be sent to all the local media including but not limited to: KGAN (Channel 2), KCRG (Channel 9) and KWWL (Channel 7). The declaration will also be posted on the City website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com. Your cooperation is appreciated.

REMEMBER - Don't park in the street if:

- The 24 hour (or less) prediction by the NWS is for three (3) or more inches of snow.
- Three (3) or more inches of snow has fallen and/or your street has not been cleared.

When in doubt about parking, just move your vehicle off the street.

Also, the City will **NOT** generally conduct snowfall clearing operations on all streets for a snowfall of less than two (2) inches. This policy remains unchanged from prior years. Please remember: sidewalks must be shoveled within 24 hours of the cessation of snowfall, clear snow from around fire hydrants that are near your property, check with your neighbors regarding snow removal and direct sump pumps and downspouts away from hard surfaces so that water doesn't build up and freeze, creating slippery conditions on driveways, sidewalks or streets.

For current road conditions: call 511 or log onto the Iowa DOT winter road conditions web page: <http://weather-view.iowa.dot.gov/>.

Sign up on the Hiawatha website (www.hiawatha-iowa.com) to receive notifications for snow emergencies!



Halloween Reminder

Just a reminder that the City of Hiawatha does not designate a specific date or time for trick or treating.

Please be aware and watching for children that are not always aware of you in their excitement of this holiday.

Parents - Please be certain your children are wearing reflective clothing and carrying flashlights for their safety.



Women's Auxiliary Food/Clothing Drive



The Hiawatha Women's Auxiliary Chapter 735 will be holding a food and winter clothing/boot drive on November 5, 2016 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The drive will be held at the American Legion Post 735 located at 207 Robins Road in Hiawatha.



Please help out the Women's Auxiliary by donating your men's gently used winter clothing/boots and non-perishable food items. All donations to go to the local Veteran's Outreach Center.

The Hiawatha History Committee Honors Edith Wheeler

Long time History Commission Member Edith (Edie) Wheeler passed away on September 11, 2016. Edie a long time resident of Hiawatha was serving as chairperson for the history commission. Edie had so much love and passion for Hiawatha and she played a huge role in working to preserve the history of this city. She was a very special lady and will be truly missed.

The History Commission would like to take this opportunity to honor Edie Wheeler and send heartfelt condolences out to the Wheeler family for their loss.



The Hiawatha History Committee Presents

"Did You Know" the history behind Hiawatha street names?

Clymer Road

Clymer Road was named after Margaret Clymer who was a former Hiawatha Water Department employee and lived in Hiawatha mobile home court.



Cress Pkwy

Cress Parkway

Cress was the maiden name of Mildred McGowen who owned a real estate company in town.



**GILL'S Guide to Healthy Surface Water
EMPTY YOUR POOL AND SPA WITH CARE, Part One**



This is it - the end of the summer and time to empty the pool until next year. Chlorine and other chemicals used to keep your pool or spa clean causes BIG problems for us fish and other aquatic life. ALL it takes is a FEW steps to not compromise or pollute the "air" (i.e. water) we breath:

- Allow pool / spa to sit at least seven days without adding chlorine or other chemicals - chlorine content should be 0.1 milligrams per liter.
- Ensure the pH of the pool / spa water is between 6.5 and 8.5.
- Drain water through at least 15 feet of a grassy landscape first (i.e. not directly onto concrete) to allow remaining chemicals to disappate before reaching the storm drain.
- Keep the flow of water low (shoot for 700 gallons per hour = 12 gallons per minute or so) - to prevent erosion and having to fix the landscaped area later.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN KEEPING MY "HOME" HEALTHY!
GILL, THE FAMOUS ISWEP SPOKESFISH

**GILL'S Guide to Healthy Surface Water
EMPTY YOUR POOL AND SPA WITH CARE, Part Two**

A SPECIAL NOTE FOR SALTWATER POOLS AND SPAS AND BACKWASH FILTER SYSTEMS...

Hey, here in Iowa we are freshwater fish - saltwater is deadly to aquatic life. You must discontinue the addition of salt as you ready to empty the pool or spa. Like the chlorine pool, test to ensure chlorine is below 0.1 mg/l and the pH is between 6.5 and 8.5 before draining commences onto a grassy landscape that is salt-tolerant AND able to absorb all water.

Water from backwash filter systems is not allowed in the storm sewer system, under any circumstances. This water should be directed to the sanitary system through a drain in your home or discharged to the lawn.

Word has it, failure to follow these guidelines is considered an illicit discharge, under most City codes and could result in a fine.



Learn More  Do More
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Life Saving Award



On Monday, July 18, Alex Studt was mowing grass when he was stung by a bee. Having had previous reactions to bee stings, Alex took Benadryl, told his 16 year old son Dalton to get in the car and began driving

toward the St. Luke's Urgent Care on Boyson Road. As they approached Center Point Road and East Clark Street still driving, Alex became unresponsive. Unconscious and still behind the wheel, Alex was still pushing on the accelerator but not steering.

Dalton, sitting in the passenger seat, began blowing the horn and steering the car. Dalton was able to turn the car from Clark Street north on Center Point Road. Witnesses reported the car veered into oncoming traffic. Dalton then went through the red light at Emmons Street, still blowing the horn and steering from the passenger seat, his dad unconscious in the driver's seat. As they approached the area of GoDaddy, Dalton, using one hand to steer, was able to use the other hand to push on the brake and bring the car to a stop against the curb. He found his dad's phone on the floor and called 9-1-1.

Certainly, without Dalton's fast thinking and controlling the vehicle, lives could have been lost. The vehicle could have easily struck another moving vehicle, a pedestrian, or even a stationary object, causing further injury or even death. Dalton's actions that day clearly saved the life of his dad and prevented the loss of additional life.

For this reason, the Hiawatha Fire Department and Hiawatha Police Department recognized Dalton for his actions at the September 7 Council Meeting by presenting him a life saving award.

**Hiawatha Fire Department Awarded
Assistance for Firefighters Grant**

The Fire Department has received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that we have been awarded an Assistance for Firefighters Grant. The purpose of the grant is to enhance firefighter safety and to improve operations by providing personal protective equipment. Specifically, we are going to replace our aging self-contained breathing apparatus ("Air Packs"). We wear the air packs when we go into dangerous atmosphere. The existing packs are 20 years old and most do not comply with current standards. This is important considering that failure of a SCBA can be fatal for the firefighter wearing them. In addition, we are replacing our breathing air compressor. The approved amount of the grant project is \$275,320, Federal share is \$262,210 and the city's share is \$13,110 or 5 percent of the Federal Share. The fire department will be using LOSST funds for the city share. Previously, these items were scheduled for replacement in several years, with the money coming from the Capital Improvement Fund. The most important factor is that the grant will provide equipment to keep the firefighters safe. Additionally, the grant will free up Capital funding for other projects. It is expected that the new equipment will arrive in early spring.



Yard Cleanup Dates

- October 24 - Yard Waste and Brush Pick Up
- November 7 - Leaves Only Pick Up
- November 21 - Leaves Only Pick Up

No branches larger than 12" in diameter and no pick up of tree demolition. Contact a tree removal service for disposal. Items must be to the curb by 7:00 AM.

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Hiawatha Firefighters Raises More Than \$15,500 During 2016 Fill the Boot Campaign

Hiawatha Fire Department was one of the top departments in the state for collecting for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This year firefighters working at street corners, stores and farmers markets collected more than \$15,500. As of "Press time," that places Hiawatha Fire third in the region, behind only two larger paid departments who allowed on duty firefighters to collect. Cedar Rapids collected more than \$32,000 and Waterloo more than \$20,000. Every hour spent and every penny collected by Hiawatha Fire was done so by volunteer firefighters and their families and friends! We could not have done it without the support of the local community. The combined totals of Hiawatha and Cedar Rapids, (more than \$48,000) demonstrates the caring nature of the people in the Hiawatha area.



Want to Stay Connected to Hiawatha Information?

There's two easy ways to stay connected:

1. Sign up on the Hiawatha website.

Be the first to know about snow emergencies, leaf pick-up, deadlines, events, announcements and more!
 Subscribe to city text alerts.

Visit the Hiawatha website at www.hiawatha-iowa.com. Scroll down to the very bottom of the home page where it says, "Stay Current." Click on the "Get Alerts" button where you will register your name and email address to subscribe to Hiawatha's notification system.

Stay Current

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2. Like our City of Hiawatha, Iowa Facebook page

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