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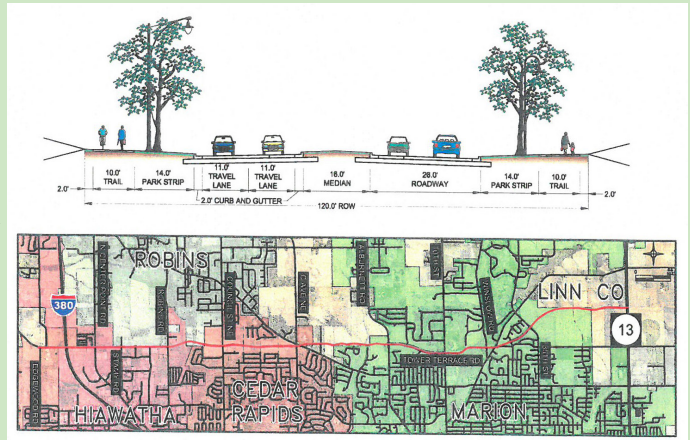
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**City of Hiawatha Staff to attend Iowa DOT Commission Meeting in October**

City staff plans to attend the Iowa Department of Transportation Commission meeting October 9, 2018 in Decorah. In August, representatives of the Iowa DOT, City of Hiawatha, City of Cedar Rapids, and design consultants held a field exam to review a preliminary plan set for the project to widen I-380 to a six lane facility. The project area of I-380 is approximately five miles in length and remains a four lane divided interstate within the city limits of Hiawatha and Cedar Rapids. The goal is to improve the safety and operations of I-380. **The project will also provide the needed improvements at the Boyson Road Interchange and a new Interchange at Tower Terrace Road.** The presentation to the Commission will update them on the plans Hiawatha and other cities have developed to make improvements in the entire Tower Terrace Corridor.

**Tower Terrace Road Alignment Under Study**

The Metropolitan Planning Organization is finalizing the Tower Terrace Roadway Alignment Study update. The third steering committee meeting was held in September, with an open house scheduled for late October. This open house will provide residents a chance to view design and alignment of the significant multi-modal transportation corridor. The plan is for this roadway to provide a safe, efficient, and aesthetically appealing transportation route for many years to come.



**Robins Road Resurfacing Nears Completion**

The 2018 Robins Road Pavement Rehabilitation project is essentially complete. LL Pelling Company from North Liberty completed the project which includes removal of the asphalt paving, reclamation of the stone base, and placement of a new asphalt surface between the Bali Hai Mobile Home Park and Stonegate Court in Hiawatha. The project was scheduled to take approximately three weeks because of the anticipated wet weather.

For further information, contact the City Engineer at [jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com](mailto:jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com).



## NOTICE TO WATER CUSTOMERS

Effective September 18, 2018, the Hiawatha Water Board increased the water and irrigation rates along with the fixed Water Storage Maintenance Program (MP) charge.

### Water Rates

The new water rates for the first 1,000 gallons are as follows:

Minimum Charge:	Meter Size
\$ 9.08	5/8 inch, 3/4 inch
\$ 10.01	1 inch
\$ 12.33	1 1/2 inch
\$ 14.45	2 inch
\$ 18.56	3 inch
\$ 26.44	4 inch

The Commodity Charge: \$5.25 per 1,000 gallons thereafter.

### Irrigation Rates

The new water rates for the first 1000 gallons are as follows:

Minimum Charge:	Meter Size
\$ 11.81	5/8 inch, 3/4 inch
\$ 12.97	1 inch
\$ 15.04	1 1/2 inch
\$ 18.76	2 inch

### WATER STORAGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (MP)

Residential Water rider rate includes every residence, apartment dwelling unit, and dwelling unit in a mobile home park: \$2.25 per residential unit

Business, Commercial, and Industrial rider rate per meter size:

\$2.75	5/8 inch, 3/4 inch
\$4.25	1 inch
\$5.25	1 1/2 inch
\$6.25	2 inch
\$7.25	3 inch
\$8.25	4 inch

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Water Department during the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday at 319-393-5556.

## Another Hiawatha Pioneer Passes



Sandra Brewer died September 12, 2018, leaving a large hole in the Hiawatha community.

Because of her involvement as a business owner with her husband, Robert and a clerk in the Post Office for 23 years, Sandy could recall names and stories of Hiawatha that were invaluable for the Hiawatha History

Commission. Her selfless giving to those around her was endearing to many.

Our sympathy to Sandy's family and friends.

## Snowbirds and Vacationers

Snowbirds and vacationers should contact the Police Department to complete a house check form providing contact information while you are away. The house check form is available on the city website at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com), or at the police department during normal business hours, Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This service is free and we encourage you to take advantage of the program. You can feel secure knowing your residence is being checked while you are away and the police department can provide additional security for you and your neighborhood.

**Water Department Note:** Don't forget to contact the Water Department to hold your bills, forward your bills, or turn off your water while you are away. Call us at City Hall at 319-393-5556.

- When you plan to be out of town for an extended period of time, it's a good idea to have someone check on your house to be sure you don't have any running water within the house, for example a running toilet.
- To avoid a running toilet, it's a good idea to turn the water control valve to your toilet off. This will help prevent it from running while out of town.
- Check your water heater for a "vacation mode" setting or turn to a lower setting.
- It's always a good idea to check any manufacturing literature for water heating or softening units.

Please take caution as the Water Department is not responsible for any home devices that may require water at all times.

## The Hiawatha History Committee Presents

October is Fire Prevention Month - In the picture below it shows some of Hiawatha's fire trucks from the 1950's thru 2011. The fire equipment was minimal but got the job done with volunteers who were all dedicated and knowledgeable in fire fighting.

What pictures do you have for the Hiawatha History Book?





**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.

**Another Good Neighbor Policy**

Sheds are defined in the Hiawatha code as accessory structures. As with fences these small structures come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes and are used for a plethora of purposes. When properly installed and maintained sheds can enhance a neighborhood by concealing stored materials and equipment. When not installed and maintained properly sheds can be fire hazards, impede storm water and become an eyesore.

The regulations are intended to reduce the hazards associated with sheds much the same as other structures. They are regulated for setback, height, allowable size, proper materials, adequate structural capacity and stability. The building code regulates accessory structures over 120 square feet while the UDC regulates the location, area and height of all sheds. The general rules for residential accessory structures include:

- All sheds greater than 120 square feet require a building permit.
- Sheds cannot exceed 15 feet in height.
- All shed must be located behind the main structure.
- Sheds allowed in the drainage easement must be raised to allow the free flow of storm water.
- Sheds in utility easements must be placed on skids and not on a concrete slab.
- All sheds must be properly anchored to a concrete slab or to ground anchors.
- All sheds must be at least five feet from a property line or must have a fire wall installed.
- All sheds must be maintained so as not to become a nuisance.

These are only the general regulations for fences and sheds. Your local home owners' association may have additional restrictions for these installations. As an example, some neighborhoods do not allow fences and some require sheds to "resemble the main house."

It is important to contact your home owners association, the Community Development Department of Hiawatha and call "811" before you attempt to install a fence or accessory structure.

For more information on sheds you may go to the City of Hiawatha's website and onto the Community Development page to access our on-line permit portal for more forms and information, [www.hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/community-development/](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/community-development/)

When we follow the rules for installing and maintaining sheds, we retain our property rights while respecting the values of the community as a whole. By following these simple regulations we are following good neighbor policies which seek to preserve the beauty and safety of Hiawatha.



**October Calendar**

- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 07 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Guthridge Park
- 08 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 Parks Commission Meeting 6:15 PM
- 09 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10 Council meeting airs  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)  
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 14 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Guthridge Park
- 16 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 17 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Guthridge Park
- 24 Council meeting airs  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)  
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 28 Farmers Market 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Guthridge Park
- 29 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

**November Calendar**

- 03 Chili Supper from 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM at the Fire Department
- 05 Leaves ONLY Pick Up
- 07 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 12 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 12 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 13 Parks Commission Meeting 6:15 PM
- 13 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 Council meeting airs  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)  
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 19 Leaves ONLY Pick Up
- 20 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 23 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 26 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 28 Council meeting airs  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)  
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## \$16,113 Raised by Hiawatha Fire Fighters During 2018 Fill the Boot Campaign to Support MDA



During the 2018 MDA Fill the Boot campaign, the dedicated members of the Hiawatha Fire Department took to the streets to help kids and adults with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related life-threatening diseases live longer and grow stronger. Dedicating two weekends in September to Fill the Boot, Hiawatha Fire was able to raise \$16,113, an all time high for the department, to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Hiawatha Fire has a long-standing history of Filling the Boot for MDA and has strived to make an impact on local families affected by neuromuscular disease. With the help of the generous Hiawatha citizens and local businesses including, Farmers State Bank, Sam's Club, Oscars, CCB Packaging, and Personal Safety Corporation,

the Hiawatha Fire Department was able to become the highest fundraising volunteer department in the state of Iowa for the fourth straight year.

“The fire fighters of Hiawatha have once again shown their immense dedication and care for MDA’s families during this year’s Fill the Boot campaign,” said Jillian Harper, Executive Director. “This year’s Fill the Boot was a huge success and Hiawatha continues to go above and beyond in their efforts. We are grateful for the generosity of those in the Hiawatha community who by donating have helped individuals with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle-debilitating diseases truly live unlimited.”

Fire fighters have taken part in MDA’s Fill the Boot tradition for more than 60 years, hitting the streets or storefronts asking pedestrians, motorists, customers and other passersby to make a donation to MDA, joining the fight to find treatments and cures for devastating diseases that take away everyday abilities like walking, talking, hugging and even breathing.

Funds raised help MDA’s efforts to fund groundbreaking research and life-enhancing programs such as state-of-the-art support groups and Care Centers, including the MDA Care Center at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. They also help send more than 70 local kids to “the best week of the year” at MDA Summer Camp at no cost to their families at Camp Courageous in Monticello, Iowa.

### About MDA

MDA is leading the fight to free individuals - and the families who love them - from the harm of muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle-debilitating diseases that take away physical strength, independence and life. We use our collective strength to help kids and adults live longer and grow stronger by finding research breakthroughs across diseases; caring for individuals from day one; and empowering families with services and support in hometowns across America. Learn how you can find cures, find care and champion the cause at [mda.org](http://mda.org).

## Smoke Detectors Save Lives

This year, the Hiawatha Fire Department has set aside an entire week to Caring for the Community by checking smoke detectors. Firefighters will visit homes by appointment between October 10th and October 14th. To make an appointment, call the Hiawatha Fire Department at 319-393-4180 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

There are a variety of smoke detectors on the market today. Much of this is a result of studies conducted over the last several years. There are two areas that are significant. Most smoke detectors begin to fail after 10 years of service. Additionally, many detectors fail to operate because the batteries are dead. Long life smoke detectors come with a “hush” button that will silence the detector if it accidentally goes off, for example during cooking. This helps prevent people from removing the battery then forgetting to put it back. There are also studies that have found that a different pitch, or frequency of noise from the detector may be more effective in waking people with hearing loss or other disabilities.



When we are asked what kind of smoke detector someone should buy, our answer is “A UL listed smoke detector, with dual sensors (Ionization and Photo Electric), that is hard wired to the system and has a 10 year battery back up.”



**Save the Date - Chili Supper**

CHILI SUPPER! SAVE THE DATE!  
 Members of the Hiawatha Fire Department are often out saving lives. We ask you to "Save the Date" for our annual Chili Supper. This year the supper will be held on **Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM** at the Hiawatha Fire Station, located at 10th Avenue and Emmons Street.



**Yard Cleanup Dates**

- October 22 - Leaves, Yard Waste and Brush Pick Up
- November 5 - Leaves Only Pick Up
- November 19 - Leaves Only Pick Up

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



**Hiawatha Police Department's Speed Trailer**

The police department took possession of our new speed trailer. The trailer will allow us to monitor and inform drivers in reported problem areas for speeders. Approaching vehicles will see their actual speed flash on the message board. Warnings will activate when a driver is exceeding the posted speed limit. The warnings along with red and blue flashing lights will be visible on the 25" X 19" LED display. The trailer is equipped with a solar panel to extend the run time of the unit.

We realize not every speeder is consciously exceeding the speed limit. A friendly reminder to slow down is all some need. Police officers will follow up with enforcement for those who don't heed the reminder in problem areas for speeding.

Purchase of the speed monitoring trailer was made possible with a generous donation from Cedar Rapids Toyota. We are genuinely grateful for their continued support of our mission to make Hiawatha streets safer.

If you would like to see the speed trailer in your neighborhood, contact the police department at 393-1212 or email Chief Dennis Marks at [chief@hiawathapolice.com](mailto:chief@hiawathapolice.com). Please note "speed concern" in the subject line.



The library will be holding early voting at City Hall in the Community Center on October 22, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

**Finance Recap for Fiscal Year End 2018**

June 30, 2018 marked the end of the Fiscal Year of 2018 for the City of Hiawatha. Overall, we expanded 73.02% of our approved budget amount, which came to be \$6,261,442 less than estimated. The revenues received were at 94% of what was estimated, which is \$1,219,095 less budgeted amount. All department managers did another great job of holding their expenses to the budgeted amount or below this past year.

The general fund which consists of Police, Fire, Ambulance, Community Development, Library, Park and Recreation, Policy and Administration, City Hall, Engineering, and Building/Grounds/Maintenance departments, expended \$340,425 less than what was anticipated for the year, which amounts to 92.64% of the approved budget.

The local option sales and service tax received in Fiscal Year 2018 was a total of \$900,761. With the additional revenue, we made some street improvements throughout the city including pavement reconstruction on Industrial Ave., intersection improvements at Emmons St/Robins Rd/Center Point Rd/North Center Point Rd, water and sewer main extension in the newly annexed area, for a total of \$514,059 invested in our city with LOSST funds this fiscal year.

Park restrooms will be closed at the end of October weather permitting. There will be porta potties located at Clark and Guthridge Park November 1, 2018 through April 1, 2019.



OCTOBER 28, 2018

**FALL FESTIVAL**

11AM - 2PM

GUTHRIDGE PARK

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|-----------------|--|
| TRICK OR TREATS | PERFORMANCE BY PRESTIGE DANCE STUDIO 11:30AM |
| BOUNCE HOUSE    | HI-CREW KIWANIS COSTUME CONTEST 12:00PM      |
| TRACKLESS TRAIN | NEW HORIZONS BAND CONCERT 1:00PM             |



**Whispering Pines Painting Class**

*Give Thanks*



**October 17th at 6pm**  
**Hiawatha Community Center**  
**\$35 cash or check**  
**To register text 319-270-1112**

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### Halloween Reminder

The City of Hiawatha does not designate a specific date or time for trick or treating.

Please be aware and watch for children that are not always aware of their surroundings due to the excitement of this holiday.

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

### Hiawatha Public Library Hosting a Sock Drive

Winter is coming! With winter comes cold toes. The Hiawatha Public Library is hosting a Sock Drive from October 1 - November 30, 2018. We hope to collect as many new socks as possible to give away to those who need to keep their feet warm and toasty. Sock donations may be left in the donation basket near the front desk of the Hiawatha Public Library anytime the library is open.



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