

## Help Hiawatha Fill the Boot for MDA!

Every year the Hiawatha Fire department supports the Muscular Dystrophy Association by collecting donations through their Fill the Boot campaign. You can help "virtually" Fill the Boot by making a donation online to help support local families impacted by Muscular Dystrophy.

Visit <https://filltheboot.donordrive.com/team/12667> or scan the QR code today to make a donation towards the Fill the Boot fundraiser! Donations can also be dropped off to the Fire Station during regular business hours. Money raised through our annual Fill the Boot drive goes towards helping 11 local families right here in Hiawatha and more than 130 families in Linn County affected by neuromuscular diseases. Help us make a big impact in the fight against muscle disease! Thank you for your support!



**HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE**  
SAVE THE DATE  
**OPEN HOUSE**

PLEASE JOIN THE HIAWATHA FIRE DEPARTMENT DURING THEIR OPEN HOUSE AS A PART OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2022

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
2:00 - 5:00 PM  
**HIAWATHA FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
60 10TH AVENUE, HIAWATHA

**DELIVER BY THURSDAY, 09/01/2022**

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**HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY!**  
**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO**



**CHUCK ALLAIRE**  
POLICE OFFICER  
-25 YEARS-



**SARA RIES**  
WATER CLERK II  
-20 YEARS-



**BRETT BARTELS**  
POLICE SERGEANT  
-15 YEARS-



**KIRK STOUT**  
PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICIAN II  
-10 YEARS-



**KYLA PFEILER**  
GIS TECHNICIAN  
-5 YEARS-



**NICK JELLISON**  
DEPUTY CHIEF EMS  
-5 YEARS-

NOT PICTURED: **JASON KISLING**  
WATER OPERATOR  
-10 YEARS-



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For more information about City of Hiawatha and its services, call 319-393-1515 or visit [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com)

**CITY COUNCIL** | City of Hiawatha Regular Council Meetings are the first and third Wednesday of each month.



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## Welcome Interim City Manager, Dennis Marks & Farewell to former City Manager, Kim Downs

City of Hiawatha is pleased to announce the appointment of Dennis Marks to the position of Interim City Manager, effective August 17, 2022. Chief Marks has been employed with the City of Hiawatha since 2007 and has served as Chief of Police for the last 15 years. Mayor Bennett stated, "His daily operational experience, ability to make critical decisions and his grasp on the department's external financial obligations will make for an excellent Interim City Manager." As interim City Manager, Marks will fill the role and responsibilities of the City Manager in its entirety by initiating, administering, and supervising all departments. Mr. Marks is well prepared to pick up where Ms. Downs left off with Hiawatha's strategic plans and goals.

As Chief Marks transitions to Interim City Manager, his position as Police Chief will need filled as well. Mayor and City Council appointed Captain Ben Kamm as the Interim Police Chief, effective August 17, 2022. Captain Kamm has served the City of Hiawatha for the last 18 years. He started as a Police Officer in 2004, advanced to Sergeant in 2008 and Captain in 2016. He has worked alongside Mr. Marks for several years, securing a smooth transition for both parties.

City Manager Kim Downs has accepted a position in a neighboring city and officially resigned from the City of Hiawatha, effective September 2, 2022. Downs served many roles throughout her 17 years in Hiawatha, most significantly, she was appointed as the first woman City Administrator in Hiawatha's history. Downs played a significant role in the creation of our Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO), improvements to the downtown Village Center, expansion of the Public Library, creation of the Public Safety Building, the design and construction of the new Tower Terrace Road interchange and worked with surrounding communities and Linn County on grants to complete Tower Terrace Road from I-380 to Highway 13 in Marion. Her latest endeavor is helping the community move forward with a Fire Station No. 2, which is in the design stages now.

Downs said, "Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for allowing me to make a difference in Hiawatha, a community I have grown to love and call home."

Each of these individuals are excited about their new opportunities and are proud to represent the community in their new capacity.



Dennis Marks, Interim City Manager



Ben Kamm, Interim Police Chief



Kim Downs, Former City Manager

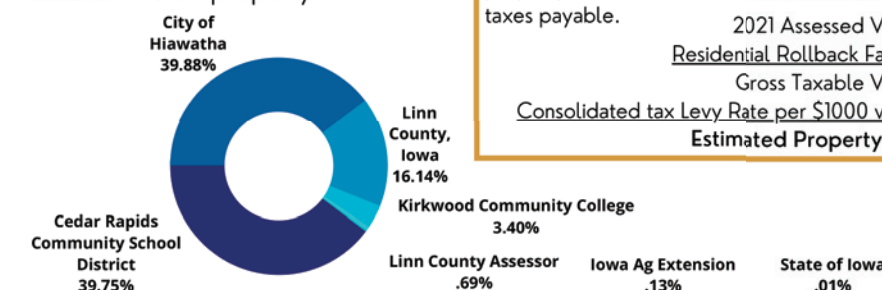
## HIAWATHA INSIGHTS

### How are Property Taxes Determined?

There are many factors that determine residential property taxes and each factor varies from year to year. Some of the variables include: the assessed value of the property as determined by the Linn County Assessor's Office; the State mandated rollback factor on residential property that changes yearly; and, the levy rate of all of taxing entities called a consolidated tax levy rate. It is often incorrectly assumed that the entire amount of property taxes paid is going to the City. The rate is actually made up of seven different jurisdictional levies. In Hiawatha, these include: the Cedar Rapids Community School District, the City of Hiawatha, Linn County, Kirkwood Community College, Linn County Assessor, Ag Extension and the State of Iowa. The following table shows the percentage of the total consolidated tax rate of each jurisdiction and the distribution of your property tax dollars for fiscal year 2023.

Hiawatha receives approximately 40% of the property taxes you pay. Property taxes provide the majority of the funding for Public Safety, Fire and Ambulance, Library, Park & Recreation, Community Development, Policy & Administration, and City Hall.

The City of Hiawatha has been able to maintain our tax levy since 2021. Even with no change or little change in Hiawatha's levy rate, homeowners could still see an increase in their property taxes due to an increase in the assessed property value. The taxable value is a result of the state residential rollback, a change in any of the other levies of the school district, county offices or Kirkwood Community College.



The following demonstrates the process of equating a residential property with an assessed value of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2023 taxes payable.

2021 Assessed Value	\$100,000
Residential Rollback Factor	x 0.541302
Gross Taxable Value	\$54,130
Consolidated tax Levy Rate per \$1000 value	\$0.03810961
Estimated Property Tax	\$2,062.87



## HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

### SAFETY FIRST 24/7

We want to welcome our new members who have recently joined the Department and are currently completing their orientation training.

<b>New Members:</b>	<b>Completed Probationary Requirements:</b>	<b>New EMT's:</b>
Gabriella Bayer	Mikayla Calloway	Mason Ayers-Berry
Alan Crandall	Bob Johnson	Leah Pedersen
Tanner Frank	Sudhanwha Kholgade	
Braxton Harban	Trent Partridge	
Dustin Lux	Leah Pedersen	
Caiden Michael	Michael Rhodes	
Monica Sackett		
Kaila Tiedeman		



### HIAWATHA FIRE STATION II



- 1550 Stamy Road
- 18,610 square feet
- 4 drive through apparatus bays
- 6 Dorm Rooms
- 60 Person Training Room

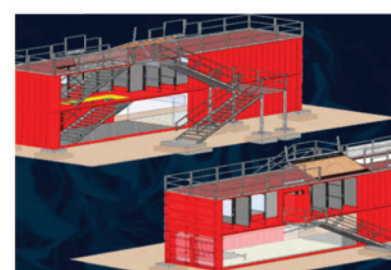
### HIAWATHA FIRE STATION I REMODEL



- 60 10th Avenue
- Enlarges fitness and workout space
- Adds needed day room space
- Adds small group classroom space
- ADA compliance upgrades



### SAFETY TRAINING CENTER



- 1410 Robins Road
- 2 story structure built specifically for Fire & EMS training
- Includes a burn room for live fire training
- Additional storage for large training props

Stay up to date with projects and traffic detours on [www.Hiawatha-ia.com](http://www.Hiawatha-ia.com) under the "News" section

**SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM : PHASE II**

The 2021 Citizen's Survey found that 40.3% of respondents feel that sidewalks and accessibility are of high importance. Hiawatha is in the midst of adhering to that suggestion by administering the second phase of the Sidewalk Maintenance Program. Phase II is bounded by Blairs Ferry Road, I-380 and 12th Avenue (green area of map shown) and is scheduled to be completed in 2023.

There was a total of 131 properties with violations requiring the replacement of approximately 11,500 ft<sup>2</sup> of sidewalk which is about 2,900 linear feet of sidewalk. Individual property owners are responsible for completing 97 property violations, while the remaining 34 will be completed by the City. All projects are to be completed by the end of May 2023.

The City will re-inspect the Phase II area this fall to inventory the incomplete and noncompliant violations. The City will then solicit bids for the work to be completed. The scope of work will include all sidewalk repairs which:

- Have a permit for the violation but not completed
- Have no permit for the violation
- Are the responsibility of the city (due to roots from a tree in the right-of-way)

Owners responsible for their sidewalks who have not made the corrections will be charged for the work when completed. The invoice will include the cost of the repair along with an administrative penalty. Any non-payment will be assessed against the property as permitted by Iowa Code. If you are in the target area you are encouraged to get your sidewalk repaired to avoid fees and penalties.



For additional information visit [www.Hiawatha-ia.com/departments/public-works/](http://www.Hiawatha-ia.com/departments/public-works/). If you have additional questions, please contact the Community Development Department at 319.393.1515.

**Another Good Neighbor Policy**

One of our business owners affectionately refers to our city as "Beautiful Hiawatha" in their advertising campaigns. The visual aesthetics of our cityscape is one of the values espoused in our Comprehensive Plan and reflected in our ordinances.

Our Comprehensive Plan references visual elements in the Land Use Section, Quality of Life Section and the Community Character Section. All of these items point to detailed landscaping requirements, building designs and site aesthetics which enhance the beauty of Hiawatha. Items include specified building materials, night sky lighting, green space and, screening of storage and garage areas. This is evidence we care deeply about how our city looks. Consequently we have put in place ordinances which reflect this concern especially regarding outside storage, garbage and junk vehicles. It is generally accepted no outside storage is permitted unless specifically allowed in an ordinance and no junk vehicle is allowed except in specifically designated parking areas. The regulations differ between commercial property and residential property.

Outside stored materials which are classified as garbage, trash, solid waste and junk vehicles are specifically prohibited and are considered a nuisance. (Hiawatha Ordinance Chapter 50, 51 and Hiawatha Property Maintenance Code Chapter 164) These items are to be properly contained, removed from all property and properly disposed. Additionally all dumpsters and waste storage areas for commercial property are to be surrounded by an enclosure. (Hiawatha Ordinance Chapter 106)

Outside storage not described above is regulated in our Unified Development Code (UDC) Chapter 165. This section of the code prohibits storage of any kind; including junk vehicles, in the front yard of a residential property. Further, all outside stored materials are to be properly screened.

165.23 (9) C. Parking and Storage Restrictions.

(7) Outside Storage. Outside storage shall not be permitted in any required yard. Outside storage shall not be permitted in any front yard in a Residential District. All outside storage shall be effectively screened with landscaping and building elements or opaque fences or walls from the right of way and from off-site views.....

When we accumulate more "stuff" than we can hope to store within our residence, garage, and storage buildings, we must keep our neighbors and the well being of our city in mind. If you need to store items outside, remember this good neighbor policy. Eliminate any unnecessary outside storage and properly screen the stored items which cannot be eliminated. Help us keep "Beautiful Hiawatha" beautiful!

**Guthridge, Clark, Tucker & Turtle Creek Parks are great places to hang out with your pup! It is great to see the large number of furry visitors out in the parks, but please remember to ensure that your dog stays on a leash when you come to visit. Not everyone will enjoy a surprise visit from your furry friend! Thank you!**



**Back to School Safety**

Students and parents are excited to get back to school! We share your excitement but we are also concerned. Did you know that everyday 44 kids are hit by a car while walking in the United States? That's 16,000 kids hurt every year. Older kids are walking on their own, crossing unfamiliar streets and are walking when it's dark, so children at all ages need to know to take extra precautions. Here are 5 tips that every parent needs to teach their children to help keep them safe while walking.

- Teach kids at an early age to look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Then remind them to continue looking until safely across
- Teach kids to put phones, headphones and devices down when crossing the street. It is particularly important to reinforce this message with teenagers
- It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible
- Children under 10 need to cross the street with an adult. Every child is different, but developmentally, most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10
- If kids are walking when it's dark out, teach them to be especially alert and make sure they are visible to drivers. Have them wear light- or brightly-colored clothing and reflective gear



*Hiawatha History Commission*

The first Hiawatha Library opened in 1961 with just donated books. Mary Ann Paulsen was the first librarian in 1964. In 1982 there was damage to the library and it was moved to the city council chambers. The new library has been on W Willman St since 1998 and this current picture is of the remodeled building.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP? HERE ARE A FEW WAYS!**

- Assist with donations
- Work at book sales
- Serve on our Board
- Help with programs
- Engage in volunteer library services

Learn more at the Friends of the Hiawatha Public Library Annual Membership Meeting **September 22 at 6:00 PM** Hiawatha Public Library 150 W Willman St Hiawatha, IA 52233

**PARKS & RECREATION: TRAIL MASTER PLAN**

The vision of the Trail Master Plan was to provide the City a connected network of multi-use trails, sidewalks and shared use paths to allow residents and visitors to access all of the amenities that Hiawatha and the surrounding metro communities have to offer.

The Plan is divided into segments that allow for phasing and planning of future connections in a realistic and priority based approach. Cost estimates were gathered in May of 2022 with each trail segment proposed. The estimates of these trail improvements and some alternate configurations can be found in the table below. This gives the City an idea of how much funding is needed for these additions and or improvements and to look for other funding sources and grant opportunities.

Proposed Trail Segment	Cost/LF	Total Project Cost	Hiawatha's % to fund project	Hiawatha's Total Cost
Robins Road Connection	\$110	\$286,000	100%	\$286,000
Edgewood Road Phase 1 On-Road Bike Lane	\$79	\$516,000	61%	\$314,760
Edgewood Road Phase 1 On-Road Trail	\$114	\$750,000	61%	\$457,500
Edgewood Road Phase 1 Separated Trail	\$118	\$773,000	61%	\$471,530
Edgewood Road Phase 2 On-Road Bike Lane	\$78	\$693,000	49%	\$339,570
Edgewood Road Phase 2 On-Road Trail	\$115	\$1,022,000	49%	\$500,780
Edgewood Road Phase 2 Separated Trail	\$119	\$1,054,000	49%	\$516,460
Boyson Road Connection	\$104	\$580,000	43%	\$249,400
Tower Terrace Road Extension	\$97	\$446,200	100%	\$446,200
Clark Street Sidewalk Connection	\$117	\$76,000	100%	\$76,000

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION**

- Learn basic childcare skills
- Basic first aid & CPR training included
- Develop leadership and problem solving skills
- Receive Red Cross Certification upon completion

Monday, October 3rd 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Ages 11-15  
Register online at [www.hiawatha-ia.com](http://www.hiawatha-ia.com)

**Donation Day**  
September 24 10:00 - 12:00

Bring in your gently used books and media and we will retain re-saleable items for our Book Store.

**SENIOR PROM**  
55+ DANCE

Tickets \$5/ per person

Thursday, September 22nd 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
Hiawatha Community Center 101 Emmons Street Hiawatha, IA 52233  
RSVP at [www.Hiawatha-ia.com](http://www.Hiawatha-ia.com) or Hiawatha City Hall

**MEET US AT THE VILLAGE CENTER PLAZA**

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS!**

EVERY FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER 11AM - 2PM

**Encanto-Inspired Madrigal Magic**

Hiawatha Community Center Saturday, September 17, 2022 Ages 5 through 12 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Mental Health Matters 5K**  
In memory of Jeff Vignard

Sept. 18, 2022

[https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=136813](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=136813)

**MUSIC in the PLAZA CONCERT SERIES**

**September 15th Dodge Street Duo**

6:00 - 8:00PM  
Island Vybz Food Truck on-site

**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**

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**September Calendar**

- 01 State of the City Address 4:00 PM
- 05 City Hall Closed
- 07 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 12 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 12 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 13 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 13 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 20 Water Board Meeting
- 21 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 Senior Prom 2:00 PM
- 26 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

**October Calendar**

- 03 Red Cross Babysitting Clinic 9:00 AM
- 05 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 10 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 10 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 13 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 18 Water Board Meeting
- 19 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 Yard Waste & Brush Collection Day
- 28 Strictly TEAL Trunk or Treat 4:00 PM
- 30 Fall Festival 10:00 AM

**Yin Yoga with Wendy**  
Mondays at 5:30PM October 10 - November 14  
Hiawatha Community Center  
No fee to attend. Registration required.

Join Yin yoga with Wendy to increase your flexibility and target your deep connective tissues. This slower and more meditative class gives you the opportunity to tune into your mind, body and spirit. Yin yoga helps you stretch and lengthen your rarely-used tissues while teaching you how to breathe through discomfort and sit with your thoughts. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Eastern Iowa Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Register at [www.Hiawatha-ia.com](http://www.Hiawatha-ia.com)