

# NEXT 36 HOURS

Staff continued to clear

brochure
• Established cooling &

Food Bank set up in City

charging stations

Arranged several

removal

volunteers to assist

homeowners with tree

- Parks & Community Development Departments begin clearing streets
- Electricity out 3-16 days
- no phone, cell phones, internet
- No access to Media
- Emergency Services perform house checks

- City Staff Hours-2,973 Cities Donating Time-Dyersville, Center Point
- IDOT assisted in clean
- Destroyed: 8 home
- Major structural
- damage: 17 buildings
- affected 80%-90% of all building/home stock
- Waived \$10,000 residential permit fees
- Serviced 800 roofing 250,000 cubic yards of debris;
   Evaluation of residential
   Evaluation of residential and building repairs

#### • 500 Right-Of-Way

- 200 City Park Trees

## • 2300 Water way trees

equivalent to filling city hall's parking lot, 50 Ft. high

FILLING THE HOUSING GAP "PEOPLE BRING BUSINESS; BUSINESS BRINGS PEOPLE"

HIAWATHA VILLAGE CENTER DEVELOPERS LLC-AHEARN'S PROPERTY

- \$9M MIXED USE
- 48 UNITS OF MULTIFAMILY
- 5,000 SQ. FT. RETAIL/COMMERCIAL

#### **HUB LLC-OAKBROOK PROPERTY**

- \$30M MIXED USE; MULTIFAMILY
  - PHASES I & II CONSIST OF 30 RESIDENTIAL UNITS EACH PHASE
  - O PHASES III & IV CONSIST OF 16 RESIDENTIAL UNITS & APPROX. 10,000 SQ. FT. OF COMMERCIAL TENANT SPACE
  - PHASE V CONSISTS OF WORKFORCE, RESIDENTIAL & MULTIFAMILY HOUSING

TODD HILLS 1ST ADDITION: 23 LOTS **ROLLING PRAIRIES 4TH ADDITION: 17 LOTS ROLLING PRAIRIES 5TH ADDITION: 63 LOTS DELL RIDGE 5TH ADDITION: 11 LOTS** 

16 new homes built

\$42M IN VALUATIONS OF ALL BUILDING PERMITS FY-2021



On September 4, Mark Parmenter, HEDCO Chair and Hiawatha City Attorney, opened the event by being thankful that the State of the City could be held in person. He was most proud of HEDCO's ability to continue making a difference despite the hardships faced by all in 2020. The HEDCO Board of Directors made it a priority to call business owners in the midst of COVID-19, to make sure that they were ok and ask if there was anything they could do to help. Those conversations lead to HEDCO "boosting" their marketing partnerships and encouraging the community to visit local businesses.

The State of the City address continued with Mayor Bennett expressing how impressed he was with Hiawatha's derecho response. City staff put in almost 3,000 hours solely dedicated to derecho recovery. Parmenter added how impressed he is with the longevity of the staff that work in Hiawatha. "I go in there and always see the same faces... It appears everyone is ready. willing, and able to help." Mayor Bennett replied, "Our staff is willing to put different hats on. Just because they work in the office doesn't mean they aren't out there dragging limbs."

Top of Mind: Closing the Housing Gap \$39 million dollars is being invested in 124 mixed use and multifamily units in the village center in what will be the "heart of Hiawatha". These will be in close proximity of Hiawatha's current construction project, Village Center Plaza. This mini-amphitheater was strategically placed along the nature trail with restrooms and amenities for residents and guests to congregate and enjoy one another's company.

Additional homes are being built in northern Hiawatha along Edgewood Road. These developments will be near Hiawatha's new Turtle Creek Park. Current and future residents will be able to enjoy an asphalt trail, playground, greenspace and splashpad in 2022.

The homes and park in northern Hiawatha are being built at the perfect time. IDOT, Linn County, Robins, Cedar Rapids, Marion and Hiawatha have worked together to show state and federal stakeholders the need for an interchange at Tower Terrace Road. The \$23M contract has been awarded to Boomerang Corporation with an expected completion date in the summer of 2024.

Additional projects on the horizon are a roundabout at Boyson Road and 12th Avenue and an updated interchange and trail in FY 24-26.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOWER TERRACE & 1380 INTERCHANGE

Bid Letting - August 18 Award of \$23M Contract - Boomerang Corporation

Completion Date - Summer of 2024

RAISE Opportunity \$53M

Boyson Road interchange and trail FY24-26

Boyson Road & 12th Avenue Roundabout





Senator Liz Mathis touched on several topics hitting economic development and the changing nature of our State and local workforce. The State of Iowa works to strengthen economic and community vitality by building partnerships and leveraging resources to make Iowa the choice for people and business. People drive business, business brings people. We can't recruit our way out of workforce concerns". "It is important for us to continue to build upon a highly skilled workforce", said Mathis.

The State's commitment to increase the number of lowans with education and/or training beyond high school, and willingness to improve access to affordable housing and childcare, will make lowa a destination for building successful careers and lives. "At a State level we must continue to work with our community colleges because they are the ones who support and develop students for our local business and our economy's needs." Teacher shortages are real and must be addressed. Mathis continued, "We need to strengthen our teacher pipeline along with those who provide medical services, child services building upon our human infrastructure." Senator Mathis ends stating, "Our future is bright, but we need to turn up the wattage. The State's revenue is positive with projected revenue increases of 4.5% in FY23.

Congresswoman Ashley Hinson has been busy making sure Iowa is at the table in Washington D.C. Her efforts have secured \$5M in Community Project Funding requests such as our Tower Terrace roadway expansion project. These funds fill in a part of the funding stream bringing dollars back to Iowa; creating and encouraging economic development. Hinson is honored to go to bat for it and Iowa should be opportunistic utilizing federal resources. "Now more than ever our voices are more important today with challenges that have come our way. Last year's Derecho was the most expensive disaster in FEMA history. It took a huge toll on our farmers, businesses, and families", Hinson said. "People are still struggling to rebuild. She is proud to work along side community organizations who continue to support families who are in need. FEMA has been a struggle to navigate with only 15% of individual applicates approved. Hinson raise the question of why assistance wasn't readily available at a house appropriations

meeting regarding the agencies failures and lack of urgency. Within a few hours she was able to get the ball rolling providing grants into districts that were in need. Common sense solutions is the theme moving forward as Hinson plays a vital role for Iowan's. She has been selected to be on the Jobs and Economics Task Force putting working families first. "Skilled workforce is absolutely crucial to our job creators and small businesses so they can move forward and provide freedom and opportunity for Iowa families", Hinson said. She encourages individuals to share ideas that will advance Iowans as she will be working on the 21st Century Workforce committee.

Lastly, Congresswoman Hinson speaks from the heart as she shares a story of Sgt. Brandon Ketchum-a veteran who suffered post traumatic stress disorder after serving overseas. He took his life due to the lack of mental health care in his time of need. Hinson lead the passage of the Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans' Mental Health Act. She helped introduce and fought to advance the legislation alongside Congresswoman Cindy Axne as an original co-sponsor. This legislation has now been signed by President Biden. The bipartisan legislation, named in his honor, will improve access to mental health services and help ensure that all our veterans get the care they deserve. With the passage of this bill, we are one step closer to expanding access to mental health care for veterans in rural areas.

Watch the 2021 State of the City Address at https://hiawatha-iowa.com/visitors/mayors-message/



Ogden & Adams is moving their business from its Cedar Rapids location and building a new lumberyard and showroom along Ketelsen Road in Hiawatha. Founded in 1913, Ogden and Adams is a lumber and building material supplier that has served the area for more than 100 years. The new facility will be located on a 3-acre site, just north of Boyson Road off North Center Point Road along Ketelsen Drive. "After a lengthy review process, we are excited to announce we will be expanding our presence in this area", said Marty Hoeger, owner of Ogden & Adams. "Our new facility will provide an enhanced customer experience, and a location adjacent to interstate 380 will provide greatly improved access and outstanding visibility." Ground has been broken with construction to follow. Expected grand opening set for Spring of 2022. "We are excited to have Ogden & Adam's amongst our community. this will be a great addition to our community as it adds a type of business that we have been without", Mayor Bennett.



# VOTE. MATTERS



#### **ELECTION TIMELINE**

<b>Date</b> 10/13	Event In-person early voting begins
10/18	Last day to pre-register by 5:00 PM to vote for this election
10/18	Last day to request a mailed absentee ballot
10/31	Last day to vote early at Lindale Mall
11/01	Last day to vote early at Auditor's office, 935 2nd St SW, Cedar Rapids
11/02	Election Day
11/02	Absentee ballots must be received by Linn County Election Services by 8:00 PM.

#### **EARLY, IN-PERSON VOTING LOCATIONS**

The Linn County Auditor will offer early voting locations during the dates and times listed below:

- Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center
  935 2nd St SW, Cedar Rapids
  October 13 November 1
  Monday through Friday
  8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Lindale Mall
   4444 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids
   October 13 October 31
   Monday Saturday 11:00 AM 6:30 PM
   Sundays 12:00 PM 4:00 PM
- Wellington Heights Community Church 1600 4th Ave SE, Cedar Rapids Saturday, October 23 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- IBEW Local 405 Union Hall 1211 Wiley Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids Sunday, October 24 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

#### WHERE DO I VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Online: www.linncountyelections.org/lookup/

**Email:** elections@linnCounty.org **Call:** 319-892-5300 extension 1

#### PROPERTY TAX BROKEN DOWN

I regularly receive questions regarding what a Hiawatha resident can expect to pay in property taxes. Although this seems like a straightforward question, there are many factors that determine residential property taxes and each factor varies from year to year. Some of the variables include: the properties assessed value 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 each of the taxing entities called a consolidated tax levy rate.

The following demonstrates the process of equating a residential property with an assessed value of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2022 taxes payable.

2020 Assessed Value	\$100,000
Residential Rollback Factor	x 0.564094
Gross Taxable Value	\$56,409
Total tax Levy Rate per \$1000 value	\$0.03799448
Estimated Property Tax paid to Linn Co	. \$2,143

It is often incorrectly assumed that the entire amount of property taxes paid is going to the City. The rate is made up of seven (7) 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 jurisdictions and the distribution of your property tax dollars for fiscal year 2022.

( -	<u>% of total tax</u>	<u>Ta</u>	<u>ax \$</u>
City of Hiawatha	39.88	\$	854
Cedar Rapids School	ols 39.75	\$	852
Linn County	16.14	\$	345
Kirkwood	3.40	\$	73
Linn County Assesso	or .69	\$	15
Iowa Ag Extension	.13	\$	3
State of Iowa	<u>.01</u>	\$	<u> </u>
Total	100.00	\$	2,143

(rounded to the nearest \$1)

As you can see in this scenario, the City of Hiawatha received approximately 40% of the property taxes paid. Property taxes provide the majority of the funding for Public Safety, Fire and Ambulance, Library, Parks & Recreation, Community Development, Policy & Administration, and City Hall.

-Cindy Kudrna, Finance Director

#### WINTER IS A COMIN'

Fall is my favorite season of the year. The weather is balmy during the day and the nights are cool. The colors are vibrant and the mosquitoes are not! The only disrupting thought might be the impending thought of winter and winterizing our homes. Nothing can be worse than a needless cold draft or a malfunctioning furnace when it comes to being safe and comfortable on those long winter nights. According to Iowa Public Health Iowa has "...an average of 35 deaths and 300 emergency department visits from exposure to carbon monoxide (CO) occur each year." https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/Help/Newsand-Updates/Carbon-Monoxide-Poisoning/CO-Poisoning-Prevention. Home furnaces and heating appliances are common sources of carbon monoxide. Furnace maintenance and timely replacement is an important component in the prevention of CO poisoning.

Additionally, installing and maintaining CO alarms are key to winter-time safety in the home. In much the same way as smoke alarms; CO alarms save lives. The State of Iowa requires all homes and rental properties with fuel burning appliances to have CO

The law affects new and existing construction. In existing homes there are three events which require the installation of CO alarms if not already installed:

- 1. When a home is qualified for homestead tax credit.
- 2. When a building permit is issued for the home.
- 3. When a new furnace is installed in the home. (Added effective 2022).

The Hiawatha building department is hoping you have a wonderful winter! Make it safer with the installation and maintenance of smoke and CO alarms.

#### HELP HIAWATHA FIRE DEPARTMENT **FILL THE BOOT FOR MDA!**





We are Filling the Boot virtually and we need your help! Visit filltheboot.donordrive.com/team/9478 today to make a donation towards Hiawatha Fire's 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 toward helping 11 local families 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!



Lisa Hart, Eastern Iowa Sales Manager, nominated the Hiawatha Public Library for funding from Storey Kenworthy's Featured Non-Profit program. The library was and received \$762 from the Foundation. Lisa and Tia Eggers, to the library on August 12th. Lisa served on the library's capital million toward the Hiawatha Public Library Expansion/Remodel project. design elements such as colors. patterns, and furniture for the newly expanded library.



October's water bill will reflect new storm water charges. Visit www.hiawathaiowa.com/ news/storm-water-rate-increase/ for additional information







Face Masks are required when entering City facilities. This decision continues to be assessed weekly to determine the continued use of face coverings as recommended by CDC and **Linn County Public Health.** The City Council encourages our area businesses to follow CDC and Linn County Public Health's guidance and advocates for each individual to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

### VOLUME 160

#### OCTOBER

- 01 Tailgate in the Park 5:00 PM
- 03 Farmers Market 10:00 AM 1:00 PM
- 04 HACAP Food Truck at Hiawatha Library 2:00 - 3:00pm
- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 10 Farmers Market 10:00 AM 1:00 PM
- 11 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 12 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- Council Meeting Airs 6:00 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 17 Farmers Market 10:00 AM 1:00 PM
- 19 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- Candidate Forum 6:30 PM
- 24 Farmers Market 10:00 AM 1:00 PM
- 25 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM
- Council meeting airs 6:00 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 29 Teal Trunk or Treat 4:30 PM
- Farmers Market 10:00 AM 1:00 PM
- 31 Fall Festival 10:00 AM 1:00 PM

#### NOVEMBER

- 01 HACAP Food Truck at Hiawatha Library 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- 02 City Elections
- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 06 Drive-thru Chili Supper 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM or until sold out
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- 26 City Hall Closed for Holiday



chosen as the winner for March/April Interior Designer, presented a check campaign committee to help raise \$2 In addition, Lisa and Tia coordinated

**DELIVER BY** SATURDAY. 10/09/2021

# **Postal Customer** Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

PRSRT STD **US** Postage PAID Hiawatha, IA Permit No. 33

## **ECRWSS**



& leaves collection

Leaves only

collection

NO

Leaves only collection

#### YARD WASTE INCLUDES:









leaves plant materials

grass clippings

brush and limbs

No brush or branches larger than 12" in diameter. All other branches should be spread along the curb to facilitate easier pickup. Do not stack them.



#### CITY DIRECTORY

TITLE
City Manager
City Clerk
Finance Director
Parks & Recreation Director
Community Development Director

City Engineer Public Works Superintendent

Water Superintendent Police Chief

Fire Chief Library Director NAME

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For more information about City of Hiawatha and 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.



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Saturday, November 6th 11am-7pm or until sold out

\$5 Chili and Hotdog Hiawatha Fire Station 60 10th Avenue

\*Drive thru only \*COVID precautions will be taken







Ahmann celebrates 30 years in business



CEC celebrates 75 years in business!



#### INTRODUCING CHIEF POWERS



City of Hiawatha and Hiawatha Fire Department is excited to announce the selection of Matt Powers, a 22-year veteran of Hiawatha Fire Department, as the departments Fire Chief.

Chief Powers accepted his position after serving Hiawatha as Deputy Chief for the last 10-years. Additionally, Chief Powers has served as a volunteer firefighter paramedic. volunteer fire lieutenant and volunteer assistant chief prior to accepting the full-time paid deputy chief position in 2011. Congratulations, Chief Powers!

# October 24th Bags Tournament Guthridge Park Same Day Registration at 10am \$40/team Call 319-651-5689 with questions Free Concert FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE

#### **HIAWATHA HISTORY COMMISSION**



Children celebrate Halloween at the Hiawatha Library around the 1980's. Claim your copy of "Hiawatha, 70 years of History" at the Hiawatha Public Library. The History Commission is welcoming new members! If you're interested in sharing your knowledge of Hiawatha, call City Clerk, Kari Graber at 319-393-1515.

#### **Hiawatha Council Action**

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

To watch a previously recorded council session visit www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Vyub-x0FNe8YImqf5XsOQ/featured

#### IOWA SMALL BUSINESSES CAN STILL APPLY FOR ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS AND ADVANCES

The U.S. Small Business Administration is urging lowa small business owners who need access to additional operating capital due to the pandemic to consider applying for a lowinterest loan through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

Applicants for the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) may be eligible to receive up to \$15,000 in funding

from SBA that does not need to be repaid. These "advances" are similar to a grant, but without the typical requirements that come with a U.S. government grant.

To receive an advance, you must first apply for a COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan. You do not need to accept the loan or be approved for the loan to receive an advance. Once you apply for the loan, SBA will invite you via email to apply for one of the advance programs if your business is located in a low-income area.

Find more information at https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/eidl/covid-19-eidl