



2025 HIAWATHA STATE OF THE CITY

A sold-out crowd at the 2025 Hiawatha State of the City, held at the new McGrath Hyundai showroom, heard from speakers about the tremendous growth the city has experienced over the last 75 years. With the theme "Hiawatha's 75th Birthday: Reflecting its Past, Present and Future," this year's program highlighted the city's transformation from its beginnings to a thriving hub for families and businesses. Attendees heard updates on economic development initiatives, business growth, talent acquisition and future plans that continue to shape Hiawatha's momentum.



Mayor Steve Dodson first announced the Fay Clark Award to Dave Wright of Dave Wright Nissan Subaru. The award honors a community member who, through leadership and service, has significantly enhanced Hiawatha. Dodson read a lengthy list of Dave's accomplishments, including his philanthropic work and business success. The mayor then outlined city progress, citing infrastructure improvements such as the Tower Terrace interchange, Boyson Road interchange, and the Edgewood Road extension which will connect to County Home Road—enhancing mobility, supporting growth and improving regional access. He also noted ADA sidewalk upgrades and key Hiawatha Water Department projects including replacing and upsizing water mains on Robins Road and Pirie Drive, as well as new mains on Daws, Clymer, and Thiher Roads—all supported by CDBG funds. Dodson highlighted housing growth since 2023, with developments including the Crossing on Boyson, ARRO senior housing, D.R. Horton Homes, Heritage Green, and the Village Center Apartments. Hiawatha is on track to surpass the

430 new homes a 2019 study projected by 2029. Since 2023 alone, 379 units have been added: 102 single-family homes, one duplex, one three-plex, nine four-plexes and 236 multi-family units. He also noted business growth, citing awards, market studies for a new hotel, and local companies expanding. Parks and recreation improvements include splashpads, pickleball courts, mini-pitch, pavilions, trails and Food Truck Fridays. "One of my proudest points of progress is how we continue to invest in health, recreation and connection," Dodson said. He emphasized compassion and support for residents, pointing to the Hiawatha Public Library's food bank partnership with HACAP, which distributed over 100,000 pounds of food to more than 7,000 households. He also celebrated the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which has reached 329 of the city's 574 children in just 19 months—57% of local kids. Thanks to the "Founders Club" of community supporters, adult and teen programs also expanded, with FY25 library visits up 20% to 130,762 patrons.

Keynote speaker Debi Durham, Director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) and Iowa Finance Authority (IFA), also joined a business roundtable luncheon hosted by Climate Engineers and toured developments with Mayor Dodson and City Manager Dennis Marks. She highlighted IEDA and IFA's business and housing support, as well as statewide talent acquisition efforts that connect with the "MakeMyMove" campaign Hiawatha, Cedar Rapids and Marion are pursuing.

HEDCO Chair Emily Kaiser thanked investors supporting HEDCO Coordinator Liz Mathis's work, especially "Gold" investors: Pinnacle Realty, Ahmann Companies, Rural Electric Cooperative, Dave Wright Nissan Subaru, Hawkeye Ready Mix Inc., Cedar Rapids Toyota, CCB Packaging, Farmers State Bank, Lederer Weston and Craig, Crystal Group, Hawkeye Electric & Balance Group, Kirkwood Community College, Alliant Energy, P&K Midwest, Imon Communications, and Rinderknecht Associates, Inc.

Special thanks went to Lindsay McGrath and the McGrath Family of Dealerships for hosting the event in their new showroom.



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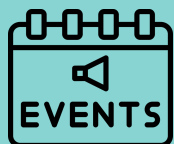


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SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

- 03** City Council 5:30 PM
- 09** Parks Commission 5:30 PM
- 09** Library Board 7:00 PM
- 11** History Commission 9:00 AM
- 15** Water Board 5:30 PM
- 16** City Council 5:30 PM
- 22** Planning & Zoning 5:30 PM



Interested in community events? Find out what's happening in Hiawatha by checking out our city calendars!

hiawatha-iowa.com/calendar/



City Calendar



Library Calendar



FROM THE MAYOR



Hello friends, neighbors and businesses, First, I want to remind everyone of my Coffee Talk with the Mayor. It happens the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 AM-9:00 AM at Roasters Coffee on North Center Point Road. The next two are September 11th and October 9th. Stop by to chat or find out what's going on in Hiawatha. It is a casual way to get to know me and what's happening in our great village. The Friends of Hiawatha Public Library are pleased to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the Hiawatha and Robins, IA communities since January 2024. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five who reside in the 52233 and 52328 zip codes. This furthers Hiawatha Public Library's mission to strengthen the community and improve the quality of life by providing resources and programs that foster the creation of young readers. The Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Hiawatha is funded through our Friends of the Hiawatha Public Library and through our community's generosity. This was made possible by the Founder's Club members: Dick and Rita Olson, Dave Wright Nissan/Subaru, Hawkeye Electric, The Dancer's Edge, JP Gasway, Junge Automotive Group, Rapids Reproductions, Chad Pelly, Jeanel Weeks, Bill Bennett, Ahmann Companies, Cedar Graphics, Chris and Mary Sherman, Darrah's Inc., Farmers State Bank, Honkamp, Lisa Jepsen and Mark Parmeter, Metro Studios, Shive Hattery, Solum Lang Architects, Brent and Dawn Cobb, Alliant Energy, Cedar Rapids Toyota, Crystal Group, Hawkeye Communication, and Ogden and Adams. They funded the Dolly Parton Imaginary Library for the first five years. If you wish to help provide free books to the children of Hiawatha and Robins, please contact the library. Dolly wants children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books can create. She also ensures that every child can have books, regardless of their family's income. Reading together gives kids a great start before entering Kindergarten. There are 574 children, aged 0-5, in the 52233-zip code eligible to participate in the DPIL program. We have reached 329 or 57% of those Little Readers in just nineteen months after launch date! We couldn't have accomplished this success in so short of a time without the help of our great staff at the Hiawatha Public Library. The program's impact has been widely researched, and results demonstrate its positive impact on early childhood development and literacy skills. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Now that school is in session, please look out for our children going to or from school and school activities. Have a fantastic day and hope to see you soon.

Steve Dodson, Hiawatha Mayor

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EMMONS STREET BRIDGE RECEIVES FUNDING

In August, the Iowa Transportation Commission approved \$6,182,000 for five state wide Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Program projects. Of that \$6,182,000, Hiawatha will receive \$792,000 in funding for the Emmons Street Pedestrian Bridge that goes over I-380.

This program supports projects that will have a statewide or multi-regional impact, expand the state's multi-modal transportation system, and enhance tourism. Funding is available to cities, counties, school districts, or other eligible organizations through an annual application based program. Earlier this spring, a special call for applications was announced seeking interest in funding remaining from the fall 2024 funding cycle.



Hiawatha! EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Job Title / Department: Sergeant / K9 Handler / Police Department

How long have you been with the City?: 20 Years

About you: I began my career with the Hiawatha Police Department in 2004 after spending my first 2 years, after graduating from college, as the Sports and Fitness Director at the Marion YMCA. I attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and graduated with the 20th ILEA Basic Class. Early in my career I developed an interest in narcotics (drug) investigations which eventually led to being selected as the Police Department K9 Handler. In 2012 I was paired with K9 RESO and were trained and certified as a dual-purpose narcotics detection team. In 2020 K9 RESO retired and I was paired with K9 KAYA who currently serves as my K9 partner. In August of 2021 I was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. I also serve as the Emergency Vehicle Operations (Driving) Instructor for the Police Department, and hold the position of Lodge Treasurer for our local Fraternal Order of Police Lodge.



Erik Naaktgeboren

What does an average day in your role look like?: K9 Kaya and I get our patrol vehicle prepared for our shift and head to the Police Department. The beginning of my shift generally involves meeting with the officers from the shift that is preparing to go home and get updated of any events/incidents that may have occurred throughout their shift. Every shift is different depending on calls for service but my general sergeant duties include reviewing duty logs and police reports, reviewing patrol car and body camera videos, and providing supervision to a shift of patrol officers. Outside of supervisory duties I also perform traffic enforcement and respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. In some of my down time I will perform some K9 training with K9 KAYA which may include obedience, agility, tracking or drug detection training.

What is your favorite part about working for the City?: I really enjoy interacting with the community and my co-workers, and also doing public engagement activities with K9 KAYA.

What's the most adventurous thing you've ever done?: I used to rock climb a lot and once climbed to the top of Devils Tower in Wyoming.

What's a nickname you've had, and how did you get it?: I've always been called "Naak" (knock) because my last name is so long and looks difficult to pronounce.



SAFE STREETS FOR ALL OPEN HOUSE



The Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) wants your input on which safety projects should be pursued for grant funding. The public is invited to weigh in on their preferred projects and the countermeasures they support to improve safety on crash-prone corridors in the Cedar Rapids Metro Area, as identified in the region's nearly complete Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP).

**WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK ON
RECOMMENDED SAFETY COUNTERMEASURES!**

Thursday, September 18, 2025
4:30-6:30 PM
NewBo Market
1100 3rd St SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401



An open house will be held at Newbo City Market on Thursday, September 18, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This event will provide an opportunity for area residents to offer input on regional projects and safety measures included in the CSAP, which aims to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050. Once the CSAP is completed (expected by October 2025), the metropolitan area will become eligible to apply for federal Safe Streets for All Implementation funds. Staff from the Corridor MPO and plan consultants will be present to answer any questions.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUMMER READING AT HIAWATHA PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Family Learning Connection

Kid Connect

COME JOIN THIS FUN PLAYGROUP SERIES DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN!

Hiawatha Public Library
150 W Willman St., Hiawatha

Wednesdays, Sept 10 to Oct 29 - 9:30-11:00 AM

No Cost, but registering is required.
Register at www.hacap.org/FLC or use the QR

More Information 319-739-0022 familylearning@hacap.org

Early Childhood IOWA Admission FREE



The staff of Hiawatha Public Library want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the people of Hiawatha and our surrounding communities for showing up and supporting your local library during our Summer Reading Program. The past two months both saw record-breaking attendance, with a total of 29,608 people walking through the library's doors between June and July. 2,505 people signed up for our summer reading program, and our completion rates for the program were excellent, with 64% of children, 53% of teens, and 40% of adults completing all levels of the program.



Whether it was playing with a foam blaster in Guthridge Park, making crafts and mocktails with peers, after-hours nerf wars, meeting dinosaurs, or a fun night of retro gaming nostalgia, our summer programming had something for everybody. We could not have made this summer such a success without the incredible hard work of our dedicated staff, as well as our amazing volunteer network. Thank you all, and well done. Remember, even though summer is over, the fun doesn't need to end! Check out our website at hiawathapubliclibrary.org for a full calendar of upcoming events for all ages.

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HIAWATHA PUBLIC LIBRARY

ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT YEARS IN HIAWATHA!!



Hits of the Decades

CELEBRATION BELLE LUNCH CRUISE

Thursday, September 25th
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Moline, IL | All Ages
Fee: \$120 per person

Time: Bus leaves: 8:00am Arrives back: Around 5:00pm
Pick-Up/Drop-off location: Hiawatha City Hall

Register online at: <https://bit.ly/celebrationbelle>

Hiawatha Parks & Recreation offers a growing slate of senior/active-adult options designed to keep residents moving, learning, and connected. Current offerings include low-impact fitness (Chair Yoga, Yoga with Cynthia, Pound-Lite, and Fitness at the Farmers Market), social recreation (cards & coffee, dance groups, lecture series, topical conversations), and outdoor play (pick-up pickleball socials, gentle trail walks on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail). We also host life-skills and "stay independent" workshops (balance & fall-prevention, brain-health activities, and tech help), plus day trips such as riverboat cruises, museum visits, and the Iowa State Fair bus. Concerts in the Park and Food Truck Fridays round out the calendar with intergenerational, low-cost fun that's easy to access close to home.

Why These Programs Matter

Active-adult recreation isn't just "nice to have." It's preventive health, social infrastructure, and joy—rolled into one. Regular movement improves strength, balance, heart health, and sleep; creative learning supports memory and mood; and recurring social time lowers loneliness and builds the friendships that keep people engaged with the community. When programs are nearby, affordable, and welcoming, older adults participate more often—and the benefits compound.

What the Research Shows

- Move more, feel better. Meeting the standard guideline of about 150 minutes of moderate activity per week improves heart health, reduces type 2 diabetes risk, supports brain health, and lowers fall risk. Balance and strength work (e.g., chair yoga, tai chi, resistance training) are especially helpful for mobility and preventing injuries.
- Social connection is protective. Loneliness and social isolation are linked with higher risks of dementia, heart disease, and stroke. Recurring recreation—weekly classes, clubs, and trips—creates routine contact that combats isolation and supports mental health.
- Active minds age better. Lifelong learning (arts, games, music, and skills workshops) is associated with better cognitive function and overall life satisfaction. Combining movement + learning + social time is a powerful "stack" for healthy aging.



Babysitting Basics Workshop

Hiawatha Community Center • \$60

September 20, 2025 • 9 AM - 3 PM

<https://bit.ly/Babysitters-Training>

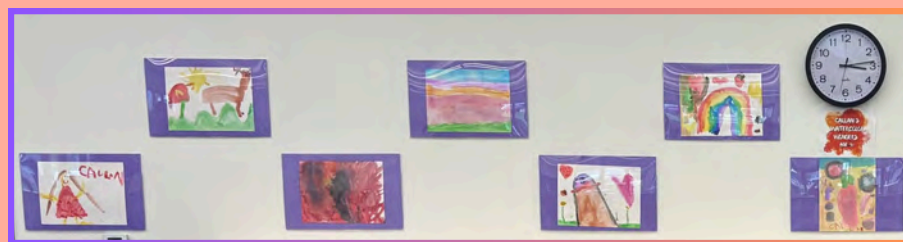
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FROM FRIDGE TO FRAME: YOUR CHILD'S ART ON DISPLAY

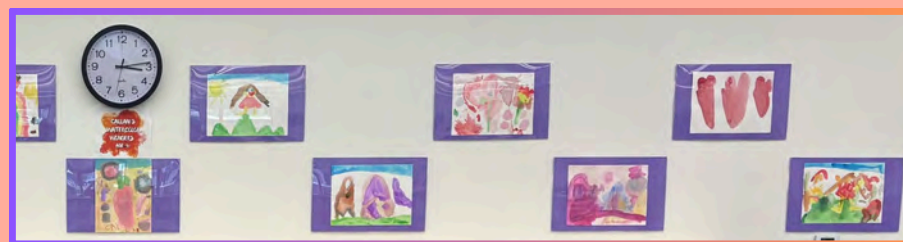


Is your refrigerator proudly covered in your child's masterpieces? Are their bedroom walls a vibrant display of imagination and creativity? Then we've got exciting news for you!

This past spring, Hiawatha Public Library Youth Services unveiled our brand new Children's Art Exhibition Wall – and now, we're on the lookout for our next featured young artists.

We're inviting kids to showcase their talent with flat artwork (up to 11" x 17"), displayed either horizontally or vertically, for all our library visitors to admire.

Let your child's creativity shine beyond the fridge – email Youth Services Librarian Alicia Mangin at amangin@hiawatha-iowa.com to learn more!



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Master Gardeners Fall Talks: Welcoming Native Bees to Your Garden

Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30



Native bees are essential pollinators for our gardens. These vital bees are on the decline and need our help. Join Master Gardener Becky Riedesel as we dive into native bee species, benefits of gardening with bees, and how we can help them thrive.

Story Time @ Stillwater

1275 North Center Point Rd. Hiawatha, Iowa
Something's brewing for kids and their caregivers!
Perk up your morning with stories, songs, and movement
with Alicia from Hiawatha Public Library!

August 26, September 23, October 21,
November 18, December 16

9:15 - 9:45



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 FROM 10:00-12:00
HIAWATHA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of Hiawatha Public Library gladly accept donations of gently-used books and magazines that are in good condition and that others would want to purchase.



Close to Home in Iowa

- Aging state, rising need. Roughly one in six Iowans is now age 65+ (about 18%), and that share is expected to approach one in five by 2030. Communities like Hiawatha benefit from scalable, close-to-home programs that help older adults stay active and independent.
- Room to grow in activity. About one in four Iowa adults reports getting little or no leisure-time physical activity. Accessible options—indoor chair classes, gentle outdoor walks, and no-pressure pickleball—lower barriers and help people get started safely.
- Falls and independence. Falls remain a leading cause of injury-related hospital visits among older Iowans. Programs that pair balance/strength training with home safety education can significantly reduce fall risk and support aging in place.

How Hiawatha Delivers

- Low cost, low barrier. We emphasize beginner-friendly classes, loaner equipment, and clear "start here" pathways.
- Consistency that builds community. Weekly schedules make it easy to form habits and friendships.
- Intergenerational touchpoints. Concerts, markets, and park programs invite families and neighbors to participate together.
- "Health in disguise." We design for fun first—so the health benefits follow naturally.

Bottom Line

Active-adult programs help Hiawatha residents stay stronger, steadier, sharper, and more connected—while reducing preventable health risks and supporting independence. That's great for individuals, families, and the long-term vitality of our community.



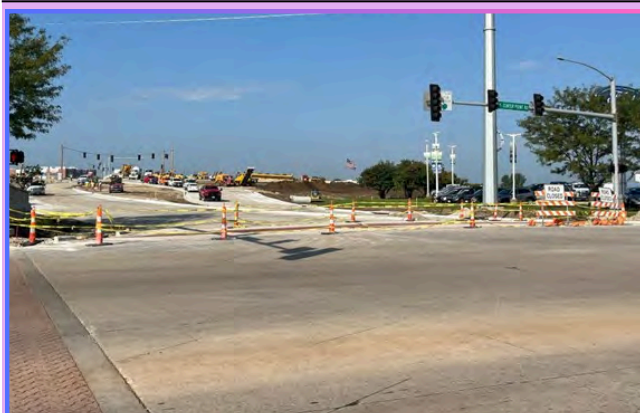
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K9 KAYA NOW FUELED BY RAW DIET

Hiawatha Police K9 Kaya, a Dutch Shepherd, recently started a new diet in hopes of providing more natural nutrition, and improved health and longevity. Kaya started her service to the Hiawatha community in 2020 as a dual-purpose narcotics detection canine and has assisted officers in locating illegal drugs, and also criminals who have fled from crime scenes. In an effort to provide Kaya the best and most natural nutrition possible, so that she can maintain a high level of health and fitness, she has started a partially raw diet. Traditional dry dog food (kibble) is cooked and has some fillers that can lead to un-wanted and harder to process calories. Previously Kaya has consumed only dry kibble, Kinetic Performance Dog Food, that is designed for working/sport dogs and is a high-quality food. Sergeant/K9 Handler Erik Naaktgeboren recently made contact with an Iowa based raw dog food company, Midwest Legacy Beef, in LaMotte, Iowa to add raw food to her diet after researching the benefits that it will provide. Kaya eats twice per day, consuming half a pound of raw food mixed with a third of a cup of dry food. Already in the first month of her new diet Kaya seems to have more energy, an improved appearance of her coat, and most of all she loves her food and is excited for meals. Kaya's Midwest Legacy Beef food blend is called BLT + Bone, which contains 68% raw muscle beef, 10% washed fatty tripe, 10% ground beef bone, 5% liver, 2.5% spleen, 2.5% kidney, 2% heart. This type of raw protein packed meal assists with energy, digestion and gut health, muscle growth/recovery, calcium and nutrients for balanced health, and is free of any fillers. Midwest Legacy Beef generously agreed to offer their product at a discount for a law enforcement canine, coupled with a sponsorship donation from another organization, Givers University, this new diet will be funded completely through donation. We feel that this new raw food, in combination with the Kinetic dry food that has always been donated by Ross Veterinary Clinic, will provide the best diet to keep Kaya healthy and happy so that she can serve the Hiawatha community for several years to come. Special thanks to our dietary partners at Midwest Legacy Beef and Ross Veterinary Clinic and the sponsorship from Givers University.



THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE AND BARRICADES



Construction sites are inherently hazardous environments, not just for workers but also for the general public. To help ensure safety and prevent accidents, construction signage and barricades are installed as critical warning tools. Ignoring these signs can lead to serious injury, legal consequences, or even fatalities.

Clear Warnings Save Lives

Construction signs provide clear, visual cues about the dangers ahead — whether it's falling debris, open trenches, or the presence of heavy machinery. These signs are carefully placed to guide pedestrians and motorists away from active work zones. Barricades serve as physical barriers, keeping unauthorized individuals out of potentially dangerous areas.

Legal and Financial Implications

Failing to follow construction signage and barricades is a violation of state and local laws as is moving or taking down construction signage. Trespassing into restricted areas can result in fines or legal action. For businesses, a single accident caused by a breached barricade can lead to costly lawsuits, project delays and damaged reputations.

Protecting Workers and the Public

By respecting signage and barricades, individuals help create a safer environment for everyone. Construction workers rely on the public to stay clear of marked zones so they can focus on their tasks without added risk. Meanwhile, the public stays protected from unseen dangers, such as unstable structures or sudden equipment movement.

In summary, construction signage and barricades are not optional suggestions—they are essential safety tools. Paying attention to them protects lives, prevents accidents, and ensures that construction projects can be completed without unnecessary interruptions.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENHANCES TRAINING WITH NEW FORCIBLE ENTRY DOOR PROP



Thanks to the community's generous support of the Hiawatha Firefighters Association's annual Chili Supper, the Firefighters Association has recently purchased a forcible entry door prop—a crucial addition to our training equipment that will help firefighters better prepare for real-life emergencies. This prop allows our members to practice one of the most physically demanding and time-sensitive skills in the fire service: forcible entry. Whether it's gaining access to a locked home during a fire, or reaching someone in distress behind a jammed entryway, the ability to enter quickly and safely can mean the difference between life and death. Up until now, our department had limited resources to practice these techniques. With the new door prop, firefighters can now train regularly and under realistic conditions, improving both speed and safety when seconds count. The prop simulates different types of doors and locking mechanisms, helping our crews prepare for a variety of challenging scenarios. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended or donated to our annual Chili Supper throughout the years. Your contributions directly enhance the readiness and effectiveness of our fire department. It's because of your generosity that we can continue to improve our services and better protect the lives and property of everyone in our community. This year's Chili Supper will be held on November 1st.

ENGINEERING UPDATES

N Center Point Road Force Main Replacement

All of the new 10" force main has been installed along North Center Point Road. The contractor, Pirc Tobin is complete with the pressure testing and tie-in at Mitchell Drive and entrance to Dave Wright Auto. The contractor will finish up work within the Mitchell Dr Lift Station in September. Thank you for your patience and dealing with all of the traffic control for a month during the directional drilling of the new main.



Turtle Creek Park Gateway Sign

The Gateway Sign project was completed in the month of August after some delays in getting materials to the project site. This project is intended to let traffic on I380 know that they have entered Hiawatha. The stone on the monument wall is very similar to our entryway signs along Center Point Rd at Blairs Ferry Rd and Boyson Rd.

The project included the Hiawatha logo with backlit letters, floodlight on the wall itself and 5 fountain heads with lights. If you have not had an opportunity to drive by and see the sign, please do. We are very pleased with the final result.

Ravine Restoration Project

Connolly Construction worked on restoration of two ravines located behind Robinwood Apartments and at the dead end of Chaffee St. Over many years, erosion has occurred, ultimately depositing silt into Dry Creek. Using Stormwater funds, we hired a contractor to pull back some of the silt and fill in the ravine with suitable materials and then placed a product called Flexamat that allows grass to grow between 6.5" square concrete blocks that are tied together. This allows the water to ripple across the product and not wash out the ravine itself. This work will finalize in September.



Guthridge Park Pickleball Courts Phase II

The contractor on this project made a lot of progress in August and this project is now completed and fully open. Over the past few months, the mini-pitch was painted and fencing was installed; the parking lot and all sidewalks were paved; lighting for pickleball, tennis and mini-pitch were finalized and are operational; backfilling and site restoration was completed. We have seen numerous kids playing soccer on the new mini-pitch and they are very excited to have this feature. Pickleball continues to be very popular especially in the early hours of the day. All of the lights at the facilities are programmed to be lit until 10:00 pm. The lights feature an amber flashing light when there is 5 minutes remaining from the push button. Please enjoy these wonderful new amenities here in Hiawatha.

EXERCISING YOUR WATER VALVES

Exercising watermain valves-periodically operating them (opening and closing)-is an essential part of maintaining a water distribution system. Here are the key benefits:

Ensures Operational Reliability

- Prevents seizing: Valves that are not operated for long periods can seize up due to corrosion or mineral build-up.
- Readiness for emergencies: In the event of a water main break, fire, or contamination, operable valves allow for quick isolation of problem areas.

Improves Water Quality

- Reduces sediment build-up: Exercising valves helps move water and reduce stagnation, which can lower the risk of biofilm and sediment accumulation.
- Flushes dead-ends: Helps identify and eliminate areas with poor circulation.

Identifies Maintenance Needs Early

- Detects leaks or broken valves: Regular operation helps identify valves that do not fully close or have mechanical issues.
- Monitors system performance: Operators can assess turning resistance and other indicators of wear or damage.

Extends Asset Life

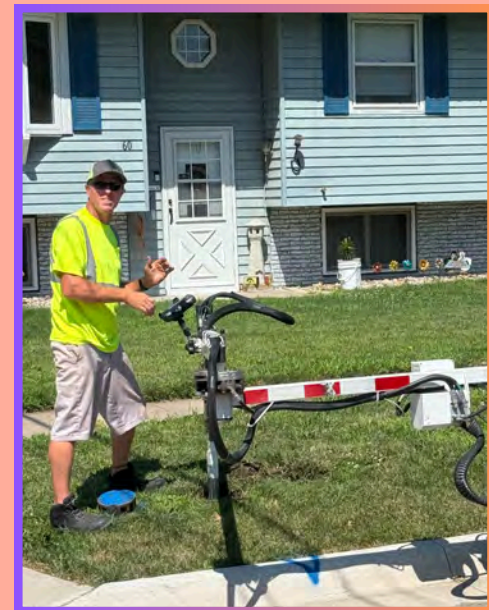
- Reduces corrosion: Movement can help prevent corrosion by exposing fresh surfaces and breaking up mineral deposits.
- Minimizes expensive replacements: Preventive maintenance prolongs valve life, delaying costly infrastructure overhauls.

Improves System Mapping and Record-Keeping

- Confirms valve location and status: Operators verify that the valve exists where expected and functions as recorded in GIS or CMMS systems.
- Updates asset inventory: Unrecorded or mislabeled valves are often discovered during valve exercising.

Enhances Public Safety and Service Reliability

- Reduces outage duration: In a main break, quickly closing valves limits the number of affected customers.
- Improves fire protection: Ensures hydrants can be reliably fed from any direction via operable valves.



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HIAWATHA CITY COUNCIL ACTION

RESOLUTION

AUGUST 6, 2025

- #25-150 First Amendment to 2022 Longfellow Square DA
- #25-151 First Amendment to 2018 Longfellow Square DA
- #25-152 Approving Installation of a Fence at Public Works Facility
- #25-153 Change Order #2 for Guthridge Park Pickleball Courts Phase II Project
- #25-154 Professional Service Agreement with Shive Hattery - Edgewood Rd Lighting
- #25-155 Approving Purchase of Pavement Marking Machine
- #25-156 Authorizing Linn Co. Elections to Conduct a Public Referendum on Imposing a Local Hotel & Motel Tax In Hiawatha
- #25-157 Animal Protection and Control in Reference to Feral-Stray Cats
- #25-158 Approving a Civilian Analyst Consulting Agreement

RESOLUTION

AUGUST 20, 2025

- #25-159 2025 Amended and Restated Hiawatha Urban Revitalization Plan
- #25-160 Change Order #4 for the Robins Road Water Main Improvements Project
- #25-161 Setting PH to Amend Special Sewer Rates for Non-Water Users
- #25-162 Change Order #2 for the 2025 Street Improvements Project
- #25-163 Final Pay Estimate #3 for the 2025 Street Improvements Project
- #25-164 Change Order #2 for the Turtle Creek Park Trail Connection Project
- #25-165 Final Pay Estimate #4 for the Turtle Creek Park Trail Connection Project
- #25-166 Final Pay Estimate #3 for the City Generators Reed Lift Station
- #25-167 Final Pay Estimate #4 for the City Generators Water Towers
- #25-168 Adopting Hiawatha Municipal Debris Management Plan
- #25-169 Amend a Technology Disaster Recovery Plan for the City of Hiawatha
- #25-170 Approval of a Contract with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB)
- #25-171 Waive Right to Review Final Plat - McBurney's Second Addition to Linn County

Ordinance #1009 - Designating Subarea #4 of the Hiawatha Urban Revitalization Area

Motion Approving a Special Event Application for Exempt UTV's for El Kahir Shrine in August 23, 2025

Motion Approving a Special Event Application to hold Wright Way Trailers Tailgate & Open House on September 6, 2025

HIAWATHA HISTORY COMMISSION



What is the significance of this sculpture in the Hiawatha City Hall?

Call Marilyn with your answers at 319-721-7077

The answer will be revealed in the October Newsletter!

August Answer: The building in the photo is of the Hiawatha Elementary School when it was first built.

Do you like history?
Would you be interested in helping preserve Hiawatha's History?

The Hiawatha History Commission would love for you to join them!

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM.

CELEBRATING
FREE BOOKS FOR
KIDS 0-5!



Since Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program began in the Hiawatha area, **252 children** have registered for free & 59 have graduated!



Sign your 0 - 5 year-old up today, FOR FREE, at www.hiawathapubliclibrary.org/imagination-library

2025 CLEAN UP DATES

October 27 - Yard Waste, Brush & Leaves Collection

November 10 - Leaves Only Collection

November 24 - Leaves Only Collection

COFFEE TALK WITH MAYOR DODSON

It's time to talk. Do you have ideas, solutions or thoughts about the City of Hiawatha? Mayor Dodson wants to hear from you!

Join him at Roasters Coffee House in Hiawatha!

SEPTEMBER 11 | OCTOBER 9

7:00 - 9:00 AM

