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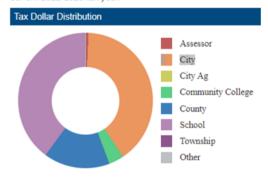
At times we receive questions regarding what a Hiawatha resident can expect to pay in property taxes. Although this seems like a straightforward question, there are many factors that determine residential property taxes and each factor varies from year to year. Some of the variables include: the assessed 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 the taxing entities called a consolidated tax levy rate. The following demonstrates the process of equating a residential property with an assessed value of \$200,000 for fiscal year 2023 taxes payable:

2021 Assessed Value	\$200,000
Residential Rollback Factor	x0.541302
Taxable Value	\$108,260
Consolidated tax Levy Rate per \$1000 value	0.03699795
Estimated Property Tax paid to Linn County	\$4,005

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.

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<u>Entity</u>	<u>% of total tax</u>	% of total tax
City of Hiawatha	39.88	\$1,597
Cedar Rapids Community Schools	39.81	\$1,595
Linn County	15.80	\$633
Kirkwood Community College	03.63	\$146
Linn County Assessor	00.73	\$28
Iowa State Ag Extension	00.14	\$5
State of Iowa	<u>00.01</u>	<u>\$1</u>
Total	100.00	\$4,005

HIAWATHA, IA 52233 is expected to pay \$4,954 during the current 2022-2023 tax year.





General Fund Revenues

Charges for Fees &

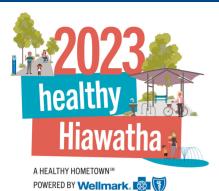
The revenue that Hiawatha receives in the general fund is broken down into different uses as shown in the graph.

As you can see, the City of Hiawatha receives \$1,597 and approximately 40% of the property taxes you pay on a \$200,000 home. 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 maintained or lowered our tax levy rate each year since 2016. 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 value of their property, the taxable value as a result to the state residential rollback, a change in any of the other levies of the school district, county offices or Kirkwood Community College.

Linn County Treasurer's website now has a look up tool for you to see the break down of where your property tax dollars go. The link is https://treasurer-linncounty-gis.hub.arcgis.com/ Scroll down to "Where are your property tax dollars going?" and you can either type your address in the white bar or zoom in on the map and click on your property.

HIAWATHA NAMED 2023 HEALTHY HOMETOWN POWERED BY WELLMARK GRANT RECIPIENT



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Hiawatha was presented with a 2023 Healthy Hometown Powered by Wellmark Community Award during the Healthiest State Initiative Annual Awards ceremony on April 20, 2023. The award is recognition for their accomplishments in health improvement initiatives within the community. "We are pleased to present the 2023 Healthy Hometown Powered by Wellmark Community Award to these dedicated communities," said Laura Jackson, Executive Vice President, Health Equity, Access and Improvement for Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield. "We received many high-quality applications, which is a testament to the work being done to improve the health and well-being of our state. Because this work is so important, Bettendorf, Grundy Center and Hiawatha, will each receive \$5,000 to continue improving the physical, social and emotional well-being of the community."

Some noteworthy achievements in Hiawatha include:

- Developed a trails master plan that includes installing rapid-flashing crossing beacons and bike racks at city facilities.
- Created the City Plaza that allows for social gatherings and events, in addition to new bike racks, public restrooms and drinking fountains.
- Added a mile of paved trails to the Turtle Creek Trail system and built a new play structure and splash pad.

"Hiawatha is honored to be named as a recipient of the 2023 Healthy Hometown Powered by Wellmark Award," said Dennis Marks, Hiawatha City Manager. "Our community is continuously identifying ways to improve Hiawatha. Whether that's through increasing connectivity or forming safe spaces, we are committed to creating a path for creativity, diversity, and opportunity for all." The Healthy Hometown Powered by Wellmark Community Award celebrates the successes achieved by Hiawatha to make Iowa a healthier, more active place to live.

MEET THE CITY ATTORNEY

The City Attorney represents and advises the City Council, City Departments, Boards, Commissions, officers, and employees of the City of Hiawatha on all legal matters relating to City business and official activities. In addition, the City Attorney reviews City contracts and agreements, prosecutes violations of the municipal code, and manages litigation on behalf of and against the City. Hiawatha City Attorney, Mark Parmenter, sat down with City Clerk, Kari Graber, for an interview about his experience.



How long have you been Hiawatha's City Attorney?

I was the assistant City Attorney from 2003-2007 and City Attorney with the City of Hiawatha?

How would you summarize what you do?

I provide legal advice to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Directors, and city staff. I work in a variety of areas, including reviewing city ordinances, buying and selling city property, annexations, condemnations, contracts, and employment questions. If you see me at the Linn County courthouse, I could be prosecuting traffic citations or municipal infractions.

What is your favorite part of working with the City of Hiawatha?

I live in Hiawatha, so it is rewarding to help the City function well. The work is interesting – new problems arise all the time. I enjoy working with the many talented people employed by the City and the elected officials. I am energized by working in teams, and Hiawatha has great teams. As the saying goes, we take our work seriously but not ourselves.

What is one thing you wish people knew about your job?

I don't make policies. I only provide legal advice about policies.

What is the most unusual aspect of working with the City of Hiawatha?

I do see some interesting dashboard videos when I prosecute traffic violations.

How has the City of Hiawatha changed since you started as the City Attorney?

A lot. Probably the biggest change I've experienced was the building of City Hall. Having city staff in one location and spacious meeting rooms allows the City to conduct its business efficiently. Citizens can come to one building for questions about their water bill, building permits, etc. and use the community center for social events. The momentum continues with the library renovations, creation of the City Center district, Tower Terrace interchange, and now the second fire station.

What have you gained from working with the City of Hiawatha?

The work is interesting, so I am continually expanding my knowledge base. The best part of my position is the relationships I've formed with wonderful people.

PARK PAVILIONS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT

Looking for a place to hold a family gathering, special event, birthday party etc? Look no further! The Hiawatha Park Pavilions are available to suite your needs! Pavilions will be available for rental starting on May 1st, 2023. Please visit the City of Hiawatha Website for more information about rental inquiries and pricing. We look forward to hosting your event!















GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY: PETS

We all know owning a pet is a big responsibility and how we handle and care for our pets can affect our neighbors and our community as a whole. Hiawatha has several ordinances which address barking, proper animal care, containment and sanitation located in Chapters 50 - Nuisances, Chapter 53 - Noise, Chapter 55 - Animal Protection, and Chapter 162 - Storm Water Discharge

If you were to search "barking dogs" on the internet you would soon realize, by the excess of articles, that a barking dog could cause major conflict between neighbors. Acts of violence against animals and their owners are frequently in the news.

As stated in previous articles, many of our ordinances deal with the practical matters of living peacefully side by side in our community, or "peaceful coexistence". This is certainly the case for our ordinances associated with owning a dog. If you were to search for "barking" in the City's noise ordinance you'd find no less than three Chapters dealing with this issue.

If the pet is not properly controlled, the City would take the necessary course of action with the Police Department or through Community Development. However, if the problem is not handled by the pet owners, it can damage our community aesthetics and reputation.

Controlling and cleaning up waste from pets is a common problem in most communities. All animal waste should be collected and deposited with other garbage to be properly disposed of. Our City ordinances make it clear that the owner is responsible for their pet's sanitation. If the animal waste is not properly disposed of, it can contaminate our streams, rivers and lakes. Ground water is a valuable resource which must be protected in order to maintain our clean water supply and natural water resources. With proper pet waste disposal, our water amenities can then be enjoyed by all without worry of disease and contamination.

Controlling loud animals and cleaning up their waste are common problems in most communities. This nuisance is difficult to control apart from the cooperation with our pet owners. Our ordinances make it clear that the owner is responsible for their pet. Be a good neighbor and care for your neighbors and fellow Hiawathans by caring for and controlling your pet.

GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY: TREES

Most city ordinances are enacted to facilitate citizens' living together in harmony. One such ordinance in Hiawatha is our tree ordinance #151. This ordinance describes how to manage and trim trees when they encroach on the public right of way. This picture illustrates the specific clearance requirements.



We are requesting all citizens of Hiawatha be good neighbors and keep your trees and shrubs trimmed along the public sidewalk and street.

VILLAGE CENTER PLAZA

07TH:

• KOUNTRY KORNER • GOOD MORROW PIZZA • LADYBUG CONCESSIONS

OPAL AND HAZELS PIZZA

UPPER IOWA

KEEPIN UF W.
 THE FREEZE

SPONSORED BY

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- COUNTY LINE BBQ & CATERING EL GRINGO LOCO TOTALLY ROLLED ICE CREAM

- 09TH
- COMFORT FOOD 154 AROMA ARTISAN PIZZA
 - . BITTER SWEET COFFEE & ICE CREAM

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE HIAWATHA'S 73RD BIRTHDAY! SPIN THE WHEEL & WIN A PRIZE! SPONSORED BY THE HIAWATHA HISTORY COMMISSION

- CASSEROLE KITCHEN **16TH**
 - BOULEVARD GRILL
 - TOTALLY ROLLED ICE CREAM
- **23RD**
- BORN TO FRY

- ROCKIN 5K BBQ 30TH

- KEEPIN UP WITH THE JONES'S
 BITTER SWEET COFFEE & ICE CREAM
- **28TH**
- AROMA PIZZAFOOD'S HERE!STILLWATER HALF CAF

COUNTY LINE BBQ & CATERING

JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

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EARTH DAY



PRESCRIPTIONS 80





ELECTRONICS 11K

TREES PLANTED

RESIDENTS

222

It's a Royal Party!



Royal fun is our goal, prince or princess, choose your role, with snacks, crafts & pictures planned, we hope you'll soon enroll!

> RSVP at www.Hiawatha-lowa.com

HIAWATHA COMMUNITY CENTER 101 &mmons Street Hiawatha, JA 52233

HIAWATHA PARKS & RECREATION **OVIES UNDER** THE MOON

VILLAGE CENTER PLAZA 9:00PM

FRIDAY, JULY 14



FREE ENTRY I FREE POPCORN I FREE PARKING
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CITYOFHIAWATHAPARKSANDRECREATION/

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH AT 6:00 PM



Blogging Basics 101

Learn the basics of starting your own blog



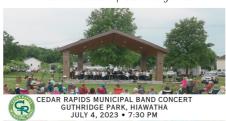
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PRESENTED BY BRANDI PARSONS





Sunday, July 2, 2023 | 12:00 PM Brown Pavilion | Guthridge Park



Fee: \$45 per person

Register at:

lowastatefairbustrip2023.eventbrite.com

04 Municipal Band Concert 7:30 PM 05 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM

09 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 10 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM

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June Calendar 04 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

07 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM 09 Hiawatha's Birthday Celebration

11 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM 12 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM

13 Parks Commission Meeting 5:30 PM 13 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM

18 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

25 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

26 Planning and Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

July Calendar

02 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 02 New Horizons Band Concert 12:00 PM

15 Free Pound Fitness 6:00 PM

20 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM

21 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM

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IOWA STATE FAIR BUS TRIP

Thursday, August 17th

Fay M. Clark Park | All Ages Join us for a ride to Des Moines and enjoy a day at the fair! Bus trip includes transportation and fair ticket. Must be accompanied by an adult if under 18.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH PROJECTS AND DETOURS AT WWW.HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM UNDER THE "NEWS" SECTION

Tower Terrace Update - Work on Tower Terrace Road from Miller Road to Center Point Road, in addition to the interchange, are moving along rapidly. With the good weather conditions, the contractor has finished much of the trail work on the west side of the interstate and through the interchange. The contractor has been busy paving the shoulders of the on and off ramps, as well as paving the southbound on ramp. The contractor intends to have the majority of all work completed by the end of June. The city of Hiawatha in conjunction with the neighboring jurisdictions, Linn County and the lowa Department of Transportation are looking to have a grand opening of the interchange on or around June 22, 2023. Please keep an eye on social media for this event to be advertised. This will be an exciting day for everyone as this interchange has been in the works for many years. With the opening of the interchange, this will bring along more development opportunities for the city.

Learn how to properly maneuver a diverging diamond interchange at https://www.Hiawatha-lowa.com/news/diverging-diamond-interchange/



HIAWATHA FIRE AND EMS EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Hiawatha Fire Department in a joint partnership with Learning for Life are bring the careers of firefighting and emergency medical services to life by offering youth participants an opportunity to learn

about fire and emergency service firsthand. Fire Explorers participate in non-hazardous activities that will familiarize participants with the functions and duties of emergency services. In addition to learning about fire and EMS, the main goal of the Explorer Program's is to provide young adults with a sense of responsibility to their community through ongoing community-based activities. Explorers will train in five areas of development: Career, Character, Service, Life Skills, and Leadership Experience. Explorers work under the immediate supervision of a Hiawatha Firefighter who is the Explorer Post Advisor. The organizational structure of the Explorer Post is similar to that of the Fire Department. This allows for the development of leadership skills and abilities to be nurtured and utilized within the young adults participating. Duties that Explorers participate in include: participating in Fire and EMS drills and training, sets up and uses fire and EMS equipment, participates in public education and community outreach, and participate in the Explorer Ride-Along Program to learn about the duties of Firefighters and EMS Personnel at a firehouse. The minimum requirements to become a member of the Hiawatha Fire and EMS Explorer Post are be at least 14 years of age (but not yet 21

years of age), be enrolled in school, be of good moral character and standing, and be willing to maintain the standards of the Hiawatha Fire and EMS Exploring Program.

For questions about the program or application process, please contact the Fire Explorer Advisor, Lt. Christopher Liscum at HFDExplorerPost286@gmail.com or at 319-393-4180.









MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

Schendel Pest Control has been awarded the 2023 Mosquito Control contract. Mosquito spraying is done with an ultra-low volume machine from the back of a truck. Schendel will cover all accessible streets as well as city parks and recreation areas. The product being used is Sumithrin a synthetic pyrethroid. Natural pyrethrin comes from the chrysanthemum flower, making it safe for our city residents. Residents may request a section of street to not be sprayed by emailing Kari Graber, City Clerk at kgraberehiawatha-iowa.com. For additional information about the spraying materials you may contact Schendel Pest Control at spc@mailmis.com. If you would like to be notified prior to mosquito spraying you may contact Schendel Pest Control at spcemailmis.com

> Spray Dates at Guthridge Park: August 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Concerts in Park



With summer fast approaching we expect to see an increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic on our city streets. Please approach intersections with caution, clear the intersection of traffic before proceeding through it, and yield the intersection to anyone using the crosswalk. As a reminder, please consistently lock your car doors, home doors, and windows and keep valuables out of sight. We ask that you report any suspicious activity to the Police Department as soon as possible. July 4th will be here before we know it! Our city ordinance allows the use of consumer fireworks for those 18 years old and older on July 4th from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Using fireworks outside that time frame is a

misdemeanor fine of \$250.

DELIVER BY THURSDAY. 06/01/2023

Postal Customer Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

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

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HIAWATHA COUNCIL ACTION

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online at www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/ or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 319-393-1515 x526

April 19, 2023

Resolution #23-071

K-9 Golf Outing Fundraiser

Resolution #23-072

Sewer Waiver

Resolution #23-073

FY24 Budget

Resolution #23-074

FY23 Budget Amendment

Resolution #23-075 - #23-076

General Obligation Bonds

Resolution #23-077

Auditing Services FY23-FY25

Resolution #23-078

2023 Street Improvements Project

Resolution #23-079 - #23-080

Edgewood Rd Extension Study Project

Resolution #23-081

Development agreement with Hub LLC

Resolution #23-082

Workforce Housing Tax Credit

Resolution #23-083

Geothermal well permit

Resolution #23-084

Solicitation of proposals for ambulance M12 Hiawatha East 2nd Addition

Resolution #23-085

Purchase of forty (40) portable radios

Resolution #23-086 - #23-087

Special Event application and fee

Resolution #23-088

CDBG-DR application

May 3, 2023

Proclamation

National Police Week

National Public Works Week

National EMS Week

Building Safety Month

Resolution #23-089

FY23 Budget Amendment

Resolution #23-090

General Obligation Bonds

Resolution #23-091

LOSST Bonds

Resolution #23-092

Resolution #23-093

Mosquito Control 2023

Resolution #23-094

Lift Station Upgrades Project

Resolution #23-095

2023 Cold Storage Project

Resolution #23-096

CMPO Application

Resolution #23-097

Hiawatha Sidewalk Maintenance

Resolution #23-098

Barks & Brew Application



TITLE	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS	
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City Clerk	Kari Graber	319-393-1515 x526	kgraberehiawatha-iowa.com	
Finance Director	Cindy Kudrna	319-393-1515 x522	ckudrna@hiawatha-iowa.com	
Parks & Recreation Director	Kelly Willadsen	319-393-1515 x251	kwilladsen@hiawatha-iowa.com	
Community Development Director	Patrick Parsley	319-393-1515 x229	pparsley@hiawatha-iowa.com	
City Engineer	Jon Fitch	319-393-1515 x528	jfitchehiawatha-iowa.com	
Public Works Superintendent	Rod Jasa	319-393-6601	rjasa@hiawatha-iowa.com	
Water Superintendent	Marty Recker	319-393-1515 x232	mrecker@hiawatha-iowa.com	
Police Chief	Ben Kamm	319-393-1212	chief@hiawathapolice.com	
Fire Chief	Matt Powers	319-393-4180	mkpowers@hiawatha-iowa.com	
Library Director	Jeaneal Weeks	319-393-1414	weeksj@hiawatha-iowa.com	
For more information about City of Hiawatha and its 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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