

Celebrating a Decade of Riverfront Entertainment Programs at Levee Park

This spring, Hastings proudly marks 10 years of vibrant programming at Levee Park, a riverside space that has blossomed into a beloved community hub. Over the past decade, the park has welcomed thousands of people to live performances, artisan markets and community celebrations—all set against the beautiful Mississippi River.

Paige Marschall Bigler is the primary face behind the programming and has been at the helm of the summer riverfront event series since its inception.

"Part of what makes this work special is knowing when to evolve," said Marschall. "We're not afraid to try something new, shift gears, or sunset a program if it means delivering better, more engaging experiences."

A standout example is the merger of the Music in the Park series with the Makers Market to create lively evenings of music, local crafts and neighborly connection.

Family-friendly additions such as a Kids Zone and an expanding lineup

of food trucks are planned to make the park even more inviting. Innovation continues with the newly expanded Comedy in the Park series set to keep the programming fresh and engaging.

This anniversary is not just a celebration of events, but of the people—performers, vendors, volunteers, and especially the community—that make them possible.

"We could not do this programming without community support," Marschall said. "The Rotary Club provided funding for the Rotary Pavilion, and our sponsors make it possible for the programs to continue and enable us to keep the programming free of charge for attendees. We are grateful for the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund, Smead Manufacturing Co. and Ardent Mills."



Levee Park Entertainment 10-Year Milestone



"Ten years is a big milestone—but it's just the beginning," Marschall said. "As we look ahead, we're excited to keep building a space that reflects the spirit of Hastings."

Here's to another decade of connection and creativity at the riverfront. See you at the park! View the entertainment lineup on page 5 or at www.hastingsmn.gov/riverfront.

Highway 61 Update Outlines Study, Construction Timeline

Bryant Ficek, South area manager with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), recently updated the City Council on the Hwy 61 improvements that are planned within the City of Hastings, following a corridor study that was finalized last year. Construction originally scheduled for 2027 has now been moved to 2028. The project limits have also been modified to go from 4th St. to Hwy 316 (including the Hwy 316 intersection). The segment from Hwy 316 to 36th Street has been added to the 2029 MnDOT Project that extends a mill and overlay to the southern junction of Hwy 61 (outside of Hastings City limits). Two-thirds of the estimated funding needed for the project has been secured. Learn more about the proposed improvement plans, traffic control during the project, continued community engagement process and timeline as the project moves into the design phase at www.hastingsmn.gov/hwy61.





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CITY NEWS BRIEFS

Water Rates Will Increase 10 Percent on July 1

At its May 5 meeting, The Hastings City Council approved a 10 percent increase in the city's water billing rate to help cover the cost of building the city's first water treatment plant to remove PFAS from city drinking water.



The rate increase will take effect on July 1, 2025 and will be applied to residential and business utility bills. Based on average residential usage of 15,000 gallons, water fees will increase approximately \$4 per quarter.

The July increase covers a projected gap in funding to build the Central Water Treatment Plant to remove PFAS "forever chemicals" in city drinking water. Water rates increased in January of this year. At that time, it was noted that an additional increase could be expected in July.

"Clean and safe drinking water are among our highest priorities," said City Administrator Dan Wietecha. "We are required to build three water treatment plants in Hastings by 2029 and do not have federal or state funding to cover the full costs. We are working hard to reduce the impact on Hastings' residents and businesses."

Postcards and billing inserts are being sent to utility customers, and the city has developed a webpage with additional information and FAQs. Visit www.hastingsmn.gov/utilitybill. For questions, call Utility Billing at 651-480-2351 or Public Works at 651-480-6185.

2025 Neighborhood Improvements Project Begins

The 2025 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements project begins in May with construction on 1st, Farm, Fraiser, Olive, State and Prairie Streets and 1st Place. These improvements will range from complete reconstruction with utility replacements to road reclamations. Northwest Asphalt Inc. is the project contractor. For more information and the latest updates, visit www.hastingsmn.gov/2025Streets.

2024 Drinking Water Report Available

The City of Hastings Consumer Confidence (drinking water) Report is completed annually in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Health requirements. The report summarizes the city's practices and results related to ensuring clean, safe drinking water. A copy of the 2024 report is available online at www.hastingsmn.gov/drinkingwater, or printed copies can be requested at the Public Works Facility or City Hall during regular business hours. Please allow time for printing.



Did you Know?

The City of Hastings offers options to receive your utility billing statements. You can go paperless and have your bills emailed to you or have your bills sent by both email and mail. Complete a form to select your preference at www.hastingsmn.gov/gopaperless.



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Housing Assessment Outlines Five-Year Demand for Growth in Hastings

Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) contracted with Bowen National Research to provide a Housing Needs Assessment for Dakota County along with an overview of larger cities including Hastings.

The Hastings overview spans a five-year period and includes key demographic and economic development data, summaries of the multifamily rental market and on-sale housing supply, along with general conclusions on the housing needs of the area.

"Market demand for both rental and ownership housing remains strong," said Community Development Director John

Hinzman. "The report provides a good resource for potential developers."

Key Findings:

- Hastings has an overall five-year housing gap of 1,483 units comprising of:
 - 402 rental units
 - 1,081 for-sale units.
- Projected housing gaps encompass a variety of affordability levels for both rental and for-sale housing.
- The greatest rental housing gap is for products serving households earning between 61% and 80% of the Area Median Household Income (AMHI).

- The greatest for-sale housing gap is for products serving households earning between 81% and 115% of the AMHI.



NEW: Grant Program

To assist in creating a robust and diverse community, the City of Hastings Arts and Culture Commission, with support from City Council, is excited to introduce two new grant programs available to non-profit arts and cultural groups.

The Arts Event Grant Program and Cultural Event Grant Program are matching grants, up to \$1,000, to be used for hosting events within the city. Recipients of the funding must be hosting the event within the city and it must be made available to the public. Any questions can be directed to Alex Menke at amenke@hastingsmn.gov or by phone at 651-480-2379.

Applications are available online at www.hastingsmn.gov.



Business Survey Launches

To ensure that Hastings is regarded as "business-friendly," the city is seeking feedback from Hastings business owners on their experiences working with the city and ideas for improvements. A brief, 14-question survey focuses on business owner satisfaction with city interactions. It also collects basic business information to better understand the local business environment.

"We are seeking honest feedback from businesses of all sizes so we can make informed decisions on any changes that might need to be made," said Alex Menke.

To take the survey, visit www.hastingsmn.gov/businesssurvey. Questions? Contact Economic Development Coordinator Alex Menke at amenke@hastingsmn.gov or 651-480-2379.



Hockey Day MN 2026

The Hastings Hockey Day Minnesota planning committee has been working on some exciting updates. Hockey Day Minnesota will mark its 20th year, and the community is excited to host the events in January 2026. This milestone edition of Hockey Day Minnesota will take place at the United Heroes League complex, located off Ravenna Trail, providing a stunning backdrop for a one-of-a-kind hockey experience. Fans can expect a showcase of elite high school hockey talent, along with entertainment, winter festivities and a vibrant Hockey Day Village.

Visit www.hockeydaymn.com to purchase merchandise, sign up to volunteer and more. More details, including the event dates, game schedules and ticket packages, will be released in August.



Rec + Art + Police
in The Parks

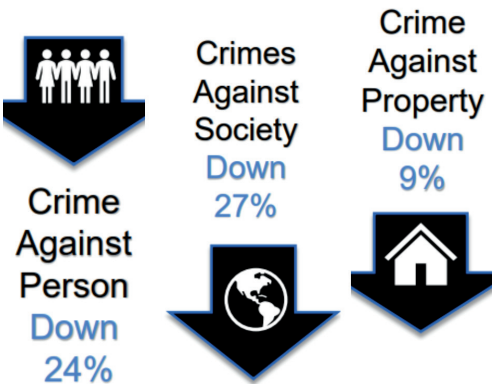


Visit various Hastings parks for free activities, treats, & giveaways!		
June 11	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Levee Park 20 Ramsey St.	• Intro to Break Dancing • Crazy Hair Portraits
June 25	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Sunny Acres Park 3401 Cory Ln.	• Global Games • Artsy Fireworks
July 9	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Pioneer Park 801 15th St. W.	• Live Reptiles • Message on a Rock
July 23	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Roadside Park 510 11th St. W.	• Foam Party • Pipe Cleaner Sculptures
August 6	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Conzemius Park 1178 Bahls Drive	• Obstacle Course • Nature Bouquet
August 20	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Vermillion Falls 215 21st St. E.	• Sports Stations • Art Choices
Questions: Hastings Parks & Rec. 651-480-6182		



Police Department Annual Report Shows Crime Reduction

The Hastings Police Department has published its 2024 Annual Report. The department had a very strong year with significant decreases in key crime areas. "The Hastings officers and support staff are committed to working hard each and every day to ensure the citizens, visitors and community are as safe as possible," said Police Chief David Wilske. "Thank you to the members of our community for your continued support, we could not do it without your assistance."



Read the full report at www.hastingsmn.gov/police

Police Events in the Community

Rec + Art + Police

The 4th year of the Rec+Art+Police event series kicks off on June 11. Recreation and police staff will visit different parks and offer a variety of activities! Recommended for older elementary and middle school students, but all ages are welcome.

Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, July 15
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
McDonald's, 1340 S. Frontage Rd.

Enjoy coffee and conversation with neighbors and Hastings Police officers.



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Lions Park

National Night Out is a time to build camaraderie with the police, fire and public safety partners, learn about community resources and get to know your neighbors. Join us for this annual community gathering at Lions Park, or host your own neighborhood party.

Visit www.hastingsmn.gov/NNO for more information.



Celebrating 10 Years of Riverfront Entertainment

2025 Levee Park Events



Rotary Pavilion in Levee Park • 20 Ramsey Street • Hastings, MN

Summer Kick Off

Tuesday, June 3rd • 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Kick off summer with live Reggae music, food trucks, inflatables, foam party, crazy hair, caricature artists, airbrush tattoos, henna artist, face painting & more. All ages are welcome. **Free!**

Make Music Day

Saturday, June 21st • 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Make Music Day with a variety of live music, food trucks, music trivia and gift card give-aways at Levee Park! All ages are welcome. **Free!**

Explore more Make Music Day performances at local businesses throughout Hastings. View our full calendar at www.hastingsmn.gov

Party in the Park

Tuesday, July 8th • 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month with live Caribbean music, food trucks, activity booths, caricature artists, face painting, bounce houses and an inflatable obstacle course. All ages welcome. **Free!**

- Food trucks require cash or card



Special thank you to our funding partners who help make these events free!

*The Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund
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Movies in the Park

Watch a family friendly movie on our big screen! Arrive an hour early for free activities and giveaways. All ages are welcome. Sponsored by: *Ardent Mills*.

Cost: Non-perishable food donation

- Friday, June 13 • Activities 8:00 p.m. and *MOANA 2* 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 11 • Activities 8:00 p.m. and *MUFASA – The Lion King* 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 8 • Activities 7:30 p.m. and *INSIDE OUT 2* 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 5 • Activities 6:30 p.m. and *WONKA* 7:30 p.m.

Comedy in the Park

Enjoy comedy in the park with family or friends. Recommended for teens and adults.

Sponsored by: *SMEAD Manufacturing Company*. **Cost: Free**

- Tuesday, June 24 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Jessie Campbell, Stand-up Comedian
- Tuesday, July 22 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Mike Brody, Stand-up Comedian
- Tuesday, August 26 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – David Malmberg, Comic Ventriloquist
- Tuesday, September 16 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Tim Harmston, Stand-up Comedian

Storytime in the Park

Listen to big book stories, play games, sing songs, enjoy snacks and crafts!

A partnership with Pleasant Hill Library. Recommended for ages 7 and under. **Cost: Free**

- Wednesday, June 18 • 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. – Garden
- Wednesday, July 16 • 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. – Bears
- Wednesday, August 20 • 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. – 5 Senses
- Wednesday, September 17 • 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. – Rhythm

Music + Market

Experience the vibrant energy of Music in the Park, a Makers Market, a kids' zone, and food trucks in downtown Hastings. Supported by: *The Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund*. All ages are welcome. **Cost: Free (Food trucks require cash or card)**

(Makers Market & Food Trucks • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.,

Kids Zone • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Music • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

- Thursday, June 5 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *ABBASolutely Fab – Tribute to ABBA*
- Thursday, June 12 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *Coyote Wild – Country & Rock*
- Thursday, June 26 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *Holy Rocka Rollaz – Tribute to the 50s*
- Thursday, July 3 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *Steam Machine – Old-Time Bluegrass*
- Thursday, July 10 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *International Reggae All Stars – Reggae*
- Thursday, July 24 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *The Hot Toddlies – Swing to Disco*
- Thursday, July 31 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *Double Down – Tribute to 80s*
- Thursday, August 7 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *70s Magic Sunshine – Tribute to 70s*
- Thursday, August 21 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *Alma Andina – Salsa, Cumbia & Latin Rock*
- Thursday, August 28 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *Chelsea Drugstore – Tribute to The Rolling Stones*
- Thursday, September 4 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *Gregg Hall & The Wrecking Ball – Country & Americana*
- Thursday, September 11 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *Wren + Wilde – Folk Rock*



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Questions?

Hastings Parks and Recreation Department
651-480-6182 or pmarschall@hastingsmn.gov

Weather Cancellations

Visit www.hastingsmn.gov or City of Hastings
Facebook events for updates

Activities



DIY Parks and Trails Cleanup

Help keep Hastings Parks and Trails clean, safe and beautiful. Plan a DIY cleanup with your family, community group, business or just yourself!

Call 651-480-6175 or email pmarschall@hastingsmn.gov for a park or trail assignment and to schedule your cleanup date of choice. Supplies provided!

Bags League

Wednesdays starting May 28

Division Available: Open doubles with no gender requirements

Format: Double headers followed by single elimination tournament

Location: Pioneer Park

Fee: \$50/team

Rivertown WIFFLE Ball Tournament

Saturday, July 19 starting at 9 a.m.

Registration Deadline: Sunday, July 13

Divisions Available: Youth & Open

Format: Round robin pool play followed by single elimination tournament

Location: TBD

Fee: \$30/team

To register for the Bags League or Rivertown WIFFLE Ball Tournament, visit www.hastingsmn.gov/athletics or email pvargas@hastingsmn.gov or call 651-480-6175.

Hastings Family Aquatic Center



Opening Date: Friday, June 6

Closing Date: Sunday, August 24

Swimming Lessons: Register Online at: www.hastingsmn.gov/recregration

Questions? Contact Aquatics Manager Theresa Faustini
tfaustini@hastingsmn.gov or 651-480-6179

Purchase your season passes and punch cards in advance!

Purchase at the Aquatic Center, 901 Maple St

- May 19-23, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- May 26, 9-11 a.m.
- May 27-30, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- June 2-5, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

To optimize a faster admission process, season passes and punch cards cannot be purchased at the Aquatic Center from June 6–15. Applications are available on the City of Hastings website at www.hastingsmn.gov. Search "Season pass and punch cards."

Season Passes	Resident	Non-Resident
Single	\$65.00	\$76.00
Family of 2	\$118.00	\$140.00
Family of 3	\$172.00	\$206.00
Family of 4	\$227.00	\$272.00
Family of 5	\$282.00	\$338.00
Family of 6	\$337.00	\$404.00
Family of 7+	\$392.00	\$469.00

Buy 10 Punches	\$65.00
Buy 20 Punches	\$105.00
Buy 30 Punches	\$123.00
Buy 40 Punches	\$141.00
Each additional 10 punches over 40	\$35.00 each

Cleaning is Easy at the Recycling Zone

Bring cleaners, auto products, electronics and other stuff that doesn't belong in your trash to The Recycling Zone in Eagan for safe disposal. Dropping off is easy—that's why residents dropped off over 2.9 million pounds of materials last year. You stay in your car while staff unload materials from the trunk or backseat. Put smaller items in a box that you can leave behind.

Accepted items – free drop-off unless noted

- Auto products like motor oil, antifreeze and gas
- Bug killers/repellents
- Cleaners
- Electronics (fee for TVs and computer monitors)
- Lightbulbs – all types
- Needles and sharps (in a closed rigid container, keep in front seat)
- Paints and stains
- Personal care products like nail polish and hair dye
- Propane tanks and aerosol sprays
- Scrap metal
- Tires (fee)
- Small household electronics like toasters and vacuums
- String lights and cords
- Vaping devices
- Weed killer
- Most products that say caution, warning, danger or poison



The Recycling Zone does not accept

- Appliances
- Carpet
- Humidifiers and dehumidifiers
- Lumber
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Medical waste and medications
- Yard waste

If you have an unknown or unique household chemical, email recyclingzone@co.dakota.mn.us before dropping off to work with

The Recycling Zone staff about safe handling.

The Recycling Zone, located at 3365 Dodd Road in Eagan, is open all year, four days a week. For a complete list of accepted items and drop-off hours, visit www.dakotacounty.us, search recycling zone.

Partially funded by Dakota County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Dakota County Mattress Special

Dakota County residents can receive a special curbside pickup rate between Memorial Day to Labor Day for mattresses or box springs. Dakota County and Certified Recycling will partner to pick up mattresses for a reduced price. Check Dakota County's

website in May for pricing and more details.

Memorial Day – Labor Day (Monday, May 27 - Monday, Sept. 2)

www.dakotacounty.us, search mattress special





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IMPORTANT SUMMER REMINDERS

Lawn Watering Restrictions



To conserve water and effectively manage the city's water system, odd-even day lawn watering is in effect from May 15 - Sept. 1. Lawn watering is prohibited between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. during this same time period. Learn more at www.hastingsmn.gov/waterconservation.

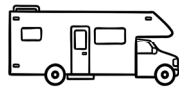
Communication Notices



Did you know you can get news announcements, meeting agendas, project updates and more from the City of Hastings Government in your email inbox?

Visit www.hastingsmn.gov/enotify to sign up. The city also offers text messages through Simple Texting. Sign up to receive text messages about select road construction projects and field and rink closures at www.hastingsmn.gov/textme. Those previously enrolled in the Nixle message system will need to re-enroll.

RV Parking/Storage Rules



Recreational and commercial equipment vehicles cannot be parked in a front yard or a side yard that is adjacent to a street unless parked on an asphalt or concrete surface. No more than one currently licensed vehicle may be parked in a driveway on a residential lot and it cannot exceed 8 feet in height. Recreational vehicles/equipment can be parked in a driveway for a period not to exceed 72 hours for the purpose of loading and unloading. Learn more at www.hastingsmn.gov/codeenforcement.

Summer Safety



As the school year comes to an end, drivers should slow down and watch for bicycles. More young bikers will be out riding on our streets and trails. Bikers should wear a helmet and follow rules for riding bikes, e-bikes and scooters.

Lawn & Property Maintenance



Lawn and weed heights exceeding 12 inches are considered excessive. Property owners are given 72 hours to abate before the city will issue a ticket. Trees, tree limbs, brush or shrubs that are dead, damaged and hazardous by nature shall be removed and disposed of in a legal manner. Learn more at www.hastingsmn.gov/codeenforcement.

Pet Waste Disposal



Let's all do our part to keep our city clean and our water safe! Whether you're in the park, on a trail, or on your private property, please remember to clean up after your furry friends. Dog waste contains harmful bacteria that can end up in rivers and lakes making our water unsafe to drink or play in. It's a City Ordinance requirement to dispose of it properly in the trash.