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Hastings Highlights

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Water Meter Reading Changes

The City of Hastings will be going through a conversion of reading water meters starting in July. Currently Consumers Energy reads most of our water meters when they read their own gas and electric meters. When Consumers begins installing "smart meters" they will no longer have meter readers in the field and will not be able to read our water meters. Therefore, the City will begin reading meters with its own staff. This change will begin in July and will take a few months to complete.

In July, both Consumers and the City will be reading water meters. We will compare the readings as a test of accuracy. In August when the City begins reading meters for application to the bill, we will be reading meters throughout the month (Consumers usually concentrated readings in about a ten day period in the middle of the month). We will read your meter only once each month and we will develop a schedule that will have some meters read during each week of the month.

If your meter is read by the City during the first week of the month, your first bill may be lower than historically normal. If your meter is read later in the month, you may experience a larger than normal bill in the beginning. Once the conversion is worked through, your bill should be about the same unless something occurs in your household that would change the level of usage.

City employees who are on your property to read your water meter will be wearing a City of Hastings shirt and/or have a City ID with them. If you have any questions regarding this or have any concerns about your bill, please contact our office at 269-945-2468.

18th Annual Garden Tour



A DAY IN THE GARDEN

Sponsored by the Thornapple Garden Club the tour will feature 5 local gardens including one showcasing hydroponics (water gardening).

The tour is on July 11th from 10 am-4 pm. Stop by the Barry County Courthouse, 220 W State St Hastings to get tickets or browse the Garden Thyme Market between 9 am to 4 pm. The market features garden crafts, accessories and garden-related items, as well as an opportunity for children to create fairy gardens. Pre-sale \$8 tickets are available at several Hastings businesses or through the thornapplegardenclub@yahoo.com. Tour day tickets are \$10 at any of the gardens or at the courthouse.

For information, call Club President, Barb Benner 269-945-2986. You can also find the club on Facebook.

At the City

Next article feature:

Community Development

Use this QR Code

to access the
City of Hastings
website.





Tornado Siren Testing.
Tests will take place at 1:00 PM on the first Saturday of each month April-September.

Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers

Baby Time, Tuesdays at 9:30. Older children should bring a stuffed animal to be their 'infant' for he activities.

Toddler Story Time, Tuesdays at 10:30.

Pre-K Story Time, Fridays at 10:30.

1st through 12th Grades

Young Chess Tutoring, Tuesdays at 4:00.

Summer Reading: "Every Hero Has a Story."

Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 Fab Labs for Kids 8+ years.

7/7: What Can You Make with the Stuff in the Box.

7/14: Tin Can Creations.

7/21: Brush Bots.

Wednesdays 2:00-3:00 Kids Pre-K and above:

7/1: Tom Plunkard, Magician.

7/8: Wildlife Safari visits.

7/15: Kalamazoo Nature Center's Ace Reporter.

Pete Stobey highlights Nature's Super Heroes.

7/22: Captain Cat-tail (Otis Bird Sanctuary's Tom Funke) and his sidekick, Susan Miller.

7/29: Super Hero Bash.

Teens (6th grade and up)

7/8: "Be a Hero – Rescue a Stained T-shirt" from 6:00 -8:00.

7/10: Teen Video Game Event from 1:30-4:30.

7/16: Hero Creations for Teens from 2:00-4:00.

Adults

Chess Club, Tuesday evenings at 6:00.

Movie Memories and Milestones, Thursdays at 4:30.

7/6: Library Board meets, public welcome – 4:30.

7/8: "Be a Hero – Rescue a Stained T-shirt" – 6:00.

7/28: Genealogy Club on Tuesday – 6:00.

For Everyone

7/11: Dungeons & Dragons Play – 10:00-2:00.

Information about our activities can be found on our webpage at <http://www.hastingspubliclibrary.org>. Find us on Facebook at Hastings Public Library-MI Call us at (269) 945-4263.

Smoke Free Parks. A reminder that smoking is not allowed in City Parks.

Bicycle Licensing \$1. Register your bicycle with the Hastings Police Department. Information from licensing aids in returning abandoned or stolen bicycles.

Fireworks Ordinance



Fireworks- Sec. 42-3.

No person shall fire or explode any powder, squib, rocket, cracker, Roman candle, fireball, or other combustible fireworks within the city unless by permission of the council, with the exception of the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday.

The City council may, in its discretion, give permission as provided in Act No. 256 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2011, (MCL 28.457)to discharge fireworks on public occasions.

More information can be obtained through the contacts

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH
06 Monday - Library Board 4:30 PM
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08 Wednesday - Cemetery Board 3:00 PM
13 Monday - Council Meeting 7:00 PM
15 Wednesday - LDFA/BRA 8:00 AM
16 Thursday - DDA 8:00 AM
16 Thursday - Cable Access 7:00 PM
20 Monday - Joint Planning Alliance 5:30 PM
21 Tuesday - ZBA 7:00 PM
27 Monday - Council Meeting 7:00 PM
29 Wednesday - Airport Commission 4:30 PM