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Hastings Summerfest

Main Stage Music Highlights

**1:30 PM Junior Walker's
All-Star Band presents
*Motown Madness***

**7:00 PM Mitch Ryder &
the Detroit Wheels**

Arts & crafts vendors on the courthouse lawn, concessions, free trolley rides, children's activities, a tennis tournament, softball tournament, 3-on-3 basketball, 10K/5K run, 3-on-3 soccer, roller hockey tournament, weight lifting contest, parade, car show, soapbox derby, live entertainment and a refreshment tent.

Information can be obtained through the Barry County Chamber of Commerce
269-945-2454

HASTINGS HIGHLIGHTS



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At the City

The Community Development Department works to build stronger communities through identifying community needs and priorities and taking action to address them. This includes the practices of civic leaders, activists, involved citizens and professionals, all working to develop local economies, improve housing and neighborhoods, provide recreation opportunities, and support infrastructure investments.

The City's Community Development Department seeks to advance residents' objectives by providing resources, such as community promotion, project and event coordination, planning assistance, as well as grant and program management. Whether it's applying for permits, arranging for street closures, booking musicians and vendors, or promoting through social media, web, radio, TV and printed material, the Community Development team is here to help.

We work closely with the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) to keep our downtown clean, attractive, interesting and vital. We administer a DDA-funded façade grant program to assist downtown businesses with improving the quality and appearance of their storefronts.

We also work with the DDA to display public art in the form of sculptures throughout the downtown. Each year, community members vote on new sculptures to be displayed around Hastings. Donors will often purchase one of the pieces of art for the City to display permanently.

Several social events we organize include Playing at the Plaza, Oktoberfest and the Sculpture Tour. We also assist

other organizations in holding events like Jazz Festival, Barry Roubaix, Summer Fest, and the farmers market. Groups considering the startup of a new event can always call our office for guidance on getting started.

Strengthening and improving neighborhoods is another mission of Community Development. In July we worked with area churches, Barry Community Foundation, United Way and resident volunteers to bring a few hundred young people to town to spend a week repairing homes throughout Hastings and Nashville. The work was provided free to homeowners in need of repairs. Work included painting, roofing and installing wheelchair ramps. This work not only improved the homes, but also the well-being of homeowners and the overall appearance of our City's neighborhoods.

Community Development engages in many planning activities to ensure that the City maintains the quality of life enjoyed by its residents while accommodating growth that sustains our City's unique character.

From the time of his arrival in October of 2006, John Hart drove the growth of our downtown. Through strong relationships built with local business leaders and citizens, John's passion has refined this mid-Michigan jewel. As he moves onto the next chapter of his professional career, we wish him well. We also look forward to continuing the vision he shared over the last 9 years.

Thank you, John!



Hastings Public Library

Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers

Baby Time, Toddler Story Time, Pre-K Story Time, will not be held during the month of August.

1st through 12th Grades

Young Chess Tutoring, Tuesdays at 4:00.

Teens (6th grade and up)

8/22: "Get Your Game On" Gaming Marathon from 9:00-9:00.

Adults

Chess Club, Tuesday evenings at 6:00.

8/6: Library Book Club discusses Harriet Evans' "A Place for Us." Call us at (269) 945-4263.

8/6, 20, 27: Movie Memories and Milestones at 4:30.

8/25: Genealogy Club on Tuesday at 6:00.

8/31: Library Board meets at 4:30, public welcome.

For Everyone

8/3: "Summer Sounds " with the Battle Creek String Ensemble and Music School at 6:30.

Information about our activities:

Webpage at www.hastingspubliclibrary.org.

Find us on Facebook at Hastings Public Library-MI



WWMT Channel 3 came to town in July to highlight Hastings for their

Road Trippin' series. You can see the video on the Downtown Development Authority site and the City of Hastings Facebook page.

<http://downtownhastings.com/wwmts-segment-featuring-downtown-hastings/>

On Facebook.com search City of Hastings Michigan.

YMCA Camp Algonquin

has openings for August Summer Camp. Register soon, spaces are filling up fast!
www.ymcaofbarrycounty.org



Dangerous Dogs Ordinance



The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Dangerous dog means:

(1)Any dog with a propensity, tendency or disposition to cause injury to or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals;

(2)Any dog that attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation; or

(3)Any dog known by the owner to be a Pit Bull Terrier, which shall herein be defined as any American Pit Bull Terrier or Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier breed of dog or any mixed breed of dog which contains as an element of its breeding the breed of American Pit Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier as to be identifiable as partially of the breed of American Pit Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

Dog means an adult dog, which shall mean any dog over the age of six months.

Owner means any person who has a possessory property right in a dog or who harbors, cares for, exercises control over, or knowingly permits any animal to remain on premises occupied by such person.

Unconfined, as the term is used in relation to a dangerous dog, means such dog is not securely confined indoors or confined in a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure upon the premises of the owner. Such pen or structure must have secured sides and a secured top. If the pen or structure has no bottom to the sides, the sides must be imbedded in the ground no less than two feet.

More information can be obtained by contacting our Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Hanshaw, at 269-945-2468.

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH

03 Monday - Planning Commission 7:00 PM

10 Monday - Council Meeting 7:00 PM

12 Wednesday - Cemetery Board 3:00 PM

17 Monday - Joint Plan. All. 5:30 PM

18 Tuesday - Zoning Board of App. 7:00 PM

19 Wednesday - LDFA/BRA 8:00 AM

19 Wednesday - Joint Plan. Comm. 5:30 PM

20 Thursday - Downtown Dev. Auth. 8:00 AM

20 Thursday - Cable Access 7:00 PM

24 Monday - Council Meeting 7:00 PM

26 Wednesday - Airport Commission 4:30 PM

31 Monday - Library Board 4:30 PM