

2015 DECEMBER

Hastings Highlights

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Holiday Shop Hop Weekend, has been rebranded “**Hastings Jingle and Mingle,**” with extended activities starting Friday, December 4, 2015 through Sunday, December 6, 2015. This year’s event will be full of GREAT activities, so come out and join in the festivities!

Friday 12/4/15 5:00pm-8:00pm

Holiday Shopping Festivities

Art and gift wrapping at the library

Carriage Rides with a fire pit warming station from 5:00-9:00, tickets are available at Hastings City Bank

Manger Lighting at 5:30 with the Mayor

Tree Lighting at 6:00 with the Mayor

Creative Kids Workshop with the Thornapple Arts Council from 6:00-7:30 **Call 269-945-2002 to register**

“Fruitcakes” with the Thornapple Players at the Dennison Performing Arts Center at 7:00

Santa at Dick’s Barber Shop from 6:00-9:00

Holly Trolley starting at the Courthouse Lawn

Saturday 12/5/15

Holiday shopping until 7:00

Story Time at the Spray Plaza with fire pit warming stations from 11:30-1:45

Christmas Parade at 2:00

Photos with Santa following the parade at the library

Snowman building contest on the Courthouse Lawn from 3:00-4:00

* In case there’s no snow, a snowman craft will be offered

Horse and wagon rides at ACE with fire pit, from 3:00-7:00 there will be s’mores and cookie decorating

“Fruitcakes” with the Thornapple Players at the Dennison Performing Arts Center at 7:00

Sunday in the City 12/6/15

Holiday Shopping Festivities – Many downtown stores will be open during this special Sunday to give you more time to shop!

Pancake Brunch-Seasonal Grille from 11:00-1:00

Reindeer Petting Zoo-Courthouse Lawn from 1:00-3:00

Carriage rides from 12:00-4:00

“Fruitcakes” with the Thornapple Players at the Dennison Performing Arts Center at 2:00

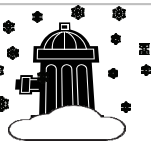
Giant Christmas Cards displayed Downtown

Future Events

Wise Men’s Out-December 20th. Come shop downtown.

New Year’s Eve Ball Drop and Community Celebration-December 31st starting at 9:00PM.

Please take time to shovel around fire hydrants. This allows quick access if there is a fire.



Parking on the street is not permitted from 2:00AM - 6:00AM



Last day to pay taxes before years end will be Wednesday, December 30
City Hall will be open 8am-5pm. Drop box in the drive-thru available, your receipt will be mailed to you.

December @ Hastings Public Library



Closed Thursday, December 24th, Friday, December 25th, and Saturday, December 26th for Christmas.
Closing early Thursday, December 31st at 3:00 for New Year's Eve.

Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers

Toddler Time, 18mo. - 4 yrs., Tuesdays at 10:30
Pre-School Story Time - 4 yrs. to 6 yrs., Fridays at 10:30

1st through 12th Grades

12/1 Young Chess Tutoring at 4:00
12/21 LEGO Club (Adults must be accompanied by a child) from 4:00-5:00
12/29 Video Game Event 3rd Graders & Up from 2:00 - 5:00

Teens (6th grade and up)

12/12 Dungeons & Dragons from 10:00 - 2:00

Information about library activities:

Visit webpage at www.hastingspubliclibrary.org
Find on Facebook at Hastings Public Library-MI

Adults

12/3 Library Book Club discusses "Kitchens of the Great Midwest" by J. Ryan Stradel at 12:00
12/4 Art @ the Library featuring over 30 artisans 5:00 - 8:00
12/5 Pictures with **SANTA** after the parade
12/15 Frugal Living Exchange explores "Paws for a New Year" with the members of Paws with a Cause at 6:15
12/29 Genealogy Club at 6:00
Chess Club **every Tuesday** evening at 6:00
Movie Memories and Milestones **every Thursday** at 4:30

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

The Riverside Cemetery improvements project is nearly complete. This project included limestone driving paths, water hydrant and irrigation installation, and aluminum fence installation. These new improvements have greatly improved the cemetery appearance and path drive-ability. The improvements to the cemetery were made thanks to the donations of community members.

The Hastings Department of Public Services has hired Jim James as the new Superintendent of Streets and Construction. Jim is a long time Hastings resident, with strong ties to the community. Jims creative energy, drive, and attitude will be a great asset to the City of Hastings. If you see Jim around town, please congratulate him on his new position.



What's going on this month...

- 07 Monday - Planning Commission 7:00 PM
- 07 Monday - Library Board 4:30 PM
- 09 Wednesday - Cemetery Board 3:00 PM
- 14 Monday - Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 Tuesday - ZBA 7:00 PM
- 16 Wednesday - LDFA/BRA 8:00 AM
- 17 Thursday - DDA 8:00 AM
- 17 Thursday - Cable Access 7:00 PM
- 21 Monday - Joint Planning Alliance 5:30 PM
- 23 Airport Commission 4:30 PM
- 24 Thursday - **City Hall Closed** - Christmas Holiday
- 25 Friday - **City Hall Closed** - Christmas Holiday
- 28 Monday - Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- 31 Thursday - **City Hall Closed** - New Year's Holiday

YMCA PROGRAMS

Sign up's are starting now for youth basketball so be sure to sign up early before it fills up.
Adult Basketball will be starting soon.
Look for the new 40 and older league.
For more information and to sign up go to www.ymcaofbarrycounty.org.