

Hastings Highlights

City of Hastings

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City of Hastings Public Notice

The polling location for the **August and November 2016 elections** will be at the **Hastings Baptist Church on Woodlawn Ave.**

The Middle School, where elections have typically been held, will be under construction this summer and fall as part of the Hastings Schools' facility projects.

Polls will be open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM as usual. For questions or further information, please contact Tom Emery or Tina Maurer at City Hall, 269.945.2468.

Thomas E. Emery
City Clerk

2016 Spring Clean-up

City crews will be starting the 2016 Spring Cleanup on Monday, April 11th. Crews will start in the downtown area, and will move into the second ward. Weekly updates will be provided on WBCH. Questions or concerns can be addressed at Hastings City Hall.

SPRING REMINDERS

Burning in the City. Permits are free and required for open burning. Residents may not burn branches, leaves and other vegetative debris in the City. Permits may be obtained through the Fire Department by calling 269.205.3208.

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

City of Hastings Events

Barry-Roubaix Killer Gravel Road Race
April 16 — Downtown Hastings

Jazz Festival
April 28-30 — Downtown Hastings
www.ThornappleArts.org or 269-945-2002

Farmers Market
Starting in May — Courthouse Lawn
Wednesday 1-6 pm Saturdays 9 am - 1pm

Girls' Night Out
May 5 — Downtown Hastings — 5 - 8 pm

www.DowntownHastings.com
www.HastingsMI.org

What's going on this month...

- 04 Monday - Library Board 4:30 PM
- 04 Monday - Planning Commission 7:00 PM
- 11 Monday - City Council 7:00 PM
- 13 Wednesday - Cemetery Advisory Board 3:00 PM
- 13 Wednesday - Nature Area Board 7:00 PM
- 18 Monday - JPA 5:30 PM (Rutland Twp. Hall)
- 19 Tuesday - ZBA 7:00 PM
- 20 Wednesday - JPC 5:30 PM (Rutland Twp. Hall)
- 21 Thursday - DDA 8:00 AM
- 21 Thursday - Cable Access 7:00 PM
- 25 Monday - City Council 7:00 PM
- 27 Wednesday - Airport Commission 4:30 PM
- 28 Thursday - LDFA/BRA 8:00 AM



Commission On Aging Seats and Treats Silent Auction Fundraiser - Create a basket of treats - any theme or decorate/redesign a chair with flair. You can pick up a vintage wooden folding chair at the COA. Please deliver chairs and baskets (with a list of contents) to the COA by April 11th. If you need the COA to varnish your chair, please return it to them by April 4th. Baskets and chairs will be put in the silent auction which begins April 15th and goes through the May 21st Walkathon.

COA Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser - is the kick off to the **Silent Auction**. Entertainment by Mark and Nola Payne and friends. The event takes place on April 15 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM. Bid often and early, on location or online.



April Events at the Hastings Library

Toddlers through Pre-School

Toddler Time: 18mo. to 3 yrs., Tuesdays at 10: 30 AM
Pre-School Story Time: 3 yrs. to 6 yrs., Fridays at 10: 30 AM
***No Story Time on 4/22/16**

Kindergarten through 5th Grade

4/07: Young Chess Tutoring at 4:00 PM

Teens (6th through 12th Grade)

4/16: Dungeons & Dragons from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Kindergarten through 12th Grades

4/18: LEGO Club from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Family

4/05: Unplugged Game Night from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
4/10 - 4/16: Celebrate National Library Week! Come in and
"Read Down Your Fines"
4/22 & 4/23: Jazz Festival Venue

Adults

Chess Club every **Tuesday** evening at 6:00 PM
"Movie Memories and Milestones" every **Thursday** at 4:30 PM
4/04: Library Board of Directors meets at 4:30 PM
4/07: Library Book Club discusses "Avenue of Mysteries"
by John Irving from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
4/19: Frugal Living Exchange explores "Eating from the Wild"
with Matt Dykstra at 6:15 PM
4/26: Genealogy Club at 6:00 PM
4/30: Open Mic Poetry Reading with Alisa from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

VITA Tax Help - volunteers will at the library on **Wednesday, 4/6**
and Saturdays: 4/2 & 4/9. Please call **269-945-0526** to make an ap-
pointment.

For more information about Library Activities

Visit our webpage at www.hastingspubliclibrary.org
Find us on Facebook at Hastings Public Library-MI
or call us at 269-945-4263

Downtown Hastings will host the world's largest gravel road bicycle race.

Nearly 3,500 cyclists will participate in the 2016 Founders Barry-Roubaix Killer Gravel Road Race on Saturday April 16th, which starts and finishes in Downtown Hastings.

"We have thoroughly enjoyed partnering with the City of Hastings who has been an outstanding host for the Killer Gravel Road Race!" said organizer Scott TenCate.

The City invites the community to cheer on the cyclists and enjoy the festivities. For more information on the Founders Barry-Roubaix Killer Gravel Road Race visit www.barry-roubaix.com.

Thornapple Plaza Will Open with the Jazz Festival, April 28, 29, and 30

The new Thornapple Plaza amphitheater is nearly completed and will open in time to host the Thornapple Arts Council's 12th Annual Jazz Festival in Downtown Hastings. The Jazz Festival brings 130 musical acts and school bands into the City for a three-day Jazz extravaganza.

Located between the Hastings Public Library and the Thornapple River on Apple and State Streets, the Plaza will seat 500 people and be home to **FREE** entertainment: **The Hastings High School Band** will perform on May 19; **Hastings City Band** plays every Wednesday evening from June 15 - July 13; and Thursday summer nights will feature local groups in a variety of musical styles. Friday Night Features will welcome special headliner **Jr Walker's All Star Band** on June 17; country artist **Matt Williams** on July 15; and beach music band **West Side Soul Surfers** on August 12.

For more information on events in Downtown Hastings and at the new Thornapple Plaza visit www.DowntownHastings.com or find us on Facebook and Twitter



Spring Sports are available at the YMCA. We Offer: Soccer, T-Ball, Softball, Baseball, Tennis, Golf, Yoga, and Swim Classes (just to name a few). We also offer Tiny Tot programs for 3 - 4 year olds. Financial Aid is available for all of our youth programs. Sign up online today at www.ymcaofbarrycounty.org or pick up a sign up form at the YMCA Office at 2055 Iroquois Trail. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm.



If you missed the Hastings St. Patrick's Day Parade or would like to see it again you can see it online at <https://youtu.be/2mByqer2beE>



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