

# March



# 2021



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# Hastings Highlights



## What's Going On .....

- 01 Monday - Library Board 4:30 PM
- 01 Monday - Planning Commission 7:00 PM
- 08 Monday - Council 7:00 PM
- 10 Wednesday - Cemetery Advisory Board 3:00 PM
- 15 Monday - JPA 5:30 PM (Rutland Twp. Hall)
- 15 Monday - Cable Access 7:00 PM
- 16 Tuesday - ZBA 7:00 PM
- 17 Wednesday - JPC 5:30 PM (Rutland Twp. Hall)
- 18 Thursday - DDA 8:00 AM
- 22 Monday Council 7:00 PM
- 24 Wednesday - Airport Commission 4:30 PM
- 25 Thursday - LDFA/BRA 3:00 PM



## Spotlight— Hastings Public Library



What is currently known as the Hastings Public Library (HPL) started in 1896 by the Hastings Women's Club as a reading room for their members. In 1915 the Club voted to donate their collection of 500 books toward a new city library, which was established in 1918 in partnership with the Hastings High School.

By 1965 the growing collection and increasing circulation led to opening the Library as a stand-alone organization located in the former Post Office on Church St.

It remained in that location until 2007 when it moved from the 9,000 square foot old building into its current 18,000 sq. ft. The new Library was built using only the community's generous donations and grants. No tax dollars were spent on its construction.

The Library serves the City of Hastings, and the residents of Hastings and Rutland Charter Townships, who have contracted with the City and support library services with dedicated mileages.

Today the collection holds 46,954 physical and 940,207 digital items, including the local history collection and Library of Things. Last year our patrons checked out 44,456 books, videos, audiobooks, and non-traditional items, along with 20,291 digital materials; made regular use of our computers; and used the Wi-Fi service offered in and around the building 24/7. Throughout the year there are programs for all ages including story times and other events for kids, a variety of teen and adult programs, and reading clubs for everyone.

The library has thirteen dedicated staff members that work six days a week with one goal in mind: to provide services to support and enhance the lives of people in our community. They are always looking for better ways to accomplish that goal.

Please contact Library Director Peggy Hemerling with any questions or further information. Call the Library at 269-945-4263.

## The City of Hastings

### Winter Reminders

**No on-street parking is allowed between the hours of 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM.** This is strictly enforced in the winter months to allow us to keep our streets cleared of snow.

Please remember that **sidewalks should also be kept clear of snow.** Doing so allows pedestrians, including children walking to school, to use the sidewalk as opposed to walking in the street. The use of sidewalks by pedestrians makes it safer for everyone.

Private plow operators should take extra care to **keep snow piles low** enough so as not to block vision of the driving public. Business owners should instruct snow plowers not to plow snow on sidewalks and across streets. It is not lawful, and it also may increase individual liability to plow snow high enough in areas near intersections that blocks or interferes with the visibility of motorists.

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



### \*\*\*Notice\*\*\*

#### Calling all community-minded volunteers:



The City of Hastings seeks candidates for appointment to the **Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA)**, **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA)**, the **Cable Access Committee**, and the **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)**.

Interested persons are encouraged to apply for appointment by completing an application form for volunteer positions available at City Hall, 201 East State Street, Hastings. Application forms are also available on the City's Website: [hastingsmi.org/online-services/](http://hastingsmi.org/online-services/)

Mayor David Tossava



### YMCA March Highlights

Program modifications are being made based on current COVID-19 health standards.

**Camp Algonquin is putting together a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary historical book. Pre-orders have begun at [ymcaofbarrycounty.square.site](http://ymcaofbarrycounty.square.site), and the book is scheduled to be available in the fall of 2021.**

#### SPROUTS Nature Based Learning:

- Spring Session: March 15 - May 13 (closed April 5-8)
- For 3 & 4-year-olds in the mornings at YMCA Camp Algonquin

#### Camp Algonquin:

- Registration for Summer Camp 2021 is now OPEN!
- Overnight Camp, Junior Overnight Camp, Day Camp, Tiny Tots, Teen Trip, Counselor-in-Training, and Family Camp
- NOW HIRING for 18+
- Registrations and applications online

#### Y Time Childcare:

- For infants – 6<sup>th</sup> grade
  - NOW HIRING for 18+
  - Applications online
- Contact [marci@ymcaofbarrycounty.org](mailto:marci@ymcaofbarrycounty.org) for more information

#### Youth Sports:

- SPRING SPORTS - Check our website for updates
- NOW HIRING for a Field Manager, Age 17+

Contact [gina@ymcaofbarrycounty.org](mailto:gina@ymcaofbarrycounty.org) for more information Financial Aid applications are available for most programs. E-mail [office@ymcaofbarrycounty.org](mailto:office@ymcaofbarrycounty.org) for more information. Please visit our website [ymcaofbarrycounty.org](http://ymcaofbarrycounty.org) or call our office at 269-945-4574 weekdays between 9am-4pm for all dates, times, fees, locations, or to register for a program.



### Hastings Public Library is Open!

Full services including computer time, browsing the bookshelves, and more available.

**Finance 101** with Thornapple Credit Union: March 9 • 7-8 pm through Zoom • **"Wants versus Need & Budgeting"**.

Cash prizes available each month & at year end. This monthly program will touch base on different topics such as, Budgeting, Credit & Credit Repair, Lending, Avoiding Scams, etc. Programs & Prizes will be available afterward on YouTube.

**Backyard Birding & Beyond:** March 31 • 6-7pm through Zoom: Greg Bodker, avid birder and photographer, will help us learn ways to appreciate birds and birdwatching through photographs and personal stories. Greg will cover more advanced topics like bird identifications, habitats, and migrations during this virtual program sponsored by Hastings Public Library and Putnam District Library.

**Zoom Story Time "Water All Around Us"** March 19 • 10-10:30 am with Ms. Paige & Ms. Ellen from Pierce Cedar Creek Institute.

**Winter Reading** is wrapping up traveling **"Around The States in 90 Days"** in March: Virtual Tours and Book Reviews have us traveling the States.

Find more information about these programs and more by calling 269-945-4263 or on our Website and Facebook page.

**Finance 101**  
Save Me from Money Worries  
Learn Tools for Financial Success

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Thornapple Credit Union  
where community matters

<b>March 9</b> Budgeting & Wants vrs Needs	<b>August 10</b> Investing
<b>April 13</b> What is Credit?	<b>September 14</b> Retirement
<b>May 11</b> Credit Repair	<b>October 12</b> Graduation, What Now?
<b>June 8</b> Credit Cards	<b>November 9</b> Pitfalls of Payday Advances
<b>July 13</b> Lending	<b>December 14</b> Securing Your Money

**Virtual 7-8pm**  
or YouTube  
Attend when you can

Cash Prizes