

# Hastings Highlights

## September 2022



City of Hastings

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Isaiah Guenther, a junior at Cornell University studying biological engineering, has been working as an intern at the City of Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant.



Isaiah said that, broadly speaking, the crew taught him about the overarching science and engineering principles that govern a treatment plant.

"More specifically, they showed me how to run the daily lab tests, how to maintain cleanliness for all the equipment, and how to troubleshoot the various problems that a wastewater crew is tasked with handling., he said. "Every day brought new

challenges.

"I gained a deeper understanding of what wastewater treatment looks like and how important it is for modern society. Moreover, I have a greater appreciation and respect for the people who work there, Isaiah added. "The City of Hastings has an awesome group of guys who run the plant. It's a difficult job to say the least and requires high level critical-thinking skills. They are smart, hard-working, great people. They were all tremendous teachers and I learned so much from them."

Isaiah said he plans to join the workforce after graduation but isn't sure in what industry. He said wastewater treatment plant design may be part of his future, so the experience he gained during his internship would be directly transferable.

"Whatever I end up doing, though, I hope my workplace has team dynamics like those at the wastewater plant," he said.

### **Nash Martin, Finance Department/HR intern!**



The City rolled out its internship program this year and Nash has been our intern "Guinea pig" throughout summer. Some of you may have met Nash when visiting City Hall to pay your water or tax bill. His affable personality and infectious smile (along with his fluency in "zoomer-speak") has been a welcomed breath of fresh air.

Nash is currently a senior studying Human Resource Management at Michigan State University. His initial interest focused on business, but he has a passion for working with people through human interaction; so human resources fits that desire perfectly. Good mental health is very important to Nash! Nash's ultimate career goal is to provide service in a field where he can make an impact, be a voice for employees, with a possible goal of research and publication of findings.

Nash Martin was looking for an opportunity to work in the community and connect with the citizens. While not initially presented as an HR internship position, Nash has been able to further his HR education by taking on, and completing projects for the City, such as participating in new hire interviews, completing an audit of personnel files and creating the City's LinkedIn page; he also participated in the OPEB meeting with retirees and created onboarding and off-boarding procedures and checklists.

When asked about the internship program, he offered it has provided him with new experiences and expanded his view of how City government works. Nash was also able to jump in and help the Finance Department at a time where staff was short-handed, and, because of his critical thinking and curiosity, Nash has learned more than expected through osmosis during his daily time here.

In addition to being the Finance Department's best intern, Nash was able to attend LaLaPalooza in Chicago, enjoy beach time at Lake Michigan with friends, went to the AJR Concert, and caught up with classmates. He would appreciate an opportunity to return to City Hall if the opportunity presents itself and the conditions are favorable, and he would like to thank City staff for the internship opportunity, as he has made many new contacts and friendships.

### **School Is Now In Session.**

Please remember the safety of students walking to and from school, adult crossing guards, and student safety patrols. Students should be using the sidewalks wherever they are present; however, there are times when sidewalks are not present. Students walking in the street should be near the curb, but as unpredictable as children can be, always be prepared for the unexpected action. Adult crossing guards have the authority to stop traffic and control students at approved crossing areas. Disregarding an adult crossing guard is not only very unsafe, but will result in a very expensive ticket-generally followed by a fine, points on your drivers license, and possibly much higher insurance costs. Let's all work to keep the children safe. Student Safety Patrols are designed to assist students in crossing the street. They always wear a brightly colored, approved safety belt. Student Safety Patrols are not designated, nor are they trained, to stop traffic. When you see a Student Safety Patrol, other children are generally in the immediate area. PLEASE DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY!



### **Fall 2022 Household Hazardous Waste, Tire, and Medicine Collections**

**September 17, 2022 (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)**

Barry County holds two Household Hazardous Waste, Tire, and Medicine Collections each year. These collections take place in the spring and fall at the [Barry County Fairgrounds](#), 1350 N. M-37. The collections are sponsored by the Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee with support from the Barry County Fair Board, Waste Management, Barry-Eaton District Health Department, Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force, Sheriff's Department, and Local Pharmacies.

### **What's going on this month...**

#### **05 Monday - City Hall Closed - Labor Day**

06 Tuesday - Planning Commission 7:00 PM

12 Monday - Council 7:00 PM

14 Wednesday - Cemetery Advisory Board 3:00 PM

15 Thursday - DDA 8:00 AM

19 Monday - Cable Access 7:00 PM

20 Tuesday - ZBA 7:00 PM

21 Wednesday - JPC 5:30 PM (Rutland Twp. Hall)

22 Thursday - LDFA/BRA 8:00 AM

26 Monday - Council 7:00 PM

28 Wednesday - Airport Commission 4:30 PM





## Let us Entertain You..... (future events)

### Girl's Night Out

October 6, 2022

5-8 PM

Downtown Hastings

### Hastings Jingle and Mingle

December 2-4, 2020

Enjoy holiday shopping in Downtown Hastings with free carriage rides, tree lighting and family activities

### Christmas Parade

December 3rd—5:30 PM

Downtown Hastings

### New Year's Ball Drop

December 31st

Downtown Hastings

For further information, please contact Maiya Merrick, Arts and Events Coordinator 269-945-2468 or mmerrick@hastingsmi.org

## SAVE THE DATE.....

**Hastings Fire Department Open House,  
Sunday, October 9th 11 AM-2 PM**

**Refreshments and Activities for Kids**



**WE'RE HIRING AT THE Y!  
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES  
CHANGING LIVES**

### WORK THIS FALL

- Childcare-Full Day or After School
- Y on the Fly-After School
- Aquatics Instructors
- Sports Officials

Visit the employment page on our website  
269-945-4574 | [www.ymcaofbarrycounty.org](http://www.ymcaofbarrycounty.org)

## SPROUTS NATURE BASED LEARNING FALL ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN COME GROW WITH US

Youth Age 3-4 years old

September 19-December 16, 2022

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

S.P.R.OUTS: Skills-Play-Recreation OUTSide

## Hastings Public Library

227 E. STATE ST., HASTINGS, MI 49058

Phone: 269-945-4263

Monday - Thursday: 9AM- 8PM

Friday: 9AM- 6PM

Saturday: 9AM - 3PM

Learn something new or strengthen your tech skills during our Computer Learning Lab the last Wednesday of each month at 2PM, starting the 9<sup>th</sup> Friday Storytime returns at 10:30AM, and Arm Chair Travel will be watching Post Covid Travel 90 days in Europe on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Celebrate FREEDOM at the Library with Banned Books, special September daily activities and replace your old Library Card with bright shiny new one for FREE. Wine Paring and Basket Auction Tickets for a limited number of seats are now available for \$30.



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