



February Hastings Highlights

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2014 WINTER TAXES

February 17th

The last day to pay your 2014 Winter City Tax Bill without penalty or interest is February 17, 2015. Taxes paid after the 17th will have 3% penalty and 1% interest added to the total. If you are unable to pay your bill during our normal 8-5 business hours, feel free to utilize the drop box located in the middle drive-thru lane behind City Hall and a paid receipt will be mailed to you. Please note that the 16th of February is President's Day – our offices will be open to accept payments but there is no mail delivery so plan accordingly. All unpaid 2014 City taxes will be turned over to the Barry County Treasurer on March 2nd for collection.

Making the most of the Hastings Highlights

Our newsletter, Hastings Highlights, is a publication we use to keep our citizens informed.

Here is a description of how to get the best use from this service.

Contact information: On the front page, in the top right corner is our contact information. Mailing address, phone and fax numbers, our webpage and our QR code. The QR code is new, give us a call for more information!

Inside this Issue: On the front page you can find this quick reference guide for each section covered in the Newsletter.

What's Going On this Month: Are you familiar with our calendar of events? In each edition there is a calendar listing dates and times for board meetings, holiday closings and observanc-

es. This is typically found on the front, near the bottom.

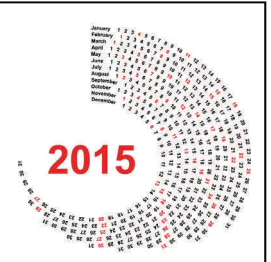
Public Notices: Many editions have Public Notices listed, typically from our Department of Public Services or Police Department. These cover safety, ordinances and services provided. If you have questions you can reference our website for ordinances or contact us directly.

Library Events: Hastings has a vibrant library, with a lot going on! On the backside you can find a listing of what our library has to offer from informative classes, to family enrichment, to service opportunities. All ages and interests have a place there!

Hopefully this has been informative. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH

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| 02 Library 4:30 PM | 18 LDFA 8:00 AM |
| 02 Planning Commission 7:00 PM | 18 Cable 7:00 PM |
| 09 City Council 7:00 PM | 19 DDA 8:00 AM |
| 11 Cemetery Advisory 3:00 PM | 23 Council 7:00 PM |
| 17 Zoning Board 7:00 PM | 25 Airport 4:30 PM |





February Library Events

Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers

Baby Time on Tuesdays at 9:30 (bringing an older child with you? Be sure they bring a stuffed animal to be their 'infant' for the activities.

Toddler Story Time weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30.

Pre-K Story Time weekly on Fridays at 10:30.

1st through 12th Grades

Young Chess Tutoring every Tuesday at 4:00.

Teens (6th grade and up)

2/13: Round Two of the Teen Video Game Tournament – 4:00-6:00.

2/20: Pizza & Pages, having read L Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" will view "Oz the Great and Powerful" and discuss both afterwards over pizza – 4:00-6:30.

Adults

Chess Club every Tuesday evening at 6:00.

Movie Memories and Milestones every Thursday (except New Year's) at 4:30 (February's films feature Murder, Madness and Mayhem with "The Woman in the Window," "Possessed," "The Blue Gardenia," and "Black Widow."

2/2: Library Board of Directors meet – 4:30.

2/5: The Library Book Club discusses "Mona Lisa" by Dianne Hales – Noon-1:00.

2/10 and 1/24: Yarn Works Club – for all interested in needlework and the fiber arts – 6:15-8:00.

2/11: The Friends of the Library meet to plan their spring and summer events – Noon – 2:00.

2/20: Frugal Living Exchange learns about "Herbal First Aid" with Christin Othmer – 6:15.

2/24: Genealogy Club — 6:00.


Information about our activities can be found at our webpage at <http://www.hastingspubliclibrary.org>. Find us on Facebook at Hastings Public Library-MI Call us at (269) 945-4263.



Sidewalk Safety

Please remember that sidewalks should 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.

Plowed Snow & Visibility




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 monitor the plowing of their respective parking areas to insure compliance and reduce traffic accidents.

It is not lawful and may increase individual liability to plow snow high enough in areas near intersections thus blocking or interfering with the visibility of motorists.

On Street Parking Limitations

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



Hydrant Safety If you have a fire hydrant in front of your house, please take the time to clear the snow away from it. This is very helpful for fire and City personnel if they need access to them quickly.

