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**Progressing with the new...**

Below is a picture of the City of Hastings QR code. A QR code is similar to a barcode. However, with a Smartphone you can use an app to take a photo of the code and be redirected to our website.



## At the City

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Here “At The City” of Hastings, we pride ourselves on taking care of the our citizens, our property and even the friendly “atmosphere” of Hastings. Our goal is to make sure that Hastings is “what you always wanted your hometown to be”. Over the 2015 year, we will be featuring each of our departments in order to better acquaint you with its function and how the services relate to you. This month we will feature our Department of Public Services.

Our Department of Public Services provides public infrastructure and municipal services to protect and improve the daily lives of the citizens of Hastings in a cost effective manner. The DPS has crew members on call 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Our crews enjoy interacting with the public as they work on the vast array of jobs they perform. Many of these projects involve enduring the toughest environments. Through the winter months for example, our DPS crews work outside despite sub-zero temperatures, freezing rain, slick ice and deep snow, responding to water main and service line breaks, backed up sanitary sewers, storm damage in streets, and power outages.

Our beautiful Hastings City parks and the downtown décor also rest on the shoulders of the Hastings DPS. The members take pride in the appearance and functionality of our city. As work is completed, new tasks arise and are addressed to ensure the safety and enjoyment of our citizens, business owners and visitors.

Our DPS crew members have frequently expressed the pleasure it is they find in working with and for the citizens of Hastings.

The DPS also wants you to know they take pride in their work. They pledge to be fair, tolerant, honest, patient, and courteous. They are a team united in the constant pursuit of customer satisfaction. They will be accountable for their actions and deliver on their commitments to customers and co-workers.



## WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH

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| 01 Thursday - City Hall Closed - New Years Holiday | 15 Thursday- Cable Access 7:00 PM           |
| 05 Monday - Planning Commission 7:00 PM            | 19 Monday- Library Board 4:30 PM            |
| 05 Monday - Library Board 4:30 PM                  | 19 Monday - Joint Planning Alliance 5:30 PM |
| 12 Monday- Council Meeting 7:00 PM                 | 20 Tuesday- ZBA 7:00 PM                     |
| 14 Wednesday - Cemetery Board 3:00 PM              | 21 Wednesday- LDFA/BRA 8:00 AM              |
| 14 Wednesday- Nature Area Board 7:00 PM            | 26 Monday- Council Meeting 7:00 PM          |
| 15 Thursday- DDA 8:00 AM                           | 28 Wednesday- Airport Commission 4:30 PM    |
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### JANUARY @ Hastings Public Library

**The Library will close at 3:00 on New Year's Eve and open again on January 2nd, 2015**

#### Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers

Baby Time on Tuesdays at 9:30 (Older children should 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

Sat 1/24: Curious George Party for kids 4 years through 2nd grade from 1:00-2:30

#### 1st through 12th Grades

Young Chess Tutoring every Tuesday at 4:00

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#### Teens (6th grade and up)

1/16: Round One of the Teen Video Game Tournament – 4:00-6:00



1/17: A Tabletop Gaming & Dungeons and Dragons Marathon from 9:00-9:00

#### Adults

HPL provides video streaming of Calvin College's "January Series" – 15 outstanding speakers provide insights into current affairs at noon, Monday through Friday, January 7 – January 27



Chess Club every Tuesday evening at 6:00

Movie Memories and Milestones every Thursday (except New Year's) at 4:30 (January's films feature eclectic gems like "The Magnificent Ambersons" and "The Philadelphia Story.")

1/19: Library Board of Directors meet – 4:30


1/20: Frugal Living Exchange learns how to "Upcycle" with the Queen of Upcycling, Marcia Mellen – 6:15

1/27: Genealogy Club

#### Family

1/6: Unplugged Game Night – 6:00-8:00

For more information about all of our activities Visit our web page at <http://www.hastingspubliclibrary.org> – or -- Find us on Facebook at Hastings Public Library-MI – or - Call us at (269) 945-4263

 **CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL** The City of Hastings will not be collecting Christmas trees. You may bring them to the debris drop-off located behind the City Garage at 301 E. State St.

## YMCA

### Basketball and Swimming



YMCA Youth Basketball 1st–6th Grade

Registrations are now being accepted. The season will run the weeks of \*January 12 – March 7 (\*weather permitting).



Swim lessons being offered by the YMCA starting in January. We have three locations to choose

from, Pennock Health and Wellness, the CERC (Hastings HS) or Thornapple Kellogg High School in Middleville. Make sure to check out our website to register or get more information.

Information can also be obtained by calling the YMCA at (269)945-4574.

Registration deadline will be January 7, 2015.

For more information and to sign up go to [www.ymcaofbarrycounty.org](http://www.ymcaofbarrycounty.org)