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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF

Chris Jenkins – Parks and Recreation Director
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Theresa Faustini – Aquatics Manager
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Terry Meier – Parks Keeper
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Chelsea Piskor – Commission Chair
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Craig Santelman – Commissioner
Dave Pemble – Commissioner
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HASTINGS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

2022 Highlights

Operations

- 18,857 General Admissions
- 30 different group reservations
 - Most Frequent group: Camp Horizons
- 889 Swim lesson Participants

Service & Sales

- 50 active rescues
- 180 First Aid
- 20 birthday parties
- Top selling Concession Items:
 - Pretzels with cheese
 - Slushies



HFAC Staff



HASTINGS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Item	2022 Budget	2022 Revenue	2021 Revenue	2019 Revenue	2018 Revenue
After Hours Rental	\$5,100	\$8,276	\$7,927	\$7,938.43	\$6,535.67
Season Passes	\$25,000	\$34,626	\$35,657	\$23,406	\$20,934.88
Punch Cards	\$23,000	\$25,587	\$26,253	\$21,888.26	\$17,985
Daily Admission	\$124,000	\$130,961	\$130,153	\$102,211.46	\$71,617.23
Concessions	\$45,000	\$63,021	\$63,556	\$52,198.13	\$36,815
Birthday Parties	\$1,800	\$3,286	\$1,597	\$1,487.84	\$1,857
Swimming Lessons	\$30,000	\$51,425	\$42,078	\$37,749.98	\$33,202.5

Financials (Based on ActiveNet reports)



Hastings Family Aquatic Center

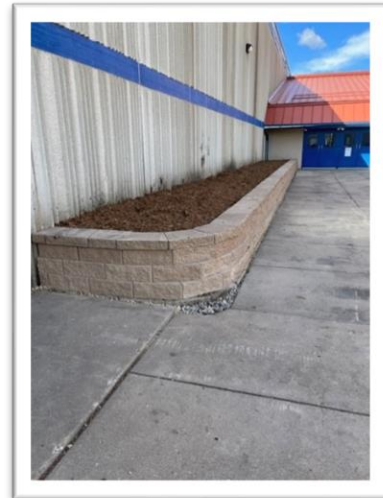


HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

2022 Highlights

- 3 invitational hockey tournaments, 2 district tournaments and 1 regional tournament
- 23 home high school hockey games
- Skate with Santa event in December with Riverblades Skating School
- Two 10 week staking lesson sessions
- Two summer hockey camps for boys and girls

Ice & Turf Rentals	
Taxable & Non-Taxable Ice Rentals	\$408,677
Turf Rentals	\$23,820
Item	Revenue
Pro Shop: Tape/Mouth Guards/Sock Tape/Skate Rental/Laces	\$3,056
Skate Sharpening	\$8,713
Concessions	\$64,458
Public Skating	\$20,644



Arena Eagle Scout Project

Marcus Dahlen spent four weekends re-building the planter in front of the Arena and removed the weeds between the pillars on the East Arena and replaced with river rock



FORESTRY

2022 Highlights

- Our City Forester visited 100 properties
- Rainbow Tree Care treated 762 trees including 115 boulevard trees; an increase of 148 trees from 2021.
- 52 ash trees were removed through our EAB program from infestation.
- 35 trees received water bags at City Hall, Lions Park, C.P. Adams Park
- 12 trees were planted along Hastings River Flats Park.
- Approximately 100 properties were visited by our City Forester to inspect trees for disease and hazard situations doubling the site visits last year (46).
- Staff attended the MN Shade Tree Short Course to keep up to date on current research in the urban forestry field.
- The Forester assessed recently planted trees and corrected the planting depth of 15 trees. Many trees were planted too deep and had to have three to five-gallon buckets of soil removed from the top of the root ball giving them a better chance at becoming a large shade tree. Many advantageous surface roots were removed and stem girdling roots were removed out of the excess soil that would have been killed.
- 9 ball and burlap trees, 4 Sienna Glenn Maple trees, 3 River Birch and 2 Hackberry trees were planted at C.P. Adams Park in late October.
- Our GreenCorps Member, Ashley Running will be serving with the City of Hastings September 2022-August 2023. She is working on projects including buckthorn removal, ash tree treatments, and structural pruning trees throughout our parks system.



FORESTRY

- Arbor Day was held on Friday, April 15th at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- 12 volunteers helped plant, mulch and water trees at Hastings River Flats Park
- Mayor Mary read the Arbor Day Proclamation
- Hoffman & McNamara Nursery and Landscape and Dakota Electric Association provided trees and monetary donations to make the event possible.
- Tree City USA status awarded by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 26 years.



Arbor Day Volunteers



PARKS AND TRAILS

2022 Highlights

- A new roof was installed at the Vermillion Falls overlook as a result of our stolen copper roof in Spring.
- Over 400 yards of mulch was installed throughout our park system.
- Portable bathroom enclosures were constructed at Jaycee Park, Crestview Park, and South Pines Park. Four more enclosures will be built in 2023.
- 11 memorial benches & 3 trees were installed throughout summer as apart of our Memorial Bench and Tree program.
- General maintenance throughout the year includes:
 - Veteran's Athletic Complex maintenance includes: dragging, and chalking of fields May through September, three to five times a week depending on usage.
 - Staff collect garbage and recycling 3 days a week, April through October at high use parks. Collection also happens on weekends at parks and trails with high use such as Jaycee Park, Lake Rebecca and all parks with shelters.
 - 30+ miles of trails maintained: including snowplowing, trimming of trees and general upkeep.
 - Two 16-foot mowers mowed 5 days a week totaling 400+ acres of turf.
 - Two small 5-foot mowers mowed 5 days a week.
 - Machinery maintenance done in house as needed.
 - 8 recreational and hockey rinks flooded as needed, December through February.
 - Maintenance of pool throughout the season; opening and closing procedures.
 - 80+ hours of service provided annually in support of Rivertown Days.



Portable Bathroom enclosures



Memorial Bench



RECREATION

2022 Highlights

Annual Safety Camp

- 60 youth participated in the Annual Safety Camp, Tuesday, June 28th at McAuliffe Elementary School
- Camp included: CPR class, electrical safety, farm & animal safety, water safety, fire safety, bike safety, K-9 demo, and self-defense.
- Partners included: Hastings Fire, Hasting Police, Community Education, Dakota County Farm Bureau, MNCPR, and National Karate.

Annual Community Halloween Party

- 1,500 youth and adults attended at the Annual Halloween Party, Friday, October 28th outdoors at the Hastings High School.
- 62 Volunteers contributed their time, including Council members, Commissioners, the Youth Impact Council group, National Honors Society, Hastings Volleyball and Football teams.
- \$1,800 in monetary donations from 17 Hastings businesses and organizations.
- 882 pounds of food collected and donated for Hastings Family Service.
- \$839 collected for the YIC Scholarship
- The Party included games stations, candy, DJ & activities, costume contests and 12 activity booths from local organizations.



Community Halloween Party



Safety Camp



RECREATION

2022 Highlights

Adult Softball

- Summer league offerings: men's, women's, co-rec
- Fall league offerings: men's, co-rec
- All games played at Veteran's Park
- 30 teams participated

Adult Sand Volleyball Leagues

- Summer league offerings: co-rec recreation, co-rec competitive, women's
- Fall league offerings: co-rec
- All games played at Pioneer Park
- 43 teams participated



Adult Volleyball League



RECREATION

2022 Highlights

Outdoor Rinks and Warming Houses

- Warming houses and outdoor ice rinks were open from January 3 – February 27 in 2022.
- Outdoor Ice Rink Locations: Civic Center, Lake Isabelle, Lions, Pioneer, Wallin
- Warming House Locations: Lions, Pioneer, Wallin
- Weekdays 4-9 PM, Saturday 12-9 PM & Sundays 12-8 PM
- 15 seasonal staff
- Outdoor Ice Rink Usage
 - Pioneer – 2,555 patrons
 - Lions – 1,035 patrons
 - Wallin – 798 patrons



Lions Hockey Rink



RECREATION

2022 Highlights

Athletic Field & Court Reservations

- Field and Court Users
 - Everyday Disc Golf
 - Gray Duck Disc Golf
 - Hastings Community Education
 - Hastings Futbol Club
 - Hastings Hawks
 - Hastings High School
 - Hastings Lacrosse
 - Hastings Youth Athletic Association
 - Hastings YMCA
 - Minnesota Frisbee Association
 - Private Groups
 - Raider Nation Baseball
 - SEAS

- Field and Court Reservation Hours
 - April – 2,160 hours
 - May – 3,198 hours
 - June – 3,486 hours
 - July – 2,402 hours
 - August – 1,850 hours
 - September – 1,906 hours
 - October – 815 hours
 - Total – 15,817 hours



RECREATION

2022 Highlights

Winter Events

- Ice Fishing Adventures
 - 119 participants attended the event in 15 degree weather at Lake Rebecca, Saturday, January 9th and 81 attended the event on Saturday, February 12th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in 5 below weather!
 - Instruction, equipment, bait and tackle were provided. This event was in partnership with the National Park Service, Carpenter Nature Center, DNR and local & knowledgeable volunteers. Donors included the VFW, Vexilar, Rapala & Ace Hardware. This was a free event, open to the public.
- Snowshoe Guided Hikes
 - 25 people attended the Snowshoe Guided Hike at Jaycee Park and Lake Rebecca Park on Sunday, January 30th 9:00 a.m. and 21 attended on Sunday, February 27th 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 - This event was in partnership with Dakota County Parks and lead by a park naturalist. Dakota County Parks provided snowshoes and poles free of charge to attendees. Naturalists also had scopes for bird watching.
- Youth Impact Council Events
 - 15+ High Schoolers attend monthly meetings at the Hastings High School
 - High schoolers volunteer at Community Events including; Community Halloween Party, Coin Drive, Alternative Spring Break, Reality Check, and a year-end banquet. Parks staff and Community Education coordinate youth and meetings at the Hastings high school monthly.
- Candy Cane Hunt
 - 72 groups participated in the candy cane hunt.
 - Groups used the provided clues to locate 5 parks in Hastings, found the candy cane and submitted their answers and photos. Each group received skittles or m&m candy canes for their prizes picked up at our office.



Snowshoe Guided Hikes



Candy Cane Hunt



Ice Fishing Adventures

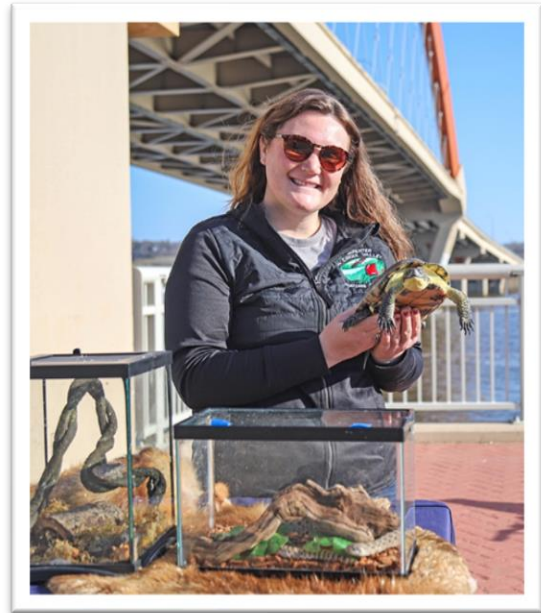


RECREATION

2022 Highlights

Spring Events

- Alternative Spring Break
 - We did not host ASB this year due to no staffing available (typically the daily staff are Promise Fellows at the Hastings Middle School – but not Promise Fellows were in these positions in 2022. This program is in partnership with Community Education
- StoryTrail
 - In celebration of Earth Day, a self-guided story walk was set-up along the Mississippi River Trail from Levee Park to Jaycee Park April 22nd through April 24th. 150+ estimated in participation.
 - In partnership with Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library and free to the public.
- Birding Day Festival
 - 75+ groups attended the festival on Saturday, April 23rd to celebrate Earth Day and Hastings as a 'Bird City USA' Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center hosts the Annual Birding Day Festival. The City of Hastings helps promote, program and attends the event.
 - Various activities, a youth competition and field trips are coordinated.
- Parks and Trails Clean Up
 - 14 groups participated in the month of May for our Parks and Trails Clean Up We provide garbage/recycling bags, pickers, and gloves. Other parks have been cared for by Adopt a Park groups.
- Hastings/Prescott Bike Tour
 - 50 people registered for the Bike Tour on Saturday, May 7. This program was led by the Hastings Chamber and Tourism Bureau in partnership with our Parks Dept. the Prescott Tourism Bureau and Carpenter Nature Center (CNC) to promote the connection from Hastings to Prescott, highlight both downtown's and encourage trail usage. The event also included birds of prey on-site with CNC.



Hastings/Prescott Bike Tour



Parks and Trails Clean Up



Earth Day StoryTrail



RECREATION

2022 Highlights

- Levee Park Programming
 - June 7 – September 25th included 31 programs and events.
 - 6 series of programs and 4 special events
 - Over 8,300 attendees
 - 84 partners for programming
 - \$12,709 in Sponsorships & Donations
 - Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund
 - Ardent Mills
 - SMEAD Manufacturing
 - Dakota Electric
 - \$10,000 City allocated funds
 - 43 Park Rentals & 100+ inquiries for Levee Park



Music in the Park



RECREATION

2022 Highlights

- National Night Out
 - 250+ attended NNO at Lions Park on Tuesday, August 2nd at Lions Park
 - Hastings Parks assisted with National Night Out through site preparation and activities, in partnership with the Hastings Police Department, Hastings Fire Department, Public Safety Advisory Committee and various local businesses and organizations. This event was free and open to the public.

- Paws in the Park
 - 200+ attended the 6th Annual Paws in the Park event at Rivertown Dog Park, Thursday, October 6th for dog friendly booths, costume contest, give-a-ways, agility course and hot dogs from the Rivertown Lions Club!
 - In partnership with 12 local dog friendly businesses and free to attend.



Paws in the Park



RECYCLING

2022 Highlights

- Recycling Program Efforts
 - Staff Implemented the required activities in partnership with Dakota County Environmental Department as a part of City Recycling Coordinator role and Local Solid Waste Staff.
 - Placement of bins in City Parks, following recycling best management practices were inventoried and recorded on the Municipal Tracking Tool developed by Dakota County.
 - Monthly posts on social media platforms were created and posted following County Standardized messaging.
 - Required articles in Quarterly Rivertown Newsletters distributed to 11,000 Hastings Residents.
 - Organics collection at the Hastings Civic Arena for the past 8 years, which was implemented originally through a Dakota County Grant. Collection is on an on-call basis.
 - CFL light bulbs were collected from resident drop-off bin at City Hall.
 - 300+ lbs. of Holiday lights collected from resident drop-off bin at our Joint Maintenance Facility
 - Volunteers at Community events to educate public on recycling efforts in Parks and Public Spaces.
 - 2,020 lbs. of recycling collected at Levee Park and Jaycee Park throughout the Rivertown Days festival and 3,020 lbs. of trash collected.
 - 10,800 Solid Waste Guides sent to Hastings Residents in partnership with Tennis Sanitation.
 - 47.97 tons of construction debris collected at Seasonal Drop-Off site provided by Tennis Sanitation in Coaches parking lot in Hastings.
- Youth Green Teams
 - 90.82 tons of mixed-paper collected at the drop-off box located at Coborn's Parking Lot (new location in 2022). This service has been available since 2002.
 - Youth Green Teams include local groups that apply with Tennis to share profit.

- Pumpkin Drop Off
 - 13 yards of pumpkins and gourds were collected (3.5 tons) at our Pumpkin Drop off Friday, November 4th through Sunday, November 6th. Containers are provided at the Dakota County Transportation shop off HWY 47. Pumpkins are picked up by Tennis Sanitation and delivered to Ries Farms for composting.
 - An opportunity to properly dispose of organics, like pumpkins, is a requirement within our Community Waste Abatement Grant program and funded by Dakota County.



Pumpkin Drop off



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