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City of Hastings  
Parks and Recreation Department



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## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Ben Spader – Commissioner  
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Dave Pemble – Commissioner  
Joe Quinn – Commissioner  
Nicole DePalma – Commissioner  
Tim Stanley – Commissioner



## FORESTRY

### 2018 Highlights

- Residents informed of tree trimming through placement of door knockers in January.
- Tree planting projects determined and tree ordering took place in March.
- Arbor Day classes were conducted for 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Hastings Elementary schools in the month of April and May.
- Arbor Day was held on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Tierney Park. 32 volunteers helped plant, mulch and water trees. Catholic United Financial, Modern Woodsman of America, Hoffman & McNamara Nursery 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 22 years.
- City staff treated 175 public ash trees for Emerald Ash Borer in June and July.
- Rainbow TreeCare treated 400+ private ash trees for Emerald Ash Borer this season.
- Planned and implemented tree planting for replacement trees and new tree sites.
- Surveyed for dead trees, removal of trees and inspected trails for tree trimming throughout the fall season.
- Attached water bags for newly planted trees.
- Throughout the year our City Forester takes phone calls from residents and inspects trees.
- City Forester attends the State Shade Tree program and partakes in the International Society of Arboriculture and Minnesota Society of Arboriculture through seminars and programs for continuing education within the forestry profession.





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## HASTINGS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

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### 2018 Highlights

#### Staff

- 61 seasonal staff total: 14 supervisors, 36 lifeguards, 10 guest services/concessions and 1 water fitness instructor.
- 47 staff taught swimming lessons, in addition to their regular position.

#### Service

- 55 active rescues; average age of rescued swimmer was 6 years old.
- 142 first aid incidents; most common was abrasions on toes from pool deck.
- 24,686 items sold at concessions; top selling items included 4,177 slushies and 2,945 pretzels with cheese.
- 2,069 swimmers paid admission for Family Swim on Sunday Afternoons.



Staff Training



## HASTINGS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

### 2018 Highlights

#### Operations

- 14,208 estimated daily admissions sold; not including memberships.
- 392 punch cards sold; most common was the 10 punch card, totaling 214.
- 235 season passes sold; most common was the single pass, totaling 65.
- 13 groups visited the pool; averaging 25 people per group, furthest group from Rochester.
- 15 birthday party rentals booked.
- 5 after hour rentals; not including Hastings Area Swim Team practice.
- 111 people participated in water fitness classes and 88 youth in Tons of Tots
- 763 swimming lesson participants; compared to 732 in 2017 & 622 in 2016.

2018 Hastings Family Aquatic Center Statistics			
Item	Revenue	Budget	Participants
Daily Admission	\$92,073.00	\$90,000.00	14,208
Season Passes	\$23,848.00	\$31,000.00	235
Punch Cards	\$21,702.00	\$25,600.00	392
Concessions	\$44,077.00	\$55,000.00	24,265
Swimming Lessons	\$33,721.00	\$26,250.00	763
Birthday Parties	\$1,872.00	\$1,200.00	15
Rentals	\$5,835.00	\$5,100.00	5 + HAST
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$223,128.00</b>	<b>\$234,150.00</b>	



Water Fitness Class



## HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

### 2018 Highlights

- Second season of Semi-Pro Lacrosse with the Hastings Walleye; 5 games, averaging 250 attendees per game.
- 1 craft shows reserved turf this year.
- Annual Glo-Skate Event included a DJ, black lights and games; over 225 attended.
- 5 weeks of summer Hockey Camp.
- 7 weeks of summer Figure Skating Camp.
- 6 weekends of winter hockey tournaments.
- 25 high school games
- There were 3, 10 week sessions of Skating lessons, over 100 youth attended each session.
- Annual Skate with Santa in partnership with River blades Skating School averages over 100 participants.

Ice Rentals			
Event/Account	Hours	Revenue	Notes
Hastings High School	315	\$70,000	20 Games and 5,500 paid admissions
Hastings Hockey Boosters	1,284	\$246,568	6 tournaments and 500 youth registered
Adult Hockey	69	\$10,312	4 times a week
Rosemount Hockey Assoc.	16	\$3,120	RAHA wants prime ice time because they have one rink.
Spring Clinics	31	\$4,650	March and April ice – HHA did not have their spring clinic in 2018 – hope to draw from other communities to fill this ice time
Fall Clinics	125.75	\$20,122.25	September and October ice
Summer Camps	99.5	\$14,925	Hockey & Figure Skating, 150 registered
Skating Lessons	45	\$7,095	3 Sessions, 250 registered
Birthday Parties	6	\$600	Six parties scheduled
Totals	2,123	\$367,185.25	Data from Max Galaxy



## HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

Public Skating			
Event	Hours	Participants	Revenue
Open Skating	200	1,345	\$5,986
Open Hockey	50	60	\$360
Freestyle	180	690	\$6,332
Totals	430	2,095	\$12,678

Turf Rentals		
Event/Account	Hours	Revenue
Hastings Lacrosse	60	\$4,920
Hastings Soccer	190.50	\$15,621
Adult Lacrosse	19	\$1,650
Craft Shows/Circus	10	\$820
Summer Camps	74.5	\$6,110
HYAA Baseball	12.5	\$1,435
Other	10	\$820
Totals	376.5	\$31,376

\*Unfavorable spring weather increases turf rentals.





## HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

Pro Shop		
Item	Amount	Revenue
Tape	240	\$896
Mouth guard	60	\$140
Sock Tape	135	\$442
Sharpening	1,774	\$8,870
Skate Rental	488	\$1,139
Laces	131	\$367
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>\$11,854</b>

Other	
Type	Revenue
Concessions	\$46,800
Vending	\$1,195
Advertising	\$16,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64,245</b>



Arena Advertising



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## PARKS AND TRAILS

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### 2018 Highlights

- Installed a new playground at Lions Park, partially funded through grant dollars.
- Crack filling was completed on the Tennis Courts at Roadside Park.
- 9 new benches were installed along with 1 swinging bench as a part of our Memorial Program.
- A new Park sign at Lions Park was installed.
- Sections of the Vermillion River Trail and around Riverwood Park were cracked, sealed, and chip rock was installed.
- Maintenance at Levee Park includes restroom cleaning, garbage pick-up and grounds maintenance on a daily basis, including weekends.
- Levee Park and Depot Park were mulched with a combined total of 350 yards.
- The Parks crew and Arena staff remove turf on the East rink in October and then install turf again in March for rentals.
- General maintenance included:
  - 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.
  - Garbage collection 3 days a week, April through October at all parks. Collection on weekends at high use parks and shelter reservations.
  - Veteran's Athletic Complex maintenance: including dragging, and chalking of fields May through September, three to five times a week depending on usage.
  - 30+ miles of trails maintained: including snowplowing, trimming of trees and general upkeep.
  - 8 recreational and hockey rinks flooded as needed, December through February.
  - Maintenance of pool throughout the season; opening and closing procedures.
  - 80-90 hours of service provided annually in support of Rivertown Days.



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## RECREATION

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### 2018 Highlights

#### Annual Safety Camp

- 44 youth participated in the Annual Safety Camp, Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Camp included: Fire Safety house and water races, bike safety and K-9 demo, personal safety, and Electrical safety.
- Partners included: Hastings Fire, Hasting Police, YMCA, Community Education, Dakota Electric Association, and National Karate.

#### Annual Community Halloween Party

- 1,300+ youth and adults attended at the Annual Halloween Party, Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>
- 79 Volunteers helped including the Youth Impact Council students.
- \$1,675 in monetary donations from 18 Hastings businesses and organizations.
- Teran Harmon State Farm Agency donated 60 pizzas and two staff for the event.
- 1,135 pounds of food collected and donated for Hastings Family Service.
- \$450 collected for the YIC Scholarship
- The Party included carnival style games, candy, pizza, lemonade, a haunted hallway, cookie decorating, batting station, and live interviews. Partners included: YMCA, Community Education, HCTV, Coborn's, Hastings Hawks, Carpenter Nature Center, Parks and Recreation Committee, Elected officials, Promise Fellows, Youth In Government and Youth Impact Council.



Community Halloween Party



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## RECREATION

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### 2018 Highlights

#### Adult Soccer Leagues

- Co-Rec Leagues
- Spring indoor & Fall outdoor
- 4 teams participated in games at Veterans Athletic Complex

#### Adult Softball Leagues

- Men's recreational and competitive
- Women's recreational and competitive
- Summer and Fall outdoors at Veterans Athletic Complex
- 68 teams participated in games

#### Adult Sand Volleyball Leagues

- Women's and Co-Rec recreational and competitive
- Summer and Fall outdoors at Pioneer Park
- 41 teams participated in games

#### Rivertown Days Co-Rec Kittenball Tournament

- Summer tournament at Veterans Athletic Complex
- 5 teams participated



Adult Softball League



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## RECREATION

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### 2018 Highlights

#### Outdoor Rinks and Warming Houses

- December 22 – February 19
- Weekdays 4-9 PM, Saturday 12-9PM & Sundays 12-8PM
- 19 seasonal staff
  
- Locations and Participation
  - Hastings Civic Arena – no warming house
  - Lake Isabel Park – no warming house
  - Levee Park – 223 total, 5 average
  - Lions Park – 1,500 total, 30 average
  - Pioneer Park – 2,338 total, 45 average
  - Wallin Park – 999 total, 19 average
  - Total – 5,110 participants



Lions Hockey Rink



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## RECREATION

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### 2018 Highlights

#### Athletic Field & Court Reservations

- Field and Court Users
  - Hastings Futbol Club
  - Hastings Youth Athletic Association
  - Hastings YMCA
  - Hastings Tennis Association
  - Hastings High School
  - Hastings Hawks
  - Hastings Ultimate Frisbee Club
  - SEAS
  - Hastings Community Education
  - Private Groups
  
- Field and Court Reservation Hours
  - April – 1,427 hours
  - May – 11,253 hours
  - June – 12,764 hours
  - July – 14,784 hours
  - August – 14,082 hours
  - September – 14,952 hours
  - October – 15,120 hours
  - Total – 84,382 hours



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## RECREATION

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### 2018 Highlights

#### Winter Events

- Celebrate and Skate
  - 32 attended the Celebrate and Skate event at Levee Park ice rink in celebration of the new artwork completed on the portable warming house. The Arts Task Force collaborated with the Parks Department to coordinate this event. This event was in partnership with Carpenter Nature Center for a live owl education station, River Blades Skating School for a mini-show, & Arts Tasks force for activities. This was a free event sponsored by the Task Force.
- Family Fishing Days
  - 104 participants attended the event at Lake Rebecca, Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and 74 attended the event on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
  - National Park Service provided instruction, bait and tackle for youth.
  - This event was in partnership with the National Park Service, Carpenter Nature Center, DNR and youth fishing teams. This was a free event
- After Hours Skate Night
  - 61 teens attended at Pioneer Park, Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
  - Activities included: music, games, and hot cocoa and extended skate hours. This event was free to attendees.
- Family Skate Night
  - 43 youth and adults attended skate night at Lions Park, Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Activities included: request a song, broom ball, games, cocoa and was free to the public
- Youth Impact Council Events
  - 35-40 High Schoolers attend monthly meetings at the Hastings High School
  - High schoolers volunteer at Community Events including; Community Halloween Party, Santa and S'mores, Holiday Train activities, Letters from Santa, Coin Drive, Alternative Spring Break, Reality Check, and a year-end banquet. Parks staff, YMCA and Com. Ed. coordinate youth and meetings.
- Santa and S'mores
  - 36 Families attended Santa and S'mores at Camp Spring Lake, Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2018
  - Activities included a visit with Santa, s'mores by the campfire, candlelit trails, holiday crafts & games for \$10 per child & adults free.
  - Program partners included: YMCA, Community Education and the Youth Impact Council.



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## RECREATION

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### 2018 Highlights

#### Spring Events

- **Story Walk**
  - In celebration of Earth Day, a self-guided story walk was set-up along the Mississippi River Trail from Levee Park to Jaycee Park, Friday, April 20-Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - In partnership with Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library and free to the public.
- **Birding Day Festival**
  - 114 attended the festival on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 attend the event.
  - Various activities, a youth competition and field trips are coordinated.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bike Tour**
  - 50 registered for the Hastings Bike Tour on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Bike Tour highlighted the new 10 mile loop/scenic circuit in Hastings.
  - Partners included the National Park Service, Hastings Environmental Protectors, Cycling Museum of MN, and LeDuc Historic Estate, Parks and Recreation Commission and volunteers.



Hastings Bike Tour





## RECREATION

### 2018 Highlights

- Rotary Pavilion Programs and Events
  - June 5 – October 1, included 38 programs and events at Levee Park.
  - 9 series of programs and 3 special events
  - 24 Free events and 14 fee based programs
  - Over 3,900 attendees
  - \$3,950.00 in Sponsorships
  - 27 days of rental at Levee Park

PROGRAM/EVENT	ATTENDANCE
1 – Summer Kick off Celebration	430+
1 – Party in the Park	310+
6 – Movies in the Park	770+
2 – Art in the Park	28
6 – Storytime in the Park	505
9– Yoga in the Park	62
3 – Trail Cardio	7
2 – History in the Park	51
2 – Performances in the Park	468
2 – Bike with a Ranger	8
1 – Make Music Day	721+
3 – Music in the Park	543



Music in the Park



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## RECREATION

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### 2018 Highlights

#### Summer Events

- Story Walk
  - In celebration of National Get Outdoors Day, a Story Walk was set up along the RiverWalk Trail in downtown Hastings on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. An estimated 50 attended due to the scattered rain showers.
- Fish with a Ranger
  - 31 attended the event at Lake Rebecca, on July 24<sup>th</sup>. NPS provided bait, tackle, instruction and HPAAC provided supplies for fish printing.
  - In partnership with the National Park Service and HPAAC & free to attend.
- National Night Out
  - 400+ attended NNO at Lions Park on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Hastings Parks assisted with National Night out in partnership with the Hastings Police Department & Public Safety Advisory Committee.

#### Fall Events

- Paws in the Park
  - 86 attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Paws in the Park event at Rivertown Dog Park, Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for dog friendly booths, photo booth, costume contest, give-a-ways, and agility course.
  - In partnership with local dog friendly businesses and free to attendees.



Paws in the Park



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## RECYCLING

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### 2018 Highlights

- **Recycling Program Efforts**
  - Staff Implemented all activities and requirements in partnership with Dakota County Environmental Department as part of City Recycling Coordinator role and Local Solid Waste Staff.
  - Placement of bins in City Parks, following recycling best management practices.
  - Monthly posts on social media platforms with timely articles.
  - Advertisements in Hastings Community Guide.
  - Articles in Quarterly Rivertown Newsletters distributed to Hastings Residents.
  - Organics collection at the Hastings Civic Arena for the past four years; implemented originally through a Dakota County Grant.
  - Three 66 Quart Bins full of CFL light bulbs collected from resident drop-off bin at City Hall.
  - 70 lbs. of Holiday lights collected from resident drop-off bin at City Hall in partnership with ProAct.
  - Development of outreach materials including ‘Food Too Good to Waste’ and ‘Recycling at Home’ flyers.
  - Organization of volunteers at Community events to educate public on recycling efforts in Parks and Public Spaces.
  - 113 lbs. of recycling collected at Rivertown Days Parade in partnership with Hastings Environmental Protectors. 860 lbs. of recycling collected at Levee Park and Jaycee Park throughout the festival.
  - 10,939 Solid Waste Guides sent to Hastings Residents.
  - 780 Gallons of oil and 420 yards of construction debris and 1,049 yards of compost collected at Seasonal Drop-Off site provided by Tennis Sanitation in Coaches parking lot in Hastings.
- **Youth Green Teams**
  - 60.105 tons of mixed-paper collected (January – September) at the drop-off box located at Terry’s Hardware. This service has been available since 2002.
  - Youth Green Teams include local groups that apply with Tennis to share profit.
- **HHW Spring Clean Up**
  - 502 cars dropped off waste for proper disposal, recycling and reuse on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Facility. City Staff, Dakota County staff and volunteers partnered for the event.
  - 21,071 lbs. of electronics
  - 554 fluorescent bulbs
  - 265 gallons of oil

- 230 lbs. of aerosols
  - 6,200 pounds of paint
  - 5,870 pounds of paper
  - 149 mattresses/box springs
  - 2,919 lbs. carpet
  - 134 appliances
  - 2,61 Tons Tires
  - 28.24 tons trash
- Parks and Trails Clean Up
    - 227 volunteers and 21 groups participated on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Vermillion Falls. Groups were provided with refreshments and a safety talk and then went to assigned parks for clean-up.
  - Community Shred Event
    - 113 vehicles dropped off paper to be shred on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works facility. One Master Recycler Volunteers assisted unloading vehicles.
    - 5,124 lbs. of paper was collected.



Parks and Trails Clean-Up



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