



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

City of Hastings Parks and Recreation Department



Music in the Park



Adult Sand Volleyball



Lake Rebecca Fishing Pier



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## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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## FORESTRY

### 2017 Highlights

- Conducted a City wide inventory of boulevard Ash Trees. The inventory included over 500 mature Ash trees within our public park spaces and 1,000 within street boulevards.
- Established and implemented an updated Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan.
- Planted six trees at Sunny Acres Park, donated by Hoffman and McNamara Nursery.
- Presented to 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes in celebration of Arbor Day. 400 Students received a seedling tree, donated by Dakota Electric Association.
- Planted 20 trees along the bike path at Jaycee Park for the Annual Arbor Day Celebration. 31 volunteers helped plant, mulch and water trees. Trees were donated by: Catholic United Financial, Modern Woodsman of America Chapter 4747 & 11389, Hoffman & McNamara Nursery and Dakota Electric Association.
- Awarded Tree City USA status by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 21 years.
- Began treatment of Ash trees in public park spaces and boulevards. 169 trees received treatment through truck injection.
- Determined 5 Ash trees as hazardous on boulevard property, removal by Rivertown Tree Service.
- City Forester and Parks Keepers removed dying trees from public parks.
- Tree trimming performed on bike paths for snow plow clearance.
- Educated and answered question from residents; connected with 312 residents in 2017.
- Planted 9 hybrid Elm trees on Highway 55 medians.



Arbor Day 2017



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## HASTINGS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

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### 2017 Highlights

#### Staff

- 58 seasonal staff: 15 supervisors, 31 lifeguards, 11 guest services and 1 water fitness instructor.
- 45 staff taught swimming lessons, in addition to their regular position.

#### Service

- 38 active rescues; average age of rescued swimmer was 5 years old.
- 112 first aid incidents; most common was abrasions on toes from pool deck.
- 19,343 items sold at concessions; top selling items included 3,240 slushies and 2,281 pretzels.
- 155 pairs of goggles sold.
- 28 families assisted with \$2,020.04 in matching funds.



Lifeguard Training



## HASTINGS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

### 2017 Highlights

#### Operations

- 11,936 estimated daily admissions sold; not including memberships.
- 352 punch cards sold; most common was the 10 punch card, totaling 151.
- 215 season passes sold; most common was the single pass, totaling 68.
- Over 20 groups visited the pool; averaging 25 people per group, furthest group from Rochester.
- 14 birthday party rentals booked.
- 5 after hour rentals; not including Hastings Area Swim Team practice.
- 732 swimming lesson participants; compared to 622 in 2016.
- Most improved program was Water Fitness; averaging 13 people per class. In 2016 the average was 4 people per class.

2017 Hastings Family Aquatic Center Statistics			
Item	Revenue	Budget	Participants
Daily Admission	\$71,617.23	\$85,000.00	11,936
Season Passes	\$20,834.88	\$27,500.00	215
Punch Cards	\$17,985.00	\$25,000.00	352
Concessions	\$36,815.00	\$55,000.00	n/a
Swimming Lessons	\$33,202.50	\$26,000.00	732
Birthday Parties	\$1,857.00	\$2,200.00	14
Rentals	\$6,535.67	\$4,000.00	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118,829.78</b>		



Water Fitness Class



## HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

### 2017 Highlights

- First season of Semi-Pro Lacrosse with the Hastings Walleye; 5 games, averaging 250 attendees per game.
- 2 craft shows and a 1 circus reserved turf this year.
- Annual Glo-Skate Event included a DJ, black lights and games; over 175 attended.
- 5 weeks of summer Hockey Camp.
- 7 weeks of summer Figure Skating Camp.
- 6 weekends of winter hockey tournaments.
- 25 high school games and 1 Holiday tournament.
- 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.

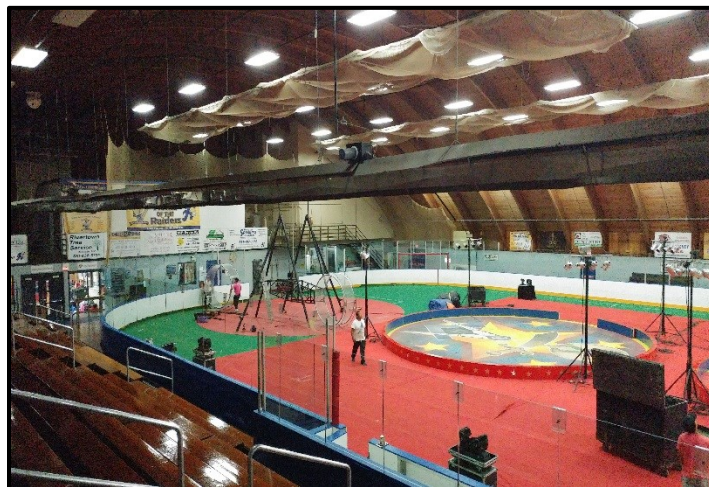
Ice Rentals			
Event/Account	Hours	Revenue	Notes
Hastings High School	320	\$60,800.00	20 Games and 5,500 paid admissions
Hastings Hockey Boosters	1,320	\$244,200.00	6 tournaments and 500 youth registered
Adult Hockey	98	\$14,700.00	5 times a week
Rosemount Hockey Assoc.	15	\$2,850.00	RAHA wants prime ice time because they have one rink.
Spring Clinics	115	\$17,250.00	March and April ice
Fall Clinics	100	\$15,000.00	September and October ice
Summer Camps	110	\$16,500.00	Hockey & Figure Skating, 150 registered
Skating Lessons	45	\$8,550.00	3 Sessions, 250 registered
Totals	2,123	\$370,000.00	Data from Max Galaxy



## HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

Public Skating			
Event	Hours	Participants	Revenue
Open Skating	200	962	\$4,125.00
Open Hockey	30	106	\$600.00
Freestyle	417	625	\$5,850.00
Totals	417	1,693	\$10,575.00

Turf Rentals		
Event/Account	Hours	Revenue
Hastings Lacrosse	54	\$4,428.00
Hastings Soccer	165	\$13,530.00
Adult Soccer	20	0 (Phil's Leagues)
Adult Lacrosse	10	\$820.00
Craft Shows/Circus	30	\$2,460.00
Summer Camps	80	\$6,560.00
Totals	359	\$27,455.00



Arena Turf Rental





## HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

Pro Shop		
Item	Amount	Revenue
Tape	232	\$828.00
Mouth guard	82	\$190.00
Sock Tape	95	\$310.00
Sharpening	1,792	\$7,600.00
Skate Rental	343	\$800.00
Laces	129	\$318.00
Total	2,673	\$10,046.00

Other	
Type	Revenue
Concessions	\$40,700.00
Vending	\$1,135.00
Advertising	\$16,250.00
Total	\$58,085.00



Arena Advertising



## PARKS AND TRAILS

### 2017 Highlights

- Installed new Fishing Pier at Lake Rebecca. This was a joint project with the DNR.
- New decking was installed on the Vermillion River Bridge.
- Installed a new playground at Wilson Park.
- Steps were installed along the slide at Roadside Park.
- 8 benches and 2 swinging benches were installed; as a part of the Memorial Program.
- Levee Park daily maintenance included: bathrooms, pavilion, and green space.
- 6 new Park signs were constructed and installed at Wilson Park, CP Adams Park, The Hastings Family Aquatic Center, Vermillion Falls Park, Sunny Acres Park and Depot Park. Signs will continue to be installed in 2018.
- General maintenance included:
  - Two 16 foot mowers mowed 5 days a week totaling 400+ acres of turf.
  - Two small 6 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.



Wilson Park Playground



## RECREATION

### 2017 Highlights

#### Annual Safety Camp

- 56 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, water and sun safety, personal safety, and Electrical safety.
- Partners included: HFD, HPD, YMCA, Hastings Community Education, Climb Theater, Dakota Electric Association, and National Karate.

#### Annual Community Halloween Party

- 1,266 youth and adults attended at the Annual Halloween Party, Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>
- \$2,125 in monetary donations from 30 Hastings businesses and organizations.
- 964 pounds of food collected for HFS.
- \$339 collected for the YIC Scholarship and over 40 individuals volunteered.
- The Party included carnival style games, candy, pizza, lemonade, a haunted hallway, cookie decorating, and live interviews. Partners included: YMCA, Community Education, HCTV, Coborns, and the Youth Impact Council.



Safety Camp Activity



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## RECREATION

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### 2017 Highlights

#### Adult Soccer Leagues

- Co-Rec Leagues
- Spring indoor & Fall outdoor
- 8 teams participated in games at the Hastings Civic Arena and Veterans Athletic Complex

#### Adult Softball Leagues

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

#### Adult Sand Volleyball Leagues

- Women's and Co-Rec recreational and competitive
- Summer and Fall outdoors at Pioneer Park
- 35 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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### 2017 Highlights

#### Outdoor Rinks and Warming Houses

- December 15 – February 20
- Weekdays 4-9 PM, Saturday 12-9PM & Sundays 12-8PM
- 17 seasonal staff
  
- Locations and Participation
  - Hastings Civic Arena – no warming house
  - Lake Isabel Park – no warming house
  - Levee Park – 97 total, 4 average
  - Lions Park – 1,520 total, 39 average
  - Pioneer Park – 2,213 total, 63 average
  - Wallin Park – 1,139 total, 30 average
  - Total – 4,969 participants



Levee Park Recreational Rink



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## RECREATION

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### 2017 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 – 9,376 hours
  - May – 11,063 hours
  - June – 12,802 hours
  - July – 14,696 hours
  - August – 13,977 hours
  - September – 14,942 hours
  - October – 15,121 hours
  - Total – 91,977 hours



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## RECREATION

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### 2017 Highlights

#### Winter Events

- **Holiday Extravaganza**
  - 33 Families attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Extravaganza at Camp Spring Lake, Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Activities included a visit with Santa, s'mores by the campfire, live animal presentation, holiday crafts and dinner for \$10 per child & adults free.
  - Program partners included: Carpenter Nature Center, YMCA, Community Education and the Youth Impact Council.
- **Ice Fish with a Ranger**
  - 164 participants attended the event at Lake Rebecca, Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>
  - National Park Service provided instruction, bait and tackle for youth.
  - This event was in partnership with the National Park Service and free to attend.
- **80's Teen Skate**
  - 109 teens attended the event at Hastings Civic Arena, on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Activities included rink games, music and relays, for a \$2.00 admission.
  - This event was in partnership with Hastings Young Life.
- **After Hours Skate Night**
  - 42 teens attended at Pioneer Park, Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Activities included: music, games, hot cocoa and extended skate hours. This event was free to attendees.
- **Family Skate Night**
  - Over 30 families attended skate night at Pioneer Park, Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Activities included: request a song, broom ball, games, refreshments and was free to the public
- **Youth Impact Council Events**
  - 35-45 High Schoolers attend monthly meetings at the Hastings High School
  - High schoolers volunteer at Community Events including; Community Halloween Party, Turkey Bingo, Holiday Train activities, Letters From Santa, Coin Drive, Senior Luncheon, Daddy Daughter Dance, and a year-end banquet.



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## RECREATION

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### 2017 Highlights

#### Spring Events

- **Movie on the Mound**
  - 78 attended Veterans Park Ballfields, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>
  - In partnership with Hastings Hawks and Raider Nation Baseball and free to the public.
- **Yoga in the Park**
  - 13 participants at Vermillion Falls Park, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> for a \$5.00 fee.
  - In partnership with Your Mindful Motion.
- **Story Walk**
  - In celebration of National ParkRx Day, a self-guided story walk was set-up along the Mississippi River Trail from Levee Park to Jaycee Park, Saturday April 22 – Sunday April 23. We estimate 150 participants.
  - In partnership with Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library and free to the public.



Movie on the Mound





## RECREATION

### 2017 Highlights

- Rotary Pavilion Programs and Events
  - June 6 – September 2017, included 40 programs and events at Levee Park.
  - 8 series of programs and 3 special events
  - 24 Free events and 16 fee based programs
  - Over 4,700 attendees vs. 3,600 in 2016
  - \$3,450.00 in Sponsorships vs. \$2,000.00 in 2016
  - 26 rentals booked vs. 17 in 2016

Program and Event Attendance	
Summer Kick off Celebration	470+
National Parks and Recreation Celebration	230+
Movies in the Park	883+
Painting in the Park	40
Storytime in the Park	479
Yoga in the Park	95
Fitness in the Park – TRX	25
CrossFit in the Park	42
Animals in the Park	519+
Performances in the Park	483+
Bike with a Ranger	15
Music in the Park	837+



Movies in the Park



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## RECREATION

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### 2017 Highlights

#### Summer Events

- Fish with a Ranger
  - 42 attended the event at Lake Rebecca, Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>
  - In partnership with the National Park Service and HPAAC and free.

#### Fall Events

- Paws in the Park
  - Over 75 attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Paws in the Park event at Rivertown Dog Park, Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - In partnership with local dog friendly businesses and free to attendees.
- Story Walk
  - A self-guided story walk along the Mississippi River Trail from Levee Park to Jaycee Park, Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> with an estimated 100 participants.
  - In partnership with Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library and free to the public.



Paws in the Park



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## RECYCLING

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### 2017 Highlights

- **Recycling Program Efforts**
  - 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 three years; implemented through a Dakota County Grant.
  - 37 lbs. of Techno trash collected. A service provided for employees to recycle small electronics year-round.
  - 24 lbs. of CFL light bulbs collected from resident drop-off bin at City Hall.
  - 28 lbs. of Holiday lights collected from resident drop-off bin at City Hall.
  - 320 lbs. of recycling collected at Rivertown Days.
  - 10,844 Solid Waste Guides sent to Hastings Residents.
- **Youth Green Teams**
  - 90.59 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 included: Hastings Boy scout Troop 9503, Hastings Boy Scout Troop 534 and HYAA.
- **HHW Clean Up**
  - 460 cars dropped off waste for proper disposal, recycling and reuse on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Facility. City Staff, Dakota County staff and volunteers partnered for the event.
  - 35,000 lbs. of electronics
  - 680 fluorescent bulbs
  - 235 gallons of oil
  - 320 lbs. of aerosols
  - 6,721 pounds of paint
  - 6,186 pounds of paper
  - 59 mattresses/box springs
  - 93 appliances
  - 12,740 lbs. scrap metal
  - 300 lbs. cardboard
  - 7,620 lbs. tires
  - 18.92 tons trash
  - 48 items reused for Small Engines High School Class



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## RECYCLING

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### 2017 Highlights

- Employee Clean-Up Day
  - Employees encouraged to properly dispose of bulbs, batteries, small electronics and shred confidential documents.
  - 754 lbs. of electronics collected
  - 7 lbs. of batteries
  - 130 4ft. fluorescent lights
  - 48 compact fluorescent lights
  - 13 incandescent lights
  - 687 lbs. of shredded paper collected
- Parks and Trails Clean Up
  - 159 volunteers and 15 groups participated on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 83 bags of trash and recycling were collected at 19 different parks.
- Birding Day Festival
  - Over 100 people participated in on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Carpenter Nature Center.
  - 46 people made ‘green cleaners’ and were provided with Recycling Zone information and upcoming events.
- Community Shred Event
  - 56 cars dropped off paper to be shred on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works facility. Two Master Recycler Volunteers assisted unloading vehicles.
  - 4,048 lbs. of paper was collected.



Annual Parks and Trails Clean Up

