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City of Hastings  
Parks and Recreation Department



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## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF

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Chris Jenkins – Parks and Recreation Director  
Cory Likes – Operations and Maintenance Supervisor  
Jeff Elliott – Arena Manager  
Theresa Faustini – Aquatics Manager  
Phil Vargas – Sports and Recreation Coordinator  
Cory Onken – Arena Supervisor  
Paige Marschall Bigler – Recreation Program Specialist/Recycling Coordinator/Office Support  
Paul Mahoney – City Forester/Parks Keeper – Retired July 2019  
Terry Meier – Parks Keeper  
Tim Tessier – Parks Keeper  
Jesse Viall – Parks Keeper  
John Stevens – Parks Keeper  
Brady Endres – Parks Keeper  
David Truax – Parks Keeper

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Chelsea Piskor – Commission Chair  
Ben Spader – Commissioner  
Bruce Karnick – Commissioner  
Dave Pemble – Commissioner  
Joe Quinn – Commissioner  
Nicole DePalma – Commissioner  
Tim Stanley – Commissioner



## HASTINGS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

### 2019 Highlights

#### Staff

- 60 seasonal staff including: 1 Manager, 14 supervisors (also lifeguards), 41 lifeguards, 12 guest services/concessions, 43 swim instructors (also lifeguards and guest services) and 3 water fitness instructors.

#### Service & Sales

- 53 active rescues; average age of rescued swimmer was 5 years old.
- 157 first aid incidents
- 1,551 swimmers paid admission for family swim on Sunday afternoons
- Top selling Concession Items: 3,779 slushies and 3,007 pretzels with cheese

#### Operations

- 14,089 estimated number of General Admissions (no membership)
- 33 Group reservations, compared to 13 in 2018
- Most Frequent Group: Southdale YMCA
- 820 Swim Lesson Participants, compared to 763 in 2018
- 126 water fitness participants, compared to 111 in 2018



Staff Training



## HASTINGS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Item	2019 Budget	2019 Revenue	2018 Revenue	2017 Revenue
<b>After Hours Rental (tax/non-tax)</b>	\$5,100	\$7,938.43	\$6301.52	\$6,535.67
<b>Season Passes</b>	\$31,000	23,406	\$22,817.25	\$20,934.88
<b>Punch Cards</b>	\$25,600	21,888.26	\$21,421.32	\$17,985
<b>Daily Admission</b>	\$90,000	102,211.46	\$91,266.28	\$71,617.23
<b>Concessions</b>	\$55,000	52,198.13	\$43,969.32	\$36,815
<b>Birthday Parties</b>	\$1,200	1,487.84	\$1,872.36	\$1,857
<b>Swimming Lessons</b>	\$26,250	37,749.98	\$33,655.75	\$33,202.5

Financials (Based on MAX Reports)



Hastings Family Aquatic Center



## HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

### 2019 Highlights

- Third Season of Semi-Pro Lacrosse with MN Freeze, 3 games, averaging 200+ attendees per game.
- Annual Glo-Skate Event in partnership with Riverblades Skating School included games, black lights, a DJ and over 200 attendees.
- 5 weeks of summer Hockey Camp and 6 weekends of Winter Hockey Tournaments
- 7 weeks of Figure Skating Camp
- 25 high school games
- 30 weeks of Skating Lessons, over 300 youth participated.
- The Annual Skate with Santa in partnership Riverblades Skating School includes over 100 participants.

Ice Rentals			
Event/Account	Hours	Revenue	Notes
Hastings High School	325	\$63,000	20 Games and 5,500 paid admissions
Hastings Hockey Boosters	1,160	\$226,125	6 tournaments and 500 youth registered
Adult Hockey	70	\$10,500	4 times a week
Rosemount, Farmington & Red Wing Hockey Assoc.	70	\$14,000	RAHA wants prime ice time because they have one rink.
Spring Clinics	87	\$13,980	Ice Rentals from Cottage Grove, due to renovation on their rinks
Fall Clinics	95	\$14,250	September and October ice
Summer Camps	77.5	\$11,650	Numbers down due to High School girls skating in Inver Grove Heights
Skating Lessons	45	\$9,000	3 Sessions, 250 registered
Birthday Parties	13	\$1,300	Parties scheduled
Totals	1,902	\$366,830	Data from Max Galaxy



## HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

Public Skating			
Event	Hours	Participants	Revenue
Open Skating	195	1,548	\$5,740
Open Hockey	60	163	\$912
Freestyle	190	755	\$4,516 Price reduced from \$10 to 6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>2,466</b>	<b>\$12,228</b>
Turf Rentals			
Event/Account	Hours	Revenue	
Hastings Lacrosse	70	\$5,740	
Hastings Soccer	170	\$13,940	
Adult Lacrosse	12	\$984	
Summer Camps	72	\$5,900	
HYAA Baseball	20	\$1,640	
Other	10	\$820	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>\$28,208</b>	



Hastings Civic Arena Turf



## HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

Pro Shop		
Item	Amount	Revenue
Tape	223	\$835
Mouth guard	56	\$130
Sock Tape	144	\$470
Sharpening	1,781	\$8,905
Skate Rental	613	\$1,430
Laces	113	\$315
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>\$12,085</b>

Other	
Type	Revenue
Concessions	\$45,300
Vending	\$1,500
Advertising	\$16,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,050</b>



Hastings Hockey



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## FORESTRY

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### 2019 Highlights

- In July 2019, our City Forester Paul Mahoney retired after 41 years of service.
- 5 Swamp White Oak trees planted at City Hall after removal of Linden trees.
- 13 new Oak and Elm trees planted at Lions Park.
- Residents informed of tree trimming through placement of door knockers in January.
- City staff treated 54 public ash trees for Emerald Ash Borer in June and July.
- Rainbow Tree Care treated 447+ private ash trees for Emerald Ash Borer this season.
- Planned and implemented tree planting for replacement trees and new tree sites.
- Attached water bags for newly planted trees.
- Throughout the year our City Forester takes phone calls from residents and inspects trees for diseases or other issues.
- 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.



EAB Treatment



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## FORESTRY

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- Arbor Day was held on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Riverwood Park.
- 44 volunteers helped plant, mulch and water trees.
- Mayor Mary read the Arbor Day Proclamation
- Catholic United Financial, Modern Woodsman of America, 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 23 years.



Arbor Day Volunteers



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## PARKS AND TRAILS

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### 2019 Highlights

- An entrance gate was added to the small dog area, for users to bypass the large dog area.
- A maintenance gate was added to the east side of the Tennis Courts after a vehicle crash. The new addition is more functional to use when hauling equipment.
- The Parks crew and Arena staff remove turf on the East rink in October and then install turf again in March for rentals.
- 7 new memorial benches and 1 swinging bench was installed.
- Hanging baskets were placed along the pathway at along the Mississippi River Trail near Levee Park.
- 50 hours of clean-up was needed along the Mississippi river this year due to flooding.
- 200,000 square feet of sod at the Veterans Athletic Complex were vandalized this spring and a donation was given to fix damage for users to continue play on the soccer fields.
- 200 yards of mulch was added to the playgrounds for annual upkeep.
- Locks of loves on the vermilion river bridge have grown from 130 two years ago to nearly 450 this year.
- General maintenance throughout the year includes:
  - 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.
  - 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.



## RECREATION

### 2019 Highlights

#### Annual Safety Camp

- 55 youth participated in the Annual Safety Camp, Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Camp included: Fire Safety, bike safety, K-9 demo, outdoor safety, personal safety, and Electrical safety.
- Partners included: Hastings Fire, Hasting Police, YMCA, Community Education, Dakota Electric Association, and National Karate.

#### Annual Community Halloween Party

- 1,175+ youth and adults attended at the Annual Halloween Party, Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
- 59 Volunteers contributed their time, including the Youth Impact Council group and Student Impact Middle School group.
- \$1,840 in monetary donations from 20 Hastings businesses and organizations.
- Teran Harmon State Farm Agency donated 60 pizzas and two staff for the event.
- 1,070 pounds of food collected and donated for Hastings Family Service.
- \$413 collected for the YIC Scholarship
- The Party included carnival style games, candy, pizza, lemonade, a haunted hallway, cookie decorating, batting station, Gaga Pit, and live interviews. Partners included: YMCA, Community Education, HCTV, Coborn's, Hastings Hawks, Carpenter Nature Center, Parks and Recreation Committee, elected officials, Promise Fellows, Student Impact and Youth Impact Council.



Community Halloween Party



Safety Camp



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## RECREATION

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### 2019 Highlights

#### Adult Softball

- Summer league offerings: men's recreation, men's competitive, women's, co-rec
- Fall league offerings: men's, co-rec
- All games played at Veteran's Park
- 54 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
- 35 teams participated

#### Rivertown Days Co-Rec Sand Volleyball Tournament

- Round robin format with single elimination tournament
- All games played at Pioneer Park
- 5 teams participated



Adult Volleyball League



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## RECREATION

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### 2019 Highlights

#### Outdoor Rinks and Warming Houses

- January 9 – March 6
- Weekdays 4-9 PM, Saturday 12-9PM & Sundays 12-8PM
- 16 seasonal staff
- Locations and Participation
  - Hastings Civic Arena – warming house closed
  - Lake Isabel Park – warming house closed
  - Levee Park – 82 total, 3 average
  - Lions Park – 637 total, 13 average
  - Pioneer Park – 1,484 total, 29 average
  - Wallin Park – 400 total, 10 average
  - Total – 2,603 participants



Lions Hockey Rink



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## RECREATION

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### 2019 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
  - SEAS
  - Hastings Community Education
  - Private Groups
- Field and Court Reservation Hours
  - April – 2,222 hours
  - May – 3,292 hours
  - June – 3,558 hours
  - July – 2,751 hours
  - August – 1,925 hours
  - September – 2,151 hours
  - October – 856 hours
  - Total – 16,755 hours



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## RECREATION

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### 2019 Highlights

#### Winter Events

- **After Hours Skate Night**
  - 37 teens attended at Pioneer Park, Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
  - Activities included: bonfire, smores, music, games, and hot cocoa, with extended skate hours. This event was free to attendees.
- **Family Fishing Days**
  - 45 participants attended the event in -4-degree weather at Lake Rebecca, Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and 46 attended the event on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with -10-degree temperatures.
  - Instruction, equipment, bait and tackle were provided by NPS and CNC. The Lions Club provided hot dogs and cocoa.
  - This event was in partnership with the National Park Service, Carpenter Nature Center, DNR and youth fishing teams. This was a free event
- **Family Skate Night**
  - Family Skate was postponed and then cancelled due to 6+ inches of snow both days. A reschedule was not possible due to snow melt shortly after.
- **Snowshoe Guided Hike**
  - 28 attended the Snowshoe Guided Hike at Jaycee Park and Lake Rebecca Park on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 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.
- **Youth Impact Council Events**
  - 15-20 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 at the Hastings high school monthly.
- **Santa and S'mores**
  - 27 youth and their Families attended Santa and S'mores at Camp Spring Lake, Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



- 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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### 2019 Highlights

#### Spring Events

- **Alternative Spring Break**
  - 43 teens registered for Alternative Spring Break March 11 – 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hastings Middle School. Service projects and field trips are planned for the week. This program is in partnership with the YMCA and Community Ed.
- **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 29-Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 100+ estimated in participation.
  - In partnership with Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library and free to the public.
- **Birding Day Festival**
  - 75+ attended the festival on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</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.
- **Parks and Trails Clean Up**
  - 143 volunteers participated on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Vermillion Falls. Groups were provided with refreshments and a safety talk and then went to assigned parks for clean-up. 21 of 37 parks were cleaned and the additional parks have been cared for by Adopt a Park groups.





## RECREATION

### 2019 Highlights

- Levee Park Rotary Pavilion Programming
  - June 11 – October 1, included 37 programs and events.
  - 8 series of programs and 3 special events
  - 33 Free events and 4 fee-based programs
  - Over 4,400 attendees
  - 62 partners for programming
  - \$4,175 in Sponsorships & Donations
  - 32 days of rental booked at Levee Park and 97 inquiries.





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## RECREATION

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### 2019 Highlights

#### Summer Events

- National Night Out
  - 250++ attended NNO at Lions Park on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 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.
- Fish with a Ranger
  - 40+ attended the event at Lake Rebecca, on August 18<sup>th</sup>. NPS provided bait, instruction, and tackle. Free and open to the public.

#### Fall Events

- Paws in the Park
  - 75+ attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Paws in the Park event at Rivertown Dog Park, Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</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 attend.



Fish with a Ranger



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## RECYCLING

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### 2019 Highlights

- Recycling Program Efforts
  - Organics Pilot Program collection at Hastings City Hall as a part of the new Hauler Contract with Tennis Sanitation 2019-2021. Staff monitor 95-gallon cart and Tennis Contracts through Highland Sanitation for pick up once a week. Coordination of employee education, materials purchasing and bin placement along with best management practices have been followed throughout the year.
  - Staff applied for a Green Corps Member through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in March and was interviewed and selected as a host site September 2019-August 2020. GreenCorps member, Lindsay Anderson will focus on waste reduction at events and through educational activities.
  - 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.
  - Bi-monthly posts on social media platforms were created and posted following County Standardized messaging.
  - Articles in Quarterly Rivertown Newsletters distributed to 11,000 Hastings Residents.
  - Organics collection at the Hastings Civic Arena for the past five years, which was implemented originally through a Dakota County Grant. Collection is on an on-call basis.
  - Seven 66 Quart Bins full of CFL light bulbs were collected from resident drop-off bin at City Hall.
  - 53 lbs. of Holiday lights collected from resident drop-off bin at City Hall, 254 lbs. at Terry's Hardware and 211 at Sterling Drug Store, in partnership with ProAct.
  - Organization of volunteers at Community events to educate public on recycling efforts in Parks and Public Spaces.
  - 880 lbs. of recycling collected at Levee Park and Jaycee Park throughout the festival and 4,480 lbs. of trash

- 10,939 Solid Waste Guides sent to Hastings Residents in partnership with Tennis Sanitation.
- 740 Gallons of oil and 360 yards of construction debris and 1,061 yards of compost collected at Seasonal Drop-Off site provided by Tennis Sanitation in Coaches parking lot in Hastings.
- Youth Green Teams
  - 105.59 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 include local groups that apply with Tennis to share profit.

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual HHW Spring Clean Up

- 479 cars dropped off waste for proper disposal, recycling and reuse on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Facility. City Staff, Dakota County staff and volunteers partnered for the event.
- 20,00 lbs. of electronics
- 272 fluorescent bulbs
- 220 gallons of oil
- 575 lbs. of aerosols
- 648 pounds of paint
- 9,300 pounds of paper
- 184 mattresses/box springs
- 2,240 lbs. carpet
- 144 appliances
- 84 tires
- 21 bikes for reuse
- 72 small engines for reuse
- 51 car batteries
- 11.59 tons of trash
- 22.5 tons trash

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Clean Up

- 178 cars dropped off waste for proper disposal, on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This event was a new initiative directed from City Council as part of the new 2019-2021 hauler contract with Tennis Sanitation.
- 2,029 lbs. of paper collected
- 59 mattresses/box springs
- 1,360 lbs. of carpet
- 1.54 tons of tires
- 43 appliances
- 2.13 tons of metal
- 6.63 tons of construction debris
- 8.22 tons of miscellaneous materials

- Pumpkin Toss

- 60+ participants tossed pumpkins on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Public Works facility. City of Hastings Green Corps member assisted staff with the event. Pumpkins will be turned into compost at Ries Farms in Hastings and winners received goodie bags for longest toss based on age group.
- 1,460 lbs. of pumpkins were collected



Pumpkin Toss



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