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City Of Hastings Is Offering Paperless Utility Billing!

Go Green and get less paper in your mailbox! When you sign up for paperless billing (it's free), you're opting to not receive your regular printed bill in the mail. Instead, the City of Hastings will send your quarterly bill to you via email.

In addition to getting your bill paperless you can sign up for an auto pay program. This will further reduce paper because no check, envelope, or stamp is required. An electronic payment from a checking/savings account or a credit card can be set up.

To sign up go to the City's website <http://www.ci.hastings.mn.us/Finance/FinanceForms.html>. From here forms for the E-bill and auto pay plans are available for download. Fill out the form(s) mail to 101 4th Street East.

The e-bill form can be emailed to financedept@ci.hastingsmn.us. For security reasons and your protection mail in the auto pay plan with a voided check or deposit slip.

Find Us On Facebook

"Like" us on Facebook and stay connected!

Join us on Facebook and be one of the first to know what's going on, the City's Facebook page includes many useful reminders and notices such as:

- Community events
- Meeting notices
- Construction updates
- Snow emergencies

The opportunities are virtually endless.

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City Election Held No Surprises

With Mayor Paul Hicks and At-large City Councilmembers Barb Hollenbeck and Mike Slavik all running unopposed in this year's City elections, there was no surprise that all have retained their seats for the next four years. Overall turnout in Hastings in the November 3 General Election was about 61%, down a few percentage points from the last local election for these positions in 2006. For more detailed election information please see the City's website at <http://www.ci.hastings.mn.us/CityGovernment/Elections/Elections.htm>

Storing Your Seasonal Vehicles

Wondering what the City allows (or doesn't) when it comes to vehicle, recreational vehicle, and equipment storage on you property? Visit the City's website <http://www.ci.hastings.mn.us/BuildingSafety/BDGCodeEnforcement.html> to read what is allowed. *Please remember this ordinance is the same year round!*

Winter Regulations

Parking: Snow emergencies automatically go into effect when snowfall measure 2 inches or more. Parking is prohibited until the streets are plowed curb-to-curb.

Garbage Containers: Please do not place garbage and recycling containers in the street or gutter area on your garbage day. This will prevent snow removal crews from plowing the parking areas on streets. Garbage truck lifting arm can reach six to eight feet. Please keep the containers at the end of your driveway.

Snowmobiles – No recreational snowmobiling is allowed within City limits.

A full list of winter regulations can be found on the City's website at: <http://www.ci.hastings.mn.us/PublicWorks/PWStreetsWinterRegulations.html>

Preliminary Levy Set

City Council set the preliminary 2011 levy at \$11,264,000. This is a reduction of \$317,000 from last year. This will increase the overall tax rate of the City from 52.758% to 55.061%. The amount you pay for your 2011 taxes is based on the value of your home in 2010. On average, home values declined by 5% this year. Due to this drop in value, residents should see very little change in their overall city taxes. The final budget will be presented at the City Council meeting on December 6th at 7:00pm at City Hall. For more information on the final budget, go to the City's website: <http://www.ci.hastings.mn.us/Finance/Index.htm#>



Important City Contact Information

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Civic Arena:	480-6195
Code Enforcement:	480-2376
Community Development:	480-2350
Engineering:	480-2334
Fire Business Office:	480-6150
Hastings Aquatic Center:	480-2385
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Police Business Office:	480-2300
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Stay Warm AND Safe

The Hastings Fire Department wishes all a warm and happy winter season. We would also like to share some thoughts on keeping this season safe.

Heating Your Home: In the winter, keeping warm can also be dangerous. Whether you use gas, electric, or wood to heat your home, you should have your heating appliances inspected and cleaned annually. Improperly maintained heating units are often the culprit of home fires in the winter.

Protect Your Home: Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors should be tested monthly and batteries changed twice a year, "change your clocks: change your batteries". Smoke detectors should be placed inside and outside all bedrooms, and carbon monoxide detectors should be placed within ten feet of all bedrooms.

Kitchen fires also cause many residential fires and can easily be prevented. Keep your kitchen and cooking area free from combustible materials, and never store anything on or in your stove. For more information on home fire safety please visit our [website](#).

Public Works Construction Projects

About 3.7 miles of street pavement replacement projects are proposed for 2011. A feasibility study and cost estimates should be completed by February of 2011, after which neighborhood informational meetings and public hearings on the projects will be held. Maps of the proposed projects can be found on the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.hastings.mn.us/PublicWorks/PWEngCurrentProjects.html>

Finish That Fall Cleaning!

Snow is ready to fly so ensure your property is buttoned up properly for the winter. A Recycling & Disposal Guide to getting rid of your stuff is just one click away. <http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/EnvironmentRoads/RecyclingDisposal/default.htm>

HPD Sets 2011 Policing Priorities

The Hastings Police Department (HPD) has established the policing priorities for 2011. The priorities are based on results of the recent Community Input Survey to which more than 350 people responded. The priorities are broad areas of focus that the department will give special problem-solving emphasis throughout the year. The priorities will be addressed through a range of prevention, detection, intervention, and harm reduction strategies. During the last months of 2010, HPD personnel will work to develop strategies that can be measured for effective outcome.

The 2011 priorities include:

- * Traffic Safety
- * Domestic & Family Violence
- * Drug and Alcohol Offenses
- * Theft Crimes

Even while these are the areas of special focus for the year, HPD takes all reports of crime and matters impacting quality of life seriously. Community members are encouraged to report any and all suspicious activity.

If you have non-emergency questions or concerns, please call or email HPD at 480-2300 or HPD@ci.hastings.mn.us. If ever you have an emergency, call 911.

RRC Unveils Station Plans

At an open house in August, the Red Rock Corridor (RCC) Commission presented concept plans for the Hastings transit station. Feedback collected at the open house will help determine necessary changes and upgrades to the concept plans.

Another open house will take place in January 2011. To learn more about the station area plans for Hastings or get more information on the January open house, please visit the RRC website, <http://www.re-drockrail.org>

Frosty Frolic

Grab your ice skates and come to this year's Frosty Frolic!

When: Thursday, January 13, 2011

Where: Pioneer Park (16th & Pine St)

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Cost: FREE!

Don't miss this evening of frosty family fun! There will be outdoor ice skating, outdoor games, a bonfire, hot chocolate, popcorn, winter crafts and more. Contact Darbie at 480-6179 or djohnson@ci.hastings.mn.us with any questions.

Snowman Snapshot

Temperatures are dropping and snow is on its way! Celebrate the season by getting friends, family, and neighbors together and build a snowman! Then take a photo with you and your creation and mail it or drop it off to the Parks and Recreation office to enter into the "Snowman Snapshot" contest. Winners will be chosen and displayed at the 2011 Frosty Frolic event at Pioneer Park and prizes will be awarded. This is a free program and photos must be submitted by January 10th. Hastings Parks and Recreation Department Attn: Snowman Snapshot 920 West 10th Street Hastings, 55033

Disaster Planning

Over the past decade, six federal disasters occurred in Dakota County.

The County is working with cities and townships, local agencies and residents to plan ahead to reduce the effects of disaster. You can help by taking our survey at www.dakotacounty.us, and search mitigation survey.

Join Us For a Variety of Fun Events This Winter

* Hastings Parks & Recreation is offering Adult Basketball and Dodgeball Leagues this winter. Find more info by visiting the Parks & Recreation page at www.ci.hastings.mn.us or by calling Jared at 480-6181.

* Have Breakfast with Santa on December 11 at McAuliffe Elementary School! More details and registration forms can be found on the Parks and Recreation website www.ci.hastings.mn.us. You may also call 480-6175 with questions. Registration deadline is November 26.

* The Hastings Civic Arena is open for public skating and public hockey. For scheduled times, visit the Parks & Recreation page at www.ci.hastings.mn.us or call the Civic Arena at 480-6195.

* You can find information on the City's outdoor rinks on our Parks & Recreation page at www.ci.hastings.mn.us or by calling the hotline at 480-2392. Rinks generally open around December 15th, depending on the weather.