



City of Hastings Parks & Recreation

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“Creating Community Through People, Parks, and Programs”

Parks and Recreation Commission Departmental Updates – March, 2012

Parks

- Maintenance staffs have made park reservation cases for the rental of the outside shelters. This will allow people to see that the shelter has been reserved.
- The outside skating season has come to an end. Mother Nature just didn't cooperate with us.
- Staff has started to perform maintenance on equipment for the spring and summer use.
- A new snowplow and Tommy Gate will be installed on two trucks in the next couple of weeks.

Hastings Civic Arena

- Season coming to an end 3/11/12.
- 3/1/12 to 3/4/12 weekend, the HHB held their annual in-house tournament weekend.
- Jeff and I will be sitting down and discuss what maintenance issues need to be taken care of over the off season.
- 3/22/12 thur the arena & parks staff will be installing the turf for the upcoming dry floor season 3/26/12 to 5/8/12. The start of season has 5 hours a day for 3 weeks and the remainder slows to an 8-4 hour week.
- As of 3/5/12, the HHB program has not advanced any youth teams out of districts. There are still 4 teams that will start there district 5/11/12 -5-18/12.

Recreation

- Softball sign-ups are currently underway and going well.
- YFPC raised over \$300 for their scholarship by selling Valentine's Day Cookies to the community.
- Dodgeball is in full swing at the HMS on Tuesday nights.

Hastings Family Aquatic Center

- Seasonal hiring has begun. Application deadline for new hires is Friday March 2, 2012 and Friday Marcy 9, 2012 for returning staff.
- Repairs from the Fall 2011 vandalism have begun with scheduling repairs for the ceiling inside set for early Spring 2012 when it warms up.
- Additional chairs/tables have been ordered to replace some of the 13 year old furniture.
- Hastings Area Swim Team has requested additional practice hours due to the Hastings Middle School pool shut down. We will be meeting with the HAST members to discuss options.
- Laurie Thrush from the Senior Center has inquired about working with the HFAC team to provide Water Zumba class at the outdoor pool. Parks & Recreation Staff is working with Community Education Staff to coordinate.

Recycling

- The annual Parks & Trails Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 5th meeting at Lake Rebecca Park. Volunteers will receive morning refreshments and t-shirts. Registration forms are available on the City's website.
- Arbor Day is Friday, April 27th this year and trees will be planted at Tuttle and Cari Parks. Any wishing to volunteer to help out should contact the City Forester, Paul Mahoney.

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