

City Continues to Pursue Funding to Construct Water Treatment Plants

Background

Hastings has PFAS contamination in all six of our municipal wells (specifically PFOA in all six wells and PFOS in two wells). The city has completed a feasibility study to consider alternatives to remove the PFAS.

The study recommended constructing three water treatment plants (WTP) for PFAS and Nitrate removal. The plan is to build one WTP per year for three years. Construction of the central WTP began last September and will be completed in early 2027. This WTP will include a self-serve fill station for residents that wish to obtain treated water before all three WTPs are completed, which is expected in early 2029. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made it federal law for public drinking water systems to reduce PFAS to Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) by April 2029, and Hastings intends to meet the federal regulation.

Costs and Funding to Date

The current construction cost estimate is \$70.3 million, plus upwards of \$1 million annually for operation and maintenance of three plants. The city continues to pursue multiple opportunities to offset this budget-buster expense and has obtained \$23.3 million in outside assistance:

- \$3.2 million Planning & Design Grant (toward all 3 WTP)
- \$15.1 million from East Metro 3M Settlement (Well #5 portion of central WTP)
- \$5 million Emerging Contaminants Grant (central WTP)



City Administrator Dan Wietecha, Mayor Mary Fasbender and Public Works Director Ryan Stempski meet with Sen. Seeberger and Rep. Dippel during the legislative session.



As you know, we've had to raise water rates the last couple of years. Even with \$23.3 million in grants, water rates will increase a total of 159% phased in 2024-2028. We continue to pursue additional assistance to bring this down.

We have been approved for additional funds that will help reduce expenses, but contracts are not yet finalized:

- \$5 million Emerging Contaminants Grant (eastern WTP)
- \$1 million Congressionally Directed Spending (western WTP)

Litigation Pending

In April, the City Council hired Pawa Law Group, a litigation and trial firm with extensive experience in complex environmental tort litigation, for potential lawsuits against one or more defendants. Assuming we file litigation, it is a long process that could easily be several years to resolution. This is an important step but not immediate relief, and we will continue seeking State Bonding, grants, and other outside

assistance. Unfortunately, unless we get additional outside funding, water rates are also projected to continue to increase.

Questions?

Please visit the city website at www.hastingsmn.gov/PFAS for detailed information about PFAS, including frequently asked questions and answers and news updates.

Legislative Advocacy Alert

We continue to pursue additional assistance, including applications for State Bonding funds. Please contact our state legislators to voice your support for state funding now to ease the burden of planned increases in water rates. They support our request for state funding.

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Report Suspicious Activity! Call 911

Elections - What's Ahead

The 2026 Election season is shaping up to be a busy one, with several key offices on the ballot. Locally, the Mayor and two At-Large Councilmember seats will be on the ballot, along with three School Board member seats. Those interested in running, should file an affidavit of candidacy during the May 19-June 2 filing period. An application information session has been set for May 27 at 6 p.m.

At the County level, voters will elect County Commissioners, as well as County Attorney and County Sheriff. Voters will see races for U.S. Representative, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor and Attorney General, along with State Senator, State Representative and various judicial seats.

The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11 and Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The city is seeking election judges to assist in ensuring fair, accurate and secure elections. Watch the city website and social media channels for more information on how to get involved, or visit www.hastingsmn.gov/Elections for information.

2025 Drinking Water Report Available

The City of Hastings Consumer Confidence (drinking water) Report is completed annually in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Health requirements. The report summarizes the city's practices and results related to ensuring clean, safe drinking water. A copy of the 2025 report is available at www.hastingsmn.gov/DrinkingWater, or printed copies can be requested at the Public Works Facility or City Hall during regular business hours. Please allow time for printing.



2026 Neighborhood Improvements Project Begins

This year's Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements project begins in May and includes improvements along Pleasant Drive, from Highway 55 to 4th St. W., and along 4th St. W. between Pleasant Drive and River St. A new multi-use trail is also planned for the west side of Pleasant Drive between 4th St. and Highway 55. Learn more at www.hastingsmn.gov/2026Streets.

Mill & Overlay Program Starts

This year's Mill and Overlay project will include resurfacing 15 streets. A mill and overlay is a pavement management strategy performed on a street that is too old and worn for sealant but not dilapidated enough for a full reconstruct project. Learn more about the project and streets to be resurfaced at www.hastingsmn.gov/MillandOverlay.

Lead Service Line Replacement Phase 1 Update

The City of Hastings is beginning its 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement program to improve drinking water quality and protect public health. Last year, residents and business owners were asked to identify lead and galvanized pipes as part of a lead service line inventory. Those who received a letter about this program have been identified to have their pipes replaced during the first phase of the service line replacement project. To learn more, visit www.hastingsmn.gov/LSL.

Police Department Leadership Transitions

Congratulations, Chief Linscheid

Kyle Linscheid was named Hastings Police Chief at the March 16 City Council meeting. He serves as the 57th Police Chief in Hastings' 169-year history, following the retirement of Chief David Wilske at the end of March.

Linscheid has been with the city's police department for 18 years and was selected through a rigorous internal hiring process. He began his duties with the Hastings Police Department as a patrol officer in 2008 and has played several roles throughout his tenure with the department. He has served as school resource officer, Dakota County Drug Task Force agent/team leader, negotiator, patrol sergeant and most recently as commander.

"Throughout a series of interviews, Commander Linscheid proved he is a strategic thinker, able to set long-term goals and open to multiple perspectives to ensure informed decisions when problem-solving," said City Administrator Dan Wietecha. "He will continue to advance the strong



Chief Kyle Linscheid

Commander Sam Beuch

culture and morale we have built at the Hastings Police Department."

The hiring process included interview panels with representatives from Dakota County Social Services, 360 Communities, IDEA, Ally Supportive Services, Hastings Ministerial Assn. and Hastings School District, as well as the Public Safety Committee of the City Council, Public Safety Advisory Commission, Hastings Police Department, Dakota County Sheriff's Office and city department directors.

Congratulations, Commander Beuch

In April, Sergeant Sam Beuch was named Commander and will begin his duties May 11. Beuch is a proven, trusted leader and developer in the department who brings with him a tactical mindset, SWAT experience, quality decision making, statute knowledge and 14 years of patrol officer and patrol sergeant experience.

In Gratitude

We express appreciation to Deputy Chief Bryan Schowalter for his consistent leadership as the department transitions, and we congratulate Chief Linscheid and Commander Beuch on their new roles.

We are grateful to Chief Wilske. During his tenure, he focused on fostering strong community partnerships, enhancing public safety through strategic initiatives, and securing grant funding for essential equipment and department improvements.

City Focuses on Smart Spending and Long-Term Savings

As budget season gets underway, the city is highlighting how thoughtful planning and proactive investments help make the most of taxpayer dollars.

Optimizing Maintenance Dollars

A key example is the annual mill and overlay and skim patching programs, which extend the life of city streets through targeted resurfacing—optimizing our maintenance dollars and helping avoid the much higher cost of full road replacement. Similarly, city staff are actively tracking and addressing maintenance needs in

public buildings before they become more expensive problems.

Securing Funding

Aside from the grants (see PFAS article on page 1), the city also secured a \$5 million low-interest loan to help build the central water treatment plant to remove PFAS in drinking water, reducing the need for local borrowing and saving \$600K in interest costs. Additional partnerships, including a new cost-sharing formula through MnDOT, help further offset \$3.7 million in infrastructure expenses on the Hwy 61 project.

Reducing Operating Costs

Efforts to reduce operating costs are also underway. Energy-efficient upgrades like LED lighting and solar panels are lowering utility bills, while a structured vehicle replacement schedule helps control maintenance costs and maximize resale value through timely auctions.

Together, these strategies reflect the city's commitment to being responsible stewards of public funds by planning ahead, investing wisely and working to keep costs down for residents.

Rec + Art + Police

Recreation and police staff will visit different parks and offer a variety of free activities for youth, as the 5th year of programming begins in June.



2026 Rec + Art + Police in The Parks



VISIT HASTINGS PARKS FOR FREE ACTIVITIES, LUNCH FOR KIDS, & GIVEAWAYS

June 10	Wednesday • 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Pioneer Park 801 15th St. W.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Night Lights Art • Hula Hoop Challenges & Games
June 24	Wednesday • 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Conzemius Park 1178 Bahls Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squirr Guns Art • Global Games
July 8	Wednesday • 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Sunny Acres Park 3401 Cory Ln.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature Art • Magic Show & Class
July 22	Wednesday • 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Roadside Park 510 11th St. W.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caterpillars Walking Art • Juggling Show & Class
August 5	Wednesday • 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lions Park 1043 5th St. W.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow Globe Art • Reptile Show

QUESTIONS:

Hastings Parks & Rec. 651-480-6175 or parksinfo@hastingsmn.gov

BAD WEATHER:

Visit the City of Hastings Facebook page or www.hastingsmn.gov



Cop on a Rooftop at Dunkin'

Friday, May 15, 6-11 a.m.
1207 Vermillion St.

Head to Dunkin' to support Cop On A Rooftop, a Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising event benefitting Special Olympics athletes across Minnesota, including the Hastings Sharks.

Community Bike Rodeo

Saturday, May 30, 2-6 p.m.
Walmart Parking Lot, 1752 N. Frontage Road

Join us for our free Community Bike Rodeo hosted by Hastings Community Education, Hastings Police Department, Children's Minnesota and Walmart. Participate in a fun obstacle course to practice riding skills and do a fit check to ensure protective equipment fits correctly before riding season begins. Register at www.hastingsmn.gov/Events. See May 30th calendar item for link, or call Jaci at 651-480-7673.

Safety Camp

Friday, June 26, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
McAuliffe Elementary,
Cost: \$40 – Includes: T-shirt, pizza lunch, snack & activities
Register at www.hastingsmn.gov/RecRegistration

Youth entering 3rd-5th grade will explore a variety of topics, including fire safety, bike safety, personal safety, electrical safety, outdoor safety and much more. Participants get the opportunity to team up with local leaders while they go through a fun day of games, activities and learning sessions.

Cops and Cones

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 4-6 p.m.
Crème de le Crème
216 2nd St. E.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Lions Park, 1043 5th St. W.

National Night Out is a time to build camaraderie with the police, fire and public safety partners, learn about community resources and get to know your neighbors. Join us for this annual community gathering at Lions Park, or host your own neighborhood party. Visit www.hastingsmn.gov/NNO for details or to register a neighborhood block party.



Recycling Works

Recycling is a team sport, and each player is important. Haulers collect recycling and bring it to a recycling facility. At the recycling facility, people pull contaminants out and keep the equipment running. Machines sort by materials to make sure items go to the right places. Businesses and manufacturers, many of which are local to Minnesota, turn those items into new products like boxes, bottles, cans and even lawn furniture.

This process starts at home. When you recycle right, you maximize the number of valuable materials that can be turned into new products. Recycle these items:

Paper

- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail and office papers

Cardboard

- Corrugated cardboard
- Paperboard (e.g., cracker boxes)

Cartons

- Milk and juice cartons
- Soup, broth and wine cartons
- Juice boxes

Metal cans

- Aluminum, tin and steel cans

Glass bottles and jars



Plastic bottles, containers and jugs

- Containers numbered 1, 2 or 5
- Soda, juice and water bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Margarine, cottage cheese and other tubs and lids
- Laundry detergent bottles and jugs
- Clear berry and produce containers

How to recycle right:

- Empty and dry bottles, jars and containers (they don't need to be perfect—just free of most food and residue).

- Leave caps on containers.
- Flatten boxes.
- Put these items loose into your recycling bins.
- Do not put plastic bags, batteries, black plastic, food and things that can tangle around moving machines into your recycling at home

If you're wondering about a specific item, use the online Recycling Guide at www.dakotacounty.us, search *recycling guide*.

Partially funded by Dakota County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Mattress/Box Spring Drop-Off & Document Shred Event Set for May 30

Drop off your old mattresses and box springs for \$30 per piece (payable directly to Certified Recycling; pricing subject to change). Mattresses in good condition will be donated to Bridging, while all others will be deconstructed and recycled by Certified Recycling.

Document shredding is free and will be handled on-site by a National Association for Information Destruction (NAID) certified company. After shredding, paper will be properly recycled into paper pulp, ensuring secure and sustainable disposal.

For tips on preparing your items and answers to common questions, visit our events calendar listing at www.Hastingsmn.gov/Events.

May 30, 9 a.m.– noon

Hastings Public Works Facility
1225 Progress Drive

Activities



DIY Parks and Trails Cleanup

Help keep Hastings parks and trails clean, safe and beautiful. Plan a DIY cleanup with your family, community group, business or just yourself!

Call 651-480-6175 or email pmarschall@hastingsmn.gov for a park or trail assignment and to schedule your cleanup date of choice. Supplies provided!

Bags League

Wednesdays, starting May 20

Division Available: Open doubles with no gender requirements

Format: Double headers followed by single elimination tournament

Location: Pioneer Park

Fee: \$50/team

Rivertown WIFFLE Ball Tournament

Saturday, July 18 starting at 9 a.m.

Registration Deadline: Sunday, July 12

Divisions Available: Youth & Open

Format: Round robin pool play followed by single elimination tournament

Location: Pioneer Park

Fee: \$30/team

To register for the Bags League or Rivertown WIFFLE Ball Tournament, visit www.hastingsmn.gov/Athletics or email pvargas@hastingsmn.gov or call 651-480-6175.

Hastings Family Aquatic Center



Opening Date: Friday, June 5 Closing Date: Sunday, August 23

Swimming Lessons: Register at www.hastingsmn.gov/RecRegistration

Questions? Contact Aquatics Manager Theresa Faustini

tfaustini@hastingsmn.gov or 651-480-6179

Purchase your season passes and punch cards in advance!

Purchase at the Aquatic Center, 901 Maple St.

- Monday-Thursday, May 18-21, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Friday, May 22, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday-Friday, May 26-29, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday, May 30-31, 8-11 a.m.
- Monday-Thursday, June 1-4, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday, June 5, 7-11 a.m.

To optimize a faster admission process, season passes and punch cards cannot be purchased at the Aquatic Center June 5–21. Applications are available at www.hastingsmn.gov. Search "Season pass and punch cards."

Season Passes	Resident	Non-Resident
Single	\$65.00	\$76.00
Family of 2	\$118.00	\$140.00
Family of 3	\$172.00	\$206.00
Family of 4	\$227.00	\$272.00
Family of 5	\$282.00	\$338.00
Family of 6	\$337.00	\$404.00
Family of 7+	\$392.00	\$469.00

Punch Passes

Buy 10 Punches	\$65.00
Buy 20 Punches	\$105.00
Buy 30 Punches	\$123.00
Buy 40 Punches	\$141.00
Each additional 10 punches over 40	\$35.00 ea

2026 Levee Park Events

Rotary Pavilion in Levee Park • 20 Ramsey Street • Hastings, MN



Summer Kick Off

Tuesday, June 9th - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Kick off summer with live music by The Rockin' All-Stars, 60's & 70's hits, foam party, inflatables, balloon artist, bubbler, face painting, caricature artists, henna artists, airbrush tattoos, crazy hair & food trucks. All ages are welcome.

Make Music Day

Sunday, June 21st - 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Make Music Day with a variety of live music, food trucks, music trivia, and gift card giveaways at Levee Park from 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Explore more Make Music Day performances at Pleasant Hill Library for musical storytime at 10:00 AM and live music at Hastings YMCA at 11:00 AM. View our full Make Music Day calendar at www.hastingsmn.gov All ages are welcome.

Party in the Park

Tuesday, July 7th - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Parks and Recreation month with live music by The Rockin' Hollywoods, 50's through 80's Rock & Roll, food trucks, inflatables, and 30+ activity stations. All ages are welcome.

- Food trucks require cash or card

Special thank you to our funding partners who help make these events free!

The Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund

Ardent Mills

Movies in the Park

Watch a family-friendly movie on our big screen. Arrive an hour early for free activities and giveaways. All ages are welcome. Recommended for families. Sponsored by: *Ardent Mills*.

- Friday, June 12 • Activities 8:00 p.m. and *Zootopia 2* 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 10 • Activities 8:00 p.m. and *How to Train Your Dragon* 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 14 • Activities 7:30 p.m. and *Super Mario Galaxy* 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 11 • Activities 6:30 p.m. and *Lilo & Stitch* 7:30 p.m.

Comedy in the Park

Enjoy comedy in the park with family or friends. Recommended for teens and adults.

- Tuesday, June 23 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – John Bush, Stand-up Comedian
- Tuesday, July 28 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Jared Sherlock, Stand-up Comedian
- Tuesday, August 25 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – C Willi Myles, Stand-up Comedian
- Tuesday, September 15 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – James Wedgwood, Comic Ventriloquist

Storytime in the Park

Listen to big book stories, play games, sing songs, enjoy snacks and a take & make craft. A partnership with Pleasant Hill Library. Recommended for ages 7 and under.

- Wednesday, June 17 • 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. – Author Showcase
- Wednesday, July 15 • 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. – Seasons
- Wednesday, August 19 • 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. – Bugs
- Wednesday, September 16 • 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. – Folktales

Music + Market

Experience the vibrant energy of Music in the Park, a Makers Market, a kids' zone, and food trucks in downtown Hastings along the riverfront. Supported by: *The Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund*. All ages are welcome.

(Market vendors require cash or card)

- Thursday, June 11 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Coyote Wild – Country & Rock
- Thursday, June 18 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • M.T. Pockets & Loose Change – Soul, Swing & Pop
- Thursday, June 25 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Taylor's Version – Tribute to Taylor Swift
- Thursday, July 2 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Rumbleseat – Tribute to John Mellencamp
- Thursday, July 9 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Ember – Pop, Rock & Country
- Thursday, July 23 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Sons of Groove – Funk, Soul & Blues
- Thursday, July 30 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Los Rebelde – Cumbia & Mexican Folk
- Thursday, August 6 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Hoot Scoot and Boogie – 90's Country
- Thursday, August 13 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Indigo Moon – Indie
- Thursday, August 20 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Glycerin Tears – Tribute to the 70's
- Thursday, August 27 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Sir Psycho – Tribute to Red Hot Chili Peppers



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IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES & REMINDERS

Meetings

All meetings will be held at City Hall at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Check our city calendar for changes, agendas, packets and minutes.

- 5/18 - City Council
- 6/1 - City Council
- 6/15 - City Council
- 7/6 - City Council
- 7/20 - City Council
- 8/3 - City Council

Check our website for Council and Commission meetings at www.hastingsmn.gov.

Activities

Visit our city Events Calendar at www.hastingsmn.gov/Events. All events are also added to our Facebook Events tab.

- 5/15 - Cop on a Rooftop
- 5/30 - Mattress/Box Spring Drop off Event
- 5/30 - Community Bike Rodeo
- 6/5 - Hastings Family Aquatic Center Opens for the Season
- 6/9 - Summer Kick Off at Levee Park
- 6/10 - First Rec + Art + Police Event
- 6/21 - Make Music Day
- 7/7 - Party in the Park
- 8/4 - National Night Out
- 8/18 - Cops and Cones

* This listing does not include all of our Levee Park events or Rec + Art + Police events. See inside for those schedules.

Reminders



Did you miss the State of the Community event? Mayor Mary Fasbender highlighted the many partnerships across the city that support growth and service to the community during this year's state of the city presentation. She followed Hastings Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Kristine Wehrkamp Herman, who gave a state of the school district address. Mayor Fasbender also joined Wehrkamp Herman, along with City Administrator Dan Wietecha and School District Board Chair Carrie Tate, in a panel Q & A. To watch the State of the Community event, visit Hastings Community Television's YouTube channel.