



Crosswalk painting design for First Street and Lincoln Avenue from artist Rad Lab coming Spring 2027



Fall/Winter Activity Guide 2026-2027

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Murals to be painted on First Street crosswalks in downtown

The Heartbeat Creative District is looking for volunteers to help paint murals on crosswalks in downtown Hastings in Spring 2027.

Four artist groups will work with the public to design and paint 19 crosswalks at the intersections on First Street between Lincoln and Colorado Avenues. Painting of the crosswalks is scheduled to take place during spring 2027.

The Heartbeat District, also known as the Hastings Art & Beat District, was certified as a creative district in November 2024 and joined a statewide network of creative districts led by the Nebraska Arts Council.

This project is made possible through support from a \$100,000 grant from the Nebraska Arts Council and Nebraska Cultural Endowment. This project is part of the implementation of the adopted Public Art Plan, which identified the community's interest in various art types within the District.

The following artists were selected to develop one or more crosswalks with public input:

- **Danielle Schwinn (Hastings)**
- **Trent & Amy Kelly (Hastings)**
- **Rad Lab (California)**
Blair Czarecki & Paige Smitherman
- **Drift Mural Co. (Canada)**
Dominic Laporte & Anais Labreque



Locations of the following designs along First Street. These are approximations based on the designs submitted and may be revised by the artists.

The Partners Undertaking Local Solutions for Expression (PULSE) advisory committee for the Heartbeat Creative District developed a Request for Qualifications, which was shared statewide, to solicit responses from artists. The RFQ period was open for artists April 9-June 1, 2026.

A mid-block crosswalk on the 300 block of North Denver Avenue, as well as two sculptures, are also planned for spring 2028 using grant funds in conjunction with the Hastings Public Library greenspace project.

Proposed designs for the crosswalk paintings are available at engage.cityofhastings.org/creative-district and on display in the development services department office at City Hall, 615 W. Third St.

For more information about the Heartbeat Creative District call (402) 461-2314. To learn more about the Creative District program, please visit the Nebraska Arts Council website at www.artsCouncil.nebraska.gov/explore/creative-districts/ or call the NAC office at (402) 595-2122.

Website redesign to provide more user-friendly experience

The City of Hastings is redesigning its website, www.cityofhastings.org, with a focus on creating a more seamless, user-friendly experience for residents, visitors, businesses and anyone looking for information about the community.

The website is anticipated to launch in fall 2026.

The redesign grew out of feedback from both the public and City employees, who identified opportunities to make information easier to find and City services easier to access online.

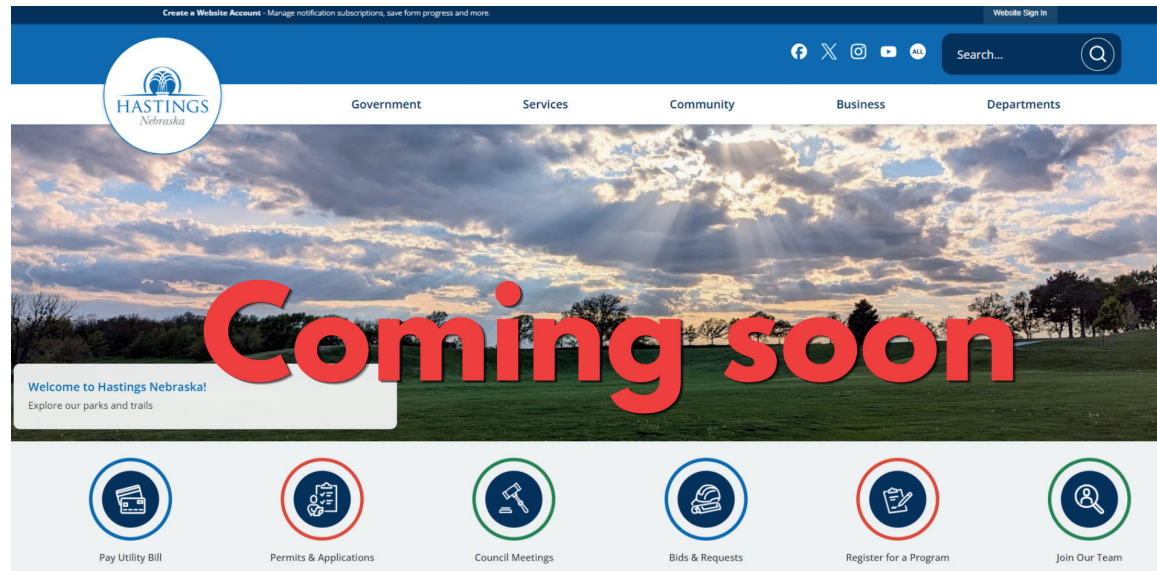
The City is working with CivicPlus, a leader in local government website design and digital solutions, with its solutions used daily by millions of people across North America.

The City of Hastings was already using some CivicPlus products such as CivicClerk, Municode and CivicRec.

The redesigned website will introduce several new tools designed to improve communication and help residents find information that matters most to them.

One of the most notable additions will be the CivicPlus Agent, an automated information tool designed to answer website visitor questions using information available on the City's website.

The tool will provide another convenient way for users to navigate City information and find answers to common questions.



The new website also will offer personalized notifications.

Residents will be able to select the types of information they want to receive. This allows users to receive information based on their individual interests rather than receiving every available notification.

Interest in such a service was demonstrated through a City of Hastings communications survey conducted in fall 2024. Of the 400 people who responded, 251 — or 68% — indicated they would sign up for a notification system. Additional features planned for the redesigned website include CivicSend newsletters, prominent alerts at the top of the home page and a new projects page

that will provide a simplified version of the information currently available through EngageHastings.

The website also will feature a community calendar developed in partnership with the Downtown Business Improvement District and the Adams County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The calendar will include events submitted by the public that meet established guidelines, creating a centralized resource for discovering activities and events throughout the community.

The City looks forward to launching the redesigned website and providing residents with a more accessible, informative and responsive digital experience.

City adopts tiered water rates for residential customers

With an eye on conservation, as well as saving money, the City of Hastings is implementing a three-tiered water rate system for residential customers.

Members of the Hastings City Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 4839 during their regular meeting on Aug. 24, updating rates for water use. The progressive system would reduce rates for the smallest consumption tier. The updated rates were recommended by Utility Department staff following a cost of service study conducted by consultant John Krajewski with JK Energy Consulting.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2026, the cost for residential rate customers will be:

- **\$1.79** per ccf for the **first 5** ccf. One ccf (100 cubic feet) equals 748 gallons of water. This is a 20-cent decrease from the previous rate of \$1.99 per CCF.
- **\$2.09** per ccf for the **next 25** ccf, which is a 10-cent increase from the previous rate.
- **\$2.42** per ccf for anything in excess of **30** ccf, which is a 43-cent increase from the previous rate.

The 5 ccf level is roughly the amount of indoor water a typical residential household consumes indoors year-round.

Based on these tiers, users with less than 15 ccf of consumption will pay less with the new rate structure.



A tiered rate system is part of a municipal water conservation plan the City of Hastings submitted to the Little Blue Natural Resources District, which encompasses most of Adams County and the city of Hastings. The NRD is working to address declines in the underground water table within its territory.

The ordinance includes 1.5% annual rate increases in fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 to ensure adequate cash flow and avoid larger rate increases later. The 5 ccf tier for residential rate payers within the corporate limits of Hastings will remain \$1.79 per ccf through 2030.

The rate adjustments, which may vary slightly by customer class, are intended to generate the 1.5% revenue increase collectively over all classes except one: The class for customers on the old Community Municipal Services water system, which serves a portion of the former U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot east of Hastings and was taken over by Hastings Utilities a number of years ago.

According to the ordinance, the CMS area will see a three-year stretch of 10% annual increases for that system only. Krajewski said CMS rates would need to increase more than 100% to cover the cost of service.

Share the Warmth helps keep needy in Hastings warm

When winter temperatures drop, a warm home becomes more than a comfort — it becomes a necessity. The Hastings Utility Department partners with local nonprofit organizations to help ensure HU customers in need can stay warm throughout the colder months through the Share the Warmth program.

Share the Warmth provides assistance to people who may have difficulty paying their utility bills during the winter. The program runs from Dec. 1 through April 30, with funds collected during that period distributed to those in need. However, community members can contribute to Share the Warmth at any time throughout the year.

The program was developed in coordination with The Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services and Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska. It was specifically designed to assist individuals who are 60 years of age or older, individuals with disabilities and anyone experiencing unusual or unexpected needs.

All funds collected through Share the Warmth by Hastings Utilities are sent directly to The Salvation Army, which distributes the

funds to assist Hastings Utilities customers who need help with their utility bills. Residents who need assistance can contact The Salvation Army directly at (402) 463-0529 to learn more about applying for available funds.

The generosity of Hastings residents continues to make a meaningful difference. Share the Warmth participated in Give Hastings Day for the first time in 2026, raising \$8,555. That support demonstrated the community's commitment to looking out for its neighbors and helping ensure everyone has access to a warm home during the winter.

Hastings Utilities customers can contribute to the program by choosing to add a monthly donation to their utility bill. Customers can complete the Share the Warmth form at cityofhastings.org/share-the-warmth and select a contribution of \$3, \$5, \$10 or \$20 per month, or choose an "Other" amount that works for them.

Every contribution, regardless of size, can make a difference.

Share the Warmth donations are tax deductible, and customers can change or



cancel their contribution at any time by calling Hastings Utilities at (402) 463-1371.

By giving to Share the Warmth, Hastings residents can turn a simple monthly donation into meaningful support for a neighbor in need — helping provide warmth, security and peace of mind during the coldest months of the year.

BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER Homeschool PE



Hastings Community Center • Every other Friday

A unique PE program for youths 5–15! Every other Friday we focus on a different sport, mix in classic PE games, and build confidence and teamwork. Drop-in—no pre-registration.

Ages 5–10 1–2 pm · \$5/day
Ages 11–15 2–3 pm · \$5/day

BOOK ANYTIME Instructional Pickleball

Reserve your lesson today!

We'll teach you everything you need to know! Book a qualified staff member to teach you and three others the basics—a custom 90-minute course with rules, drills, and supervised games so you keep learning as you play.

Fee \$15/participant | reserve in groups of four

MONDAYS • SEVEN WEEKS

Fencing



Hastings Community Center

Abdel Bruguera teaches a seven-week class. Learn the fundamentals and duel with other participants, capped by an end-of-session tournament.

Winter Jan. 18 – March 1, 2027

Beginners 6:30–7:15 pm

Advanced 7:30–8:15 pm

Fee \$50 · Beginners & Advanced



Registering for Hastings Parks and Recreation programs is convenient and can be completed online or in person. Visit the City of Hastings Parks & Recreation website to browse available programs, create an account and register participants. Select your desired activity and complete payment to secure your spot. Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so check program registration dates and deadlines. In-person registration and assistance are also available at the Parks & Recreation Office at 2015 W. Third St. Call 402-461-2324 for more information.

SCAN TO
REGISTER



K-3 Youth Basketball



**Community Center and
Hastings Middle School | Saturdays**

A recreational league to teach basketball, build fundamentals, and have fun.

Two weeks of practice precede games starting Jan. 16.

Divisions: Kindergarten Coed, 1–3 Girls & 1–3 Boys.

Early Bird \$55 by Dec. 17

Fee \$65

Final deadline Dec. 24, 2026



Senior Fest

City Auditorium

WED, OCT. 14 | 1–3:30 PM



This FREE annual event for area seniors is an afternoon full of fun and friendship. Bingo, entertainment, display booths, refreshments, door prizes, and more add to the celebration.

Vendors \$50/booth · **Non-profits** \$25/booth

To purchase a booth, call (402) 461-2324

Registration deadline Fri, Oct. 9, 2026

ENTRIES BY OCT. 9

Halloween Light Fight



Facebook voting · City limits only



Show off your Halloween decorating skills and compete to win a trophy and a prize! Facebook voting runs on our department's page. Limited to the first 20 homes.

Videos taken Oct. 13, 2026

Voting Oct. 16–Oct. 25

Winner announced Mon, Oct. 26

Mummy Son Date Night

City Auditorium

THU, OCT. 22 | 6–8 PM



Hey boys! Grab your mom and come play carnival games, eat pizza, and have a spook-tacular time! Come dressed in your holiday best and win prizes. Each pair receives a catered meal, special treats, and a souvenir photo.

Designed for boys 3–12 and their moms.

Fee \$45/couple · \$20/additional son

Registration deadline Sun, Oct. 18

Howl-O-Ween



SAT, OCT. 24 | 2–4 PM

Hastings Dog Park

Give your puppies the chance to go trick-or-treating at the dog park! Pup treats throughout the park and prizes for the best dog costumes. Separate time-slots for smaller and larger dogs.

Under 30 lbs 4 pm · \$5

Over 30 lbs 5 pm · \$5



Scarecrow Walk



Libs Park | Pioneer Spirit Trail

ON DISPLAY OCT. 16–31



Help the City get into the Fall spirit by decorating the Pioneer Spirit Trail with scarecrows! We provide the frame, lighting, and upright stand.

Fee \$50 for one · \$75 for two

Register by Friday, Oct. 2 · scarecrows due

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Fall Fest



SAT, OCT. 24 | 4–6 PM

Libs Park



Bring the whole family to our annual free Fall celebration at Libs Park! Autumn themed treats and activities, a youth tractor pull, and movie Brendan Fraser's "The Mummy" at dusk!



EVENT SPONSOR ·
PAT'S AUTO REPAIR &
TOWING

Candy Cane Hunt

SAT, Dec. 12 | 2 PM

Chautauqua Park



Santa delivers candy canes at 2 pm sharp! Kids up to 10 can join this free hunt—bring a bag, and grab one of the special candy canes to win a surprise present. Be early; Santa is very prompt.



Santa's Calling



Hastings Parks & Recreation is offering FREE calls from Santa! Each child gets a personal call from the North Pole — he greets them by name, asks all about their wish list, and reminds them to be good. A magical few minutes the whole family can gather around to hear. Share a few details so Santa knows what to say.

Evenings Tuesday, Dec. 8 & Thursday, Dec. 10

Calls 6–7:30 pm · first 20 per session

Register by Tues, Dec. 1 — spots fill fast!

ENTRIES BY DEC. 4

Holiday Lights Contest



Facebook judging · City limits only



Show off your light-decorating skills and compete to win! Homes must be in city limits. Community judging takes place on Facebook. Limited to the first 20 homes.

Houses filmed Tue, Dec. 8
Judging Dec. 11 – Dec. 20

A Wonderland Holiday



THREE DAYS DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE · ENDING AT NOON YEAR'S EVE



MONDAY, DEC. 28 | 1–3 PM

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Our newest oversized board-game adventure, in the fully decorated Auditorium! Wind along a giant Wonderland path — paint the roses red, swing a flamingo mallet, and solve the Cheshire Cat's riddles. Drop-in for ages 5–10; parents welcome.

Ages 4–10 with a parent

Fee \$20 parent & child

\$10 each additional child

TUESDAY, DEC. 29 | 1–3 PM

The Queen's Croquet

Live-action board game

Down the rabbit hole we go! Sip tea, decorate a mad hat, and celebrate a very merry unbirthday with friends from Wonderland — the first of three days leading to Un-Year's Eve.

Free

NOON YEAR'S EVE · NEW YEAR'S EVE

THURSDAY, DEC. 31

| 10 AM – 12:30 PM

A Very Merry Un-Year's Eve

City Auditorium · transformed top-to-bottom into Wonderland

We're not late for this very important date! Tumble down the rabbit hole into an Auditorium decked out in painted roses, the Mad Hatter's tea table, and a winding garden of games. When the watch strikes twelve, thousands of balloons drop for our Noon Year countdown — a New Year's celebration that ends before bedtime.

Free

Balloon drop at noon, sharp



SAT, JAN. 9 | 9 AM–3 PM
Pop Culture Showcase
 Hastings Auditorium



Start the year off with a visit to our Pop Culture Showcase! Vendors display and sell a variety of pop culture items, including comic books, action figures, memorabilia, and more.

Sellers \$25 regular booth · \$50 expanded booth
 Registration deadline Friday, Dec. 18

TUESDAYS | 6–8 PM | FREE
Weekly Board Game Nights
 Hastings Community Center

Pull up a chair for a relaxed night of games! Each week a host spotlights a game to teach—or gather with friends and play anything from our growing library. Free refreshments.

Tuesdays 6–8 pm · January and February
 All ages · under 16 with an adult · Free

THU, FEB. 11 | 6–8 PM
Parent Daughter Date Night
 Hastings Auditorium · Semi-formal

We provide everything for a perfect evening—catered dinner, dancing, activities, and prizes! Grandparents are welcome to escort, and every pair takes home a handmade picture frame to fill with photos from the night.



Fee \$50/couple | \$20/additional daughter
 register by Fri, Feb. 5, 2027



Feb. 23-27
Hastings Senior Winter Games

A friendly five-day winter games series for older adults that blends physical activities with mental and team challenges. Venues, events, and registration will be set after our partner planning meeting.

NEW · NOW BOOKING

Programming Partnerships

On-site recreation for your organization

New this year—we'll bring the programs to your people. Parks & Recreation now partners with senior living communities, care facilities, and other local organizations to lead recreation right on-site. Think card games, scavenger hunts, friendly competitions, and more—so Hastings residents get great programming right where they live.

Flexible recurring weekly visits or a one-time event

Custom activities tailored to your group

Start a partnership | (402) 461-2324





Paradise Vibes

HPL Winter Reading 26-27

Dec. 15, 2026 to Jan. 15, 2027 | All Ages

Your winter escape starts at HPL! Sign up for the Winter Reading Program and read away the cold, one chapter at a time.

Find those paradise vibes that take you away from the cold with this year's 32-day Winter Reading challenge! Read to earn badges, collect prizes, and snag tickets for grand prize drawings. Plus, join us at HPL Dec. 28th through the 31st from 1-3pm for activities like puzzles, LEGOs, and movie days to keep your winter full of fun!

Your winter reading paradise is calling—where will yours take you?

Special Storytimes

Made for Ages 0-5 | 10:15am | Families Welcome

In addition to our regular storytimes on Mondays and Wednesdays, a special holiday or seasonal storytime happens once a month!

Halloween | October 28th

Thanksgiving | November 25th

Christmas | December 23rd

Winnie the Pooh | January 18th

Valentine's Day | February 10th

Snuggle Up with a Story

For Families | 6:00-6:30pm

1st Monday of the Month

Bring your favorite stuffy, lovey, or blanket and snuggle up for a calming, end-of-the-day storytime. We'll dim the lights, read some sleepy stories, sing some soft lullabies, and learn calming techniques designed for littles. All families welcome and pajamas are always encouraged!

Reading Challenges

Reading is rewarding at any age—at HPL, we mean that literally. Take part in our age-based reading challenges to reward yourself and your brain!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Build your child's library and a lifelong love of reading by reading 1000 books before Kindergarten! Earn a total of 21 books, swag for every 100 books read, and a completion prize when you graduate. **Available from birth to Kindergarten.**

Reading Dragons | Sep. 1 - Apr. 30

Help your child make a habit of reading throughout the school year with Reading Dragons! Every 30 minutes of reading earns an exciting mythical creature card including dragons, unicorns, and more! **Ages 5-15.**

Golden Sower | Sep. 1 - Apr. 15

Join this golden challenge to read books of different styles, situations, and characters chosen for the NE Golden Sower Award! Divided into four grade levels, read from your category, vote for your favorite, and earn some swag along the way! **Grades K-12.**

Growing Readers *NEW* | Begins Oct. 1

Finished 1000 Books Before Kindergarten but can't start Reading Dragons just yet? Good news! This new reading challenge combines art, library services, and the outdoors to keep that love of reading growing! **Ages 2-7.**

Your Library: Available 24/7

Unlock a world of reading, research, and learning—all at your fingertips! Find all of these services and so much more on our website. There's something for every curious mind and busy schedule, whether you're learning a new skill, researching your roots, or diving into your next great read. Scan the QR code or go to the Digital Library tab on our website to get started!



www.hastingslibrary.us

Programs for All!

Family: All Ages

Family Fall Films | 7:30pm | Oct. 2 & 9

Tails for Tales:

Indy | 4pm | 2nd Wed. of the Month

Charlie | 10am | 3rd Sat. of the Month

Snuggle Up with a Story | 6-6:30pm |
1st Mon. of the Month

Winter Break @ HPL | 1-3pm | Dec. 28-31

Little: Ages 0-4

Storytime | 9:15am | Mon. & Wed.

Children: Ages 5-7

Children's Fall events are part of the Family events. Check our calendar for Spring events that will be added after Winter Break.

Tweens: Ages 8-12

S.T.E.A.M. Tweens | 5:30pm | Tues.

Big thanks to our partner, Flowserve, for this program!

Teens: Ages 13-18

Halloween Party | 3-5pm | Oct. 24

After Hours Hide & Seek | 5-7pm |
Nov. 21

Holiday Cupcake Wars | 4-6pm | Dec. 23

UNO Showdown | 3-4pm | Jan. 16

Adults: Ages 18+

Spooky Bingo | 5:30pm | Oct. 21

UNO Tournament | 5:30pm | Nov. 18

Solstice Craft | 5:30-7pm | Dec. 21

Cozy Bingo | 5:30-7pm | Jan. 27

Adults: Ages 55+

Senior Planet Classes | Week of Oct. 12
Dates & times TBD

Let's Talk Science: A Community Dialogue

Ages 13+ | 1-3pm | Oct. 3

Stay Connected!

Stay up-to-date with all Library happenings!

eNewsletter: Sign up online or ask at one of the desks!

Social Media: Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!
@hastingslibrary

Online Calendar: Check out our calendar for upcoming events on our website!

www.hastingslibrary.us

Trunk or Treat!

Oct. 31 | 3-5pm | All Ages

Get ready for a safe, family-friendly Halloween night with the Hastings Public Library's Trunk or Treat! Put on your costume and enjoy a festive trunk-or-treat route of decorated vehicles from local businesses and community groups, free trick-or-treat bags for every child, spooky activities, food trucks, and more!

Denver Avenue will be closed from 3rd to 4th St. so families can safely stroll, collect candy, and enjoy the fun. This event is free and open to all ages! So grab your costume, your Halloween spirit, and get ready for a spook-tacular time!

Want to join the line-up for the trunk-or-treat route? Give us a call at (402) 461-2346!



History on Foot: Germans From Russia

Sept. 29 | 9-11 am
Oct. 2 | 5:30-7:30 pm
Oct. 4 | 2-4 pm

Explore Hastings' east side and the history of the Germans From Russia families who settled here in the 1880s and 1890s. On this FREE 2-hour walking tour, visit historic homes, churches, and neighborhood grocery stores while discovering the stories of the immigrants who helped shape Hastings' cultural identity.

Free Will donation | No RSVP Required

Live Sky Tonight

Wednesday, Oct. 14 | 8:30-9:15 pm
Wednesday, March 10 | 9:00-9:45 pm

Learn the bright stars and constellations under the real night sky! Join Planetarium Coordinator Kirk Rosberg at Brickyard Park for an evening of stargazing. Explore constellations as Kirk uses a green laser pointer to trace them across the sky and answer your astronomy questions.

Free Will Donation | Weather Permitting

The World's Worst Serial Killers

Saturday, October 24 | 10-11 am

Explore the chilling history of serial killers from 1900 to the present, featuring infamous cases from the United States and around the world. Discover the stories behind their crimes and victims and learn how these cases captured public attention.

18+ | Members: \$5 | Non-Members: \$10

The Statue of Liberty

Sunday, Nov. 1 | 2-3 pm

Darrel Draper, from the Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau, will present "The Statue of Liberty—The Amazing Rest of the Story." Learn about the challenges France faced in gifting the statue to America, the people involved, the dispute between New York and New Jersey, and why its dedication was delayed for a decade.

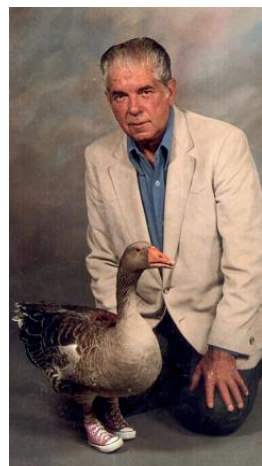
Free for All Ages

Andy Interrupted

Saturday, Nov. 7 | 7-8:30 pm

Do you know the story of Andy the Goose? Hear it from humorist Jessica Korgie, granddaughter of the man who fashioned those famous goose shoes! After Grandpa Gene fitted a footless gray goose with baby shoes, Andy became a 1980s sensation. Join Jessica as she shares the absurd details of this unforgettable true family story.

18+ | \$25 Per Person | Cash Bar Available



HASTINGS MUSEUM CALENDAR

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21 Season of Light (Show Opens)
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DECEMBER 2026

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MORE COMING IN 2027

Jan 8 To Space & Back (Show Opens)
Jan 9 Museum 100th Birthday Celebration
Jan 17 Hubble & James Webb Highlights
Jan 28 Cocktails with Curators
Feb 11 Dirty Things Tour
Feb 12 Dirty Things Tour
Feb 13 Dirty Things Tour
Feb 25 Ocean Giants (Film Premiere)
Mar 10 Live Sky Tonight
Mar 19 Mexica Archaeoastronomy (Show Opens)



NAD Bus Tour

November 13 | 9:30-11:30 am & 1-3 pm
November 14 | 8:30-10:30 am
November 15 | 1:30-3:30 pm

Join us for a 2-hour bus tour that highlights the Naval Ammunition Depot (NAD), downtown Hastings, and key housing districts. The tour ticket also includes all-day admission to the Museum, and Theatre admission to a WWII film. Get a sense of what it was like to live in Hastings during one of its boom periods.

Members: \$45 | Non-Members: \$70



Husker Watch Party

Friday, November 27 | Kickoff 11 am

Spend the day after Thanksgiving at the Hastings Museum! Watch the Huskers vs. Iowa Hawkeyes game FREE on our super screen. Seating is first come, first served, so arrive a little early. The Museum will also be open for your family to explore exhibits and enjoy a planetarium show with paid admission.

Free for All Ages | Cash Bar Available

Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes Highlights

Sunday, January 17 | 1:30-2:30 pm

Get a spectacular look at the greatest images captured by the Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes in 2026. See breathtaking views of deep space larger than life on our super screen.

Members: Free | Non-Members:
Free with Paid Museum Admission

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

American Patchwork

September 18-January 3

The Hastings Museum is celebrating the Patchwork that is America with a quilt exhibition. Old and new bed quilts, wall quilts, quilted clothing, home accessories, and other quilted items were submitted by community members. Each item tells a personal story.

100 Objects For 100 Years

January 9-May 30

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Museum's founding with 100 objects. This exhibit will feature one object added to the collection from each year that the Museum has been open. From an amethyst to fondue, and toilets to no parking bags. This exhibit features the historic, the quirky, and sentimental that makes the Hastings Museum.

Cocktails with Curators

Thursday, January 28 | 6-10 pm

Enjoy drinks, snacks, and a relaxed evening filled with fun and behind-the-scenes stories from Hastings Museum staff! Discover fascinating details about our collection, exhibits, and objects you may have never noticed before. Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience the Museum up close and in a whole new way!

Members: \$23 | Non-Members: \$30
21+ | Cash Bar Available

Dirty Things

February 11-13 | 6 pm & 8 pm

These 45-minute tours explore a variety of topics that are dirty in one way or another. Sometimes dirty means grimy or gross, and other times dirty means... well, you know. Expect dirty jokes, dirty stories, and gasp... even a dirty word or two. Don't worry, though, nothing racier than an R-rated movie.

18+ | Members: \$8 | Non-Members: \$17

See a Planetariums show or film in our Theatre!

View our weekly showtimes and trailers on our website (hastingsmuseum.org)!

Planetarium shows are free for Museum Members or with paid Museum Admission.

Tickets for our films can be purchased online and are \$6-9.



FACILITY RESERVATIONS

Parks and Recreation

5 Points Bank Pavilion

Highland Park

The 5 Points Bank Pavilion is a beautiful place to hold your next family gathering, birthday party, or wedding ceremony. Bench seating and electricity are available. The pavilion will hold approximately 20 people inside. The outside perimeter may be used for larger groups.

Hastings City Auditorium

The Event Center for South Central Nebraska

Centrally located in the heart of Hastings, and surrounded by wide streets and plenty of parking, the Hastings City Auditorium is close and convenient.

Originally built in 1924, the Auditorium has been completely restored and renovated. This addition of modern amenities to the craftsmanship of the past makes the Auditorium the perfect place for stage productions, conventions, seminars, receptions, trade shows, and much more. The Auditorium can seat 1,592, with 724 on the 74' x 71' main floor and 868 in the balcony.

Rates

Call (402) 461-2324 for more information.

5 Points Bank Pavilion: \$50/day
Chautauqua Pavilion: \$100/day
Downtown Park Rental: \$50/day
Picnic Shelter Rental: \$50/day

Brickyard Park amphitheater:

School/Free concerts. \$250/day
Non-commercial. \$350/day
Commercial \$400/day

Hastings City Auditorium:

Non Commercial | 8 am - 12 am

Sunday - Thursday \$550/day*
Friday - Saturday \$650/day*

Commercial | 8 am - 12 am

Sunday - Saturday \$750/day*

* Extra hours before 8:00am: \$50.00/hour

* Deposit to secure date: \$200.00

* Non-refundable Cleaning deposit if alcohol served: \$200.00

Hastings Museum



The Hastings Museum offers a unique and memorable setting for meetings, celebrations, receptions, dinners, screenings, gaming events, nonprofit gatherings, and select overnight experiences. With more than 50,000 square feet of space, the Museum provides flexible options for groups of various sizes.

The Full Museum accommodates up to 600 guests for strolling receptions or 152 for seated dinners and includes public galleries and the Abbott Room. The Abbott Room accommodates up to 76 guests and features a small kitchenette. The Lied Super Screen Theatre seats 211 and is ideal for presentations, films, performances, and gaming. The J.M. McDonald Planetarium accommodates 48 guests for private shows and custom experiences.

Rental rates vary by space, event type, and duration, with discounts available for Museum members and qualifying nonprofits. Additional fees may apply for after-hours use, setup, and deposits. To plan an event or schedule a tour, contact Visitor Services at (402) 461-2399.



PARKS AND REC

- Please note pre-registration dates and deadlines.
- Phone and fax entries will not be accepted.
- Registrations taken on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Program fees are required with registration to guarantee placement.
- You will be notified if your activity is filled, canceled, or changed. Be aware of our weather cancellation policies.
- If you wish to withdraw from a program, you must do so seven days prior to the first class starting in order to receive a full refund. A 50% refund will be given if we receive a notice that is less than seven days of the first class. Medical circumstances will be considered when determining a refund.
- Programs are subject to change.

Registrations and payment can be done online, mailed or delivered to the Parks and Recreation Office, 2015 West Third.

How to Register online

1. **Go online** to cityofhastings.org/parks
Click the blue "Register Online" button then Click Create Account
2. **Create an Account** by using your Facebook or Google account to login or creating a new account. We only access your name and email for login purposes. Enter information about yourself and add family members that participate in recreation activities.
3. **Save & Close**, then begin registering for your activities.



After Hours Drop Box

After hours, registrations can be dropped in the green mailbox in front of the Community Center Building at 2015 West 3rd St.

HASTINGS MUSEUM

- A complete description and calendar of Museum events, programs, and classes can be found at **HastingsMuseum.org** under the **Program and Events** tab at the top of the page.
- Registration for events can be done on the museum website, or by calling the museum at (402) 461-2399.
- Not every event or program requires registration. Those that do have a registration or buy tickets button.
- You may also purchase tickets or register directly at <https://shop-hastingsmuseum.tamretail.net/Events.aspx>.
- Find other information about all that is happening at the Hastings Museum by visiting **HastingsMuseum.org** including weekly theatre schedules, planetarium shows, and merchandise available in the Museum Store.



HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

- For a complete calendar of library programs, and details about each event, visit hastingslibrary.events.mylibrary.digital/.
- Reservations for meeting rooms and Makerspace equipment can be done on the event calendar with your library card number and password, or with your email as a guest. You can also contact the library by calling (402) 461-2346 or texting (402) 969-6244.
- There are two study and four meeting rooms available with capacities ranging from four to 100.
- The Makerspace is located on the lower level of the library and is open during library hours.
- The Makerspace offers a large open space with a variety of machines, tools, materials, large tables and seating where users can design and create projects.
- Walk-ins are welcome for the Makerspace machines, but we encourage making a reservation 24 hours in advance to make sure your machine is available.
- To use the heat press, laser cutter, or 3D printers, certification with library staff must be completed. Schedule your certification appointment by calling the library or visiting the events calendar. Please make your appointments 24 hours in advance to make sure the machine, and staff are available.



CITY DEPARTMENT CONTACT LIST

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Administrator	(402) 461-2309	615 W. Third St.	cityofhastings.org/administration
Attorney	(402) 461-2309	615 W. Third St.	cityofhastings.org/administration
Airport	(402) 461-3060	3300 W. 12th St.	cityofhastings.org/airport
Clerk	(402) 461-2309	615 W. Third St.	cityofhastings.org/clerk
Development Services	(402) 461-2331	615 W. Third St.	cityofhastings.org/devservices
Engineering	(402) 461-2330	1228 N. Denver Ave.	cityofhastings.org/engineering
Finance	(402) 461-2309	615 W. Third St.	cityofhastings.org/finance
Hastings Fire & Rescue	(402) 461-2350	1313 N. Hastings Ave., Station 1	cityofhastings.org/fire
Human Resources	(402) 462-3537	1228 N. Denver Ave.	cityofhastings.org/employment
Hastings Public Library	(402) 461-2346	314 N. Denver Ave.	cityofhastings.org/library
Hastings Museum	(402) 461-2399	1330 N. Burlington Ave.	hastingsmuseum.org
Hastings Parks and Recreation	(402) 461-2324	2015 W. Third St.	cityofhastings.org/parks
Hastings Police Department	(402) 461-2380	317 S. Burlington Ave.	cityofhastings.org/police
Hastings Solid Waste Landfill	(402) 463-0705	725 S. Southern Hills Drive	cityofhastings.org/solid-waste
Hastings Utilities	(402) 463-1371	1228 N. Denver Ave.	cityofhastings.org/utilities
Public Information Manager	(402) 461-2321	615 W. Third St.	cityofhastings.org/administration
Street Department	(402) 461-2344	1010 W. A St.	cityofhastings.org/street



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