

# THE BRIDGE



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Welcome to the Employee Newsletter!

## Employee Advisory Committee Update

### Health Insurance RFP

The Request for Proposals (RFP) was released to insurance providers on May 30. Our insurance broker, Gallagher is managing the sending out of the RFP and collecting the proposals.

City Administration will be reviewing the results on July 16 and the Employee Advisory Committee will also be reviewing the results on July 18. More information will be communicated in future newsletters.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kelly or Megan

## City Council Updates

### PFAS Update

Dan Wietecha reviewed key updates in funding applications at the state and federal levels, as well as providing an update on the submission of the City's PFAS Treatment & Raw Water Lines for consideration in the State's 2024 Capital Budget. Recent Highlights: Public Works is looking at several sites for water treatment plants 2 and 3 with a preference to stay out of residential areas; no state bonding assistance but

continuing work with lobbyist for possible 2025 state funding; waiting to hear on federal funding applications (may not hear until late 2024 or early 2025), submitted state PPL application for treatment plants 1 & 2 and emerging contaminants grant (hear in Sept/Oct); looking at a substantial water rate increase especially if there is no outside assistance; Council agreed to delay the start of the first water treatment plant bid process until early 2025 to allow time to communicate to residents and find out the results of the grant applications; state's co-trustees have stated that a direct connection to the 4 disposal sites north of the river is required to access 3M settlement funds and the City has been working with the MPCA to determine if there is evidence of a connection (one well has been found with a direct connection). Council discussion on the focus of a rate increase is on the water bill (not the sewer and stormwater portions).

[Read Dan's memo to City Council](#)

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## Staff Update



### **Congrats, Cody!**

We are excited to announce that Cody Mathisen has been promoted to City Engineer! Cody has gone above and beyond to prepare himself for the City Engineer position.

A big thanks to Cody for his hard work, positivity, and passion for serving the community.

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## Kudos Korner

July is National Parks & Recreation Month - Big kudos to our Parks & Recreation staff. Your efforts in keeping our parks clean, safe, and beautiful do not go unnoticed. Whether it's meticulously manicuring the lawns, ensuring the playgrounds are in top condition, or organizing events that bring our neighborhood together, your commitment shines through in every aspect of your work.

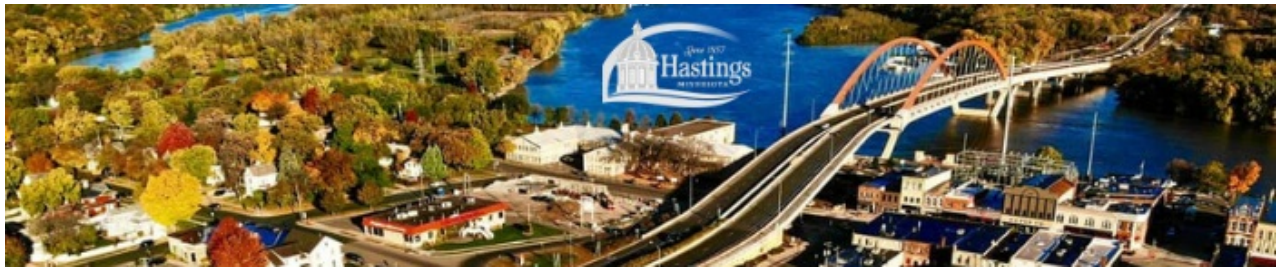


From Paige Marschall Bigler - Kudos to our incredible Fire and Police staff: Al Storlie, Jamie Stevens, Mike Wagner, Austin Weeks, and Officer Rinowski & Reserves Thierry Auge & Brian Jensen for their outstanding support during Safety Camp Sessions! From teaching essential Fire Safety tips to organizing fun activities like Water Relays, Bike Rodeo Safety Courses, and the always thrilling Fire Truck Spray, your dedication to our youth's safety and education is truly commendable. Thank you for your invaluable service and commitment!

From Paige Marschall Bigler - Big kudos to Alex Menke and Lindsey Duggan for their

exceptional coordination of the Makers Market in partnership with our Music in the Park series! Despite the last-minute rain forecast during our last event, their hard work and dedication ensured its success. Thank you both for your unwavering commitment and efforts in creating such enjoyable Markets for our community.

From Dawn Skelly - Thank you to Libby Hummel, communications intern, for all of the hours she is putting in to help make the city website ADA compliant. She is adding important key words to pages and ensuring updated images and documents include alternative text for those who use screen readers. A new law requires government websites to meet certain ADA requirements by 2027.



## Wellness

# Spotlight:

## Preventive Care

[Colon Cancer Screenings](#)

[Power of Prevention](#)

[Preventive Care Checklist](#)

[Activity - Get Up to Date](#)

[Recipes - Brussels Sprouts  
with Balsamic Glaze](#)

## Dates to Know

### July

**July 4** - Independence Day - City  
Offices Closed

**July 5** - National Apple Turnover  
Day

**July 7** - Chocolate Day

**July 8** - National Blueberry Day

**July 9** - National Dimples Day

**July 12** - National Motorcycle Day

**July 13** - Embrace Your Geekness  
Day

**July 14** - Shark Awareness Day

**July 15** - Cow Appreciation Day

**July 17** - National Hot Dog Day

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