

February

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Hastings Highlights

What's going on this month.....

06 Monday - Library Board 4:30 PM
06 Monday - Planning Commission 7:00 PM
08 Wednesday - Cemetery Advisory Board 3:00 PM
13 Monday - Council 7:00 PM
15 Wednesday - JPC 5:30 PM (Rutland Twp. Hall)
16 Thursday - DDA 8:00 AM
20 Monday - JPA 5:30 PM (Rutland Twp. Hall)
21 Tuesday - ZBA 7:00 PM
22 Wednesday - Airport Commission 4:30 PM
23 Thursday - LDFA/BRA 8:00 AM
27 Monday - Council 7:00 PM



What is an Assessment Change Notice and Why Did I Receive One?

"THIS IS NOT A TAX BILL," reads at the top of assessment notices sent annually for every property in the city. They will appear in mailboxes at the end of February. The purpose of this form is to indicate what the local assessor determines your property is worth and how much of that value is taxable. *It does not indicate what you will pay in taxes for the year.*

The following values are listed on the form, as well as their change from the prior year:

Taxable Value: the value used to calculate property taxes; can only increase annually by the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less, unless there is an addition or loss to the property or the property's ownership transferred during a previous year

Assessed Value: half of the property's market value or true cash value

State Equalized Value: the assessed value that has been adjusted following county and state equalization, also half of the property's true cash value

FAQ- Why did my assessment change?

1. **Transfer of Ownership.** If a transfer of the property took place in 2022, the taxable value will uncapped in 2023. When this happens, the taxable value will become the same as the state equalized value (see above) before capping once again the following year.

2. **Rate of Inflation.** In 2023, the inflation rate used to calculate taxable value will be 5%. This is listed as a 1.05 multiplier on your notice. Please note this is a state-wide multiplier applied to all properties.

Physical Changes to Property. If new construction was added or removed (i.e., deck, additions, garages, pole buildings) in 2022, this can affect your 2023 taxable value. Please be aware that regular home maintenance on necessary appliances, roofs, and siding are not considered addition of value.

If a property owner wants to appeal information found on their assessment notice, they may file a protest with the local Board of Review. Please contact your city assessor's office at (269) 945-6002 by March 9, 2023 to make an appointment for the March Board of Review meeting. Also reach out for further information regarding the assessment notice.

Debbie Rashid and Heidi Gartley
Assessing Department



2022 Winter Taxes

The last day to pay your 2021 Winter City Tax Bill without penalty or interest is

4:00 PM Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Taxes paid after February 14, 2023 will have 3% penalty and 1% interest added to the total. If you are unable to pay your tax bill during our normal Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Lobby hours you may utilize the drop box located in the middle drive-thru lane behind City Hall. **All payments left in the drop box after 4:00 PM, February 14, 2023 will be credited the next business day (February 15, 2023).**

All unpaid 2021 City taxes will be turned over to the Barry County Treasurer on **March 1, 2023.**

Christopher Bever,
City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Dir.



HEY DID YOU KNOW.....?

You can access Consumers Energy website and report your streetlight outages as well as check the status of an outage that has already been reported at:

www.consumersenergy.com/outages/street-light

Barry County Recycling

For the latest information on recycling in Barry County, please access the Barry County website:

Home/Barry County/ Household Services

Winter Reminders

No on-street parking is allowed between the hours of 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM. This is strictly enforced in the winter months to allow us to keep our streets cleared of snow.

Please remember that sidewalks should be kept clear of snow. Doing so allows pedestrians, including children walking to school, to use the sidewalk as opposed to walking in the street. The use of sidewalks by pedestrians makes it safer for everyone.

Reminder that 'tis the season and snow removal has begun. Please be courteous and remind your snow removal professionals to not push snow across City streets.

Private plow operators should take extra care to keep snow piles low enough so as not to block vision of the driving public. Business owners should monitor the plowing of their respective parking areas to insure compliance and reduce traffic accidents. It is not lawful and may increase individual liability to plow snow high enough in areas near intersections that blocks or interferes with the visibility of motorists.

Please take time to shovel around fire hydrants. This allows quick access if there is a fire.



YMCA OF BARRY COUNTY HIRING: KITCHEN MANAGER

Responsible for:

- Managing the Camp Kitchen
- Overseeing All Meal Prep
- Menu Planning
- Food Purchasing
- Supervising Kitchen Staff

PAY: \$18-20/hour (depending on experience)
35-40/hours per week

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT:
Mid May- August 26

To apply please email your resume to
megan@ymcaofbarrycounty.org
or call 269-309-1279

