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OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

Located in the Chamber Development Center
301 South Burlington

What's Included:

- Utilities
- Access to two conference rooms and Smart Board TV
- Daily mail drop-off & pick-up services
- Basement storage
- Common area restrooms and breakroom
- Snow removal
- Janitorial services for common areas

Space available to non-profit organizations



12' x 12' 5"



13' 4" x 12' 5"



12' x 12' 5"



13' 11" x 12' 5"

For more information about the office space available to non-profit organizations, contact Mikki Shafer at the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce at 402-461-8400



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YOUR CHAMBER IS...

- A Not for profit 501 C6, private, business organization.
- Supported by more than 700 businesses, professional, and industrial firms, community members, organizations, and utilities.
- An investment is based on classification and number of employees. Investments are 80% tax deductible as an ordinary business expense.
- Working for the business community, and it can work for you – it is the business connection!
- Always seeking to develop programs that will establish the Hastings area as an attractive place to live and do business.
- A volunteer organization, supported by a professional staff.

Be in the KNOW about the Hastings Chamber

- Business Before Hours
- Business After Hours
- Special Events
- Discounts & Promotions
- And More...



From the President

Mikki Shafer



What will a return to work look like? That is the question weighing heavily on the minds of government leaders, public health officials, employers and their employees.

It is a question that begs more questions. But this much is increasingly certain: returning to work will be gradual, phased-in, and will vary by factors

such as location, sector, business type or size, and the health status of workers. It also will require continued social distancing, use of personal protective equipment, and other counter-measures. There needs to be a delicate balance of staying safe and opening business back up so families can again start to make ends meet.

Monday, April 27th - Governor Pete Ricketts announced the formation of a business task force to restore growth to Nebraska's economy. Nebraska Department of Economic Development Director Tony Goins will chair the task force. The task force has already engaged advisors in various industry associations, such as cosmetology, restaurants, and retail and, according to Ricketts, he is working closely with our Chambers of Commerce, who are intimately acquainted with the concerns of our business community.

Whenever the return to work begins, the planning for it must begin now. Our business community must begin preparing now for new processes, requirements, or restrictions for which there is no playbook or precedent. We must not allow a lack of resources or regulations to

sideline efforts to return to work and life—safely, successfully, and sustainably.

If you have ideas, feel free to send them via email at DED.Info@nebraska.gov, 800-426-6505, or send them to me, at mshafer@hastingschamber.com and I'd be happy to share them with DED. The chamber staff will also be reaching out to business leaders these next couple of weeks to get their thoughts on various economic issues as we move forward.

Just a reminder, we are here to help and all of the services that we provide are why you have a membership with us, so please reach out and let us know what we can help you with. If your business is struggling financially due to Covid-19 and are needing to defer your membership payment, we can work with you. We want all businesses to come back strong.

COVID - 19 TESTING

To help prepare for expanded COVID-19 testing, the South Heartland District Health Department is asking all Nebraskans to participate in the **#TestNebraskaChallenge**.

Please go to **TestNebraska.com** and sign up today. Then go on social media and challenge five friends to do the same.

Chamber News / Area News

Nebraska Midterm Primary Elections Tuesday, May 12th



—BE INFORMED—

For Details on races and Candidates positions, go to Vote411.org

Pump & Pantry, the leading retailer of ethanol-based fuels in Nebraska, had secured a supply of the new ethanol-based hand sanitizer developed through a cooperative effort of the Nebraska Ethanol Board and the University of Nebraska Innovation Campus, and they wanted to share with their fellow Chamber members and the community!

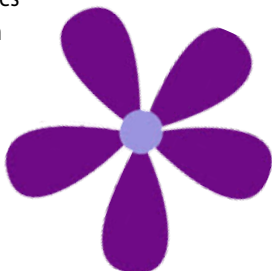


Membership Recognition

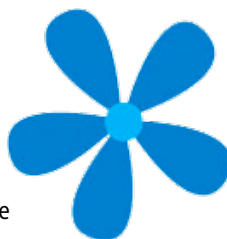
The following Chamber members have invested in the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce and deserve thanks and recognition for their new and continued support.

Membership Renewals

- Great Western Bank
- Adams County Offices
- Children's Rehab Center
- Kershner's Auto Korner
- W Design Associates
- Chief Construction
- Seiler & Parker, PC
- Real Estate Group
- Xpress Mart
- Salvation Army
- Masonic Center
- Remington Seeds
- Hersh Digging, Inc.
- Electronic Systems
- Guarantee Electric Co.
- Sealey Body Shop, Inc.
- Ben Pavelka Trucking
- Speidell Monuments, Inc.
- Precision Heating & Air
- Precision Sprinklers
- Landgren & Uden Dental Clinic
- Innovative Prosthetics & Orthotics
- Oakeson Steiner Wealth & Retirement



- Red & White Transfer
- Hastings Honda
- Lakeside Auto Body
- Landmark Center
- Agri Affiliates, Inc.
- SOS Portable Toilets
- Total Turf and Tree Care
- 3 Points Tire Service
- Kenesaw Motor Company
- JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
- Providence Place of Hastings
- Hastings Community Foundation
- United Way of South Central Nebraska
- Central Community College Foundation
- Boy Scouts - Overland Trails Council
- Conway, Pauley & Johnson P.C.
- Eagle Building Services, LLC
- Bill Hamburger Remodeling
- Hastings Housing Authority
- Adams Land Title Company
- Oswald Real Estate Appraisal
- Edward Jones - Tim Schirmer
- Bernard Pavelka Trucking, Inc
- Mid-America Pump & Supply, Inc.



- Casey's General Store — Elm Street
- Van Kirk Brothers Contracting
- C3 Hotel & Convention Center
- Charter Title & Escrow Services, Inc.
- Retina Center of Nebraska, P.C.
- State Farm Insurance — Judy Barnes
- Heartland Concrete & Construction
- Associated Builders & Contractors
- Midwest Farm Management, Inc.
- Shelter Insurance
- Dale Shuck
- Arby's
- INSUR
- FEI Inc.
- 281 Studios



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Face Mask Safety

Hand made or disposable face masks can provide a layer of protection against the spread of germs when used along with social distancing. However, it is important to properly put on, wear, and remove your mask to avoid cross-contamination.

How To Safely Wear a Mask

Put on the mask:

1. Clean hands with soap & water or hand sanitizer before touching your mask.
2. Hold the mask by the loops. Place a loop around each ear.
3. For a mask with ties, hold each string. Bring mask to your face covering your mouth and nose. Then tie it behind your head.
4. Secure the mask above your nose and below chin.

Wear the mask:

1. Wear the mask in public places, especially in areas where people will be such as the pharmacy or grocery store.
2. Maintain a distance of 6-feet between you and others.

Remove the mask:

1. Clean hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before touching the mask.
2. Avoid touching the front of the mask (the front has been contaminated).
3. Hold both ear loops to gently lift and remove the mask, being careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.
4. Wash your mask immediately.
5. Wash your hands
6. Only wear clean masks. If your mask is hand made, it's a good idea to have a few extra that you can rotate.



Caution!

The following people should NOT wear a cloth mask:

- Children under 2
- People who have trouble breathing
- Anyone who is unconscious
- People who cannot remove the mask on their own
- Healthcare workers should use extreme caution when using hand made face masks.



For more information go to [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



For event listings and up-to-date information, visit the chamber website

www.hastingschamber.com

www.facebook.com/HastingsAreaChamberOfCommerce

The overall purpose of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce is to promote the economic growth and quality of life in the Hastings area. The Chamber strives to provide a clear and persuasive voice for the business community in governmental affairs on federal, state, county, and local levels. It provides services designed to enable public and private sectors to improve productivity and it promotes the Hastings area as an economic, educational, and recreation center while providing membership services and networking opportunities among its members. The Hastings Chamber of Commerce is in business for business. For membership details, call us at (402) 461-8400.