

# Hopkins Highlights

May  
2013

## 2013 Improvement Project Begins

One significant construction project will take place in Hopkins this construction season, in addition to the ongoing maintenance of the City's street and sidewalk system (which includes seal coating, crack sealing, light pole painting, and sidewalk/alley repairs).



The 2013 Street and Utility Improvement Project has begun and will continue through October. The project will replace streets and utilities in the South Presidential neighborhood between Monroe and Harrison Avenue south of Excelsior Boulevard. The project website is: [www.bolton-menk.com/hopkins](http://www.bolton-menk.com/hopkins).

If you have any questions regarding construction projects this year, please contact City Engineer John Bradford at 952-548-6356 or [jbradford@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:jbradford@hopkinsmn.com).

## Notice to City Refuse Customers:

### Yard Waste Pickup Service Changing this Summer

Starting June 3 through October 3, residents must call in to Public Works to request yard waste bag pickup; the pickup day is Thursday. Residents must attach a \$3 yard waste sticker to each bag, use compostable bags and call in by 2 pm on Wednesday for the Thursday pickup. Bagged yard waste should be placed at the normal refuse collection site at least 4 feet away from refuse and recycling containers. You may call Public Works at 952-939-1382 to request yard waste pickup service.

For the busier fall yard waste season, starting October 7, the yard waste pickup service will revert back to the refuse collection day with no call-in required. Watch for more details on this year's fall yard waste collection service in future editions of the Hopkins Highlights this summer.

As an alternative to yard waste collection, the city's yard waste and brush drop-off site at 3100 Hopkins Crossroads (one block north of the Hopkins Crossroads/Minnetonka Blvd intersection) is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-7 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am-3 pm.

## Emerald Ash Borer Update

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is moving closer to Hopkins, with the latest discovery of EAB this year in Lakewood Cemetery just east of Lake Calhoun. As a part of the management plan for this pest invasion the city is removing stressed, defective, and undesirable ash trees from the boulevards and parks. Proactive removal of these trees will decrease the number of standing hazard trees once the EAB establishes in Hopkins. If you have a city-owned ash tree in the boulevard of your property that you would like removed please contact Public Works.

The city will also be treating a small percentage of boulevard and park ash trees to extend the life of these trees. Treatment is most effective in the late spring, generally May 15-June 15. Trees will be selected for treatment based on size, vigor, location, and the diversity of trees in the area. Residents may choose to treat their own private ash trees with a pesticide that will kill EAB or prevent an infestation. The City of Hopkins strongly recommends that residents consult a tree service with certified arborists when considering treatment or removal options. The city will also come out for a free inspection and assessment of your ash tree if you have concerns.

Please visit the city web site for more EAB information at [www.hopkinsmn.com/parks/emeraldashborer.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/parks/emeraldashborer.php). We will continue to update this page with information, plan updates, programs, partnerships, offers, and new links.

## YARD WASTE BAGS & STICKERS

Yard Waste Stickers are \$3 each and must be affixed to each yard waste bag as payment for pick up. Stickers must face the street or alley and be visible to our drivers. Stickers may be purchased at City Hall or Public Works.

Residents may also call Public Works at 952-939-1382 and request stickers be sent in the mail.

A minimum of ten stickers must be purchased for phone orders. Phone order charges will be placed on the utility bill.

You must use a compostable bag if you bag your yard waste for collection. Black plastic bags will not be picked up. Yard waste bags should weigh no more than 40 pounds.

## Experience the UPSIDE of AGING

### Stay Active & Engaged At The Hopkins Activity Center

Located at 33 14<sup>th</sup> Ave N in Hopkins.  
Call 952-939-1333 or email [activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com) with questions or to register.

### HOPKINS ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAM

#### Enhance Fitness

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Level 2: 9 am, Level 1: 10:15 am

UCare for Senior members NO CHARGE;  
Members \$3/class; Others \$4/class. Try  
your first class free.

Evidence based exercise program that focuses on stretching, flexibility, balance, low impact aerobics and strength training exercises. Level 2 is faster paced, higher intensity level. Level 1 is for beginners and lower intensity level. Instructor: Ben Walker.

#### Nancy's Fit & Fun Aerobic Walk

Wednesdays, 1:45 pm

Members \$3/class; Others \$4/class.  
Try your first class free.

Join Instructor Nancy Shields as she leads this indoor, multi-muscle, 45-minute walking class that is basic, boosts your metabolism, burns a lot of calories and is done to fun, upbeat music.



#### Hopkins Mtka Senior Bicyclers

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15 am

Join the Bicyclers for 20-30 mile rides on local metro trails. Visit [www.martywirth.com](http://www.martywirth.com) for bike schedule or call 952-939-1333 for more information.

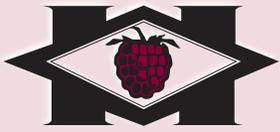
#### Drop-in Indoor Pickleball Age 50+

Mondays, 1:30 pm; Tuesdays,  
11:30 am; Wednesdays, 3 pm;  
Thursdays, 5 pm

Members Free; Others \$2

Drop in to play the fastest growing sport in America on two indoor courts in the gym. No experience necessary, easy to learn, great exercise and beginners welcome!





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## City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, May 7, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 pm**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, May 21, 7 pm**  
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/). Watch City Council meetings live at [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/).

## Boards & Commissions Calendar

**May 7, 7 pm**  
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

**May 20, 6:30 pm**  
Park Board

**May 28, 6:30 pm**  
Zoning & Planning Commission

Agendas and minutes found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/).

## Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning & Planning Commission meetings can be seen on cable channel 16 **live**. Meetings are replayed on Channel 16 at the following days and times:

Every day, except Tues - 7 pm  
Thurs - 2 pm & Sun - 1 pm

## Elected Officials

**Mayor**  
Eugene Maxwell  
(952-935-5270)

**City Council**  
Molly Cummings  
Jason Gadd  
Kristi Halverson  
Cheryl Youakim



hopkins center  
for the  
**arts**

**From Bach to Bop with Laura Caviani (piano)** featuring Chris Bates (bass) and Phil Hey (drums) with special guests Dave Hagedorn (vibes), Adam Meckler (trumpet) and David Milne (sax)  
**Saturday, May 11 | 7 pm Social Hour  
8 pm Concert**

**For tickets:** Call 952-979-1111 or visit [www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com](http://www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com).

The 2013-14 concert season will be announced on May 11. Season flex packages go on sale at 11 am at the best prices of the year. 🍓

## Rec-Tivity for Teens



Spend your afternoons with friends at the UBAH Academy (former Katherine Curren school). Open gym space and supervised activities for ages 11-16. Fun, relaxed atmosphere for boys and girls looking for a summer afternoon destination—don't miss out! The program runs Monday-Friday, June 17-July 19 (no July 4 & 5) from 1-4 pm. This is a FREE program, but pre-registration is required. Contact Recreation Services at 952-939-8203 to register by phone. 🍓

## Teen Paintball Trip

Participants ages 12-18 can join in on a 2-hour paintball trip at Special Forces Paintball in Buffalo. The trip will take place on Saturday, June 8, from 1-4:45 pm. The cost of \$38 includes equipment and supplies needed. Transportation is provided with pick-up and drop-off at the Minnetonka Community Center. Space is limited! Register by calling Recreation Services at 952-939-8203. 🍓

## Remember The Odd/Even System Before Watering Your Lawn

Lawn watering has a large impact on the City's ability to supply water to those who use water in the city. To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City of Hopkins enforces year-round watering restrictions.

**Residents and businesses are required to water on an odd/even system.** If your address ends with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, or 9), you can water on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, etc.). If your address ends in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, or 8), you can water on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, etc.).

Lawn watering is also not allowed between the hours of 11 am and 5 pm when the evaporation rate is the highest. Activities such as play toys, car washing, and hand-watering of flowerbeds are exempt from this policy as long as the activity is attended.

Exemptions are also available for private wells and items such as new sod or new seed. Please call the Public Works Department at 952-548-6373 for an exemption or with any questions about the program. 🍓



## Medicine Disposal

Storing unused medicines in the home poses safety and health threats. Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem, especially among teens, and accidental poisonings from medicines are also on the rise.

Medicines flushed down the drain or disposed of in the trash can contaminate bodies of water, harm wildlife and end up in drinking water supplies.

Now residents can safely dispose of unused medicines at Hennepin County's medicine drop boxes located in Minnetonka, Minneapolis, and Edina. For more information, including drop box locations and hours, go to [www.hennepin.us/medicine](http://www.hennepin.us/medicine) or call Hennepin County Environmental Services at 612-348-3777.



## Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is May 6-9, and May 20-23. Refuse collection for the week of May 26 will be delayed one day due to Memorial Day. 🍓

## City Offices Closed

**Monday, May 27**  
Memorial Day



## FREE YARD WASTE & BRUSH DROP OFF

The Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off location at 3100 Hopkins Crossroads is open Saturdays 9 am-3 pm; Mondays & Wednesdays from 2 pm-7 pm. It is located one block north of the Hopkins Crossroads & Minnetonka Blvd intersection. It is the only driveway on the west side of Hopkins Crossroads.

Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential refuse customers will be accepted. Driver licenses will be checked to ensure residency requirements. Branches must be no longer than 15 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter.

Yard waste brought to the site in compostable yard waste bags may be left bagged; however if yard waste is brought in any other kind of bag it must be dumped out and residents must take the used bags home with them. 🍓

## GET RID OF YOUR HHW

Drop off your household hazardous waste and problem materials at these Hennepin County collection events:

**May 16-18, 9 am-4 pm**  
Minnetonka Public Works parking lot  
(11522 Minnetonka Blvd)

**June 13-15, 9 am-4 pm**  
St. Louis Park Junior High School  
(2025 Texas Ave S, St. Louis Park)

For more information, additional dates, & a list of items that are accepted, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/waste/hhw-events.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/waste/hhw-events.php). 🍓

