

Hopkins Highlights

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Shady Oak Road Reconstruction Starts In June Pre-Construction Open House Date Set For May 21

The long-awaited reconstruction of Shady Oak Road (County Road 61) from Excelsior Boulevard to north of Highway 7 is scheduled to start in June. The \$12 million construction project will be completed in fall, 2015. There will be a public open house held on May 21 from 5:30 pm – 7 pm at the Hopkins Fire Station, 101 17th Avenue S. There will be City and County representatives at the meeting to present the new roadway design, provide construction information and answer questions. If you attend, please park in the adjacent Public Works parking lot, just south of the Fire Station. 🍷

Hopkins Farmers' Market

The Hopkins Farmers' Market is expanding to bring you more variety in your shopping experience, more vendors, more products, more fun! The winter has been excruciatingly long, and the market opens for the season on Saturday, June 14, from 7:30 am–noon. The Market is conveniently located just south of the clock tower. Watch for the Farmers' Market stand on the NE corner of 9th & Mainstreet during Mainstreet Days on Saturday, May 17. Think spring everyone! 🍷



Light Rail Transit Is On The Move



The Metropolitan Council approved the proposed route and budget for the Southwest Light Rail Transit line which will pass through Hopkins. The next step in the process is for the cities along the line to provide Municipal Consent. On June 3 the City of Hopkins will be holding an open house at 6 pm and public hearing at 7 pm at Hopkins City Hall. The Hopkins City Council will be voting on Municipal Consent at the June 17 Council meeting. For more information about the LRT project go to www.swlrtc.org. 🍷

Tree Trimming

Between May 1 and November 1, Ash, Elm and Oak trees should not be trimmed. Such boulevard or other public trees will not be trimmed by City staff until after November 1, unless it is an emergency situation (disease, damage, etc). 🍷

Avenues Neighborhood Association Garage Sale

May 10, 9 am–4 pm, Rain or Shine! Shop the sales from 5th Ave to 12th Ave and Mainstreet to Highway 7. Maps of participating sales will be handed out at the houses. 🍷

Skyhawks Summer Sports Camps

Summer break is right around the corner. What are your kids going to do for fun? Register now for weeklong camps for kids 4–12. Choose from soccer, baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, lacrosse, flag football or a game camp! Find out more at www.hopkinspavilion.com



Get Rid Of Your HHW

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

May 15–17, 9 am–4 pm
Minnetonka Public Works parking lot
(11522 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka)

June 12–14, 9 am–4 pm
St. Louis Park Junior High School
(2025 Texas Ave S, St. Louis Park)

For more information, additional dates and a list of items that are accepted, visit <http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events>. 🍷

Experience the UPSIDE of AGING

Stay Active at the Hopkins Activity Center

Located at 33 - 14th Ave N in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com with questions or to register.

🍷 Fitness Focus

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 am

Members \$3/class; Others \$4/class.

Group exercise that is designed to increase flexibility, joint stability, balance, muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance.

🍷 Nancy's Fit & Fun Aerobic Walk

Mondays, 12:30 pm; Wednesdays, 1:45 pm

Members \$3/class; Others \$4/class.

Indoor multi-muscle 45 minute walking class.

🍷 Yoga Exercise Class

Tuesdays, 10:15 am

Members \$3/class; Others \$4/class.

Get in shape—and have fun doing it—with group Yoga exercise for older adults.

🍷 Hopkins Mtka Senior Bicyclers

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:15 am

Join the Bicyclers for 20-30 mile rides on local metro trails. www.martywirth.com

🍷 Know Before You Throw

Wednesday, May 21, 9:30 am

Members free; Others \$2.

Bring your collectibles and Cheryl from Hopkins Antique Mall will help you discover more about your special treasure.

🍷 8-hour Defensive Driving Class

Wednesday & Thursday, May 21 & 22, 6-10 pm
Members \$27; Others \$30.

8-hour defensive driving class for people 55+. Entitles you to a 10%, 3-year auto insurance discount. Registration required.

Girls On The Town | May 10

Relax, refuel, renew! Girls on the Town offers something special for everyone. Visit the Hopkins Center for the Arts from 10 am to 3 pm to be a part of Girls on the Town. Register the day of to enter to win a night on the town or an iPad!





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Refuse and Recycling

Recycling collection is May 5-8 and May 19-22.
Refuse collection for the week of May 26 will be delayed one day due to Memorial Day.

Report a Pothole

Visit the City website and click "Report a Pothole" in the Quick Links box or call Public Works at 952-939-1382.

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Upcoming Meetings

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, May 20, 7 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 7 pm
Meeting

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

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, May 19, 6:30 pm
Park Board

Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 pm
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, June 3, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes found at www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/.

Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning and 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 and Sun - 1 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor

Eugene Maxwell
(952-935-5270)

City Council

Molly Cummings
Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson
Cheryl Youakim

Mainstreet Days | May 17

Mainstreet Days Arts and Craft Fair, sponsored by the Hopkins Area Jaycees, will be held Saturday, May 17 from 9 am-4 pm on Mainstreet between 8th and 11th Avenue. There will be entertainment for the entire family. Over 100 art and craft vendors and several food vendors will participate.

Step To It Challenge | May 4-31

The Step To It Challenge is a friendly, physical activity competition to get people of all ages moving after a long winter. Sign up at www.steptoit.org.

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 or call Hennepin County Environmental Services at 612-348-3777. 🍓

Brush & Yard Waste Pick-Up Reminder

Starting May 12, Yard Waste bags will be picked up on Thursdays at your normal refuse collection site, set at least 4 feet away from your refuse and recycling carts. You will need to call before 2 pm on Wednesday to schedule a Thursday pick-up. Bags must display City of Hopkins yard waste stickers after May 12. Yard Waste is defined as leaves with twig stems no longer than 4 inches, grass clippings and similar garden waste. You must use compostable bags for this service. Black plastic bags will not be picked up. Bags should weigh no more than 40 pounds.



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.

Starting May 5, Brush will be collected on Tuesdays, weather permitting (excluding holidays). Call before 2 pm on Monday to schedule a Tuesday pick-up. Brush needs to be stacked in a neat pile on the boulevard, NOT in street (NO alley pick-up) - lay ends all one way, parallel to the street. Keep brush at least 5 feet away from overhead wires, fences, refuse containers, parked cars, etc. DO NOT put brush in your refuse cart. Only brush that is generated on Hopkins residential properties will be picked up. Brush is defined as tree limbs, twigs and branches up to a maximum of 6 inches in diameter and 15 feet in length. 🍓

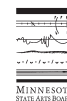
Gary Louis

Tuesday, May 13 | 6 pm Social Hour | 7 pm Concert

Henry Duncan Matthews (HDM)

Saturday, May 17 | 7 pm Social Hour | 8 pm Concert

Tickets on sale now: Call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com



FREE YARD WASTE & BRUSH DROP OFF

The Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off location at 3100 Hopkins Crossroads is open Saturdays 9 am to 3 pm; Mondays & Wednesdays 2 pm to 7 pm.

Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential refuse customers will be accepted. Branches must be no more than 15 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter.

Yard waste brought to the site in compostable yard waste bags may be left bagged. 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. 🍓

Buy Local



Go to www.ThinkHopkins.com to find great local options for entertainment, shopping, dining and community events. Call or visit City Hall to get a window cling (pictured above) to display in your car or at your home or business. Keep Girls on the Town, May 10, in mind for local shopping.