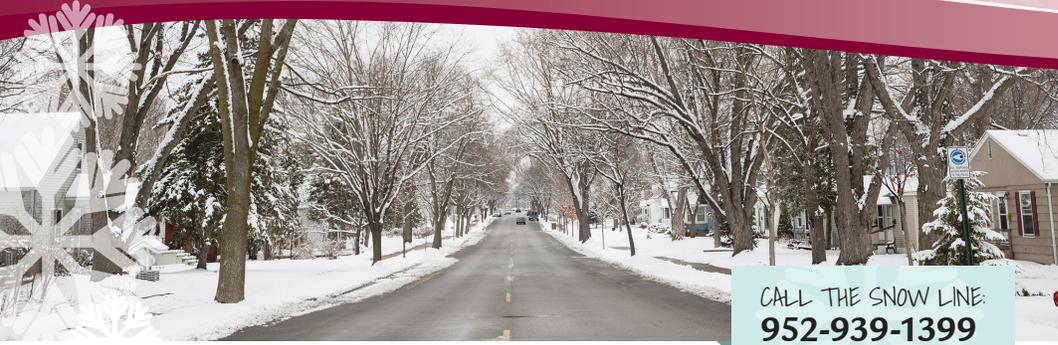


Hopkins Highlights

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CALL THE SNOW LINE:
952-939-1399

Here Comes The Snow—Don't Get Towed!

In an average year, Hopkins will receive its first measurable snowfall within the next couple weeks. The City can declare a snow emergency upon a 2-inch snowfall. Snow emergencies are announced on the City of Hopkins recorded snow line at 952-939-1399. (Note that snow depths are measured in Hopkins and may not coincide with those reported at the Minneapolis–Saint Paul airport.)

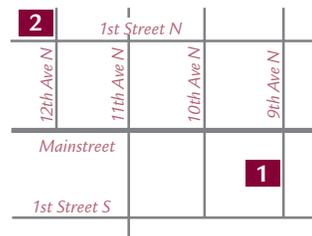
When a snow emergency is called, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb-to-curb and parking lots and ramps are completely plowed. Vehicles left on streets or in public parking lots during snow emergencies may be ticketed or towed.

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicles from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency has been declared. If you have nowhere to park, use one of the emergency parking locations at right.

Get Notified of Snow Emergency Declarations

The City may also notify residents using an emergency notification system called Code Red. This system calls each resident when a city-wide snow emergency is declared. To register your cell phone or learn more, go to www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/codered, or call 952-548-6451.

Snow Emergency Parking Locations



CENTRAL HOPKINS

1. Municipal Lot 300 just north of Downtown Park on 9th Ave S
2. Maetzold Field parking lot (access from 1st St N)

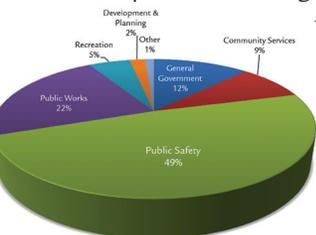


SOUTH HOPKINS

3. East of 9th Ave S and north of Westbrooke Way between 9th Ave S and Nine Mile Creek
4. Far east end of 8th St S near Valley Park

Attend Public Meeting On 2017 Budget

Interested in how your tax dollars are spent? Attend the 2017 Budget Hearing on **Tuesday, December 6 at 7 pm** in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The 2017 budget will be presented along with the proposed 2017 tax levy.



The Council set a proposed budget and levy in September, which will appear on the notice of proposed taxes mailed to every taxpayer. Staff has continued to work on the 2017 budget and will present an amended budget and final levy.

This is the final opportunity to provide input on the budget before it is approved. All input is welcomed.

HAPPENING NOW:

FREE Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Up

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up began October 31 for most residents and will continue on your garbage day through November 17. No call-in required. You must use compostable bags.

If you live in Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge or Interlachen Park, the City provided free street leaf and yard waste pick up in your area October 31–November 4. Free bagged pick up is not provided in your area.

For more details, go to www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste. All services are subject to change due to weather.

Drop Off Site Closes November 26

The Yard Waste and Brush Drop Off Site will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1–5 pm and Saturdays from 9 am–3 pm through Saturday, November 26, weather permitting. After November 26, the site will close for the season.

Got KIDS?

We have the place for you at the Pavilion! Now through March 1, Play Place offers children age 9 months to 5 years the chance to run and play with sport balls, crawl tunnels, bounce houses, blocks, and more. Adults are required to stay and supervise.

Play Place is open Monday–Friday for two sessions per day: 9–10:30 am and 10:30 am–noon. Session cost is \$3/child. Space is limited so register at www.hopkinspavilion.com to secure your spot and pay when you arrive.

Extend The Fun: From noon–1:30 pm, you can rent the space and the Play Place toys. Call 952-548-6390 to book your date.





Upcoming at City Hall

City Offices Closed

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 24 &

Friday, November 25

Thanksgiving

City Council Calendar

Monday, November 7, 6:30 pm

Work Session

Monday, November 14, 7:00 pm

Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 7:05 pm

Meeting

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

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, November 21, 6:30 pm

Park Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 6:30 pm

Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 pm

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Meeting Broadcasts

City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings can be seen live on Cable Channel 16. Meetings are also replayed every day (except Tuesdays) at 7 pm; Thursdays at 2 pm; and Sundays at 1 pm.

Elected Officials

Mayor

Molly Cummings (952-933-4452)

City Council

Katy Campbell

Kristi Halverson

Jason Gadd

Aaron Kuznia

Protect our Groundwater!

When you hear the term “groundwater,” what do you think? 100% of our water we drink comes from ground water. The biggest threat to groundwater supplies in our area is simply overuse. When we are careless with the amount of water we use, we can draw down groundwater supplies, requiring cities and homeowners to drill new wells. We can keep our groundwater clean by doing many of the same things that keep our lakes and rivers clean. During the winter, limit your use of salt and de-icers and dispose of hazardous waste such as used motor oil, fluorescent light bulbs and propane tanks at the county hazardous waste facility.

For more information on how to keep our groundwater clean, visit www.cleanwater.org

Recycle Worn Textiles

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY IS NOVEMBER 15

Every year 12 million tons of discarded textiles are sent to landfills in the United States. In the spirit of America Recycles Day, the City of Hopkins has partnered with USAgain to host a textile collection drive **November 7–21**.



Gather up your worn out, stained, or torn clothes as well as other household linens and drop them, **tied in plastic bags**, in the bins in front of Public Works (11100 Excelsior Blvd). Accepted items include clothing, gloves, hats, linens, blankets, and towels, as well as shoes and boots.

Choosing to drop these items into a USAgain bin instead of the trash not only protects the environment but also creates jobs. Non-reusable textiles are turned into insulation and wiping rags or are broken down to reclaim fiber.

TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

City offices will also be closed Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving. **Thursday's refuse collection will be picked up one day early.** There will be no bulk pick up this week.

Recycling pick up weeks this month are November 1–3, 14–17, and 28–December 1.

Experience the UPSIDE of Aging

STAY ACTIVE & ENGAGED AT THE HOPKINS ACTIVITY CENTER!

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue North in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com with questions or to register.

Salute to Vets

Program & Lunch

Thursday, November 10, 10:45 am

A special program will honor our veterans with music by the Mainstreet School of Performing Arts students and Color Guard provided by the Hopkins American Legion. Cost: Veterans free; Members \$8; Others \$9. Call for reservations. Event sponsor: Westridge



Connect to Learning Live Videoconference: Across Vietnam to the Wall

Tuesday, November 29, 1:15 pm

Author, Mike Rinowski tells the story through pictures of an epic journey that honors our Vietnam veterans like no other. Cost: Veterans & Members free; Others \$2. Call for reservations

Winter Recreation Brochure Online Nov 23

The Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services winter-spring 2016-17 brochure will be available by November 23 at eminnetonka.com/recreation/recreation-brochure. **The winter/spring edition is only available online and will not be printed and mailed.** If you wish to request a hard copy at no charge, call 952-939-8203. Program registration starts December 6 for Minnetonka and Hopkins residents.



Parking Permits for 2017 available now!



Hopkins Highlights EXTRA

2017 City Budget

The City Council approved a 2017 preliminary General Fund Budget of \$12,859,823 a 8.29% increase over 2016.

2017 Levy

The 2017 tax levy was set at \$13,064,493 which provides for general operations and levies for capital, the Arts Center, and debt service. The levy results in an estimated \$107 annual increase for a home valued at \$233,000.

Purpose	2016	2017 Net Levy Proposed
General Operations		
General Fund	\$9,711,951	\$10,401,177
Capital Levy	125,000	310,000
Arts Center Levy	140,000	250,000
Pavilion Levy	65,000	0
PERA Levy	35,500	0
Subtotal	9,463,229	10,961,177
Special Levies:		
Debt Levies	1,907,878	2,103,316
TOTAL LEVIES	\$11,949,829	\$13,064,493



Core City Services Funded With Tax Dollars

- » 24-hour police and fire protection
- » Emergency medical service
- » Street, sidewalk and trail maintenance
- » Snow plowing
- » Hopkins Activity Center
- » Boulevard and forestry program
- » Park maintenance
- » Recreation programs
- » Planning and economic development

*Prepared by the City of Hopkins Finance Department.
For further information contact the Finance Department
at 952-548-6330.*

2017 General Fund Budget

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City and accounts for core services provided by the City. Taxes are the main revenue source for the General Fund, accounting for approximately 82% of budgeted revenues in 2017.

General Fund budgeted revenues increased 8.29% from the 2016 budget. Revenue sources other than taxes are expected to remain stable or slightly increase for 2017. In particular the City expects to receive increased income from local government aid along with fire & police aid. Due to development activity, permit fee revenue is also up slightly.

General Fund	2016	2017	% Change
Property Taxes	\$9,796,951	\$10,486,177	7.04%
Intergovernmental Revenue	891,954	1,028,426	15.30%
License, Permits & Fines	578,275	612,225	5.87%
Charges for Service	186,400	192,850	3.46%
Miscellaneous Revenue	422,150	540,145	27.95%
Total Revenues	\$11,875,730	\$12,859,823	8.29%

General Fund expenditures rose slightly as a result of bargaining agreements, professional services, heating fuel, contractual services, and property insurance. In addition, two full-time police officers and two public works positions are proposed.

General Fund	2016	2017	% Change
General Government	\$1,372,281	\$1,464,201	6.70%
Community Services	1,089,843	1,124,134	3.15%
Public Safety	5,842,844	6,146,209	5.19%
Public Works	2,580,621	2,764,616	7.13%
Recreation	632,894	685,459	8.31%
Community Development & Planning	275,747	365,004	32.37%
Other	81,500	310,200	280.61%
Total Expenditures	\$11,875,730	\$12,859,823	8.29%

The challenge for 2017 is to maintain the current level of services to the citizens with minimal financial impact to the taxpayers. To meet this goal the City has worked with its financial advisor to update the long range Financial Management Plan, adopted in 2014, which is a tool to assist with the preparation of the annual budget.

Old-Fashioned
HOLIDAY
in **HOPKINS**

**SATURDAY,
November 26**

“Small Business Saturday” **1-5 PM**



*Make good, old-fashioned
MEMORIES
with family & friends.*

EVENTS

- Pictures with Santa and Elves
- Ornament Making
- Wagon Rides on Mainstreet
- Reindeer Station
- Fire Pits and Roasting Marshmallows
- Hot Chocolate and Cider Stations

More information at www.ThinkHopkins.com/events

This event is brought to you by the Hopkins Business & Civic Association with support from Think Hopkins.