



Hopkins Highlights

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Christmas Tree Disposal **FREE** Until January 6



Through January 6, Public Works crews will be collecting Christmas trees free of charge from residential refuse customers. You do not need to call to schedule this service—simply place your tree on the boulevard for pick-up. Wreaths or decorations containing metal pieces will not be accepted, and bags and stands must be removed.

Beginning the week of January 9, holiday tree disposal will be done on Tuesdays as part of the residential refuse customer brush pick-up program. A fee will be charged and residents must call before 2 p.m. on Monday to schedule a pick-up.

Trees from multi-housing, commercial or industrial properties will NOT be collected by the City. 🍓

State Of The City Is January 26

The 2016 State of the City/Taste of Hopkins will be held on Thursday, January 26, at the Hopkins Center for the Arts (1111 Mainstreet, Downtown Hopkins). Taste of Hopkins will run from 5 to 6 p.m. The State of the City will start at 6 p.m. and will be held in the theater this year.

Sponsored by the City of Hopkins, Hopkins Business & Civic Association (HBCA) and Twin West Chamber of Commerce, the event offers an opportunity for citizens and business owners to learn more about the workings of the City in a relaxed setting.

The Taste of Hopkins, sponsored by the HBCA, is a sampling of appetizers, entrées, beverages and desserts designed to showcase offerings from businesses in the Hopkins community. 🍓

Broken Lights? Don't Toss Them!

Don't throw those broken or unwanted holiday lights in the trash. Instead take them to City Hall (1010 1st St. S.), the Activity Center (33 14th Ave. N.) or Public Works (11100 Excelsior Blvd.). All stringed lights and electrical cords are accepted, including extension cords, phone cords and computer cables. 🍓



Upcoming Concerts

AT HOPKINS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

For tickets, call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com. Discounts available for students, those age 60 and over, and Hopkins residents.

Rogue Valley

Tuesday, January 24, 7 p.m. (6 p.m. social hour)

Their sound is cinematic, rich in texture and purposefully unhurried. Front man Chris Koza writes songs that navigate the terrain of love, loss and wanderlust. \$22.



DeJohette.Coltrane.Garrison

Saturday, February 4, 8 p.m. (7 p.m. social hour)

Representing the prestigious lineage of today's great jazz families, this trio explores open improvisation in addition to their own compositions. \$49. 🍓



Kids' Fest is January 22

Join friends and family for the annual Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Kids' Fest Sunday, January 22, from 12 to 3:30 p.m., at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Enjoy live music, dog sled rides, magic shows, face painting and much more! 🍓

Learn Defensive Driving Skills

Defensive driving courses are available at the Hopkins Activity Center for people at least 55 years old. The class is taught by the Minnesota Safety Council. Course includes lecture, films and discussion, and entitles you to a three-year, 10 percent discount on auto insurance.

Advance registration and payment is required. Call 952-939-1333 to register. 🍓



Upcoming at City Hall

City Offices Closed

Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, January 3, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, January 17, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 7:05 p.m.
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

Tuesday, January 3, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Tuesday, January 17, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.
Zoning and Planning Commission

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

Meeting Broadcasts

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

Elected Officials

Mayor
Molly Cummings

City Council
Katy Campbell Kristi Halverson
Jason Gadd Aaron Kuznia

Cultivate Hopkins: A Plan for the Future

TAKE SURVEY TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON FUTURE OF HOPKINS

Hopkins is in the process of updating its comprehensive plan – Cultivate Hopkins. The comprehensive plan can be thought of as the City’s “Instruction Book.” It sets the vision, goals and policies to guide how the community will grow and change over the next 20 years.

The City needs your voice to be part of this process. You can learn more about the comprehensive plan and take a short survey to give us your ideas about the future of Hopkins at CultivateHopkins.com, or by contacting City Planner Jason Lindahl at jlindahl@hopkinsmn.com or 952-548-6342. 🍷

When it Snows in Hopkins...

REMEMBER THESE RULES AND SAIL SMOOTHLY THROUGH WINTER

1 Move Your Car

When any amount of snowfall occurs, residents should move vehicles off city streets and parking lots. If the snowfall is two inches or more, a snow emergency may be declared and vehicles must be moved immediately to avoid being towed. Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements.

2 Shovel The Sidewalk

As mandated by City ordinance, Hopkins residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from public sidewalks within 12 hours of a snowfall.

3 Clear The Fire Hydrants

While the City tries to clean snow from fire hydrants as soon as possible after a snow, we could use your help. Please adopt a nearby fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow through the winter. Hydrants should be cleared five feet on each side to give the Fire Department the quickest and best access. 🍷

TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, for the New Year Holiday, and Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. **Refuse collection those weeks will be delayed by one day.**

Recycling pick up weeks are January 9-12 and 23-26. ♻️



From Aikido to Zamboni Lessons:

UPCOMING FUN AT THE HOPKINS PAVILION

The Hopkins Pavilion is located at 11000 Excelsior Blvd. For more information on any of these programs or to register, call 952-548-6390 or visit www.hopkinspavilion.com.

- **Aikido**
Learn to defend yourself using this unique martial art. Aikido is purely defensive using redirection of force to neutralize an attack. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. (youth beginners) or 7:30 p.m. (adult beginners).
- **Pavilion Chess**
Chess School and Training Tournaments. Sundays beginning January 8. All ages and abilities welcome.
- **Music Sense**
Preschool kids learn social, language and motor skills while developing a love of music and creativity. Thursdays January 12-February 16.
- **Robots-4-U**
The future of robotics is here. Enhance your child’s STEM education through challenging and exciting programs focused on robot construction and creative technology. Ongoing Saturday programs or Spring Break Camps.
- **Elite Youth Soccer Clinics**
Kids 3-8 years old will have a fun, action-packed hour while developing their soccer skills. Saturdays, March 4-April 8. \$5 discount if registered by February 1.
- **I want to drive the Zamboni!**
Check it off your bucket list... The Pavilion provides two choices: learn how to make a sheet of ice from start to finish, or just take a joy ride on the zamboni. 🍷

SAVE THE DATE: 🏠 🗣️ 🗓️

The 2017 Home Remodeling Fair will be on February 12. Check for details in the next *Highlights*.