

Hopkins Highlights

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Housing Rehab Program



Step To It! Get Moving This May

Register today for a fun, four-week challenge

Do you want a fun and easy way to get in shape this spring? Sign up for the four-week Step To It Challenge from May 1-28 and get moving again after a cold winter.

Over 20 communities will compete to see which one has the most active residents. Participants have a chance to be honored by Hennepin County and the Minnesota Twins at a Twins home game during the 2017 season.

How does it work?

As a Step To It participant, you keep an ongoing total of the steps you take during the challenge. You can use the activity conversion chart at www.steptoit.org to count steps from activities such as biking, skateboarding, Tai Chi or even just mowing the lawn. Record your steps online, or your step total can be called in or faxed. Best of all, it's FREE! Go to the Step To It Challenge website (www.steptoit.org) to sign up. 🍷

Are you thinking about making some improvements to your home? Did you know the City of Hopkins has a housing rehab program that might be able to help pay for your next home renovation?

The program is funded by the City of Hopkins and administered by Hennepin County. Hopkins homeowners who reside in their homes may qualify for up to \$25,000 towards home repair, remodeling and improvements.

Program eligibility is based on household income limits.

For more information, contact Meg Beekman, Community Development Coordinator, at 952-548-6343 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/home/building/loans.php. 🍷

Pay Your Utility Bill Online

The City of Hopkins utility billing portal is now online. Access the site by going to the City's website at www.hopkinsmn.com and clicking on the "Pay Utility Bill" button.



To register on your first visit, you will need four pieces of information from your most recent utility bill: last name, house/building number of your service address, account number, and current charges.

Once you are registered, you will be able to view your account, make a payment, set up recurring credit card payments and sign up for electronic statements.

You can also make a one-time payment without registering.

Check the site out and give us your feedback by emailing ub@hopkinsmn.com or clicking "Contact Us" from within the portal. 🍷

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMPS AT THE PAVILION

Don't miss out on local kids summer camps! Registration is now open.

- Robots-4-U Robotics
- Skyhawks Sport Camps
- Twin Cities Chess Club
- Aikido



Go to www.hopkinspavilion.com for information. 🍷

Adopt a Park or Trail

The City of Hopkins is looking for individuals or groups who will help care for our neighborhood parks and trails. These individuals or groups will commit to picking up litter in the park or trail of their choice a minimum of once a month.

The City will provide the bags and disposal services, as well as a posted sign in the park or on the trail recognizing the individual or group. Contact Public Works at 952-939-1382 for more information. 🍷

KICK-OFF TO SUMMER SAFETY

The Hopkins Police and Fire Departments are hosting their kick-off to summer safety event May 6 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hopkins Fire Department. 🍷



Upcoming at City Hall

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, April 4, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 p.m.
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkins.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 (952-933-4452)

City Council
Katy Campbell Kristi Halverson
Jason Gadd Aaron Kuznia

TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection weeks this month are April 3-6 and April 17-20. Recycling is picked up the same day as your refuse collection. ♻️

May Day on Main at the Arts Center

FIRST ANNUAL MAY DAY STREET CELEBRATION IS MAY 6

May Day on Main is a street celebration benefitting The Depot Youth Foundation, the Blake Road Corridor the Hopkins Activity Center and the Hopkins Center for the Arts, and featuring an evening performance by Jefferson Starship.

Beginning at 3 p.m., enjoy a free street festival with live bands, food trucks, sidewalk activities, games and more. Jefferson Starship will take the stage inside the Hopkins Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m.



Jefferson Starship

Tickets for the Jefferson Starship concert are \$49 in advance and \$59 at the door. A VIP package is available for \$79 and includes guaranteed front section seating, free valet parking, a complimentary drink ticket and a complimentary CD.

To purchase tickets, call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com. The Hopkins Center for the Arts is located at 1111 Mainstreet. 🍷

You Belong in Hopkins

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON RACE IS MAY 8

Join the Hopkins Race and Equity Initiative May 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Eisenhower Community Center for a community conversation on race and its impact on our life together. The City wants your input to improve the systems in which we live.



Hopkins
Race & Equity
Initiative



RACE EQUITY IN HOPKINS

At the City of Hopkins, part of our vision statement focuses on “Creating a spirit of community where all people feel safe and respected, and diversity is celebrated.”

Through partnership and hard work, we have been focusing on creating opportunities to increase awareness and understanding of race, equity and diversity, and promote a sense of community that welcomes and values all residents.

We as a city are actively working to evaluate our practices and policies to ensure that all communities feel welcome and engaged, both in the way the we provide services and in the diversity of our employees.

In Hopkins, race equity is an ongoing initiative for both the community and city staff as we work to learn and grow from our experiences. We will continue to involve our diverse populations, and create an inspiring and engaging community for all. 🍷

Stay Active at the Hopkins Activity Center

Experience the UPSIDE of aging at the Activity Center, located at 33 14th Ave. N. in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com to register.

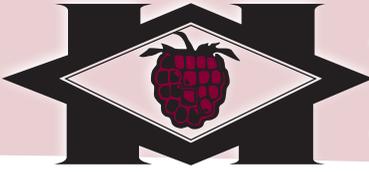


Tech U

April 11 & 25, May 9 & 23, 1:45 p.m.
Students from the Ubah Medical Academy, under the guidance of teacher Mr. Coleman, will provide one-on-one tech support for portable handheld displays, Apple computer basics, cell phones and social media. Free for members (others \$2).

Discover Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, April 12-May 24, 1-3 p.m.
Learn to play Mah Jongg, an intriguing game of chance and skill. \$50 (members save \$3). 🍷



Hopkins Highlights EXTRA



Clean Up Your Lawn During Free Yard Waste & Brush Pick Up

Free Yard Waste Pick up
April 24–May 4

Free Brush Pick up
April 10–20

YARD WASTE will be collected for free on your regular garbage day from April 24–May 4. **You do not need to call to schedule this pick up.** Place bagged yard waste at the normal refuse collection site at least 4 feet away from your refuse and recycling containers.

- You must use compostable bags.
- Items NOT accepted include: animal feces (clean up after pets before raking your lawn), branches, woody vines, long twigs, stump grindings, sod waste, and shrub clippings.
- NO garden products such as pumpkins, potatoes, and apples should be placed in yard waste bags. Place unused garden products such as these into your regular garbage container.
- Yard waste is defined as leaves with twig stems no longer than 4 inches, grass clippings, green, pliable vines, and similar garden waste.

After May 4, bags will be collected on Thursdays and must display yard waste stickers, available for purchase at City Hall or Public Works. To schedule a yard waste pick up after May 4, call 952-939-1382 before 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

BRUSH will be picked up for free on your regular garbage day from April 10–20. **You do not need to call to schedule this pick up.**

- Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard, NOT in the street (NO alley pick up)—butt ends all one way, laid parallel with the street.
- Keep brush at least 5 feet away from poles, signs, overhead wires, guide wires, trees, fences, garbage containers, parked cars, etc.
- Do not use tarps under or on top of your brush (we use machinery to pick up the brush and the tarps hamper the pick up).
- DO NOT put brush in your refuse containers.
- Only brush which is generated on City of Hopkins' residential refuse customer properties will be picked up.
- Brush is defined as tree limbs, twigs, woody vines, and branches up to a maximum of 6 inches in diameter and 15 feet in length. No logs or lumber are accepted.

After April 20, brush will be collected on Tuesdays, weather permitting. To schedule a brush pick up after April 20, call 952-939-1382 before 2 p.m. on Monday. Fees apply.

For more information, call 952-939-1382 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/. Both free pick ups are provided only for City of Hopkins residential refuse customers and only for yard waste and brush generated on Hopkins residential properties. 🍓

Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off Site Opens April 1

The free drop-off site will open Saturday, April 1, weather permitting. Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential garbage customers will be accepted. Driver's licenses will be checked to verify eligibility.

Drop Off Site Hours

- Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–7 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location

3100 Hopkins Crossroad, one block north of the Hopkins Crossroad & Minnetonka Blvd. intersection (only driveway on west side of Hopkins Crossroad).



Accepted items

- Tree limbs
- Twigs, branches, and woody vines up to 6" in diameter and 15' long
- Leaves with twig stems not longer than 4"
- Grass clippings
- Similar garden waste
- Soft, pliable vines (yard waste)

Residents will need to unload and debag their materials at the site, and take used bags home with them.

Not accepted items

- Sod waste
- Animal feces
- Garden products
- Logs or lumber
- Dirt
- Stump grindings
- Material from contractors or commercial firms 🍓



Check Water Before Doing Laundry

Depending on where you live in Hopkins, hydrant flushing and sanitary sewer cleaning could affect your water color this month.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community in April. *Schedules may be adjusted due to weather conditions.*

If you own or manage a business or townhome/apartment complex, please arrange for your private hydrants to be flushed by a contractor during the same time frame that the City is flushing in your area.

- **April 10–14**
Hydrants north of Excelsior Blvd. and west of Hwy. 169
- **April 17–21**
Hydrants south of Excelsior Blvd. and west of Hwy. 169
- **April 24–28**
Hydrants east of Hwy. 169

During hydrant flushing it is normal to experience some discolored water. **Residents are cautioned against doing laundry—particularly whites—while crews are in the neighborhood.** This water is safe to drink and can be cleared up by running the cold water in your laundry tub. If you experience problems, please contact Public Works at 952-939-1392.

Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Area

The City of Hopkins cleans sanitary sewers on a three-year revolving schedule. **The area to be cleaned in 2017 is located south of Excelsior Blvd. from 16th Ave. S. to Meadowbrook Rd.**

The high-pressure water used to clean the sewers may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing. You may experience gurgling water in your toilet bowl or smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If this occurs, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains. This does not damage your sewer system. In some instances the crew will need to draw water off of a fire hydrant which could cause discoloration of your water.

If your home is located within the sewer cleaning area, check your water before doing laundry. For more information, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/services/water/cleaning.php.

Bulk Item Drop Off Is April 28–29

Broken grill taking up space in the garage? Old microwave in the basement you need to toss? Twice a year the City holds a bulk drop-off event for **City of Hopkins residential garbage customers only**. For a \$15 fee you can drop off one appliance and up to 3 cubic yards worth of trash (the equivalent of one pick-up truck load). Additional appliances are \$20 each.

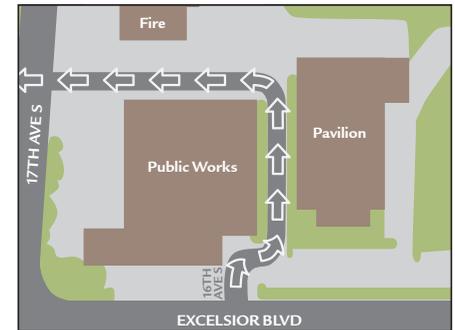
2017 Bulk Item Drop Off

- **Friday, April 28, 3–7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Location: 11100 Excelsior Blvd (Public Works)

Guidelines

- A valid Minnesota ID or current paid utility bill must be shown for eligibility.
- Each eligible residence is allowed disposal of 3 cubic yards of material, equivalent of one pick-up truck load.
- \$15 gate fee per vehicle includes one appliance. Additional appliances will be \$20 each. Fees will be placed on your utility bill.
- Residents must separate materials into the proper areas at the site. Construction and metal materials and appliances will be separated/recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs and wheels must be removed prior to deposit at the drop-off site.
- Electronics and concrete products will be accepted. (Concrete products containing steel will not be accepted.)
- Items not accepted include tires, waste oil, car parts, fluorescent bulbs, paint products, gas refrigerators, car batteries, metal barrels/drums, and hazardous waste. (Hazardous wastes must be taken to Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call 612-348-3777.)



Traffic route for drop-off disposal

Shred-N-Go

As part of the \$15 gate fee, a truck and operator will be on-site courtesy of Shred-N-Go for confidential destruction of documents.



SHRED-N-GO, Inc.
Secure - Mobile - Document Destruction

Making Sense of Recycling

Have you ever stood over your recycling bin holding an item that seems like it should be recyclable, but you weren't sure? Have you ever wondered how what is and what's not accepted is decided?



Waste Management has established our "Accepted Items" list for very specific reasons. These items have met all three of the following criteria:

- 1) Someone wants to buy that material;
- 2) They will be able to consistently collect necessary volumes of that material; and
- 3) They have local sorting facilities that are able to process those materials.

If the item in question is not on the "Accepted Items" list, then it does not meet one or more of these criteria for Waste Management and is garbage. For a full list of accepted items, visit our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/waste/accepted.php.