

# Hopkins Highlights

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Ruthie Foster  
Photo by Riccardo Piccirillo

## Tickets on Sale for 2017-2018 Music Season at The Center

Don't miss this year's line-up of award-winning musical talent coming to the main stage at Hopkins Center for the Arts. Purchase tickets to these upcoming concerts by calling the box office at 952-979-1111 or visiting [www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com](http://www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com).

Tuesday concerts begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday concerts begin at 8 p.m. Join us for pre-concert drinks at the cash bar one hour before the concert. This year's set list:

- OCT. 14:** Laura Caviani Trio with Karrin Allyson
- NOV. 4:** John Paul White
- DEC. 16:** The Four Freshman "A Fresh New Christmas"
- JAN. 27:** Ruthie Foster (on sale Aug. 15)

- FEB. 10:** JD Souther
- MAR. 17:** Marty Stuart
- MAR. 20:** Monroe Crossing
- MAR. 24:** The Quebe Sisters
- APR. 24:** John Scofield/ Joe Lovano Quartet
- MAY 12:** John Gorka 🍷



## Help Trees Beat the Heat

Please remember to soak your trees, including boulevard trees, when watering this summer. Very young trees need 20 to 25 gallons of water a week and those that have been in the ground five years or less need a weekly soaking. Watering the lawn around trees helps keep their roots healthy. Putting a layer of mulch around them helps retain moisture.

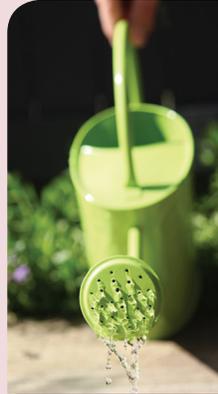


Photo by Kate Nielsen

Trees stressed by heat are more susceptible to die back, pests and diseases, so save your trees by giving them the water they need. And don't forget-Hopkins watering restrictions apply (see article on back). 🍷

## Tips for Protecting Water Quality

Everything that enters the storm sewer system in Hopkins is untreated before it is discharged to surface waters, such as Minnehaha Creek and Nine Mile Creek.

Summer is prime time for maintaining cars and boats, but some activities can harm our lakes, streams and rivers. Here are some tips for protecting water quality during the summer season:



### Tree Inspections

Over the next two months, the Forestry Department will be inspecting trees in Hopkins for diseases and/or damage. If a tree on your property is marked, information will be left at your door. Call 952-548-6372 with questions. 🍷

- Avoid washing your car on paved surfaces such as streets and driveways, where the dirty soapy water flows into storm drains. Wash cars on your lawn or take them to commercial car washes. Car washes are an environmentally friendly alternative, as water drains into sanitary sewers and is treated before discharge.
- Recycle used motor oil. Never spill gasoline, motor oil, washer fluid, antifreeze or other products on hard surfaces. They will flow through storm sewers to our lakes, creeks and rivers, and are harmful to fish, plants and other aquatic life.
- Shake and wash floor mats over your lawn, not hard surfaces.
- Dispose of cigarette butts properly. Do not throw them out car windows or onto sidewalks. Nicotine is a poison that can harm aquatic life. 🍷

## August Activities @ the Hopkins Activity Center

EXPERIENCE THE UPSIDE OF AGING

For more information, call 952-939-1333 or email [activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com).

### Senior Explorer Series: Urban Wildlife

Friday, August 18, 9-11:30 a.m.

Explore the urban wildlife who have adapted to life in the city, guided by staff from the Three Rivers Park District. Members \$5; Others \$6. Call to register.

### Ice Cream Social and Music

Thursday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.

A FREE event for all ages featuring The Aquatennial Senior Singers! Enjoy music and ice cream sundaes with a selection of delicious toppings. Bring a non-perishable food item for the ICA food shelf or a back-to-school supply for ResourceWest. 🍷





## Upcoming at City Hall

### City Offices Closed

**Monday, September 4**  
Labor Day

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, August 15, 7 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, September 5, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes 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 and Commissions Calendar

**Tuesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m.**  
Zoning and Planning Commission

**Monday, August 28, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, September 5, 7 p.m.**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards](http://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 (952-933-4452)

**City Council**  
Katy Campbell      Kristi Halverson  
Jason Gadd          Aaron Kuznia

## Visit the Hopkins Farmer's Market

Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.–noon, in the parking lot next to Downtown Park, through the end of October.



## Lawn Watering Reminder

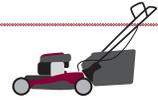
CHECK THE DATE BEFORE WATERING YOUR LAWN

To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City has year round watering restrictions.

- Homes & businesses with even-numbered addresses may water their lawns before 11 a.m. or after 5 p.m. on even-numbered dates. Those with odd-numbered addresses may water before 11 a.m. or after 5 p.m. on odd-numbered dates.
- No watering is permitted between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Please call the Public Works Department at 952-548-6373 with any questions. 🍷

## Don't Forget to Mow the Alleys



City ordinance prohibits weeds and tall grass in excess of 10 inches. **This includes any area of your property that borders an alley**, so don't forget to mow or prune those areas, too. The ordinance requires alleyways be trimmed one foot off the alley edge and 13 feet above the alley surface. This ordinance is enforced—please be proactive and tend to your property. 🍷

## House (and Garage) Numbers: Not Just for Looks

In an emergency, every minute counts. To make sure emergency vehicles do not spend precious time locating a home, **City Code requires every house and alley-facing garage to have house numbers** that are at least four inches high and of contrasting color so they can be read easily from the street or alley. 🍷



Photo by John Ayo

## Sewer Backing Up? Act Quickly

**If you believe there is a problem with your sewer, notify the City immediately.** The Public Works Department can be reached at 952-939-1382 (weekdays, 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m.) or 952-258-5321 (weekends, holidays, and off-hours).

**Prompt action in notifying the City may prevent damage to your home or business.** The City will send an employee to investigate the sewer main and take action if appropriate. If the problem is found to be in the sanitary sewer service from the home or structure to the sewer main in the street, including the connection, it is the responsibility of the property owner.

Property owners should know:

- **The City is not automatically liable for resulting damages whenever a sewer backs up.** The City is liable only for damages if the backup was caused by the City's negligence.
- Though many property owner insurance policies exclude damage resulting from sewer backup, some insurance companies do provide sewer backup coverage. Therefore, it is possible to protect yourself against this risk.

Please notify the Public Works Department if you hire a private contractor to clean your sanitary sewer service line. The City will check the City's main service line for debris that could affect you or your neighbors' sanitary sewer service.

**Questions?** Call the Public Works Department at 952-939-1382. 🍷

### TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection will take place August 7-10 and 21-24.

Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday every week in August as usual. 🍷



**Ice season returns to the Pavilion September 5!** Book ice time now at [www.hopkinspavilion.com](http://www.hopkinspavilion.com)