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Hilltop Park

When It Snows In Hopkins...

REMEMBER THESE RULES AND SAIL SMOOTHLY THROUGH WINTER

1 Move Your Car

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicle from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency is declared.

Snow emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall.

Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements. To receive a message when a snow emergency is declared, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/codered to register your phone number for the Code Red Emergency Notification System.

During a snow emergency, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb, and the parking lots and parking ramp are completely plowed.

If your vehicle is towed during a snow emergency, call Bobby & Steve's at 952-406-8111 to confirm the location of your vehicle. Vehicles are released only to the registered owners, so you will need to bring proof of ownership, proof of insurance and a valid driver's license to claim your vehicle. Payment is accepted by cash (exact change only) or credit card. The impound lot is located at 5100 Park Glen Rd., St. Louis Park. *Note: The City receives no money when cars are towed — all fees go to the towing company.*



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. This is necessary for the safety of all who use the sidewalks. Remember, it is against the law for individuals to plow, shovel, blow or place snow onto streets, alleys and boulevards.

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. 🍷

CALL THE SNOW LINE:
952-939-1399

DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Hopkins has 85 miles of streets and alleys, nine parking lots, eight municipal buildings with parking lots and sidewalks, and many more miles of public sidewalks and trails to maintain. It takes a minimum of seven hours to plow the city after a snowfall, and much more if the snowfall is six inches or greater. The day after a snowfall, efforts are largely dedicated to heavy snow removal from the Central Business District and Blake Road Corridor.

HOW IS A SNOW EMERGENCY CALLED?

The City determines when to call snow emergencies based on a combination of the amount of snow falling and the time of day it falls. Snow emergencies are typically called before 6 p.m.

Outdoor Ice Rinks Open December 16

Weather permitting, skating rinks will be open Saturday, December 16, and will remain open until Monday, February 19. Rinks with warming houses are available for your enjoyment at six Hopkins park locations.



Regular Open Hours

- Monday–Thursday: 4:30–9 p.m.
- Friday: 4:30–9:45 p.m.
- Saturday: Noon–9:45 p.m.
- Sunday: Noon–7 p.m.

Call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates. **For extended holiday and winter break hours**, please visit www.hopkinsmn.com/places/ice-skating.php. 🍷

Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates Increase January 1

In order to cover current operating costs and adequately fund capital projects, the City Council adopted water and sanitary sewer rate increases. The new rates will be effective January 1, 2018, and will first appear on utility bills received in February. To view the rate increases, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/services/water/rates.php. 🍷

Street Banner Bags Make Perfect Gifts!

Hopkins street banner bags make great holiday gifts! Pick up a limited edition Hopkins street banner bag for yourself, your friends or family at Hopkins Public Works, 11100 Excelsior Blvd. Small bags: \$15, Large bags: \$20. 🍷





Upcoming at City Hall

City Offices Closed

Monday, December 25
Christmas Day

Monday, January 1
New Year's Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, December 5, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, December 19, 7 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, December 5, 7 p.m.
Housing and Development Authority

Monday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning 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 Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson Aaron Kuznia

Ring In 2018 Dec. 28 at 11 a.m.

Senior adults are invited to toast the New Year at the Activity Center with hors d'oeuvres, games, dinner and more. \$10/\$9 members. To purchase tickets, call 952-939-1333.

2018 Parking Permits Available Online

2018 parking permits are now available for purchase online at www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/parking-permits.php.

More information about parking in Downtown Hopkins is on our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/parking.php.

Four Hopkins Properties Honored

A panel of judges has selected four properties for the 2017 City of Hopkins Community Image Awards. The City Council honored the winners with an award presentation at its meeting on November 21.

Community Image Awards recognize significant improvements to a residence or business, including landscaping, accessibility, lighting, signs and exterior improvements.

They also honor continued superior maintenance of property that exemplifies pride of ownership and contributes to a positive image of the community. Awards are given in three categories: Commercial/Industrial/Office; Multi-Family Residential; and Single Family Residential.

Congratulations to this year's winners. 🍷



Single Family Residential:
Kelsey Essig & Brandon Freeman



Single Family Residential:
Diana Niedecker & Blake Ward



Single Family Residential:
Diana Glasgow & Jeff Wyman



Commercial/Industrial/Office:
LTD Brewing Co., 8 8th Ave. N.

Free Holiday Tree Pick-Up is January 8-11

Holiday trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential garbage customers the week of January 8. Trees will be picked up on your garbage day, subject to change due to weather. Lay trees in the boulevard, parallel with the street, and at least five feet from overhead wires, trees, fences, garbage carts and parked cars. Trees must be free of all ornaments, plastic bags and metal. You do not need to call to schedule this service. 🍷

TAKE NOTE: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

The City of Hopkins will be closed on Monday, December 25, for Christmas. Garbage and recycling will be delayed one day. The City will also be closed Monday, January 1, for New Year's Day. Garbage collection will be delayed one day.

Recycling collection will be the weeks of December 11-14 and December 26-29. ♻️

Apply Now for Summer Seasonal Jobs

It is already time for high school and college students – or anyone looking for a part-time job – to start thinking about summer employment. Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Summer 2018 seasonal positions will be posted December 1, with interviews beginning January 4. Positions include swim instructor, Shady Oak Beach attendant, preschool program leader, Summer Adventure leader, Summer Kids Corner leader and coordinator, and Playgrounds coordinator and assistant.

For more information or to apply online, visit eminnetonka.com/employment on or after December 1. 🍷

