

Hopkins Highlights

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The City of Hopkins is on social media! Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hopkinsmn, on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityofHopkins and on Nextdoor at www.nextdoor.com/agency-detail/mn/hopkins/city-of-hopkins for news and updates on what's going on in the City. Not on social media? Be sure to sign up for our weekly Connections e-newsletter at www.hopkinsmn.com/news/connections.

Think Hopkins, a joint initiative created by the City and the Hopkins Business and Civic Association, is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thinkhopkins. The Think Hopkins Facebook page features upcoming events, happenings at local businesses, and much more. 🍷

Old Art Can Shine Again

ART FROM THE ATTIC IS JUNE 17

Looking for an affordable way to beautify your home? Come to Art from the Attic on Saturday, June 17, and buy some wonderful pre-owned artwork sold by the Friends of Hopkins Center for the Arts. 100 percent of the proceeds will go to support art programs and activities for all ages at the Center.

The Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts also invites you to donate artwork you no longer display to be resold at the event. Drop off your work at the Center on Tuesday, June 6, from 4-7 p.m., or Saturdays, June 3 and 10, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Visit www.hopkinsartscenter.com for all the details and a donation form, or contact Aaron at 952-548-6488 or awulff@hopkinsmn.com. 🍷



Drop Off Your Household Hazardous Waste June 9-10

Drop off your household hazardous waste and problem materials at the Hennepin County collection event being held Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at St. Louis Park Middle School (2025 Texas Ave. S.—enter off 22nd St. W.). For a complete list of other event dates and locations, as well as items that are accepted, visit www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events. 🍷



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SIGN UP FOR SUMMER FUN

It's not too late to register for youth summer programs at the Hopkins Pavilion: Skyhawks Sport Camps, Robots 4 U and Chess Camp. Check out www.hopkinspavilion.com for more info. 🍷

Start Planning Your Neighborhood's National Night Out

The Police Department invites you to be part of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1. Build community by starting in your own back (or front) yard. Your event doesn't have to be elaborate—it can be as simple as lemonade and conversation with neighbors. Plan a National Night Out party on your block today by registering at www.hopkinsmn.com/events/nno or by calling 952-548-6407. 🍷



Permit Required For Alcohol In Parks

Beer and wine in non-glass containers are allowed with a permit in Downtown, Central, Valley and Burnes parks. Alcohol use in all other City parks is strictly prohibited. Residents interested in obtaining an alcohol permit for a picnic shelter reservation should call 952-939-8390. For an alcohol permit not affiliated with a picnic shelter, call City Hall at 952-935-8474. Permits are \$25/day. 🍷

Check Before Posting Garage Sale Signs

If you are planning a garage sale this summer, remember that **posting signs on utility poles, light poles, traffic light poles, stop sign poles, or in the public right-of-way, including boulevards and intersections, is not allowed in Hopkins.** Unauthorized signs placed on public property will be removed and destroyed. Signs cannot be posted on private property without obtaining prior permission from the property owner.

Residents are allowed to host up to two garage sales per year, with each one lasting no more than three days. 🍷



Upcoming at City Hall

City Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, June 6, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, June 20, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting (no meeting July 4)

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, June 6, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority (no meeting July 4)

Find agendas and minutes 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
(952-933-4452)

City Council
Katy Campbell
Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson
Aaron Kuznia



Lawn Care FAQ

Q. What can I do with my grass clippings?

A. The easiest and best way to handle grass clippings is to leave them on the lawn. Set your mower to a height of two to three inches. This may mean that you will mow more frequently, but you will save time by not bagging your grass clippings, and you will save money by not buying bags and purchasing stickers to have them picked up. You will also have healthier grass.

For yard waste and brush that needs to go, read "What can I do with my brush and yard waste?" at right.

Q. When can I water?

A. To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City enforces year-round watering restrictions. No watering is allowed from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and odd/even sprinkling is allowed at other times. Homes with even-numbered addresses water on even-numbered dates; homes with odd-numbered addresses water on odd-numbered dates. Please call 952-939-1382 with any questions.

At the Activity Center

TRAVEL AFAR TRAVEL SHOW

Landmark Tours presents unforgettable 2017 and 2018 destination travel packages in the United States and abroad on Monday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m. Experience "must-see" destinations, quality accommodations and memorable dinners under the guidance of dedicated tour managers trained to ensure a smooth and seamless tour. Members free; Others \$2. Register by email at activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com or by calling 952-939-1333.

TRADITIONAL * COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE APPROACHES TO MANAGING HIP * KNEE PAIN

This free session presented by Allina Health on Tuesday, June 20, at 2 p.m., is an opportunity to learn about managing hip and knee pain through both traditional and alternative medicine approaches. Register by email at activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com or by calling 952-939-1333.

Could Your Home Be More Efficient?

Avoid wasting both money and energy and benefit from a more comfortable living space by scheduling a visit from the Home Energy Squad. Because of the City's partnership with HES, Hopkins residents pay only \$50 (normally \$100) for a visit from this team of trusted energy consultants. At the visit, they will:

- Install energy saving materials (including door weather stripping, high-efficiency lightbulbs, showerheads, faucet aerators, and a programmable thermostat).
- Complete an insulation inspection.
- Perform a blower door test (as pictured) to measure your home for air leaks.
- Safety check your home's heating system and water heater.

Participants also receive a customized Energy Fitness Plan that includes a prioritized list of energy improvements as well as information on rebates. To schedule your Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit today, call 612-335-5874 or visit mncee.org/hes/hopkins.



Q. How high is too high for grass?

A. Grass and weeds higher than 10 inches are considered a nuisance, and the City will issue a citation. If City crews have to maintain your grass and weeds, you will be charged for the service.

Q. What can I do with my brush and yard waste?

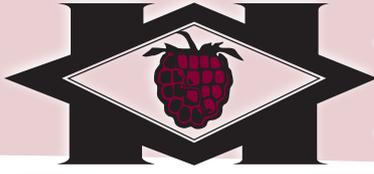
A. The City provides bagged yard waste pick up on Thursdays and brush pick up on Tuesdays for additional fees. For details and how to schedule a pick up, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/.

A free alternative to this service is taking your yard waste and brush to the City's drop-off site at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad. The site is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The site will be closed on Labor Day. Use of this site is free for Hopkins residential refuse customers.

Refuse and Recycling Schedule

Refuse will be picked up Monday through Thursday every week.

June recycling pick up weeks are May 30-June 2, June 12-15 and June 26-29.



Hopkins Highlights EXTRA

City Improvement Projects Abound in 2017

The City is undertaking a wide variety of improvement projects in 2017. Read on for descriptions of the most noticeable improvements and what to expect.

1 2017 Street and Utility Project

Start Date: Late April • **Projected End Date:** November

The City's annual street and utility reconstruction project is in the Peaceful Valley and Park Valley neighborhoods. Portions of 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Avenues South.; 6th, 7th and 8th Streets South; East and West Valley Park Drive; the alleyway south of 6th Street South and west of 10th Avenue South; and the alleyway connecting 6th Avenue South to 8th Street South will be reconstructed. In addition to street work, the project includes replacement of sewer and water lines and drainage improvements.

2 The Artery Project

Start Date: Mid April • **Projected End Date:** November

8th Avenue from Excelsior Boulevard to 1st Street North is being reconstructed this year. Improvements in the corridor will include an off-road cycle track, widened sidewalks, replacement of utilities, a new lighting system, landscaping and other aesthetic improvements. To make room for everything, 8th Avenue will be converted to a one-way northbound street between 1st Street South and Mainstreet. Reconstruction of 2nd Street South between 5th and 8th Avenues is also part of this project.

3 Blake Road Corridor Improvements

Start Date: Mid May • **Projected End Date:** October

Blake Road is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2018 and 2019 from Excelsior Boulevard to State Highway 7. In advance of the full reconstruction, some utility work will be completed this year. The City will be replacing a sanitary sewer line from the railroad crossing to Lake Street. CenterPoint Energy will be replacing a large gas main along the entire length of Blake Road. This work will require traffic impacts and restrictions, however, Blake Road is going to remain open during the construction.

4 Highway 169 Rehabilitation

Start Date: Late January • **Projected End Date:** October 2017

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) closed the bridge over Nine Mile Creek earlier this winter and work has progressed on the replacement structure. This spring, pavement rehabilitation along the mainline of the highway began. Lane and ramp closures have begun and will continue through the fall. For more information and to sign up for updates from MnDOT, visit the project website at www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy169hopkins.



Park System Improvements

5 Hilltop Park Play Equipment

Start Date: Early May

Projected End Date: Early June

The existing 26-year-old play equipment will be replaced.

6 Maetzold Field Play Equipment

Start Date: Early May

Projected End Date: Early June

The existing 22-year-old play equipment will be replaced.

7 Burnes Park Improvements

Start Date: Early May

Projected End Date: Late September

The existing, 60-year-old, drab facilities will be rehabilitated to include a new multi-purpose facility and a new picnic shelter. The improvements will also include new play equipment for two to five-year-olds, new park trails, a new basketball court area and a new splash pad area. 🍷





Hopkins Summerfest

MUSIC, MOVIES, & MORE

**EVERY THURSDAY
IN DOWNTOWN PARK**

JUNE 15–AUGUST 17, 2017
one block south of Mainstreet

JUNE 15–7 p.m.
John Phillip Sousa Memorial Band
SPONSORED BY BONGO'S & BUDS

JULY 20–7 p.m.
New Primitives
SPONSORED BY MILL CITY SOUND

JUNE 22–7 p.m.
Koo Koo Kangaroo
SPONSORED BY KIDDYWAMPUS
AND SCHATZ REAL ESTATE GROUP

JULY 27–7 p.m.
**Minneapolis Commodores
Barbershop Chorus**

JUNE 29–7 p.m.
Jack Klatt

AUGUST 3–7 p.m.
Prior Lake Wind Jammers

JULY 6–7 p.m.
Hopkins Westwind Concert Band
SPONSORED BY THINK HOPKINS

AUGUST 10–7 p.m.
Barboro

JULY 13 –Noon
Kelly Blau

AUGUST 17–7 p.m.
Jillian Rae
SPONSORED BY GIRLS ON THE TOWN 
Fried Green Tomatoes (MOVIE AT SUNSET)

JULY 13–7 p.m.
The Heavy Set

In the event of a rainout, concerts
will be held at the Hopkins Activity
Center, 33 14th Ave. N.

Get all the details at hopkinssummerfest.com