

# Hopkins Highlights

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## FREE Christmas Tree Pick-Up is January 8-11

The week of January 8, Public Works crews will be collecting Christmas trees free of charge from Hopkins residential garbage customers. You do not need to call to schedule this service—simply place your tree on the boulevard (no alley pick-ups) by 6 a.m. the day of your garbage service. Wreaths or decorations containing metal pieces will not be accepted, and bags and stands must be removed.

Beginning the week of January 15, 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 25

The 2018 State of the City/Taste of Hopkins will be held on Thursday, January 25, 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.

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, will feature a variety of appetizers, entrees, desserts and beverages, compliments of Hopkins restaurants, various organizations and Hopkins Farmers Market vendors. Attendees are asked to bring a monetary donation or non-perishable food item for the local ICA food shelf. 🍷

### 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

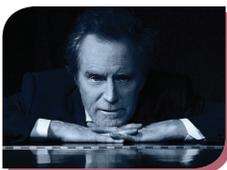
For tickets, call 952-979-1111 or visit [www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com](http://www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com). Discounts available for students, those age 60 and over, and Hopkins residents.



### Ruthie Foster

Saturday, January 27, 8 p.m. (7 p.m. social hour)

Texas-based singer and songwriter Ruthie Foster has a wide palette of American song forms – gospel and blues to jazz, folk and soul. \$30.



### JD Souther

Saturday, February 10, 8 p.m. (7 p.m. social hour)

Inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2013, Grammy-nominated Souther has penned countless hits and found success as a solo artist. \$39. 🍷

## Apply Now for Hopkins Academy

Join us for Hopkins Academy coming up this April and go behind the scenes of city departments across Hopkins to learn more about how your community works.

Applications can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/events/citizens-academy.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/events/citizens-academy.php) and are due March 1. 🍷

## Learn Defensive Driving Skills

A four-hour defensive driving refresher course for adults over 55 will be held on Tuesday, January 23, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hopkins Activity Center. The course includes lecture, films and discussion, and entitles participants 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 15**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, January 2, 7:05 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Monday, February 5, 7:05 p.m.**  
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found 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, January 2, 7 p.m.**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board Meeting

**Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.**  
Zoning and Planning Commission

**Monday, February 5, 7 p.m.**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes found 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

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

## 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 1, for the New Year Holiday, and Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. **Garbage collection those weeks will be delayed by one day.**

**Recycling pick up weeks are January 8-11 and 22-25.**

## 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](http://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. Monday, Thursday or Saturday options for youth and adults.
- **Pavilion Chess**  
Chess school and training tournaments offered by the Twin Cities Chess Club and the Chess Club of Minnesota. Sundays beginning January 7. For kids ages 5 to 16.
- **Youth Soccer Clinics**  
Kids 3-8 years old will have a fun, action-packed hour while developing their soccer skills. Saturdays, March 3-April 14.
- **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.
- **Open Skate**  
Adult Open Skate with sticks and pucks is open weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open Skate for any age with sticks and pucks is held weekdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday public skate is held from 1 to 2:30 p.m., with no sticks and pucks allowed. \$4/adult, \$3 for youth under 18. Children under four are free.

## The Hopkins Fire Department is Hiring!



The Hopkins Fire Department is currently seeking candidates for paid, on-call firefighters who live within eight minutes of the department and are interested in serving Hopkins residents on a wide range of emergency calls and services. No prior experience is necessary.

All uniforms, equipment and training is paid for by the department. Firefighters who spend at least 10 years with the department will receive a pension.

Applications are due April 30 by 4 p.m., and can be obtained at Hopkins City Hall and the Hopkins Fire Department, and on the City's website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/jobs](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/jobs).

### SAVE THE DATE:

The 2018 Home Remodeling Fair will be on February 11. Check for details in the next *Highlights*.