



Hopkins Highlights

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Plant Your Garden In Valley Park

The City provides a community garden site in Hopkins Valley Park in the Westbrooke/Nine Mile Creek area where residents can lease a 20-foot by 20-foot garden plot for \$25 per plot.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 6 for residents and is on a first come, first served basis (limit two plots per household). Residents must provide proof of residency and register in-person at Hopkins City Hall. Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, March 13. 🍷

WEST METRO HOME REMODELING FAIR

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

WHERE: Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Hwy. 7, Hopkins

COST: Free!

Get Expert Advice, Ideas At Free Home Remodeling Fair

The West Metro Home Remodeling Fair on February 11 will feature seminars and mini-demonstrations for the do-it-yourselfer. In addition to over 60 exhibitors, guests will also have the opportunity to talk to a variety of professionals including architects, landscape architects, master gardeners and interior designers, who will provide free, no obligation advice. Visit www.HomeRemodelingFair.com for details of all the day's activities. 🍷

Learn Smart Salting

Winter is here to stay, at least for a couple more months, and salt can be a good tool to melt ice on driveways and sidewalks. While salt can help prevent accidents on the road and around buildings, it comes at an environmental cost. When the snow melts, the de-icing salt, which contains chloride, runs into nearby lakes and can harm fish, ducks and other aquatic wildlife.

Help make a difference by reducing salt use this winter:

1. Check the temperature. Is it too cold for salt? Most salts stop working around 15 degrees (F). When the temperatures drop, use sand for traction, but remember that sand doesn't melt ice.
2. Apply less. Adding more salt does not equal more melting. Try to use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. Keep in mind one pound of salt is about the same as one 12-ounce coffee mug.
3. Clean-up any extra salt. Sand or salt that can be seen on dry pavement means that it is no longer working and could be washed away. Try to reuse salt or sand somewhere else, or sweep it up and throw it away. 🍷

(Source: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency)



Photo by:
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Keep Plastic Bags Out of Recycling

Hopkins residents are reminded that all recyclables should be placed in recycling carts loose or in a paper bag – never use plastic bags. There has been confusion, as retail stores have stocked plastic bags marketed as “recycling” bags.

Plastic bags are enemy #1 at the sorting facilities that process recyclables. They cause major equipment problems and shut-downs, and must be kept out of recycling carts.

It is important to know what is accepted in your area when it comes to recycling. Visit our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/waste/accepted.php to learn what can be recycled in Hopkins. 🍷

Kids' Fest is February 11



Join friends and family for the annual Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Kids' Fest Sunday, February 11, from 12 to 3:30 p.m., at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Enjoy live music, dog sled rides, magic shows, face painting and much more! 🍷

Learn Defensive Driving Skills

An eight-hour defensive driving course for adults over 55 will be held on Wednesday, February 21, and Thursday, February 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Hopkins Activity Center. The course, taught by an instructor from the Minnesota Safety Council, includes a 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, February 19
Presidents' Day

City Council Calendar

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

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, February 20, 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

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

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

Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.
Zoning and Planning 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 Kristi Halverson
Jason Gadd Aaron Kuznia

Winter Is Not Yet Over: Snow Reminders

Snow Emergency? Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399

Snow emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Parking restrictions will remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb and the parking lots and parking ramps are completely plowed. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/snow.php for more information on where to park and what to do if your vehicle is towed.

Keep Refuse & Recycling Carts Clear

Refuse and recycling collection requires a minimum clearance of four feet around each container. Sometimes a spot is carved out in the snow to create a pocket for the container, but this does not allow enough room for the automated arm on the truck to reach. Although alleys and driveways can be narrow because of snow piling up, it is necessary that the four-foot clearance be maintained.

Keep Fire Hydrants Shoveled Out

If you have a hydrant on your block, help keep Hopkins safe by shoveling it out after it snows. If possible, hydrants should be cleared four feet on each side for fire department access. The property you save may be your own! ❄️

TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day. Refuse and recycling collection that week will be delayed by one day.

February recycling pick up weeks are February 5-8 and 20-23. ♻️

Upcoming Concerts and Exhibits

AT HOPKINS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

JD Souther Concert

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.

Arts in Harmony Exhibit

Opening Thursday, February 15

(Opening reception Saturday, February 17, 4-6 p.m.)

In its 23rd year, this international juried exhibition showcases work of thirteen different classes of media by artists from the United States and abroad.

For concert tickets, call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com. Discounts available for students, those age 60 and over, and Hopkins residents. 🎟️

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Deposit Disclosure

Minnesota Statute 115A.9302 requires that a person who collects mixed municipal solid waste for transportation to a waste facility disclose to each waste generator from whom waste is collected the name, location, type of facility and the number of the permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or its counterpart in another state, for the processing or disposal facility or facilities at which the waste will be deposited.

The City of Hopkins (hauler) hereby discloses that the mixed municipal solid waste collected from January 1-December 31, 2018, will be delivered to the following facilities during that time. If an additional facility becomes either a primary facility or an alternative facility during this time, the City of Hopkins will provide you with updated information within 30 days.

Primary Facility:

Hennepin Energy Resource Company
505 6th Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55405
Type: Mass burn waste-to-energy
MPCA Permit Number: SW-396

Primary Facility:

NRG Elk River (NSP) Resource Recovery
10700 165th Ave NW, Elk River, MN 55330
Type: Refuse-derived fuel waste-to-energy
MPCA Permit Number: SW-305

The following facility is used for disposal of construction and demolition material collected through our twice-yearly bulk item drop-off and weekly bulk item collection.

Alternative Facility: Dem Con Landfill, Inc., 331 Akers Lane, Jordan, MN 55352
Type: Construction demolition landfill **MPCA Permit Number:** SW-290

You may be responsible for any liability that results from contamination at a facility where your waste has been deposited. Minnesota believes that its waste management system provides more financial and environmental protection than depositing waste in landfills in other states. Managing your waste in Minnesota may minimize your potential liability. 🌱



Free Tax Assistance

AARP Tax Assistance offers free help for older taxpayers and people with limited incomes. Drop by the Hopkins Activity Center beginning February 5 on **Mondays and Tuesdays between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** No appointment necessary. 🌱