

Hopkins Highlights

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Step To It! Get Moving This May

Register today for a fun, four-week challenge

Do you have a competitive spirit? Do you want a fun and easy way to kick start a springtime exercise program? Sign up for the four-week Step To It Challenge from May 1-28 and get moving again after a cold winter.

Over 20 communities will compete to see which one has the most active residents. Participants have a chance to win Twins Tickets and be honored by Hennepin County and the Minnesota Twins at a home game during the 2018 season.

How does it work?

As a Step To It participant, you keep an ongoing total of the steps you take during the challenge. You can use the activity conversion chart at www.steptoit.org to count steps from activities such as biking, skateboarding, Tai Chi or even just mowing the lawn. Record your steps online, or your step total can be called in or faxed. Best of all, it's FREE! Go to the Step To It Challenge website (www.steptoit.org) to sign up. 🍓

Election Judges Needed for 2018 Elections

Hopkins is recruiting residents to serve as election judges at the City's six polling locations for both the August 14 state primary election and the November 6 state general election.

To serve as an election judge in the City of Hopkins, residents must be eligible to vote in an election, must declare what party they consider themselves affiliated with, and must not be the spouse, parent, child or sibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct or any candidate of that election. This is a paid opportunity with training provided by the City. All election judges are required to attend a training session.

For more information and to apply, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/563/Election-Judges. Contact Hopkins City Clerk Amy Domeier at adomeier@hopkinsmn.com with questions. 🍓

Upcoming Fun at the Hopkins Pavilion

- **TurfTots runs through April 24**
Don't miss out on this fun program for kids ages 1 to 5. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$4/child. Adults must stay and supervise.
- **Gopher State Cat Show**
The Gopher State Cat Club is hosting the Cat Show April 28 and 29. Stop by and see the best of the breeds.
- **Skyhawks in Central Park**
Week-long summer camps for kids ages 4 to 12. Camps include football, tennis, soccer and more!

More information is available at www.hopkinspavilion.com. 🍓

Housing Rehab Program

Are you thinking about making some improvements to your home? Did you know the City of Hopkins has a housing rehab program that might be able to help pay for your next home renovation?

The program is funded by the City of Hopkins and administered by Hennepin County. Hopkins homeowners who reside in their homes may qualify for up to \$25,000 towards home repair, remodeling and improvements.

Program eligibility is based on household income limits.

For more information, contact Jan Youngquist, Community Development Coordinator, at 952-548-6343 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/641/Housing-Rehab-Deferred-Loans. 🍓



Save the Date: Kick-Off to Summer Safety

The Hopkins Police and Fire Departments are hosting their annual Kick-Off to Summer Safety event Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Hopkins Fire Department.

This free community event will feature a variety of safety tips for families, as well as ice cream and prize giveaways, including bikes, locks, helmets, life jackets, car seats and more. 🍓



Upcoming at City Hall

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, April 3, 7:05 p.m.

Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.

Work Session

Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 7 p.m.

Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 1, 7 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions.

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

May Day Music on Main is May 5

ARTS CENTER HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL STREET CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER

May Day on Main is a street celebration and fundraiser featuring live music, food trucks, a beer garden, a silent auction and more. All funds raised will benefit programs provided by the Hopkins Center for the Arts and the Hopkins Activity Center.

Festivities will begin at 3 p.m. on Mainstreet outside the Hopkins Center for the Arts, with an evening headliner performance by The Cactus Blossoms beginning at 7:30 p.m. inside the theater.

Tickets for The Cactus Blossoms are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Arts Center and Activity Center members receive a special \$25 ticket rate, plus a free drink ticket for the beer garden or bar.

To purchase tickets, call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com. The Hopkins Center for the Arts is located at 1111 Mainstreet. 🍷

Don't Miss Cops and Community BINGO!

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting Cops and Community BINGO on Sunday, April 22, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Hopkins Activity Center.

For \$20, play 10 games and help support the Hopkins Crime Prevention Fund and Youth Outreach. Cash only. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Pilot Organics Recycling Drop-Off Program Starting April 14

Beginning Saturday, April 14, Hopkins residential garbage customers may bring their household organics to the Hopkins Brush & Yard Waste Drop-Off site for recycling.

What is Organics Recycling?

About 30 percent of what we throw away is organic material, including food scraps and food-soiled paper products. Through organics recycling programs like this, waste is recycled into valuable compost at a commercial composting facility to be used in landscaping and road construction projects. Organics recycling includes collecting fruits, vegetables, bones, meat, bread, eggshells, non-recyclable and food-soiled paper and more for composting.

All organic materials MUST BE BAGGED in either a BPI certified compostable bag or paper bag. Organics may be dropped off during the same hours of operation as the Brush & Yard Waste Drop-Off site, 3100 Hopkins Crossroad, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/863/Organics-Recycling for full details. 🍷

TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

Garbage collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days.

Recycling collection weeks this month are April 2-5, April 16-19 and April 30-May 3. 🌱

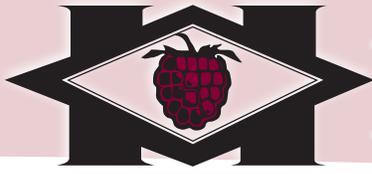
Stay Active at the Hopkins Activity Center

Experience the UPSIDE of aging at the Activity Center, located at 33 14th Ave. N. in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com to register.



Discover Mah Jongg Wednesdays, April 11-May 23, 1-3 p.m. Learn to play Mah Jongg, an intriguing game of chance and skill. \$47 for members (others \$50).

Paint, Paper, Scissors Tuesday, April 24, 1-3 p.m. Create a fun art project. Hands on instruction, materials supplied, no experience needed, leave with finished project. Limited registrations \$28 for members (others \$31). 🍷



Hopkins Highlights EXTRA



Clean Up Your Lawn During Free Yard Waste & Brush Pick Up

Free Yard Waste Pickup
April 23–May 3

YARD WASTE will be collected for free on your regular garbage day from April 23–May 3. **You do not need to call to schedule this pickup.** Place bagged yard waste at the normal refuse collection site at least four feet away from your refuse and recycling containers.

- You must use compostable bags.
- Items NOT accepted include: animal feces (clean up after pets before raking your lawn), branches, woody vines, long twigs, stump grindings, sod waste, and shrub clippings.
- NO garden products such as pumpkins, potatoes, and apples should be placed in yard waste bags. Place unused garden products such as these into your regular garbage container.
- Yard waste is defined as leaves with twig stems no longer than four inches, grass clippings, green, pliable vines, and similar garden waste.

After May 3, bags will be collected on Thursdays and must display yard waste stickers, available for purchase at City Hall or Public Works. To schedule a yard waste pick up after May 3, call 952-939-1382 before 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

For more information, call 952-939-1382 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste. Both free pickups are provided only for City of Hopkins residential refuse customers and only for yard waste and brush generated on Hopkins residential properties. 🍓

Free Brush Pickup
April 9–19

BRUSH will be picked up for free on your regular garbage day from April 9–19. **You do not need to call to schedule this pickup.**

- Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard, NOT in the street (NO alley pick up)—butt ends all one way, laid parallel with the street.
- Keep brush at least five feet away from poles, signs, overhead wires, guide wires, trees, fences, garbage containers, parked cars, etc.
- Do not use tarps under or on top of your brush (we use machinery to pick up the brush and the tarps hamper the pick up).
- DO NOT put brush in your refuse containers.
- Only brush which is generated on City of Hopkins' residential refuse customer properties will be picked up.
- Brush is defined as tree limbs, twigs, woody vines, and branches up to a maximum of six inches in diameter and 15 feet in length. No logs or lumber are accepted.

After April 19, brush will be collected on Tuesdays, weather permitting. To schedule a brush pick up after April 19, call 952-939-1382 before 2 p.m. on Monday. Fees apply.

Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off Site Opens April 14

The free drop-off site will open Saturday, April 14, weather permitting. Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential garbage customers will be accepted. Driver's licenses will be checked to verify eligibility.

Drop Off Site Hours

- Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–7 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location

3100 Hopkins Crossroad, one block north of the Hopkins Crossroad & Minnetonka Blvd. intersection (only driveway on west side of Hopkins Crossroad).



Accepted items

- Tree limbs
- Twigs, branches, and woody vines up to six inches in diameter and 15 feet long
- Leaves with twig stems not longer than four inches
- Grass clippings
- Similar garden waste
- Soft, pliable vines (yard waste)

Residents will need to unload and debag their materials at the site, and take used bags home with them.

Not accepted items

- Sod waste
- Animal feces
- Garden products
- Logs or lumber
- Dirt
- Stump grindings
- Material from contractors or commercial firms. 🍓

