

# Hopkins Highlights

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## Nominate a Sparkling Property in Hopkins

COMMUNITY IMAGE AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE AUGUST 25

The City of Hopkins annually honors property owners and business owners who have made significant improvements to their property, including landscaping, accessibility, signs, or exterior improvements. The award also honors those who demonstrate continued, superior property maintenance.

Community Image Awards are given in three categories: Single Family Residential; Multi-Family Residential; and Commercial/Industrial/Office.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please complete a nomination form by August 24. Forms are available at City Hall or at [www.hopkinsmn.com/292/Community-Image-Award](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/292/Community-Image-Award).

## Old Art Can Shine Again

ART FROM THE ATTIC IS JUNE 16

Looking for an affordable way to beautify your home? Come to Art from the Attic on Mainstreet outside the Hopkins Center for the Arts on Saturday, June 16, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 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 5, from 4 to 7 p.m., or Saturdays, June 2 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visit [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com) for all the details and a donation form, or contact Aaron at 952-548-6488 or [awulff@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:awulff@hopkinsmn.com).



## Drop Off Your Household Hazardous Waste June 15-16



Drop off your household hazardous waste and problem materials at the Hennepin County collection event being held Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Louis Park Middle School (2025 Texas Avenue S. — Enter off 22nd Street 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](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events).

## Start Planning Your Neighborhood's National Night Out

The Police Department invites you to be part of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7. 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/448/National-Night-Out](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/448/National-Night-Out) 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. Permits are \$25/day. For an alcohol permit not affiliated with a picnic shelter, call City Hall at 952-935-8474.

## 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

Wednesday, July 4  
Independence Day

### City Council Calendar

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

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

Monday, June 18, 7 p.m.  
Meeting

Tuesday, July 17, 7:05 p.m.  
Meeting (no meeting July 3)

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council). Watch City Council meetings live at [www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand).

### Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m.  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, June 25, 6:30 p.m.  
Park Board

Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m.  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority (no meeting July 3)

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://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

## 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.



## Help Trees Beat the Heat

Please remember to soak your trees, including boulevard trees, when watering this summer. Very young trees need 20 to 25 gallons of water a week and those that have been in the ground five years or less need a weekly soaking. Watering the lawn around trees helps keep their roots healthy.

Putting a layer of mulch around them helps retain moisture.

Trees stressed by heat are more susceptible to die back, pests and diseases, so save your trees by giving them the water they need. And don't forget Hopkins watering restrictions apply (see article above). 🍷

## This June at the Activity Center

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### Travel Afar Showcase

Landmark Tours presents unforgettable 2018 and 2019 destination travel packages in the United States and abroad on Monday, June 18, 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.

Register by email at [activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com) or by calling 952-939-1333.

### Having hip or knee pain? The solution may be in your hands!

This free session presented by Allina Health on Tuesday, June 26, at 2 p.m., is an opportunity to learn about managing hip and knee pain through both traditional and complementary medicine.

Register online at [hipandkneepainarthritis.eventbrite.com](http://hipandkneepainarthritis.eventbrite.com) or by calling 952-939-1333. 🍷



### 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?

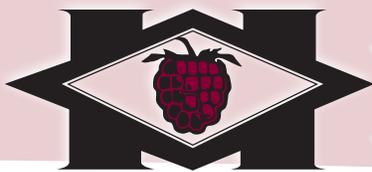
**A.** The City provides bagged yard waste pick up on Thursdays and brush pick up on Tuesdays for additional fees. For details and how to schedule a pick up, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste).

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 pickup weeks are June 11-14 and June 25-28. ♻️



# Hopkins Highlights EXTRA

## City Improvement Projects Abound in 2018

The City is undertaking a wide variety of improvement projects in 2018. Read on for descriptions of the most noticeable improvements and what to expect.

### 1 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project

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

The City's annual street and utility reconstruction project is in the Northeast portion of the City. Texas Avenue, Division Street, Murphy Avenue, Oxford Street, Cambridge Street east of Blake Road, Lake Street east of Blake Road, and the alley south of Lake Street will be reconstructed. In addition to street work, the project includes replacement of sewer and water lines and drainage improvements. This project is being done in partnership with the Metropolitan Council and the City of St. Louis Park.

### 2 Blake Road Corridor Improvements

**Start Date:** Late April • **Projected End Date:** Summer 2019

Construction on Blake Road began in April 2018. Hennepin County is funding a considerable amount of this \$16 million project, which will include pavement reconstruction; the addition of multi-use trails on both sides of the roadway; pedestrian crossing upgrades; utility pipe replacements; and landscape and streetscape upgrades.

### 3 Cold Storage

**Start Date:** Fall 2018 • **Projected End Date:** 2019



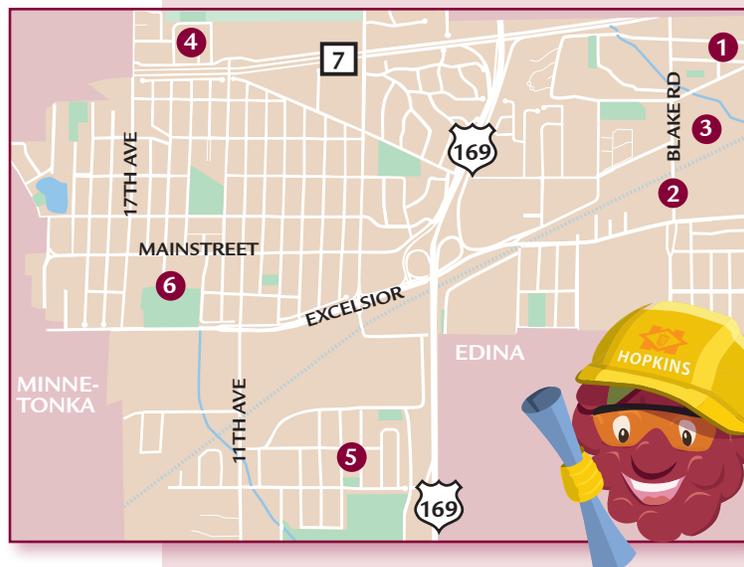
The City of Hopkins and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District are partnering on the re-development of the Hopkins Cold Storage site at 325 Blake Road in Hopkins. The 17-acre site is adjacent to Minnehaha Creek, Cottageville Park, and the proposed Green Line Extension light rail station.

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) purchased the Hopkins Cold Storage site in 2011 as a key piece of the Minnehaha Creek Greenway, more than 50 acres of continuous green space along Minnehaha Creek through Hopkins and St. Louis Park. It plans to use a portion of the site (approximately four acres) to treat polluted stormwater that flows to the creek from 260 acres of surrounding area and to restore more than 1,000 feet of creek frontage. The City and MCWD are in the process of seeking a master developer to transform the rest of the industrial site (approximately 13 acres) into a transit-oriented neighborhood.

The partners' vision for the site was informed by a robust community input process. It encourages a sustainable development that features Minnehaha Creek, an open design that allows public access to the creek and adjoining Greenway including Cottageville Park, and transit-oriented elements including a mix of housing and retail. The master developer will work closely with the project partners, including the community, to refine the vision and maximize opportunities for the site.

It is anticipated that a master developer will be chosen in the summer of 2018 and demolition of the Hopkins Cold Storage facility will begin later in the year. Construction of the stormwater improvements and creek restoration may begin as early as 2019.

For more information on the project, visit [www.minnehahacreek.org/325-blake-road](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/325-blake-road).



## Park System Improvements

### 4 Elmo Park Play Equipment

**Start Date:** Early June  
**Projected End Date:** Mid-July, weather permitting

The existing 22-year-old play equipment will be replaced and a new sport court will be constructed.

### 5 Park Valley Play Equipment

**Start Date:** Early June  
**Projected End Date:** Mid-July, weather permitting

The existing 27-year-old play equipment will be replaced.

### 6 Central Park Pickleball Courts

**Start Date:** Mid-May  
**Projected End Date:** Early August

Five new dedicated pickleball courts will be added to the north end of Central Park. 🍓