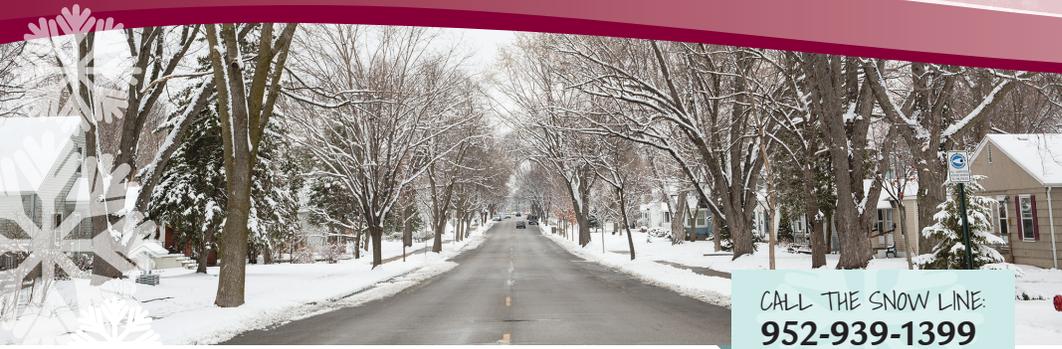


Hopkins Highlights

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CALL THE SNOW LINE:
952-939-1399

Here Comes The Snow—Don't Get Towed!

In an average year, Hopkins will receive its first measurable snowfall within the next couple weeks. The City can declare a snow emergency upon a two-inch snowfall. Snow emergencies are announced on the City of Hopkins recorded snow line at 952-939-1399. (Note that snow depths are measured in Hopkins and may not coincide with those reported at the Minneapolis–Saint Paul airport.)

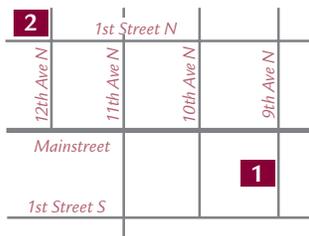
When a snow emergency is called, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb-to-curb and parking lots and ramps are completely plowed. Vehicles left on streets or in public parking lots during snow emergencies may be ticketed or towed.

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicles from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency has been declared. If you have nowhere to park, use one of the emergency parking locations at right.

Get Notified of Snow Emergency Declarations

The City may also notify residents using an emergency notification system called Code Red. This system calls each resident when a city-wide snow emergency is declared. To register your cell phone or learn more, go to www.hopkinsmn.com/255/Emergency-Notification-System, or call 952-548-6451.

Snow Emergency Parking Locations



CENTRAL HOPKINS

1. Municipal Lot 300 just north of Downtown Park on 9th Avenue S
2. Maetzold Field parking lot (access from 1st Street N)



SOUTH HOPKINS

3. East of 9th Avenue S and north of Westbrooke Way between 9th Avenue S and Nine Mile Creek
4. Far east end of 8th Street S near Valley Park

HAPPENING NOW:

FREE Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Up

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up began October 29 for most residents and will continue on your garbage day through November 21. No call-in required. You must use compostable bags.

If you live in Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge or Interlachen Park, the City provided free street leaf and yard waste pick up in your area November 5–8. Free bagged pick up is not provided in your area.

For more details, go to www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up. All services are subject to change due to weather.

Yard Waste/Brush Drop-Off Site Closes November 24

The free yard waste/brush drop-off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroad) will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed for Veterans Day) through Saturday, November 24, weather permitting. After November 24, the site will close for the season.

For more information about what is accepted at the drop-off site, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site.

WINTER ORGANICS DROP-OFF

The pilot Organics Recycling Drop-Off program will continue after the free yard waste/brush drop-off site closes for the season on November 24. Beginning Monday, November 26, labeled carts will be available in the northwest corner of the Public Works parking lot off 17th Avenue S. Hopkins refuse customers may drop-off their organics recycling at any time.

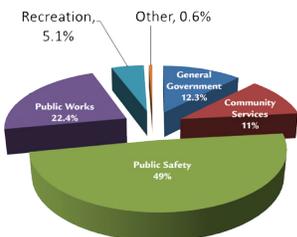
For more information about organics recycling, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/863/Organics-Recycling.

Attend Public Meeting On 2019 Budget

Interested in how your tax dollars are spent? Attend the 2019 Budget Hearing on Tuesday, December 4, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The 2019 budget will be presented along with the proposed 2019 tax levy.

The Council set a preliminary budget and levy in September, which will appear on the notice of proposed taxes mailed to every taxpayer. Staff has continued to work on the 2019 budget and will present an amended budget and final levy.

This is the final opportunity to provide input on the budget before it is approved. All input is welcomed.





Upcoming at City Hall

City Offices Closed

Monday, November 12
Veterans Day Observed

**Thursday, November 22 and
Friday, November 23**
Thanksgiving Holiday

City Council Calendar

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

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, November 20, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found 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

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

Monday, November 26, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board Meeting

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

Agendas and minutes found at www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions.

Meeting Broadcasts

City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings can be seen 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
Jason Gadd Kristi Halverson
Aaron Kuznia

Parking permits for 2019 available now!



Play Turkey BINGO with Hopkins Police

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting Turkey BINGO on **Saturday, November 17**, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Hopkins Activity Center. For \$10, play 10 games for the chance to win a turkey. Raffles will be held between games. 🍗

Cops N Kids Shopping Nominations

Do you know a Hopkins resident between the ages of 12 and 14 who would benefit from police mentorship? The Hopkins Police Department is now accepting nominations for Cops N Kids Shopping coming up on **Tuesday, December 11**. Nominations can be completed online at www.hopkinsmn.com/428/Cops-N-Kids or by filling out a form in the police department lobby. All nominations are due by Friday, November 16. 🍗

Experience the UPSIDE of Aging

STAY ACTIVE + ENGAGED AT THE HOPKINS ACTIVITY CENTER!

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue North in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com with questions or to register.

Salute to Vets Program & Lunch

Thursday, November 8, 10:45 a.m.

A program will honor our veterans with special music and the Hopkins American Legion Color Guard. Cost: Veterans free; Members \$9; Others \$10. Call for reservations. Event sponsor: Landings of Minnetonka.

Monthly Book Club

Monday, November 5, 1 p.m.

Join with other avid readers to discuss the November selection, "When Breath Becomes Air," by Paul Kalanithi. Members free; Others \$3. 🍗

Services Move to Fire Station January 2

Beginning January 2, 2019, Hopkins residents and customers should access City Hall services from the Hopkins Fire Station, 101 17th Avenue S, as the City begins a much-needed renovation project at City Hall.

The project includes a small entrance expansion to make the front entrance of the building more noticeable, renovations to the lobby, council chambers, conference rooms and staff areas, and the replacement of windows, landscaping and the roof.

The cost of the renovation project is currently estimated at \$4.5 million. To fund the upgrades, the City Council plans to increase the City's franchise fees for Xcel Energy by \$1.30 per month and CenterPoint by \$1.30 per month for residential customers, for a total increase of \$2.60 per month. Amounts vary for all additional account types depending on size.

Construction is scheduled to begin in February and is expected to take seven months to complete. Services will move back to City Hall once the project is complete. More information about the project can be found on the City's website at www.hopkinsmn.com/883/City-Hall-Remodel. 🍗

Winter Recreation Brochure Online November 26

The Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services winter-spring 2018-19 brochure will be available by November 26 at eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure. **The winter/spring edition is only available online and will not be printed and mailed.** If you wish to request a hard copy at no charge, call 952-939-8203. Program registration starts December 4 for Minnetonka and Hopkins residents.



TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

City offices will also be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for Thanksgiving.

Thursday's garbage and yard waste pick-up will be collected one day early on Wednesday, November 21. There will be no bulk pick-up this week.

Recycling collection is November 13-16 and 26-29. ♻️



Hopkins Highlights

EXTRA

2019 City Budget

The City Council approved a 2019 preliminary General Fund Budget of \$14,410,478, a 7.26 percent increase over 2018.

2019 Levy

The preliminary tax levy was set at \$16,042,936, which provides for the general fund, capital, equipment replacement, Hopkins Center for the Arts, the Pavilion and debt service. The levy results in an estimated \$203 annual increase for a home valued at \$236,500. The \$203 increase can be split between general operations (\$85) and debt for streets and equipment (\$118).

Purpose	Actual 2018	2019 Net Levy Proposed
General Operations		
General Fund	\$10,747,657	11,736,624
Capital Levy	75,000	100,000
Arts Center Levy	250,000	257,500
Pavilion Fund	0	40,383
Equipment Replacement	0	250,000
Subtotal	11,072,657	12,384,507
Special Levies:		
Debt Levies	3,149,223	3,658,429
TOTAL LEVIES	\$14,221,880	\$16,042,936

The Pavilion Fund previously received tax levy support in 2015 and 2016. The 2019 levy will continue to support the Pavilion and help pay ongoing debt service costs for the newly renovated facility.

The Equipment Replacement Levy is new for 2019. It helps to support the City's equipment and information technology needs. The proposed 2019 Equipment Replacement Plan includes the purchase of police cars and related equipment, street sweeper, network servers, computers and software.



Core City Services Funded With Tax Dollars

- » 24-hour police and fire protection
- » Emergency medical service
- » Street, sidewalk and trail maintenance
- » Snow plowing
- » Hopkins Activity Center
- » Boulevard and forestry program
- » Park maintenance
- » Recreation programs
- » Planning and economic development
- » Elections

2019 General Fund Budget

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City and accounts for core services provided by the City. Taxes are the main revenue source for the General Fund, accounting for approximately 82 percent of budgeted revenues in 2019.

General Fund budgeted revenues increased 7.26 percent from the 2018 budget. Revenue sources other than taxes are expected to decrease slightly in 2019, with the largest decreases coming from reduced building permit and inspection activities.

General Fund	2018	2019	% Change
Property Taxes	\$10,832,657	\$11,821,624	9.13%
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,173,933	1,167,129	-.58%
License, Permits & Fines	785,465	745,315	-5.11%
Charges for Service	222,850	250,760	12.52%
Miscellaneous Revenue	420,450	425,650	1.24%
Total Revenues	\$13,435,355	\$14,410,478	7.26%

General Fund expenditures increased by 7.26 percent from the 2018 budget, due to salaries and benefit increases, equipment charges and legal services. The 2019 budget also adds a full-time parks and forestry worker (with part-time reductions), one-time expenditures for furniture at the Fire Hall and consulting fees to implement the comprehensive plan.

General Fund	2018	2019	% Change
General Government	\$1,623,948	\$1,771,393	9.08%
Community Services	1,474,181	1,588,270	7.74%
Public Safety	6,528,393	7,008,283	7.35%
Public Works	3,057,879	3,221,137	5.34%
Recreation	692,749	732,695	5.77%
Other	58,200	88,700	52.41%
Total Expenditures	\$13,435,350	\$14,410,478	7.26%

2019 Debt Levy

The debt levy increased by approximately \$510,000 or 16.2 percent from the 2018 levy. The increase benefits the City by providing funding for the 2018 Residential Street Project (Cambridge/Oxford), city portions of the Blake Road project and equipment replacement. Past practice for the previous couple of decades has been to complete a street reconstruction project annually. The City anticipates all local streets will be reconstructed by 2030. That means the City will be able to concentrate on less costly street maintenance after 2030, as a reconstructed street will last 50+ years with periodic maintenance.

Prepared by the City of Hopkins Finance Department. For further information, contact the Finance Department at 952-548-6330.

Old-Fashioned
HOLIDAY
in **HOPKINS**

**SATURDAY,
November 24**

“Small Business Saturday” **1-5 P.M.**



Make good, old-fashioned
MEMORIES
with family & friends

EVENTS
include:

- Pictures with Santa and elves
 - Games for all
- Wagon rides on Mainstreet
 - Reindeer station
 - Carolers
- Fun for the entire family!

This event is brought to you by the Hopkins Business & Civic Association with support from Think Hopkins.

More information at www.hbcamn.com/old-fashioned-holiday