



Hopkins Highlights

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State of the City is January 31

The 2019 State of the City/Taste of Hopkins will be held on Thursday, January 31, 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.

The State of the City event offers citizens and business owners the opportunity to learn more about the workings of the City in a relaxed setting.

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 the Fire Station (101 17th Avenue S), the Activity Center (33 14th Avenue N) or Public Works (11100 Excelsior Boulevard). All strung lights and electrical cords are accepted, including extension cords, phone cords and computer cables. 🌟

Upcoming Fun at the Hopkins Pavilion

The Hopkins Pavilion is located at 11000 Excelsior Boulevard. For more information on any of these programs or to register, call 952-548-6390 or visit www.hopkinspavilion.com.

Aikido: Learn to defend yourself using this unique martial art. 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 6. For kids ages 5 to 16.

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.

Meet Local Author at Activity Center

The Hopkins Activity Center Book Club invites you to meet local author Jeff Sauve on Monday, February 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. Sauve will discuss his book, "House By the Pines," and how he became a writer. Cost \$3, members free. RSVP to attend by calling 952-939-1333. 🍷

Free Christmas Tree Pick-Up

The week of January 7, 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. Only Christmas trees will be picked-up – no other brush, branches, sticks, wreaths or decorations containing metal will be accepted. Bags and stands must be removed.

Beginning the week of January 14, 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. 🌲

Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates Increase January 1

In order to cover current operating costs and adequately fund capital projects, the City Council adopted rate increases. The new rates are effective on January 1 and will first appear on utility bills received in February. To view the rate increases, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/492/Water-Fees-on-Your-Utility-Bill. 🌲

We've Moved!

But only temporarily

In 2019, Hopkins City Hall will undergo much-needed upgrades and a small entrance expansion. Construction is scheduled to begin in February and is expected to take seven months to complete.

Beginning January 2, residents can receive City services at the Hopkins Fire Station, 101 17th Avenue S. 🌲



Upcoming at the City

City Hall Services have moved to the Hopkins Fire Station. After January 3, all City Council, Board and Commission meetings will be located at the Fire Station.

City Offices Closed

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

City Council Calendar

Wednesday, January 2, 7:05 p.m.

Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.

Work Session

Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.

Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 7:05 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

Wednesday, January 2, 7 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.

Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, February 5, 7 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Meeting Broadcasts

Meetings will not be broadcast while City Hall is being renovated.

Elected Officials

Mayor

Molly Cummings

City Council

Jason Gadd

Brian Hunke

Kristi Halverson

Aaron Kuznia

Save the Date:   

The 2019 Home Remodeling Fair will be on February 10. Check for details in the next *Highlights*.

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: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

The City of Hopkins will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, for New Year's Day. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday garbage collection will be delayed one day. The City will also be closed Monday, January 21, for Martin Luther King Day. Garbage and recycling collection will be delayed one day.

Recycling collection will be the weeks of January 7-10 and 22-25. 

Winter Snow Removal Tips

In Minnesota's winter months, snow and ice can prove to be anything from a nuisance to a hazard. Between snowstorms and freezing temperatures, we often seek relief from salt to make driveways and sidewalks more accessible. It is important to keep in mind that salt doesn't disappear when the snow and ice eventually melts. Instead, salt can wreak havoc as it washes into our local lakes and rivers, and eventually as it seeps into our drinking water supply.

You can be prepared for everything winter throws your way by following these simple tips to limit salt use:

- Set a schedule. During larger snow events, try to shovel every one to two hours, depending on how long the snow event is expected to last. Not only will it lighten your load, but it will also help to prevent ice from forming under the snow.
- No Shovel? No Problem. If your snow blower is out of commission or if you don't have a shovel handy, try placing a plastic tarp over walkways, sidewalks or even your vehicle. When the flurries stop, remove the tarp to reveal a clear path.
- Use a Leaf Blower. Leaf blowers are perfect for removing light, fluffy snow. Just point and blow the snow away.
- Build traction. Use sand or even birdseed for traction. Although the grains won't melt the snow or ice, they may provide a better grip on icy surfaces. Kitty litter and ashes are another option, but can be messy when the snow begins to melt.
- Use salt sparingly. One heaping coffee mug of salt is enough to cover 250 feet or roughly two parking spaces.

Apply Now for Summer Seasonal Employment

It is already time for high school and college students – or anyone looking for a part-time job – to start thinking about summer employment. Positions include swim instructors and lifeguards; Shady Oak Beach staff; Grays Bay Marina attendants; Kid's Corner leader, coordinator and assistant coordinator; Park Adventures (playgrounds) coordinator (hiring two; must be 18 or older); Park Adventures (playgrounds) leaders; and Inclusion specialists

These are great opportunities for anyone interested in gaining valuable experience and training. For more information or to apply online, visit eminnetonka.com/employment on or after January 2. 