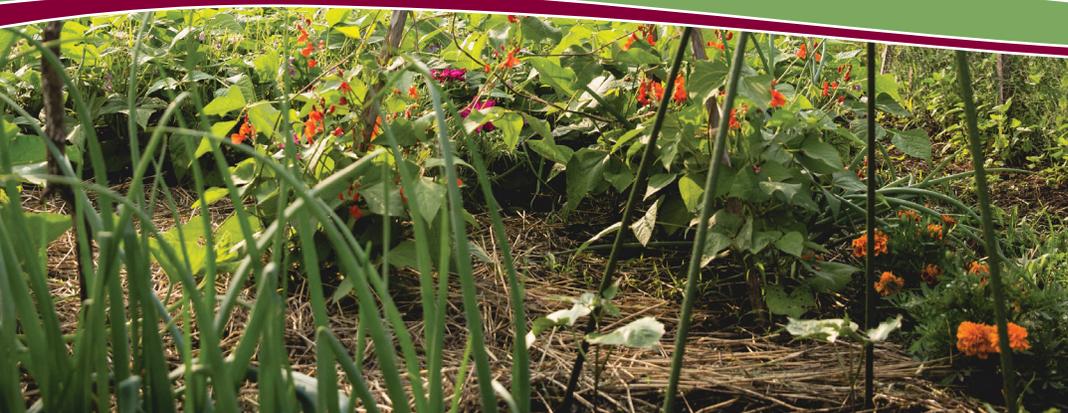




Hopkins Highlights

Inspire Educate Involve Communicate



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 5 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 the Hopkins Fire Station, 101 17th Avenue S. Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, March 12. 🍷

Get Expert Advice, Ideas at Free West Metro Home Remodeling Fair

The West Metro Home Remodeling Fair on February 10 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 <https://homeremodelingfair.com> for details of all the day's activities.

WEST METRO HOME
REMODELING
FAIR

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

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

COST: Free!

Tips for 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)

Keep Plastic Bags Out of Recycling

Hopkins residents are reminded that all recyclables should be placed in recycling carts loose – never use plastic 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/312/Accepted-Recycling-Items to learn what can be recycled in Hopkins. 🍷

Kids' Fest is February 10



Join friends and family for the annual Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Kids' Fest Sunday, February 10, from 11 to 2:30 p.m., at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard.

Enjoy dog sled rides, a magic show, face painting, horse-drawn trolley rides and much more! 🍷

Learn Defensive Driving Skills

An eight-hour defensive driving course for adults over 55 will be held on Tuesday, February 26, and Wednesday, February 27, 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 the City

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

City Offices Closed

Monday, February 18

Presidents' Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, February 5, 7:05 p.m.

Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.

Work Session

Tuesday, February 19, 7 p.m.

Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, February 5, 7 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 p.m.

Zoning and Planning Commission

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

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 4 on **Mondays and Tuesdays between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** First come, first served. No appointments.



Winter Isn't Over Yet! 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/488/Snow-Emergencies for more information on where to park and what to do if your vehicle is towed.

Keep Garbage and 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: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, February 18 for Presidents' Day. Garbage and recycling collection that week will be delayed by one day.

February recycling pick up weeks are February 4-7 and 19-22. ♻️



Register for Summer Fun at the Pavilion

The Hopkins Pavilion is excited to host AKA Sport Camps, a new summer option for kids entering first through sixth grades. AKA Sport Camps provide a minimum of six active hours of sport-specific training and multi-sport games led by instructors each day, in addition to a field trip to a new destination each week, including Twins games, Valleyfair, AirMaxx and many more.

Choose from full summer registration or the individual weeks that works for you. Camps are offered June 10 through August 30, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration is available at www.akasport.org. An early bird discount ends February 28th. 🍓



Repair Household Items at Fix-It Clinic

Get household items fixed for free and learn valuable repair skills at a Fix-It Clinic on Saturday, February 9, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Hopkins Activity Center.

Bring your broken household goods and clothing in need of repair and receive free guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix your items.

Items must be carried in - no oversized items will be accepted. Examples of what to bring include lamps, vacuum cleaners, fans, paper shredders, electric kettles, sewing machines, toys, clothing, blenders, mixers, wooden chairs, smartphones, laptops and jewelry. 🍓

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Deposit Disclosure

Minnesota Statue 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 full 2019 mixed municipal solid waste deposit disclosure can be viewed on the City website at www.hopkinsmn.com/386/Garbage. 🍓