



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 2019 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. 🍓

Don't Miss Cops and Community BINGO!

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting Cops and Community Bingo on Saturday, April 27, 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. 🍓

Upcoming Fun at the Hopkins Pavilion

The Hopkins Pavilion is located at 11000 Excelsior Boulevard in Hopkins.

- **Turf Tots 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. \$5/child. Adults must stay and supervise.
- **Gopher State Cat Show**
The Gopher State Cat Club is hosting the Cat Show April 27 and 28. Stop by and see the best of the breeds.
- **AKA Sport Camps**
Keep your kids active all summer with a new sport and field trip each week! Open to kids entering grades 1-9.

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

City Hall Services Temporarily Located at Fire Station

As a reminder, City Hall services have temporarily moved to the Hopkins Fire Station, 101 17th Avenue S, as City Hall undergoes a renovation.

Limited meeting space is available throughout the renovation and some staff will be located at other facilities. Residents are asked to call ahead and make appointments for non-routine items.

Residents may drop-off utility bills in the red drop box on the south side of the Fire Station until the renovation is complete.

City Council, Park Board and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are all held at the Fire Station.

More information about the project is available on the City's website at www.hopkinsmn.com/883/City-Hall-Remodel. 🍓

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 18, from 10 a.m. to 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 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 Council Calendar

Tuesday, April 2, 7:05 p.m.

Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m.

Work Session

Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.

Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 7:05 p.m.

Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, April 2, 7 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

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

Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Meeting Broadcasts

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

Elected Officials

Mayor

Jason Gadd

City Council

Kristi Halverson

Brian Hunke

Aaron Kuznia

Vacant

May Day Music on Main is May 4

ARTS CENTER HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL STREET CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER

May Day on Main is a street celebration and fundraiser featuring free 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 4 p.m. on Mainstreet outside the Hopkins Center for the Arts, with an evening headliner performance by the Del McCoury Band beginning at 7:30 p.m. inside the theater.

Tickets for the Del McCoury Band are \$49. Arts Center and Activity Center members receive a special \$44 ticket rate. To purchase tickets, call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com. The Hopkins Center for the Arts is located at 1111 Mainstreet. 🍷

Organics Recycling Drop-Off Has Moved

The drop-off site for organics recycling has moved to the 24/7 Minnetonka-Hopkins Recycling Center, located at 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard.

All organic material **must be bagged** in either a BPI certified compostable bag or a paper bag.

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

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

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

Recycling collection weeks this month are April 1-4, April 15-18 and April 29-May 2. 🌿

Save Money on Your Water Bill with a Rain Barrel

The City of Hopkins, in cooperation with the Recycling Association of Minnesota, is holding a rain barrel sale. The cost for a single rain barrel is \$79, but Hopkins residents can receive a \$20 discount by using the coupon code HOPKINS20.

To purchase a rain barrel, you must pre-order online at <https://recycleminnesota.payscapecommerce.com/>. Quantities are limited.

Rain barrels must be picked up on Thursday, May 9, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., or Friday, May 10, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. 🍷



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 register online at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter.

Discover Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, April 10-May 23, 1-3 p.m.

Learn to play Mah Jongg, an intriguing game of chance and skill. \$47 for members (others \$50).

Creative Chaos Crafting Weekend

April 12 & 13, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Join the Activity Center for two days of crafting fun! Bring your scrapbooking project, greeting cards, or other crafts and spread out your materials. Some tools and equipment available. Members \$30 (others \$33), \$18 per day or \$9 half day.

Make and Take Art Project

May 6, 10 a.m.

Create an alcohol ink magnet and switchplate with easy step-by-step instructions. No artistic experience needed. Led by Paint, Paper, Scissors staff. Members \$28 (others \$31). 🍷



Hopkins Highlights EXTRA



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

Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off Site Opens April 6

The free drop-off site will open Saturday, April 6, 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. 🍷

Free Yard Waste Pickup April 22-May 2

YARD WASTE will be collected for free on your regular garbage day from April 22-May 2. **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 2, 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 2, 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 8-18

BRUSH will be picked up for free on your regular garbage day from April 8-18. **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 18, brush will be collected on Tuesdays, weather permitting. To schedule a brush pick up after April 18, call 952-939-1382 before 2 p.m. on Monday. Fees apply.



Check Water Before Doing Laundry

Depending on where you live in Hopkins, hydrant flushing and sanitary sewer cleaning could affect your water color this month.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community in April. Schedules may be adjusted due to weather conditions.

If you own or manage a business or townhome/apartment complex, please arrange for your private hydrants to be flushed by a contractor during the same time frame that the City is flushing in your area.

- **April 8–12:** Hydrants north of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- **April 15–19:** Hydrants south of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- **April 22–26:** Hydrants east of Highway 169

During hydrant flushing it is normal to experience some discolored water. **Residents are cautioned against doing laundry—particularly whites—while crews are in the neighborhood.** This water is safe to drink and can be cleared up by running the cold water in your laundry tub. If you experience problems, please contact Public Works at 952-939-1382.

Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Area

The City of Hopkins cleans sanitary sewers on a three-year revolving schedule. **The area to be cleaned in 2019 is located east of Shady Oak Road to 5th Avenue N, between Highway 7 and Excelsior Boulevard.**

The high-pressure water used to clean the sewers may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing. You may experience gurgling water in your toilet bowl or smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If this occurs, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains. This does not damage your sewer system. In some instances the crew will need to draw water off of a fire hydrant which could cause discoloration of your water.

If your home is located within the sewer cleaning area, check your water before doing laundry. For more information, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/445/Sewer-Cleaning-Program.

Bulk Item Drop-Off Is April 26–27

Broken grill taking up space in the garage? Old microwave in the basement you need to toss? Twice a year the City holds a bulk drop-off event for **City of Hopkins residential garbage customers only**. For a \$20 fee you can drop off one appliance and up to 3 cubic yards worth of trash (the equivalent of one pick-up truck load). Additional appliances are \$20 each.

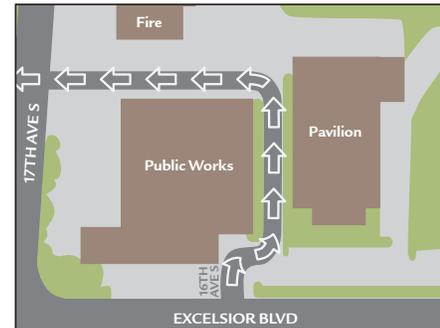
2019 Bulk Item Drop Off

- **Friday, April 26, 3–7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Location: 11100 Excelsior Boulevard (Public Works)

Guidelines

- A valid Minnesota ID or current paid utility bill must be shown for eligibility.
- Each eligible residence is allowed disposal of 3 cubic yards of material, equivalent of one pick-up truck load.
- \$20 gate fee per vehicle includes one appliance. Additional appliances will be \$20 each. Fees will be placed on your utility bill.
- Residents must separate materials into the proper areas at the site. Construction and metal materials and appliances will be separated/recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs and wheels must be removed prior to deposit at the drop-off site.
- Electronics and concrete products will be accepted. (Concrete products containing steel will not be accepted.)
- Items not accepted include tires, waste oil, car parts, fluorescent bulbs, paint products, gas refrigerators, car batteries, metal barrels/drums, and hazardous waste. (Hazardous wastes must be taken to Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call 612-348-3777.)



Traffic route for drop-off disposal

Shred-N-Go

As part of the \$20 gate fee, a truck and operator will be on-site courtesy of Shred-N-Go for confidential destruction of documents.



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Making Sense of Recycling

Have you ever stood over your recycling bin holding an item that seems like it should be recyclable, but you weren't sure? Have you ever wondered how what is and what's not accepted is decided?

Waste Management has established our "Accepted Items" list for very specific reasons. These items have met all three of the following criteria:



- 1) Someone wants to buy that material;
- 2) They will be able to consistently collect necessary volumes of that material; and
- 3) They have local sorting facilities that are able to process those materials.

If the item in question is not on the "Accepted Items" list, then it does not meet one or more of these criteria for Waste Management and is garbage.

For a full list of accepted items, visit our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/312/Accepted-Recycling-Items.