



Hopkins Highlights

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Nominate a Sparkling Property

COMMUNITY IMAGE AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE AUGUST 23

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 Friday, August 23. Forms are available at the City Hall's temporary location at the Hopkins Fire Station or at www.hopkinsmn.com/292/Community-Image-Award.

Old Art Can Shine Again

ART FROM THE ATTIC IS JUNE 15

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 15, 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 4, from 4 to 7 p.m., or Saturdays, June 1 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visit www.hopkinsartscenter.com/251/Art-From-the-Attic for all the details and a donation form, or contact Aaron at 952-548-6488 or awulff@hopkinsmn.com.



Drop-Off Your Household Hazardous Waste June 14-15



Drop off your household hazardous waste and problem materials at the Hennepin County collection event being held Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Louis Park Middle School (2025 Texas Avenue S — Enter off West 22nd Street).

For a complete list of other event dates and locations, as well as a list of accepted items visit 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 6. 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 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 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, June 4, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m.
Meeting

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

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, June 24, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

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
Rick Brausen
Kristi Halverson
Brian Hunke
Aaron Kuznia

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP FOR 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.

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 10 to 15 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).



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.

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 garbage customers.

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Garbage will be picked-up Monday through Thursday every week.

June recycling pick-up weeks are June 10-13 and June 24-27.

This June at the Hopkins Activity Center

EXPERIENCE THE UPSIDE OF AGING

Senior Explorer Series: Geocaching

Discover the fun of a modern day treasure hunt using GPS coordinates on Friday, June 21, at 9 a.m. Bring your smartphone or use a GPS unit provided by Three Rivers Park District. Pre-register to attend. Members \$5, Others \$6.

Upcoming Senior Explorer Series:

- July 19: Wild Edibles
- August 9: Archery

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

This free session presented by Allina Health on Tuesday, June 25, at 2 p.m., is an opportunity to learn about managing hip and knee pain through both traditional and complementary medicine. Register online at <https://managingjointpain.eventbrite.com> or by calling 952-939-1333.



Hopkins Highlights EXTRA

City Improvement Projects Abound in 2019

The City is undertaking a wide variety of improvement projects in 2019. Read on for descriptions of the most noticeable improvements and what to expect.

1 2019 Street and Utility Improvement Project

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

The City's annual street and utility reconstruction project is in the Northeast portion of the City. Hiawatha Avenue, Tyler Avenue, Lake Street, Van Buren Avenue, Cambridge Street, and Oak Park Lane will be reconstructed. In addition to street work, the project includes replacement of sewer and water lines, drainage improvements and the replacement of the trail from 2nd Street NE to Lake Street through Oakes Park. This project is being done in conjunction with the Metropolitan Council.

2 2019 Mill and Overlay

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

Westbrooke Way and Feltl Court will have the top 2 inches of existing asphalt removed and a new asphalt driving surface will be paved. There will be no utility work so impacts will be minimal.

3 Blake Road Corridor Improvements

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

Construction on Blake Road will continue through the fall. Last season, a considerable amount of work was completed and no long-term closures or detours are anticipated for the remainder of the project. Work remaining this summer includes completing pavement and curb reconstruction, pedestrian facilities, traffic signal upgrades, street lighting and landscaping. The City is also working with Xcel Energy to have the aerial utility lines buried and poles removed between Excelsior Boulevard and Highway 7.

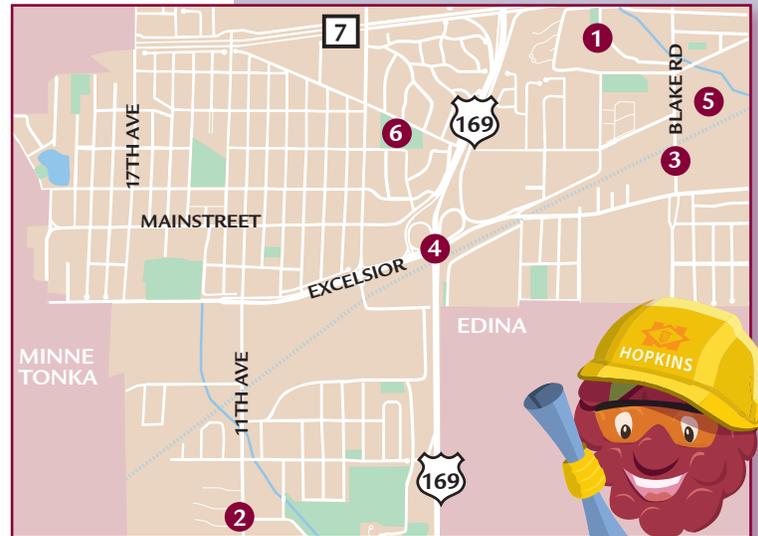
4 Southwest Light Rail Project

Start Date: Spring 2019 • **Projected End Date:** 2023

Construction has begun on the Southwest Light Rail Project (SWLRT), which will operate on a route from downtown Minneapolis through the communities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie. Heavy construction and commissioning of the line is anticipated to be completed in 2023, at which time passenger service will begin. Several key improvement projects will be built in Hopkins, including three light rail stations, an underpass at Blake Road for the Cedar Lake Trail to remove the existing at-grade crossing, the extension of 17th Avenue between Excelsior Boulevard and 5th Street S, and a bridge for the light rail line over Excelsior Boulevard. The Metropolitan Council is providing multiple ways to access information and stay involved including a hotline, social media and web resources. There will be roadway/traffic impacts associated with the SWLRT construction this summer and fall, so be sure to sign-up for construction updates via the project website and watch for message boards announcing upcoming traffic impacts. Information on how to access these construction-related resources can be found at the project website at swlrt.org.

5 325 Blake Road Update

The City of Hopkins and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) are partnering on the redevelopment of the former Hopkins Cold Storage site at 325 Blake Road in Hopkins. The 17-acre site is adjacent to Minnehaha Creek, Cottageville Park and the under-construction Green Line Extension light rail station. MCWD will use a portion of the site 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. Demolition of the cold storage facility began last August and was substantially completed by the end of 2018. The MCWD is beginning to plan the greenway and stormwater components of the project based on technical information. This work will be coordinated with master planning for future development that is a mix of uses, sustainable, transit-oriented, and invites the community into the Minnehaha Creek green space and trail system. Master planning efforts will include meaningful opportunities for community involvement. For more information on the project, visit www.minnehahacreek.org/325-blake-road.



Park System Improvements

6 Burnes Park Splash Pad Equipment Additions

Start Date: Early May

Projected End Date: End of May

Two new pieces of equipment will be added to the Burns Park Splash Pad. An aqua dome and a water cannon will be ready for use when the splash pad opens Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting. 🍓