



Hopkins Highlights

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Fire Department Open House is October 12

The Hopkins Fire Department will host its annual Open House at the Hopkins Fire Station, 101 17th Avenue S, on **Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Stop by and enjoy fire truck and bucket rides, free hot dogs and popcorn, and lots of hands-on fun. Watch live fire demonstrations, including an auto extrication and car fire, and learn valuable health and life safety tips. *Plenty of parking is available adjacent to the fire station.* 🍷

Plan to Vote Tuesday, November 5

The general election will be held Tuesday, November 5. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit mnvotes.org to find your polling place, request a ballot or view your sample ballot, or contact City Hall for more information.

Register to Vote Now

Go to mnvotes.org to register to vote. You will need your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. Register to vote prior to October 15 to ensure you are registered on Election Day. Registration forms are also available at City Hall.

Vote Early by Absentee Ballot

You do not have to wait until Election Day to vote. You can vote early by absentee ballot. Eligible voters may vote in-person at City Hall or by mail. To vote early by mail, request an absentee ballot by visiting mnvotes.org or by contacting City Hall.

Absentee ballots will be available at City Hall starting Friday, September 20, through Monday, November 4, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City Hall will be open extended hours for absentee voting on Saturday, November 2 (10 a.m to 3 p.m.) and Monday, November 4 (open until 5 p.m.)

Questions?

City staff is available for voting questions. Please contact us at 952-548-6302 or visit our website www.hopkinsmn.com/352/Voting-Elections for more information. 🍷

Save the Date! HREI Community Conversation is October 10

The Hopkins Race and Equity Initiative is hosting a community conversation on Thursday, October 10, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Eisenhower Elementary. More information is available at www.hopkinsmn.com/516/Hopkins-Race-Equity-Initiative. 🍷

Experience the Upside of Aging

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue N in Hopkins. Register for programs online at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter or call 952-939-1333.

Defensive Driving 8-Hour Class

Tuesday and Wednesday
October 8 and 9, 6-10 p.m.

Taught by an instructor from the Minnesota Safety Council. Drivers over age 55 can qualify for a 10 percent, three-year auto insurance discount. Cost is \$26 (\$24 for members). Advanced registration is required. 🍷

Sunday Open Skate

Sunday Open Skates are back at the Pavilion beginning Sunday, October 13! Bring your whole family and skate from 1-2:30 pm. No sticks or pucks allowed.

All Open Skates are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, and free for kids under 5. Learn more about activities at the Pavilion at www.hopkinspavilion.com. 🍷

Day Into Night on the Artery

A GREAT STREETS CELEBRATION

Join the City on Saturday, October 12, from 5 to 8 p.m., for a family-friendly celebration on the Artery with music, games, art projects, mini golf, and a showing of Toy Story 4 after the sun goes down.

Contact Community Development Coordinator Jan Youngquist at jyoungquist@hopkinsmn.com for more information. 🍷



Upcoming at the City

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, October 1, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Monday, November 4, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

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

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, October 1, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday, November 4, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Meeting Broadcasts

Watch City Council and Zoning and Planning Commission meetings 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
Jason Gadd

City Council
Rick Brausen
Kristi Halverson
Brian Hunke
Aaron Kuznia

Halloween with Hopkins Police

Mark your calendar for fun-filled fall events with the Hopkins Police Department, 1010 First Street S:

HALLOWEEN IN HOPKINS

Saturday, October 26

Hosted by the Hopkins Business and Civic Association and the Hopkins Police Department.

- 10 a.m.–3 p.m.: Trick or Treating along Mainstreet at various businesses
- 11 a.m.–2 p.m.: Haunted Jail tours at the Hopkins Police Department. Check out the police department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hopkinspolice for more information on this annual event.

TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, October 31

Stop by the police department lobby between 5 and 8 p.m. for a treat and meet the officers patrolling your neighborhood. 🍬



Take Advantage of Free Leaf and Yard Waste Pick-Up This Fall

City Service Area Resident Free Bag Pick Up

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be on your regular garbage day October 28 through November 21. You do not need to schedule this pick-up.

If you live in Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge and Interlachen Park:

There will not be free leaf and yard waste bag pick-up in these areas. The City provides free street leaf and yard waste pick-up in your area using front-end loaders and dump trucks. Pick-up in these areas will be November 5-8. Refer to schedule below for your neighborhood's pick-up day:

- Bellgrove: Monday, November 4
- Interlachen Park: Tuesday, November 5 (Meadowbrook Road up to and including Maple Hill Road)
- Park Ridge: Wednesday, November 6
- Hobby Acres: Wednesday, November 6
- Interlachen Park: Thursday, November 7 (Interlachen Road to Blake Road)

Yard Waste/Brush Drop-off Site

The free brush and yard waste drop-off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroad) will be open regular hours (Monday and Wednesday 2-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.–3 p.m.) through October 14.

From October 14–November 23, the free brush and yard waste drop-off site will be open Monday and Wednesday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (closed on Veterans Day).

The drop-off site will be closed after November 23. All services are subject to change or cancellation due to weather. 🍁

Place leaves in loose, unbagged piles in the street along the curb line. Leaves should be placed on the street no later than 7 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day and no earlier than the day before your scheduled pick-up day.

For 5th Avenue North, Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka Mills Road, Oakridge Road and Blake Road Residents: Due to county restrictions and high traffic levels, residents will have free leaf and yard waste bag pick-up October 28 through November 21.

NOTE: The last week of all yard waste bag pick up will be November 18-21. 🍁

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection is **September 30–October 3, October 14–17, and October 28–31**. Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday, as usual. ♻️