



# Hopkins Highlights

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CALL THE SNOW LINE:  
952-939-1399

## Here Comes the Snow - DON'T GET TOWED!

In an average year, Hopkins will receive its first measurable snowfall within the next couple weeks. The City can declare a snow emergency **at any time** upon a two-inch snowfall.

Snow emergencies are announced on the City of Hopkins recorded snow line at 952-939-1399. (Note that snow depths are measured in Hopkins and may not coincide with those reported at the Minneapolis–Saint Paul airport.)

When a snow emergency is called, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb-to-curb, and parking lots and ramps are completely plowed. Vehicles left on streets or in public parking lots during snow emergencies may be ticketed or towed.

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicles from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency has been declared. If you have nowhere to park, use one of the emergency parking locations below.

### New This Season

The City may now declare a snow emergency during the **morning and daytime hours**, as needed, so plows can avoid plowing around parked vehicles.

Residents who leave a vehicle on the street or park on residential streets during the day should be aware of this change.

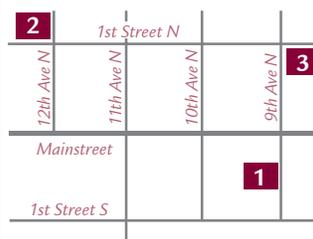
### Get Notified of Snow Emergency Declarations

The City may also notify residents using the Code Red emergency notification system, which notifies residents via a phone call, email and/or text message when a city-wide snow emergency is declared.

Beginning in 2020, the City will be moving to a new emergency alert system, Rave Mobile Safety. There will be no interruption to the current system. Keep an eye out for more information in January.

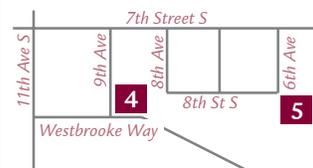
To register your cell phone or learn more, go to [www.hopkinsmn.com/255/Emergency-Notification-System](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/255/Emergency-Notification-System), or call 952-548-6451.

### Snow Emergency Parking Locations



#### CENTRAL HOPKINS

1. Municipal Lot 300 just north of Downtown Park on 9th Avenue S
2. Maetzold Field parking lot (access from 1st Street N)
3. **NEW!** Municipal Lot 750 just south of 1st Street N



#### SOUTH HOPKINS

4. Parking lot in the northeast corner of 9th Avenue S and Westbrooke Way
5. Far east end of 8th Street S near Valley Park

### HAPPENING NOW!

## FREE Leaf & Yard Waste Pick-Up

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up began October 28 for most residents and will continue on your garbage day through November 21. No call-in required. You must use compostable bags.

If you live in Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge or Interlachen Park, the City provides free street leaf and yard waste pick up in your area November 4–7. Free bagged pick up is not provided in your area.

For more details, go to [www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up). All services are subject to change due to weather.

## Drop-Off Site Closes November 23

The free yard waste/brush drop-off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroad) will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed for Veterans Day) through Saturday, November 23, weather permitting. After November 23, the site will close for the season.



For more information about what is accepted at the drop-off site, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site).

## Play Turkey Bingo

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting Turkey BINGO on Saturday, November 23, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Hopkins Activity Center. For \$10, play 10 games for the chance to win a turkey and side dishes. Raffles will be held between games. Cash only. Refreshments will be available for purchase.



## Upcoming at the City

### City Offices Closed

**Monday, November 11**  
Veterans Day Observed

**Thursday, November 28 and  
Friday, November 29**  
Thanksgiving Holiday

### City Council Calendar

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

**Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.**  
Work Session

**Monday, November 18, 7 p.m.**  
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at  
[www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council). Watch City Council meetings live at [www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand).

### Boards and Commissions Calendar

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

**Monday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 p.m.**  
Planning and Zoning Commission

Find agendas and minutes at  
[www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://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

## Attend Public Meeting on 2020 Budget

Interested in how your tax dollars are spent? Attend the 2020 Budget Hearing on **Tuesday, December 3, at 7 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The 2020 budget will be presented along with the proposed 2020 tax levy. The Council set a preliminary budget and levy in September, which will appear on the notice of proposed taxes mailed to every taxpayer. Staff has continued to work on the 2020 budget and will present an amended budget and final levy. This is the final opportunity to provide input on the budget before it is approved. All input is welcomed. 🍷

## Cops N Kids Shopping Nominations

Do you know a Hopkins resident between the ages of 12 and 14 who would benefit from police mentorship? The Hopkins Police Department is now accepting nominations for Cops N Kids Shopping coming up on **Tuesday, December 10**. Nominations can be completed online at [www.hopkinsmn.com/428/Cops-N-Kids](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/428/Cops-N-Kids) or by filling out a form in the police department lobby. All nominations are due by Friday, November 15. 🍷

## Is Your Home Ready for Winter?

Avoid wasting both money and energy and benefit from a more comfortable living space by scheduling a visit from the Home Energy Squad. Because of the City's partnership with HES, Hopkins residents pay only \$50 (normally \$100) for a visit from a team of experts that evaluates opportunities and installs free energy-saving materials such as door weather stripping, a water heater blanket, LED light bulbs, water fixtures, and a programmable thermostat. Also, though not included in the \$50 package, smart thermostats are now available for purchase and can be installed during your appointment.

A visit also includes:

- A blower door test to measure for air leaks.
- An inspection of insulation in attic and walls.
- A safety check on the heating system and water heater.
- A prioritized list of improvement options and financing information.

To schedule an appointment for a Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit call 651-328-6220 or visit [mncee.org/hes/Hopkins](http://mncee.org/hes/Hopkins). 🍷

### Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, November 11, for Veterans Day. Garbage and recycling collection will be delayed one day.

City Offices will also be closed Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving. **Thursday's garbage and recycling will be collected one day early on Wednesday, November 27.** There will be no bulk pick-up this week.

Recycling collection is **November 12-15 and 25-27.** 🍷

## Salute to Vets: Program and Lunch

The Hopkins Activity Center is hosting their annual **Salute to Vets** program and lunch on Thursday, November 7, beginning at 10:45 a.m. The program will honor veterans with special music and the Hopkins American Legion Color Guard. Cost: Veterans free; Members \$9; Others \$10. Call for 952-939-1333 for reservations. *Event sponsor: Sholom and St. Gabriel's Womens Club.* 🍷

## Winter Recreation Brochure Online November 20

The Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services winter-spring 2019-20 brochure will be available by November 20 at [eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure](http://eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure). **The winter/spring edition is only available online and will not be printed and mailed.**

If you wish to request a hard copy at no charge, call 952-939-8203. Program registration starts December 3 for Minnetonka and Hopkins residents.





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## EXTRA

## 2020 City Budget

On September 17, the City Council approved a 2020 preliminary tax levy of \$18,032,938 or a 12.86 percent increase from 2019. City Council is currently reviewing options to reduce the final tax levy that will be approved in December.

### 2020 Preliminary Tax Levy

The preliminary tax levy provides for the general fund, capital, equipment replacement, Hopkins Center for the Arts, the Pavilion and debt service. The levy results in an estimated tax payment of \$1,987 for a median value home (\$276,000) or a \$253 increase from 2019. The \$253 increase can be split between general operations (\$175) and debt for infrastructure (\$78).

Purpose	Actual 2019	2020 Proposed	% Change
<b>General Operations</b>			
General Fund	\$11,736,624	\$12,700,664	8.21%
Capital Levy	100,000	75,000	-25.00%
Arts Center	257,500	400,000	55.34%
Pavilion Fund	40,383	300,000	642.89%
Equipment Replacement	230,000	290,000	26.09%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$12,364,507</b>	<b>\$13,765,664</b>	<b>11.33%</b>
<b>Special Levies:</b>			
Debt Levies	\$3,613,429	4,267,274	18.09%
<b>TOTAL LEVIES</b>	<b>\$15,977,936</b>	<b>\$18,032,938</b>	<b>12.86%</b>

**The Arts Center** has a deficit owed to the City's General Fund. The deficit has accrued since the Arts Center opening in 1997. The current levy includes \$134,775 to pay back the General Fund.

**The Pavilion** was renovated in 2018. The \$5.7 million project included the replacement of a 27-year-old refrigeration system that was unreliable and frequently developed leaks. The Hopkins School District and Hopkins Youth Hockey Association both contributed \$1.0 million to the project. The City's Park Improvement Fund also contributed \$600,000 for the portion of the building used as a warming house. The City will need to levy approximately \$290,000 annually between 2020 and 2034 to pay back the debt issued to fund the portion of the project not paid by other sources.

**The Debt Levy** is increasing in 2020 primarily due to projects completed in 2019. The City reconstructed streets on Cambridge Street, Van Buren Avenue, Tyler Avenue, Lake Street, Oak Park Lane and Hiawatha Avenue. The City continued its reconstruction and pedestrian improvements on Blake Road. Approximately \$8.0 million of the \$16.8 million projected will be reimbursed from Hennepin County. City Hall was also remodeled in 2019. The primary funding source being used is franchise fees, with a \$60,793 levy proposed for 2020.

### 2020 General Fund Budget

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City and accounts for core services provided by the City. Taxes are the main revenue source for the General Fund, accounting for approximately 82 percent of budgeted revenues in 2020.

**General Fund budgeted revenues** increased 8.14 percent from the 2019 budget. Revenue sources other than taxes will increase by over 8 percent, primarily due to State legislation to increase Local Government Aid to Cities.

General Fund	2019	2020	% Change
Property Taxes	\$11,821,624	\$12,785,664	8.15%
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,167,129	1,352,946	15.92%
License, Permits & Fines	745,315	777,865	4.37%
Charges for Service	250,760	251,050	0.12%
Miscellaneous Revenue	425,650	415,550	-2.37%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$14,410,478</b>	<b>\$15,583,075</b>	<b>8.14%</b>

**General Fund budgeted expenditures** increased by 8.14 percent from the 2019 budget, due to salary and benefit increases, equipment charges, and additions for Police, Public Works and Administration. Public Safety and Public Works continue to make up the largest portion of the City's General Fund budget at 48.6 percent and 22.4 percent, respectively.

General Fund	2019	2020	% Change
General Government	\$1,812,280	\$1,972,032	8.81%
Community Services	1,547,383	1,653,186	6.84%
Public Safety	7,008,283	7,546,518	7.68%
Public Works	3,221,137	3,509,017	8.94%
Recreation	732,695	783,122	6.88%
Other	88,700	119,200	34.39%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$14,410,478</b>	<b>\$15,583,075</b>	<b>8.14%</b>

### Core City Services Funded With Tax Dollars

- » 24-hour police and fire protection
- » Emergency medical service
- » Street, sidewalk and trail maintenance
- » Snow plowing
- » Hopkins Activity Center
- » Boulevard and forestry program
- » Park maintenance
- » Recreation programs
- » Planning and economic development
- » Elections

*Join Us Along Mainstreet for the 10th Annual*



**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 30**

*"Small Business Saturday"* **1-5 P.M.**

**EVENTS**

**INCLUDE:**

- *Hot cocoa*
- *Wagon rides on Mainstreet*
- *Carolers*
- *Fun for the entire family!*

**THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE HOPKINS BUSINESS & CIVIC ASSOCIATION WITH SUPPORT FROM THINK HOPKINS. MORE INFO AT [WWW.HBCAMN.COM](http://WWW.HBCAMN.COM).**