



# Hopkins Highlights

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## Nominate a Sparkling Property

COMMUNITY IMAGE AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE AUGUST 27

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 27. Forms are available at City Hall or at [www.hopkinsmn.com/292/Community-Image-Award](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/292/Community-Image-Award).

## Summer Is Here! Purchase Your Shady Oak Beach Season Pass



Summer is finally here, and it's time to hit the beach! Renew or purchase your 2021 Shady Oak Beach season pass and enjoy unlimited entry to the beach at great rates. The beach will be open to visitors June 11 through August 22. Purchase or renew online at [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register) or at the beach during business hours. Existing cards will be reactivated. For rates and complete details, visit [minnetonkamn.gov/beach](http://minnetonkamn.gov/beach) or call 952-939-8203.

## Reduce Your Waste - Recycle Organics

Did you know that nearly 30 percent of what we throw away is organic waste, which includes food scraps and food-soiled paper products? Organics recycling programs involve collecting fruits, vegetables, bones, meat, bread, eggshells, paper towels, tissues and more for recycling into compost, a nutrient-rich soil additive used in landscaping and road construction projects. Organics recycling is an easy way to reduce waste and create a valuable resource that improves soil, reduces soil erosion and decreases the need for chemical fertilizers.

Hopkins residents may dispose of organics at the Hopkins-Minnetonka 24/7 recycling drop-off center located at 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard. There is a well-labeled dumpster onsite strictly for organics. More information, including a list of items that are accepted in organics recycling, can be found on the City website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/863/Organics-Recycling](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/863/Organics-Recycling).



## 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.

## Drop-Off Household Hazardous Waste

Drop off your household hazardous waste and problem materials at the Hennepin County collection event being held Friday, June 11, and Saturday, June 12, 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](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events).



## Upcoming at the City

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, June 1, 7:05 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, June 15, 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, June 21, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, June 22, 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

Alan Beck                      Rick Brausen  
Kristi Halverson              Brian Hunke

## Hopkins Activity Center: Summer Registration Open

The Hopkins Activity Center would like to welcome back active adults for summer programs and activities! New activities include an energizing Pound fitness class, Art in the Park oil painting and sketchbook classes, disc golf, fishing, geocaching and Nordic walking lessons. Registration for adult summer programs can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter).

## 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](http://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 7-10 and June 21-24.** ♻️

## Sunset Series Outdoor Concerts

### Free Summer Music Series in Downtown Park Begins June 10

The Hopkins Center for the Arts, along with Mill City Sound, are excited to present the 2021 Sunset Series, which is set to begin Thursday, June 10, with Annie Mack. Enjoy the free music series on Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. in Downtown Park, 40 9th Avenue S, Hopkins. Bring a chair and your friends, and enjoy music ranging from local favorites to emerging new talent that will showcase all genres. For more information, including the full 2021 Sunset Series line-up, visit [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/263/The-Sunset-Series-Outdoor-Concert](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/263/The-Sunset-Series-Outdoor-Concert). 🍷

## The Depot Youth Advisory Board presents: The Freight Market

The Depot Youth Advisory Board presents The Freight Market, an outdoor art fair for both youth and adult artists, on June 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Depot Coffee House. Learn more about the event, including how to sell your art at the market, at [www.thefreightroom.com/977/Events](http://www.thefreightroom.com/977/Events).



# Hopkins Highlights EXTRA

## City Improvement Projects Abound in 2021

The City is undertaking a wide variety of improvement projects in 2021. Read on for descriptions of the most noticeable improvements and what to expect.

### 1 2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project

**Start Date:** May • **Projected End Date:** November 2021

The street and utility reconstruction project in the Interlachen Park Neighborhood will continue this year. Construction will occur along portions of Ashley Road, Holly Road, Oakwood Road, Interlachen Road, Maple Hill Road, Homedale Road, Hawthorne Road, Meadowbrook Road, Preston Lane, and Boyce Street this year. In addition to street work, the project includes replacement of sewer and water lines and drainage improvements.

### 2 2021 Street Surface Improvements

**Start Date:** Summer 2021 • **Projected End Date:** September 2021

Streets in the Knollwood Neighborhood will be improved this summer. Most streets will have the top layer of asphalt milled off and repaved, but some areas will need the entire pavement section replaced. Spot curb and utility repairs will also be completed as necessary.

### 3 Southwest Light Rail Project

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

Construction continues 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 in Hopkins, including three light rail stations, an underpass at Blake Road for the Cedar Lake Trail to remove the at-grade crossing, the extension of 17th Avenue between Excelsior Boulevard and 5th Street South, and a bridge for the light rail over Excelsior Boulevard.

The Metropolitan Council is providing multiple ways to stay informed including a hotline, social media, and web resources. There will be roadway/traffic impacts associated with the SWLRT construction, so be sure to sign-up for construction updates via the project website and watch for message boards announcing upcoming impacts. Information on how to access these construction-related resources can be found at the project website at [swlrt.org](http://swlrt.org).



SWLRT construction along Excelsior Boulevard  
Photo by the Metropolitan Council

### Hopkins In-Depth: Learn about the City's Pavement Management Program

The Pavement Management Program is part of Hopkins' overall asset management and involves monitoring the condition of City streets. Learn how the City's Engineering Department evaluates every public street in Hopkins to help determine what maintenance actions are necessary at <https://youtu.be/XoVw1mR10W8>.