



Hopkins Highlights

Inspire

Educate

Involve

Communicate



New Artwork on Display

Check out the seven new sculptures installed downtown by the Hopkins ArtStreet program, part of a long-term vision to incorporate public art into Hopkins to enrich the lives of residents and visitors. The new pieces will be in place for a year.

Interested in purchasing a sculpture? Contact Hopkins Center for the Arts Visual Arts Manager Jim Clark at 952-548-6489. *Pictured above: Low Poly Open Hear (RIDE), by Matthew Duffy.* 🍷

Check the Date Before Watering Your Lawn

Lawn watering has a large impact on the City's ability to supply water to the community. To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City enforces year-round watering restrictions.

Residents and businesses are required to water on an odd/even system. If your address ends with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), you can water on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, etc.). If your address ends in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), you can water on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, etc.).

Lawn watering is also not allowed between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. when the evaporation rate is the highest.

Activities such as playing with water, car washing and hand-watering of flowerbeds are exempt from this policy as long as the activity is attended. Exemptions are also available for private wells and watering new sod or seed.

Call the Public Works Department at 952-548-6378 for an exemption or with any questions. 🍷



Keep Yard Waste Out of Your Refuse Cart

State law prohibits residents from placing yard waste in their refuse container. If yard waste is found in your refuse cart, the cart will not be picked up. The cart will be tagged with instructions to remove and dispose of the yard waste properly. 🍷



Candidate Filing Period Begins July 27

The filing period to run for mayor or City Council member in the November 2, 2021 election begins July 27 and ends August 10. More information about Candidate filing is on the City website at www.hopkinsmn.com/candidatefiling.

Call 952-548-6304 or email adomeier@hopkinsmn.com with questions. 🍷

Stay Active and Engaged WITH THE HOPKINS ACTIVITY CENTER

Raspberry Festival Senior Social Event July 15, 12:30-2 p.m.

Socialize with other senior adults in the community and enjoy a raspberry ice cream treat while the Hopkins Historical Society gives a special presentation on the History of Raspberries. Attend this free senior Raspberry Festival event by registering at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter and wearing your Raspberry Festival button to the Senior Social. Return to Downtown Park at 7 p.m. that evening for a Sunset Series concert featuring Alive & Kickin, an ensemble of senior performers ages 60-99+ that entertain all generations through popular contemporary music and personal stories.

Older adults looking for additional social enrichment, recreational and volunteer opportunities in the community are invited to schedule a visit to the Hopkins Activity Center. Contact the Activity Center office staff for a tour by emailing activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com or calling 952-939-1333. 🍷

National Night Out is August 3

Celebrate the 38th annual National Night Out against crime and drugs with your neighbors on Tuesday, August 3.

From 5:30-9 p.m., neighborhoods throughout Hopkins and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. Many Hopkins neighborhoods will be hosting special events—block parties, cookouts, ice cream socials, potlucks and games.

Register your neighborhood celebration online at www.hopkinsmn.com/448/National-Night-Out or contact Anne Marie Buck of the Hopkins Police Department at 952-548-6407 or abuck@hopkinsmn.com. 🍷





Upcoming at the City

City Offices Closed

Monday, July 5
Fourth of July observed

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, July 13, 7 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, July 20, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Monday, August 2, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council.
Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, July 26, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday, August 2, 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
Alan Beck Rick Brausen
Kristi Halverson Brian Hunke

City of Hopkins Boards and Commissions WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

Did you know the City of Hopkins has three volunteer Boards and Commissions? The Charter Commission, the Park Board, and the Planning & Zoning Commission are comprised of volunteer residents, and advise and assist the City Council on City policies, procedures and operations.

A key goal for the City Council in recent years has been to increase representation throughout the City of Hopkins organization, with a focus on Board and Commission members. Hopkins is an increasingly diverse community, so it is vital to bring different perspectives to the table in order to make informed and inclusive decisions for the benefit of the entire Hopkins community.

To help accomplish this goal, the City made some changes to Board and Commission membership in 2021, adding two youth members to both the Park Board and Planning & Zoning Commission, and two additional adult members to the Park Board.

Boards and Commissions are one of the best methods of community involvement a city can offer to residents. They are run by passionate residents who receive a higher level of education and expertise in their topic area, and are able to provide quality feedback and recommendations to the City Council.

Park Board and Planning & Zoning Commission meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to attend to learn more about current parks and recreation, and planning and zoning issues within the City of Hopkins. Park Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday and Planning & Zoning Commission meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Hopkins City Hall. The Charter Commission meets once annually.

Interested in serving on a Hopkins Board or Commission? Any Hopkins resident can apply for a Board or Commission when there is an opening, with recruitment happening each year in the spring. Keep an eye on the City website at www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions for future openings. 🍷

Lawn Care Tips That Are Useful All Year

Did you know that you and your neighbors have waterfront property? Your yard and the nearest lake, stream or wetland are connected by the nearest storm drain or ditch. That means the actions you take on your property affect the local water bodies.

You can help reduce the amount of pollutants entering local lakes, rivers and streams (and save money at the same time) by following a few simple steps:

- **Water wisely** – Water it in the morning when it’s cooler to avoid evaporation.
- **Mow three inches or higher** – This encourages thicker and healthier grass.
- **Pick up pet waste regularly** – Keep bacteria from running off into storm drains and our local waters.
- **Sharpen your mower blades** – Dull blades damage grass, which can give the grass a yellow or white tint.

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of the Fourth of July. Garbage and recycling collection that week will be delayed one day.

Recycling collection weeks this month are **July 6-9 and 19-22**. 🌱

- **Leave grass clippings on lawn** – This puts the same amount of nutrients back into your grass as one application of fertilizer. Don’t let run down the storm drain.
- **Fertilize smartly (if you need it)** – Do it in the fall when it’s most effective. Apply only the amount directed and be sure to choose a zero-phosphorus fertilizer.

Following these tips will help keep your lawn healthy while keeping our waters clean and safe this summer. Learn more at www.minnehahacreek.org/education. 🍷

VISIT THE HOPKINS FARMERS MARKET



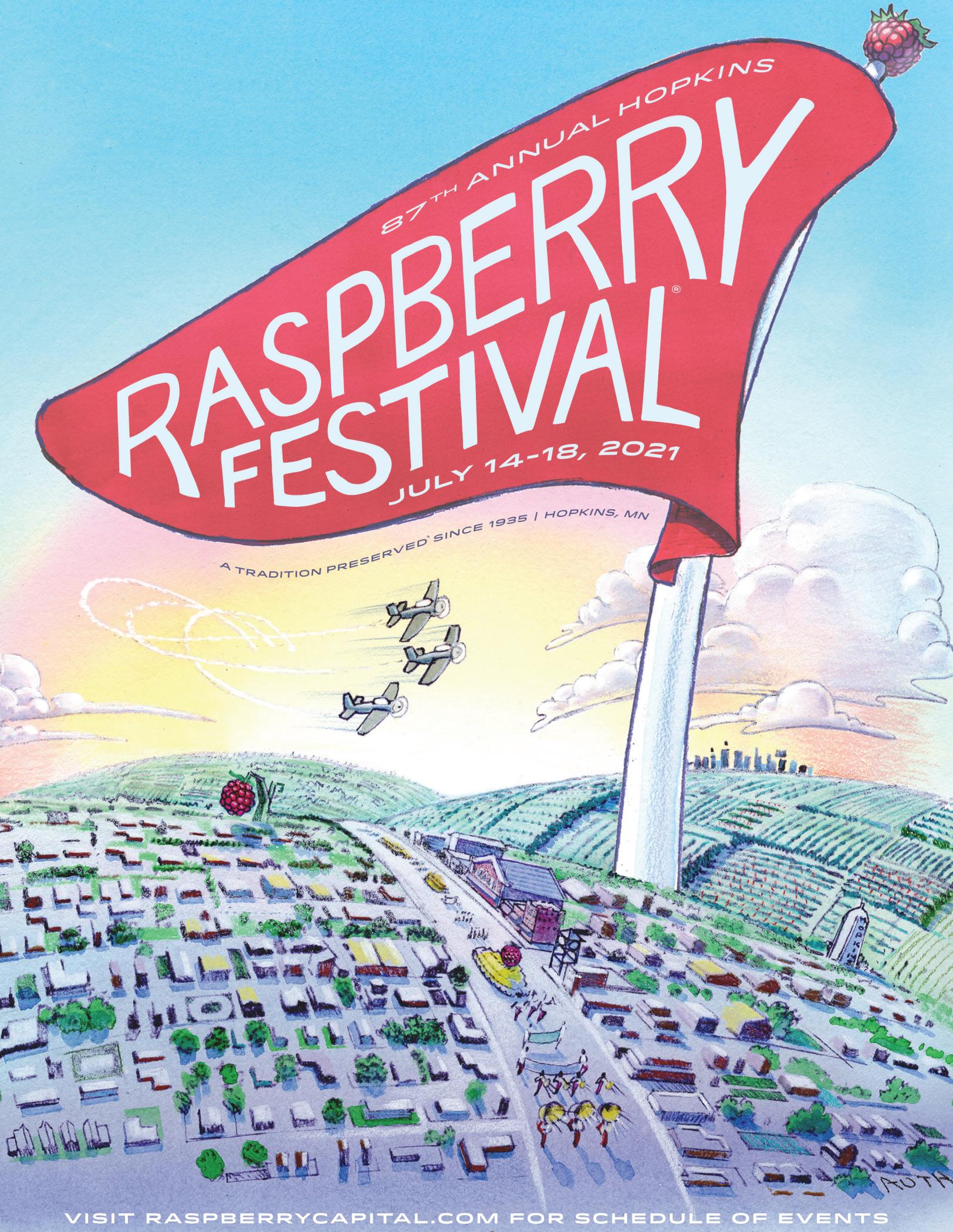
The Hopkins Farmers Market is open Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. to noon, in the parking lot next to Downtown Park.

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