



# Hopkins Highlights

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## 2021-22 Concerts at the Art Center

Don't miss this year's line-up of award-winning musical talent coming to the main stage at Hopkins Center for the Arts. Tickets to concerts that were rescheduled from the 2020-21 season can be purchased now, with tickets to the complete lineup available in September (keep an eye out for exciting additions!).

Purchase tickets by calling the box office at 952-979-1111 or visiting 'Concerts' under the 'Music' tab at [www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com](http://www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. Pre-concert drinks are available at a cash bar one hour before the concert. This year's set list:

**October 16:** Taj Mahal Quartet  
**October 23:** To be announced soon!  
**November 20:** Squirrel Nut Zippers  
**December 18:** Watkins Family Hour  
**January 15:** To be announced soon!

**February 5:** To be announced soon!  
**March 19:** David Wilcox  
**April 30:** To be announced soon!  
**May 7:** Asleep at the Wheel  
**May 14:** Roger McGuinn 🍷

## Police Department Initiative Invests in Hopkins' Youth

The Hopkins Police Department makes an effort to prioritize community building initiatives at every opportunity. Much of this work focuses specifically on investments in the youth within the Hopkins community, with a goal of creating lifelong relationships, and stronger and safer communities in the future.

In 2016, the police department introduced a new initiative called the Summer Youth Program after recognizing that youth 12 to 15 years of age are often too young for a summer job and too old for many organized programs. This is also an age in life where children begin to learn and develop many critical life skills.

The nine-week Summer Youth Program focuses on youth empowerment, critical thinking and problem solving skills. Leadership skills are also emphasized, and the profession of policing and other first responder responsibilities are explained. Participants are instructed by police personnel and other professionals within the Hopkins community. Youth who finish the program are rewarded with a fun-filled day at Valley Fair for their commitment and successful completion.

This free program is made possible by the continued support of dedicated police department staff, community partners and the Hopkins Police Department Crime Prevention fund.

Hopkins youth between 12 to 15 years old are eligible to participate in the Summer Youth Program, which is held each June through August. Registration opens every year in May. Find more information on the City website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/1082/Summer-Youth-Program](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/1082/Summer-Youth-Program). 🍷

## Fall Recreation Registration

Registration for general fall recreation programs begins **Tuesday, August 10**, at 8 a.m., with registration for senior programs and ice skating lessons beginning **Tuesday, August 17**, at 8 a.m.

Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register) to browse the program options and choose from an array of activities. Register online at [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register) or call between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- 952-939-8203 (general programs)
- 952-939-8393 (senior programs)
- 952-939-8310 (ice arena). 🍷

## Candidate Filing Period Ends Soon

The filing period to run for mayor or City Council member in the 2021 election closes August 10. The City election will take place on Tuesday, November 2. Visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/352/Voting-Elections](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/352/Voting-Elections) for more information. Call 952-548-6304 or email [adomeier@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:adomeier@hopkinsmn.com) with questions. 🍷

## Emerald Ash Borer Found in Hopkins

This year, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been found in several Hopkins neighborhoods and surrounding communities. If you are concerned about saving an ash tree on your property, now is the time to act by contacting a tree service/arborist to see if the tree is a candidate for an EAB treatment.

Over the next two months, the City's Forestry Division will be doing inspections of trees in Hopkins for diseases (Dutch Elm, Oak Wilt and EAB). If any tree on your property shows signs of disease, it will be marked with an orange ribbon and information will be left at your door. Call 952-548-6372 with questions. 🍷



## Upcoming at the City

### City Council Calendar

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

**Tuesday, August 10, 7 p.m.**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, August 17, 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, August 2, 7 p.m.**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, August 24, 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      Kristi Halverson  
Rick Brausen      Brian Hunke

## Tips for Protecting Water Quality

Everything that enters the storm sewer system in Hopkins is untreated before it is discharged to surface waters, such as Minnehaha Creek and Nine Mile Creek. Summer is prime time for maintaining cars and boats, but some activities can harm our lakes, streams and rivers. Here are some tips for protecting water quality during the summer season:

- Avoid washing your car on paved surfaces such as streets and driveways, where the dirty soapy water flows into storm drains. Wash cars on your lawn or take them to commercial car washes. Car washes are an environmentally friendly alternative, as water drains into sanitary sewers and is treated before discharge.
- When mowing your yard, avoid blowing grass clippings into the street. Leaves and lawn clippings are a major source of phosphorus, which is one of the most troublesome pollutants in storm water runoff.
- Recycle used motor oil. Never spill gasoline, motor oil, washer fluid, antifreeze or other products on hard surfaces. They will flow through storm sewers to our lakes, creeks and rivers, and are harmful to fish, plants and other aquatic life.
- Shake and wash floor mats over your lawn, not hard surfaces.

Dispose of cigarette butts properly. Do not throw them out car windows or onto sidewalks. Thirty-two percent of litter at storm drains is tobacco products. Ninety-five percent of cigarette filters are composed of cellulose acetate, a form of plastic that does not biodegrade. 🍷

## Fall at the Hopkins Activity Center

Stay active, stay fit and socialize this fall at the Hopkins Activity Center with a full list of programs including bowling, line dancing, defensive driving classes, volleyball, financial planning seminars, card groups and more! **Registration for fall activities opens on August 15.** Finish out this summer with August outdoor park experiences including an Adopt-a-Park clean-up event on August 5, at 3 p.m., and Art in the Park Plein Air Oil Painting class on August 12 at 10 a.m., and a Senior Explorers Disc Golf camp on August 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter) to see the complete list of upcoming adult program offerings. 🍷

## Sewer Backing Up? Act Quickly

**If you believe there is a problem with your sewer, notify the City immediately.** The Public Works Department can be reached at 952-939-1382 (weekdays, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) or 911 (weekends, holidays, and off-hours).

**Prompt action in notifying the City may prevent damage to your home or business.** The City will send an employee to investigate the sewer main and take action if appropriate. If the problem is found to be in the sanitary sewer service from the home or structure to the sewer main in the street, including the connection, it is the responsibility of the property owner.

Property owners should know:

- **The City is not automatically liable for resulting damages whenever a sewer backs up.** The City is liable only for damages if the backup was caused by the City's negligence.
- Though many property owner insurance policies exclude damage resulting from sewer backup, some insurance companies do provide sewer backup coverage. Therefore, it is possible to protect yourself against this risk.

Please notify the Public Works Department if you hire a private contractor to clean your sanitary sewer service line. The City will check the City's main service line for debris that could affect you or your neighbors' sanitary sewer service.

**Questions?** Call the Public Works Department at 952-939-1382. 🍷

## Provide Input on 2022 Budget

The City will be hosting a budget engagement session on Monday, August 16, from 6 to 7 p.m. Interested parties will be able to participate virtually or in-person at City Hall. For more details, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process). 🍷

### Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection will take place **August 2-5, 16-19 and August 30-September 2.**

Garbage collection will take place Monday through Thursday every week in August as usual. 🍷