



Hopkins Highlights

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Free Brush Pick-Up Begins September 20

The City will be picking up brush free of charge for residential garbage customers the same day as your garbage day the week of September 20. No call-in is required for the free pick-up.

Brush may be no longer than 15 feet and no larger than six inches in diameter. One large pile is preferred, but if you must make multiple piles, make sure they are clearly separated. Piles can NOT touch.

Piles must be stacked in the boulevard, lying parallel with the street (see photos) with a minimum of five feet around and above them for accessibility—do not stack near trees, poles, vehicles, fences, etc. 🍷



Police Department Social Worker Aids Officers in Crisis Situations

The Hopkins Police Department is committed to providing the highest quality and most professional service each and every day. To fulfill the department's mission of "Service to the community with honesty, integrity and respect," only the best personnel are recruited, hired and continuously trained to meet the current needs of the Hopkins community. Each officer is trained in crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques and mental health-related issues on an ongoing basis, but department staff know they cannot do it alone.

In 2019, the police department partnered with Hennepin County to provide a licensed social worker to assist officers in crisis situations and mental health-centered calls. The social worker receives cases from the officers for follow-up or may assist officers on calls for service in the community, and are able to provide Hennepin County resources to individuals who may need additional assistance.

This past year was full of new challenges and mental health support for some Hopkins community members was more important than ever. The Hopkins Police Department continued its partnership with Hennepin County Social Services during this crucial time. Throughout 2020, Hopkins Officers responded to over 400 calls for service that were referred to the department's embedded social worker for follow-up.

This new initiative is not only an excellent resource for officers, but has also proven to be invaluable in the Hopkins community by preventing repetitive calls to the same location. Due to the program's success, the department will seek to expand social worker services program in 2022.

Have questions or need assistance? Contact the department's social worker, Lindsey Mueller, at lindsey.mueller@hennepin.us. 🍷

Register for Youth Basketball League

Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation's in-house Youth Basketball League for grades 2-6 is a great opportunity for new and experienced players to develop their basketball skills, character and build new friendships. Boys and girls teams are formed by grade level.

Games for all ages are Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Hopkins West Junior High. Grades 3-6 will have one night of practice each week and second graders will practice Saturdays before each game. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Each course number represents one team. If you would like to register with a friend, you must register for the same course number.

- Grade 2: Register for any course number
- Grades 3-6: Select a course number based on desired practice night/location.

Vist minnetonkamn.gov/register or call 952-939-8203 to learn more, or to register for the league and volunteer coaching. The registration deadline is Monday, October 4. League status subject to change due to COVID-19. 🍷

Free Brush & Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

The free brush and yard waste drop off site at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad will remain open from 2 to 7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, until October 11. After October 11, Monday and Wednesday hours will change to 1 to 5 p.m., weather permitting).

Brush must be no longer than 15 feet or larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Unacceptable items include:

- Animal feces
- Logs or lumber
- Sod or dirt
- Stump grindings or wood chips
- Vegetable garden products (place unused produce in garbage can).

Check the City website for updates at www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site. 🍷



Upcoming at the City

City Offices Closed

Monday, September 6
Labor Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, September 7, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 7 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

Tuesday, September 7, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

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



Bulk Item Drop-Off is September 24-25

Broken grill taking up space in the garage? Old microwave in the basement you need to toss? Twice a year the City holds a bulk drop-off event for **City of Hopkins residential garbage customers only**. For \$20, plus taxes, you can drop off one appliance and up to three cubic yards worth of trash (the equivalent of one pick-up truck load). Additional appliances are \$20, plus taxes, each. This is a great opportunity to get rid of your extra or oversized garbage for *cheap!*

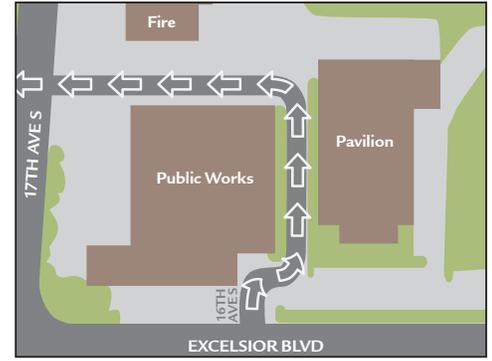
When and where

- **Friday, September 24, 3–7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Drop-Off Site: 11100 Excelsior Boulevard (Public Works)

Guidelines

- A valid Minnesota ID or current paid utility bill must be shown for eligibility.
- Each eligible residence is allowed disposal of 3 cubic yards of material, equivalent of one pick-up truck load.
- \$20 gate fee (plus taxes) per vehicle includes one appliance. Additional appliances will be \$20 each (plus taxes).
- Payment will be processed at the event. Debit cards, MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover are all accepted.
- Residents must separate materials into the proper areas at the site.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed.
- Electronics and concrete products will be accepted. (Concrete products containing steel will not be accepted.)
- Items not accepted include tires, waste oil, car parts, fluorescent bulbs, paint products, gas refrigerators, car batteries, metal barrels/drums, and hazardous waste. (Hazardous wastes must be taken to Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call 612-348-3777.) 🍷



Traffic drop-off route for disposal

Shred-n-Go!

As part of the \$20 gate fee, a truck and operator will be on-site courtesy of Shred-N-Go for confidential destruction of documents.



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Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day. **Garbage collection for the week of Labor Day will be delayed by one day.**

September recycling pick up weeks are **September 1–2, 13–16 and 27–30.** ♻️

Activity Center Flu Shot Clinic is September 28

Your health and well-being is paramount in living a fulfilled life. Stay healthy this fall and winter by attending the Hopkins Activity Center's Community Flu Shot Clinic September 28 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The shot will be billed to your health insurance company, so bring along your medical card. Make an appointment online at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter by clicking on the "Online Registration" link.

The Activity Center is also available to connect aging adults with local community services offering assistance with employment help, legal consulting, selecting a Medicare plan, caregiving support, among many others.

Contact the Activity Center, or visit the Activity Center website to discover community resources that are available to help navigate life's challenges. 🍷

Ice Season Returns to Hopkins Pavilion

Weekday Open Skates at the Hopkins Pavilion will begin September 7. Adult Open Skate with sticks and pucks takes place Monday–Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open Skate for any age with sticks and pucks is held weekdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sunday Open Skates begin on October 3.

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. 🍷