



Hopkins Highlights

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Fire Department Open House is October 9

The Hopkins Fire Department will host its annual Open House at the Hopkins Fire Station, 101 17th Avenue S, on **Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Stop by and enjoy fire truck and bucket rides, free hot dogs and popcorn, and lots of hands-on fun. Watch live fire demonstrations, including an auto extrication and car fire, and learn valuable health and life safety tips. *Plenty of parking is available adjacent to the fire station.* 🍷

Plan to Vote Tuesday, November 2

The general election will be held Tuesday, November 2. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit mnvotes.org to find your polling place, request a ballot or view your sample ballot, or contact City Hall for more information.

Register to Vote Now

Go to mnvotes.org to register to vote. You will need your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. Register to vote prior to October 15 to ensure you are registered on Election Day. Registration forms are also available at City Hall.

Vote Early by Absentee Ballot

You do not have to wait until Election Day to vote. You can vote early by absentee ballot. Eligible voters may vote in-person at City Hall or by mail. To vote early by mail, request an absentee ballot by visiting mnvotes.org or by contacting City Hall.

Absentee ballots will be available at City Hall starting Friday, September 17, through Monday, November 1, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City Hall will be open extended hours for absentee voting on Saturday, October 30 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Monday, November 1 (open until 5 p.m.)

Questions?

City staff is available for voting questions. Please contact us at 952-548-6302 or visit our website www.hopkinsmn.com/352/Voting-Elections for more information. 🍷

Save the Date! HREI Community Conversation is October 14

The Hopkins Race and Equity Initiative is hosting a community conversation on Race and Housing, part one in a series on Race, Power and Politics, on Thursday, October 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. More information is available at www.hopkinsmn.com/HREI. 🍷

Experience the Upside of Aging

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue N in Hopkins. View and register for programs online at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter or call 952-939-1333.

Monthly Movies and Conversation

Third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. Join us for viewings of thought provoking movies and stay for the conversation to discuss the films. Enjoy a tasty treat of popcorn and coffee along with this month's movie, "Nomadland."

Weekly Educational Explorations Every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

The Activity Center is host to Senior Learning Network's expansive catalog of Virtual Exploration topics. Visits with National Park interpreters, virtual tours of museums and archives and historical outings to faraway places make these interactive experiences almost as close as visiting these sites in person! 🍷

Halloween in Hopkins

Saturday, October 30

Hosted by Hopkins Police, the Hopkins Business and Civic Association and JCI Hopkins.

- 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Trick or Treating along Mainstreet at various businesses
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Drive-thru haunted house and trick-or-treat event at the Public Works facility.

Check out the Halloween in Hopkins event on the Hopkins Police Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hopkinspolice for further details. 🍷



Upcoming at the City

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, October 5, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, October 19, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Wednesday, November 3, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, October 5, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

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

Wednesday, November 3, 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

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection is **October 11-14 and October 25-28**. Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday, as usual. ♻️

City Champions Sustainability Efforts

From solar plans, to electric vehicle charging stations, to organics recycling, the City of Hopkins has been hard at work improving the sustainability and resiliency of the community. While much of this work has happened quietly behind the scenes, the City is now formalizing efforts across departments to build a plan to keep Hopkins' residents informed of all the work being done.

In 2020, the City completed an extensive solar project, placing solar arrays on the Public Works buildings, the Hopkins Pavilion and the Fire Station. The arrays, which offset energy demands in the three buildings, complements the existing energy the City purchases from solar gardens located in Carver and Dakota counties. Solar energy purchased from the gardens provides roughly 56 percent of the City's energy demand, powering street lights, traffic lights and buildings.

The City also participates in a number of programs aimed at helping the City, residents and business owners become more sustainable. The City has proudly achieved Step 3 in the Minnesota GreenSteps Cities Program, a voluntary program that helps provide assistance and recognition to cities working to achieve sustainability goals. The City plans to continue progress in the program and hopes to attain Step 4 in 2022.

In September, the City welcomed a Minnesota GreenCorps Member as a temporary, full-time employee, provided by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at no cost. The member will work to strengthen climate resilience through community education and outreach on a variety of topics, such as waste reduction and recycling, active living and multi-modal transportation.

Residents interested in learning more about how to assist in efforts to make the City more sustainable can visit the City website at www.hopkinsmn.com/501/Sustainability. 🍁



Take Advantage of Free Leaf and Yard Waste Pick-Up This Fall

City Service Area Resident Free Bag Pick Up

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be on your regular garbage day October 25 through November 18. You do not need to schedule this pick-up.

If you live in Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge and Interlachen Park:

There will not be free leaf and yard waste bag pick-up in these areas. The City provides free street leaf and yard waste pick-up in your area using front-end loaders and dump trucks. Pick-up in these areas will be November 1-4. Refer to schedule below for your neighborhood's pick-up day:

- Bellgrove: Monday, November 1
- Interlachen Park: Tuesday, November 2 (Meadowbrook Road up to and including Maple Hill Road)
- Park Ridge: Wednesday, November 3
- Hobby Acres: Wednesday, November 3
- Interlachen Park: Thursday, November 4 (Interlachen Road to Blake Road)

Place leaves in loose, unbagged piles in the street along the curb line. Leaves should be placed on the street no later than 7 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day and no earlier than the day before your scheduled pick-up day.

For 5th Avenue North, Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka Mills Road, Oakridge Road and Blake Road residents: Due to county restrictions and high traffic levels, residents will have free leaf and yard waste bag pick-up October 25 through November 18.

NOTE: The last week of all yard waste bag pick up will be November 15-18. 🍁

Yard Waste/Brush Drop-off Site

The free brush and yard waste drop-off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroad) will be open regular hours (Monday and Wednesday 2-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) through October 11.

From October 11-November 22, the free brush and yard waste drop-off site will be open Monday and Wednesday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The drop-off site will be closed after November 22. All services are subject to change or cancellation due to weather. 🍁