



Hopkins Highlights

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Here Comes the Snow - DON'T GET TOWED!

In an average year, Hopkins will receive its first measurable snowfall within the next couple weeks. The City can declare a snow emergency **at any time** upon a two-inch snowfall.

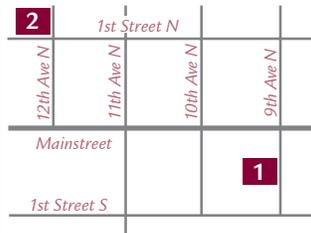
Snow emergencies are announced on the City of Hopkins recorded snow line at 952-939-1399. (Note that snow depths are measured in Hopkins and may not coincide with those reported at the Minneapolis–Saint Paul airport.)

When a snow emergency is called, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb-to-curb, and parking lots and ramps are completely plowed. Vehicles left on streets or in public parking lots during snow emergencies may be ticketed or towed.

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicles from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency has been declared. If you have nowhere to park, use one of the emergency parking locations below.

The City may declare a snow emergency during either the **daytime or evening hours**, as needed, so plows can avoid plowing around parked vehicles.

Snow Emergency Parking Locations



CENTRAL HOPKINS

1. Municipal Lot 300 just north of Downtown Park on 9th Avenue S
2. Maetzold Field parking lot (access from 1st Street N)
3. Municipal Lot 750 just south of 1st Street N



SOUTH HOPKINS

4. Parking lot in the northeast corner of 9th Avenue S and Westbrooke Way
5. Far east end of 8th Street S near Valley Park

Get Notified of Snow Emergency Declarations

The City may also notify residents using the Rave emergency notification system, which notifies residents via a phone call, email and/or text message when a city-wide snow emergency is declared. To register your cell phone or learn more, go to www.hopkinsmn.com/255/Emergency-Notification-System, or call 952-548-6451.

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed Thursday, November 11, for Veterans Day. **Thursday garbage and recycling collection will be delayed one day.** City Offices will also be closed Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26, for Thanksgiving. **Thursday's garbage and recycling will be collected one day early on Wednesday, November 24.** There will be no bulk pick-up the week of Thanksgiving. Recycling collection is **November 8-10, 12, and 22-24.**

Attend 2022 Budget Public Meeting

Interested in how your tax dollars are spent? Attend the 2022 Budget Hearing on Monday, December 6, at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The 2022 Budget will be presented, along with the proposed 2022 tax levy. The council set a preliminary budget and levy in September, which will appear on the notice of proposed taxes mailed to every tax payer. City Council and staff have continued to work on the 2022 budget and will present the most current version of the budget and tax levy. This is the final opportunity to provide input on the budget before it is approved. All input is welcomed.

New Online Payment Portal Coming

The City of Hopkin's utility billing online payment portal is being upgraded. The portal will have a fresh modern look and will allow you to make payments more easily and on more devices. It can be used to track utility usage, pay your bill online, enroll in automated payments, sign-up for paperless billing, and receive important notifications on any device anywhere.

If you are already enrolled in the current portal, you're all set. If you haven't enrolled, join your neighbors online and create your account today. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/496/Payment-Options to access Bill Pay or call 952-548-6332 for more information.

Salute to Vets Program and Lunch

The Hopkins Activity Center is hosting their annual **Salute to Vets** program and lunch on Thursday, November 11, beginning at 10:45 a.m. The program will honor veterans for their committed service. Reservations are required to attend by calling 952-939-1333. Cost: Veterans free; Members \$9; Others \$10. *Event sponsors: Avidor, Orchards of Minnetonka, and WestRidge of Minnetonka.*



Upcoming at the City

City Offices Closed

Thursday, November 11
Veterans Day

**Thursday, November 25 and
Friday, November 26**
Thanksgiving Holiday

City Council Calendar

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

Tuesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, November 16, 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

Wednesday, November 3, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, November 22, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, November 23, 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

Curbside Organics Recycling Program Begins January 1

Beginning in the New Year, all Hopkins residential recycling customers will be eligible to participate in the City's new curbside organics recycling program. The program stems from a Hennepin County requirement for all cities to make organics recycling services available to households with curbside recycling by January 1, 2022.

What is Organics Recycling?

About 30 percent of what we throw away is organic material, including food scraps and food-soiled paper products. This includes fruits, vegetables, meat, bones, bread, eggshells, non-recyclable food-soiled paper and more that can be utilized for composting.

How to Participate

Starting in January 2022, residents who have recycling provided by Republic via the City contract will see an additional \$5.50 on their utility bills, regardless of whether or not you choose to participate in the curbside organics recycling program. You can sign-up to participate at www.hopkinsmn.com/organicsregistration.

Preparing Organics for Recycling

All organic materials MUST BE BAGGED in either a BPI certified compostable bag or paper bag. For a detailed list of what can and can't be organically recycled, visit our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/863/Organics-Recycling.



Questions? Contact Solid Waste Coordinator Pam Hove at phove@hopkinsmn.com.

Stay Warm This Winter

WITH A HOME ENERGY SQUAD VISIT

It's that time of year when Minnesotans start bracing themselves for the looming winter. As the temperature starts to drop, utility bills start to climb. And this is not the time you want to find out you have an air leak or poor insulation in your house. That's why preparing your home for the changing weather is important, and a visit from Home Energy Squad can help you do just that.



During a Home Energy Squad visit, an energy consultant will come to your house and help you start saving on the spot. They will identify areas in your house that can be more energy efficient, which in turn will make your home more comfortable during the colder months and help you save money. They will also install materials like LED lights, door weather stripping, a programmable or smart thermostat, and more! After the energy consultant completes these tests, you will get a customized report with additional recommendations of how to improve your home's energy use.

Whether you are a new resident or have lived in your home for years, Home Energy Squad will help get your home ready for winter. Plus, thanks to the City of Hopkins partnership with Home Energy Squad, residents can get a visit for a discounted price of \$35 for an Energy Saver Visit (*recommended for mobile homes, condos, renters and homes built after 2000*) and \$50 for an Energy Planner Visit (*recommended for homes built before 2000*). Let Hopkins and Home Energy Squad help keep you and your family warm all winter. Schedule an appointment for a visit by calling 651-328-6220 or visit mncee.org/home-energy-squad.

The Home Energy Squad is provided by Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy and delivered by the local nonprofit, Center for Energy and Environment (CEE).

Turkey Bingo is Back!

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 14, at 1 p.m., at the Hopkins Activity Center. For \$20, play 10 games for the chance to win amazing prizes. Turkey dinner raffles will be held between games.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. The 18+ event is cash only. All proceeds will go to HPD Cops N Community programs.



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2022 City Budget

On September 7, the City Council approved a 2022 preliminary tax levy of \$18,409,708 or a 3.49 percent increase from 2021. City Council is currently reviewing options to reduce the final tax levy that will be approved in December.

2022 Preliminary Tax Levy

The preliminary tax levy provides for the general fund, capital, equipment replacement, Hopkins Center for the Arts, the Pavilion and debt service. The levy restores reductions made as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This results in estimated tax payments of \$2,037 for the median value home (\$315,000) or a \$182 increase from 2021.

Purpose	Actual 2021	2022 Proposed	% Change
General Operations			
General Fund	\$12,808,552	\$13,257,073	3.50%
Capital Levy	--	200,000	100.00%
Arts Center	331,182	339,317	2.46%
Pavilion Fund	340,000	340,000	0.00%
Equipment Replacement	200,000	250,000	25.00%
Subtotal	\$13,679,734	\$14,386,390	5.17%
Special Levies:			
Debt Levies	\$4,108,650	4,023,318	-2.08%
TOTAL LEVIES	\$17,788,384	\$18,409,708	3.49%

Overview of Budget Process

The City continues to follow the expansion of its Annual Budget Process for the 2022 budget cycle that includes an emphasis on Community Engagement. On January 5, the City Manager held a 2021 Mission and Goals kick-off event with the City Council. In January, February and March, each of the City's departments gave an update on their goals and objectives for 2021. Financial projections were presented on March 16, which included discussion points on upcoming infrastructure and park improvement projects that would have an impact on the 2022 budget. A Budget Engagement session was held virtually on August 16 to discuss the proposed 2022 Budget. A recording of that session, along with more information on the City's budget, can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process.

A draft version of the 2022 budget and tax levy was prepared by staff and presented to City Council on July 13. The draft included both conservative revenue and expenditure estimates. The budget and tax levy were again reviewed during the August 10 and September 7 City Council meetings. The draft version of the 2022 budget and tax levy was reduced from a 3.71 percent increase to a 3.49 percent increase for the preliminary levy amount of \$18,409,708. The City Council will continue to meet and discuss options to further reduce the tax levy in the fall.

2022 General Fund Budget

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City and accounts for core services provided by the City. Taxes are the main revenue source for the General Fund, accounting for approximately 82 percent of budgeted revenues in 2022.

General Fund budgeted revenues increased by 2.92 percent from the 2021 Budget. Charges for Service will increase by 12 percent, partially due to a return to normal level of services provided by our Activity Center and Inspections department. Miscellaneous revenue will decrease by 10.5 percent based on conservative budgeting.

General Fund	2021	2022	% Change
Property Taxes	\$12,893,552	\$13,342,073	3.48%
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,474,671	1,502,066	1.86%
License, Permits & Fines	786,815	782,015	-0.61%
Charges for Service	228,550	256,550	12.25%
Miscellaneous Revenue	367,250	328,250	-10.62%
Total Revenues	\$15,750,838	\$16,210,954	2.92%

General Fund budgeted expenditures increased by 2.92 percent from the 2021 budget due to salary and benefit increases, and equipment charges that come with a return to a more normal level of city services provided to residents.

General Fund	2021	2022	% Change
General Government	\$1,985,244	\$2,088,582	5.21%
Community Services	1,650,085	1,715,603	3.97%
Public Safety	7,808,981	8,004,173	2.50%
Public Works	3,469,191	3,551,941	2.39%
Recreation	748,137	761,455	1.78%
Other	89,200	89,200	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$15,750,838	\$16,210,954	2.92%

Core City Services Funded With Tax Dollars

- » 24-hour police and fire protection
- » Emergency medical service
- » Street, sidewalk and trail maintenance
- » Snow plowing
- » Hopkins Activity Center
- » Boulevard and forestry program
- » Park maintenance
- » Recreation programs
- » Planning and economic development
- » Elections