



Hopkins Highlights

Inspire

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Plant Your Garden in Valley Park

The City provides a community garden site in Hopkins Valley Park in the Westbrooke/Nine Mile Creek area where residents can lease a 20-foot by 20-foot garden plot for \$25 per plot. Registration begins Tuesday, April 5, at 8 a.m., for residents and is on a first come, first served basis (limit two plots per household).

Residents must provide proof of residency and register in-person at Hopkins City Hall, 1010 First Street S. Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, April 12. 🍷

Dog Licenses Required in Hopkins

In Hopkins, we love our furry friends, which is why it is important to ensure they are licensed. The City of Hopkins requires that your dog be licensed as soon as it is six months old.

A dog with a valid license from another jurisdiction must obtain a Hopkins' license within three months. Proof of spaying or neutering, a rabies tag number, and an expiration date of a rabies tag must be shown before a license is issued.

More information on animal licensing is available at www.hopkinsmn.com/413/Pets. 🍷

Stay Active and Engaged at the Hopkins Activity Center

Stay active with friends and neighbors through the Hopkins Activity Center's online and in-person programs and activities, which include Nordic Walking, weekday fitness classes and the Generational Pen Pals program.

Snowshoe Hike

Thursday, February 17, at 1 p.m., at the Richardson Nature Center

Snowshoe with a Three Rivers Park Naturalist searching for animal signs, tracks and more.

Walking Club

Friday, February 11, at 2 p.m., at Meadow Park in Minnetonka

Exercise while you meet new friends and explore local walking trails. The group meets on the second Friday each month and visit a new location each time.

Register by calling the Activity Center at 952-939-1333 or visiting the program registration site at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter. 🍷



Police Department Offers Free Car Seat Inspections

Transporting precious cargo? As part of their Community Outreach Program, the Hopkins Police Department offers free car seat inspection.



The department has staff who are National Child Passenger Safety Technicians and can inspect your

child's car seat to ensure it is installed properly.

Request an inspection appointment on our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/carseatinspection. 🍷

2021 Annual Report Now Available

2021 was another challenging, but productive year at the City of Hopkins. Read about some of the most notable happenings at the City-level last year in the 2021 City of Hopkins Annual Report, now available to view at www.hopkinsmn.com/annualreport. 🍷

Tree Sale Coming in March

In partnership with Tree Trust, Hopkins Public Works will be offering a limited number of trees at a discounted price of \$40 each to residents this March. Trees will be available for pickup in May. One tree per household.

Trees must be planted on private property in Hopkins, not within the boulevard or public right-of-way.

More information will be in the March Highlights and in future Hopkins Connections emails. Sign up here to receive the weekly Hopkins Connections newsletter at www.hopkinsmn.com/connections. 🍷



Upcoming at the City

City Offices Closed

Monday, February 21
Presidents' Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, February 15, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 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, February 21, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board Meeting

Monday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes found 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
Patrick Hanlon

City Council
Gerard Balan Heidi Garrido
Alan Beck Brian Hunke

Coming Soon: Board and Commission Recruitment

The City of Hopkins will be seeking new board and commission members in March. Keep an eye on our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions for more information.

Winter Isn't Over Yet! Snow Reminders

Snow Emergency? Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399

Snow emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Parking restrictions will remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb and the parking lots and parking ramps are completely plowed. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/488/Snow-Emergencies for more information on where to park and what to do if your vehicle is towed.

Keep Garbage, Recycling and Organics Carts Clear

Refuse, recycling and organics collection requires a minimum clearance of four feet around each container. Sometimes a spot is carved out in the snow to create a pocket for the container, but this does not allow enough room for the automated arm on the truck to reach. Although alleys and driveways can be narrow because of snow piling up, it is necessary that the four-foot clearance be maintained.

Keep Fire Hydrants Shoveled Out

If you have a hydrant on your block, help keep Hopkins safe by shoveling it out after it snows. If possible, hydrants should be cleared four feet on each side for fire department access. The property you save may be your own! 🍷

Garbage and Recycling Carts: Put Away Within a Day!

During winter snow plowing operations, please help city staff effectively plow curb to curb by moving your refuse, recycling and organics carts away from their alley or street pick-up locations after collection. This will also reduce the chance of carts being knocked over, damaged or buried by snow plow operations.

City Code permits garbage, recycling and organics containers to remain at their pick-up location only on pick-up day. (If normal pick-up is delayed, they may remain until collected.)

Within 24 hours of collection, refuse, recycle and organics containers must be moved to a storage location. The storage location should be next to the house or garage, or inside the garage. 🍷

Keep Plastic Bags out of Recycling

Hopkins residents are reminded that all recyclables should be placed in recycling carts loose - never use plastic bags. Plastic bags are enemy #1 at the sorting facilities that process recyclables. They cause major equipment problems and shut-downs, and must be kept out of recycling carts. It is important to know what is accepted in your area when it comes to recycling.

Visit our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/312/Accepted-Recycling-Items to learn what can be recycled in Hopkins. 🍷

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Deposit Disclosure

Minnesota Statue 115A.9302 requires that a person who collects mixed municipal solid waste for transportation to a waste facility disclose to each waste generator from whom waste is collected the name, location, type of facility and the number of the permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or its counterpart in another state, for the processing or disposal facility or facilities at which the waste will be deposited.

The full 2022 mixed municipal solid waste deposit disclosure can be viewed on the City website at www.hopkinsmn.com/386/Garbage. 🍷

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, February 21 for Presidents' Day. Garbage, recycling and organics collection that week will be delayed by one day.

February recycling pick up weeks are January 31- February 3, February 14-17 and February 28-March 3. 🍷

