



# Hopkins Highlights

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## Apply for Summer Seasonal Employment

It's already time for high school and college students, or anyone looking for a part-time job, to start thinking about summer employment. Positions include swim instructors and lifeguards; Shady Oak Beach staff; Grays Bay Marina attendants; Kid's Corner Day Camp staff; Park Adventures staff; park attendants; and Inclusion specialists. These are great opportunities for anyone interested in gaining valuable experience and training.

For more information or to apply online, visit [minnetonkamn.gov/jobs](http://minnetonkamn.gov/jobs). 🍓

## Garden Plot Registration Begins April 5

Registration for community garden plots begins at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5, for Hopkins residents. Registration 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. Be prepared for the weather conditions, as social distance requirements may mean lines will extend outdoors. Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, April 12. 🍓

## 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.

### Lunch & Learn: Meet Your City Council

**Thursday, March 10, 11 a.m. to noon**

Come meet your City Council, and learn what council members do and why. Lunch is provided. Registration is required.

### Pi Day

**Monday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Stop by for a free slice of pie (while supplies last) to celebrate Pi Day!

### Luck O' the Irish Bingo

**Thursday, March 17, 2:30 to 4 p.m.**

Join the Activity Center for St. Patrick's Day! Try your luck at Bingo to win prizes and socialize with friends. Treats will be served.

### Community Garden Class: Vegetable Garden Basics Part 1

**Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Learn about basic requirements for growing vegetables, and explore different ways and where to grow those vegetables. Part 2 will be held April 20. Open to everyone!

### Garden Club

**Wednesdays through the Fall**

In partnership with Hennepin County Master Gardeners, get your hands dirty at the Valley Park community garden plots while learning the art of growing vegetables. All produce donated to ICA.

Register by calling the Activity Center at 952-939-1333 or visiting the program registration site at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter). 🍓

## Summer Recreation Registration

Summer recreation program registration begins on Tuesday, March 8, for general recreation, Thursday, March 10, for senior programs and Tuesday, March 22, for ice skating.

Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register) to browse program options and choose from an array of activities including summer camps, swimming lessons, skating lessons, fitness classes, arts and crafts, athletic leagues and senior programs.

Register online at [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register) or call between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at, 952-939-8203 (general programs), 952-939-8393 (senior programs) or 952-939-8310 (ice skating). 🍓

## Tree Sale Now Open

In partnership with Tree Trust, Hopkins Public Works is offering a limited number of trees at a discounted price of \$40 each to residents.

Residents are responsible for planting the trees and must call Gopher State One Call prior to digging. Trees must be planted on private property in Hopkins, not within the boulevard or public right-of-way.

Trees will be available for pick-up May 7, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Hopkins Water Treatment Plant next to Elmo Park, 1498 7th Street N. There is a two tree limit per household. Purchase a tree at <https://city-of-hopkins.myshopify.com/>. 🍓

## Recycle Your Salt

Don't know what to do with all that leftover sidewalk salt once the snow stops falling? Each spring, the City of Hopkins offers a sidewalk salt recycling program.

Simply bring your leftover salt to Hopkins Public Works and dispose of it in the black garbage bin located near the front door. All salt must be shaken out of the bag or other original container when going into the bin. No pellet salt will be accepted. 🍓



## Upcoming at the City

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, March 1, 7:05 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 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

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

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

**Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board

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**  
Patrick Hanlon

**City Council**  
Gerard Balan      Heidi Garrido  
Alan Beck         Brian Hunke

### SAVE THE DATE: COPS AND COMMUNITY BINGO

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting Cops and Community Bingo on Sunday, April 24, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Hopkins Activity Center.

For \$20, play 10 games and help support the Hopkins Crime Prevention Fund and Youth Outreach. 🍷

## Check Your Water Before Doing Laundry

Depending on where you live in Hopkins, hydrant flushing and sanitary sewer cleaning could affect your water color in April.

### HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community in April. *Schedules may be adjusted due to weather conditions.*

**If you own or manage a business or townhome/apartment complex, please arrange for your private hydrants to be flushed by a contractor during the same time frame that the City is flushing in your area.**



- **April 4–8:** Hydrants north of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- **April 11–15:** Hydrants south of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- **April 18–22:** Hydrants east of Highway 169

During hydrant flushing it is normal to experience some discolored water. **Residents are cautioned against doing laundry—particularly whites—while crews are in the neighborhood.** This water is safe to drink and can be cleared up by running the cold water in your laundry tub.

Public Works will also be doing routine sewer cleaning starting April 1, weather permitting. The cleaning area will be located between Highway 7 and Excelsior Boulevard from 5th Avenue to Shady Oak Road.

If you experience problems, please contact Public Works at 952-548-6353. 🍷

### Take Note: Garbage, Recycling and Organics Schedule

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days.

Recycling will be collected the weeks of March 1-3, 14-17 and 28-31. 🌱

## Building Community Through Art

Owned and operated by the City of Hopkins, the Hopkins Center for the Art's mission is to build community by fostering creative expression, and providing artistic and educational opportunities for people of all ages and artistic abilities. The Art Center is committed to supporting artistic/professional development, respecting and appreciating the contributions that each artist makes to our lives and community.

Hopkins Center for the Arts is a community center that has become a regional destination, welcoming a quarter million visitors each year. The Center makes art accessible to all through free visual arts exhibitions, ArtStreet public art program, virtual offerings, and The Sunset Series – a free summer concerts series from mid-June to mid-August on Thursday evenings in Hopkins Downtown Park.

The Center curates an exhibition series each year, through a highly competitive review process. It is also home to Arts North Juried International, the largest international exhibition in Minnesota, with selected works from around the globe.

World-renowned musical talent graces the mainstage as part of the Concert series that runs from October through May of each year.

In collaboration with the Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts, the Center provides a membership program offering visual arts opportunities, discounts on concert tickets, and social and community events such as Art from the Attic and special member events.

The Center presents engaging and educational artist talks with exhibiting artists, offers classes and workshops in partnership with Hopkins Community Education and other art entities. The Center further engages the community by partnering with local businesses to exhibit member artists' work, and collaborating on events, such as Walk of Art Hopkins.

Stages Theatre Company and Hopkins School District are building tenants. Remaining time is rented to arts groups, businesses, civic organizations and families. People come to the Center for performances and exhibitions, but also for birthdays, weddings, networking and learning. Over the course of a year, the Center welcomes a quarter million visitors.

Fall 2022 marks the Center's 25th year! Learn more at [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com). 🍷