



# Hopkins Highlights

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## Step To It! Get Moving This May

REGISTER TODAY FOR A FUN, FOUR-WEEK CHALLENGE

Build healthy habits by tracking your activity through the Step to it Challenge, a fun, free program that encourages people of all ages and abilities to become more active.

Join the Challenge this May on behalf of your community, school, workplace or organization. The Challenge is not just about walking; almost any activity counts, including running, cycling, dancing, manual wheelchair use and many others.

As a Step to it Challenge participant, you keep an ongoing total of the steps you take during the challenge. You can use the activity conversion chart at [www.steptoit.org](http://www.steptoit.org) to count steps from your activities. Record your steps online, or your step total can be called in or faxed. Best of all, it's FREE! Visit the Step To It Challenge website at [www.steptoit.org](http://www.steptoit.org) to sign-up. 🍷

## Stay Active with Volunteering

at the Hopkins Activity Center

Stay active and engaged with friends and neighbors through Hopkins Activity Center's volunteer programs in-house and around the community.

### Adopt-a-Park

Join the Activity Center volunteers in cleaning up our adopted Hopkins parks – Downtown Park and Clocktower Plaza, on the first Thursday of the month (April-October) from 3 to 4 p.m.

### Garden Club

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 is donated to ICA Foodshelf.

### Dress-a-Dollie

Are you a seamstress looking for a fun volunteer project? The Activity Center has teamed up with the Hopkins School District for the past 35 years to receive classroom dolls, clean them and redress them over the summer months.

Register to volunteer with other active adults by calling the Hopkins Activity Center at 952-939-1333 or visiting the program registration site at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter). 🍷



## Get the Wiggles out at Turf Tots

Bring your children (ages 1-5) to the Hopkins Pavilion for Turf Tots, a drop-in



program open through May 6. Kids can run and play with provided equipment including sport balls, crawl tunnels, bounce houses, climbing walls and more. Adults are required to stay on the field and supervise.

Turf Tots is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is \$5/session, per child. For more information, visit [www.hopkinspavilion.com](http://www.hopkinspavilion.com). 🍷

## Cops and Community Bingo is April 24

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.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. Cash only. 🍷

## Apply for a Board or Commission

Hopkins needs volunteers in order to succeed. The various boards and commissions of the City of Hopkins perform a vital role in the life of our community.

The City is currently seeking applicants for openings on the Park Board and Planning and Zoning Commission.

Learn more here and apply by May 1 at [www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions). 🍷



## Upcoming at the City

### City Council Calendar

**Monday, April 5, 7:05 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, May 3, 7:05 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, April 5, 7 p.m.**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, April 25, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board

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

**Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m.**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

## DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER CONCERT IS APRIL 30

See Grammy and Tony Award-winning jazz artist Dee Dee Bridgewater on Saturday, April 30, at 8 p.m., at the Hopkins Center for the Arts! Learn more about Bridgewater and purchase tickets at [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/222/Concerts](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/222/Concerts).

## Volunteers Needed For Planting Project

The City of Hopkins is seeking volunteers to help with planting at the City's new Native Landscaping Demonstration Garden on Saturday, May 14, from 9 to 11 a.m., at Valley Park.

The demonstration garden is part of a grant from the Nine Mile Creek Watershed to show the environmental benefits of pollinator-friendly native landscaping. The 40x25 feet garden will feature native grasses, flowers and fescue grass (also called eco-grass). When completed, residents and visitors can sit on benches to relax, or explore the garden and learn how they can use similar types of plants in their yards.

If you are interested in volunteering, email [pyang@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:pyang@hopkinsmn.com) for further details.

## Make Your Next Event Zero Waste

Without thoughtful planning, a considerable amount of waste can be generated at events, no matter the size of event. Courtesy of Hennepin County, the City of Hopkins has portable recycling and organics containers available for your next event! Containers are free to use with a refundable damage deposit. Disposal of materials collected is not included in the rental.

To learn more and reserve containers for your event, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/1042/Event-Recycling-Containers](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/1042/Event-Recycling-Containers).

### Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

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

Recycling collection weeks this month are April 11-14 and April 25-28.

## Youth Volunteers Honored

In February, the City of Hopkins was delighted to honor youth Board and Commission members and interns at the Caring Youth Awards. Hosted by the Hopkins School District, Glen Lake Optimists Club, the Cities of Hopkins, Minnetonka and Golden Valley, the Caring Youth Award celebrates students in grades 7-12 who show an ongoing awareness of others through volunteering. Youth are nominated by a member of the organization they are serving, or by someone who was closely involved with the volunteer activity.

The City of Hopkins was pleased to nominate five students that were recipients of this honor; Misheel Battur and Annika Burman, who serve as youth members of the Park Board; Keymora Searles who serves as a youth member of the Planning Commission; Ruth Frieberg and Sophia Waterman are interns with the Hopkins Police Department.

"These students are an exceptional asset to our community – their perspectives add great value to our boards, commissions and the work we do in Hopkins," said PeggySue Imihy Bean, staff liaison to the Park Board. "We were more than proud to nominate them for this award."

Youth interested in serving on a board or commission can learn more and apply at [www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions).



## Sign-Up for Summer Adult Sports Leagues

Do you enjoy physical activity, a bit of fun and friendly competition? Then gather your friends and join an adult sports league this summer! Team registration is open for soccer, kickball, basketball and sand volleyball leagues.

To view details about all league opportunities, visit [www.minnetonkamn.gov/our-city/recreation/adult-sports](http://www.minnetonkamn.gov/our-city/recreation/adult-sports).



# Hopkins Highlights EXTRA



## Clean Up Your Lawn During Free Yard Waste & Brush Pick Up

### Free Yard Waste Pick-up

April 18–28

**YARD WASTE** will be collected for free on your regular garbage day from April 18–28. **You do not need to call to schedule this pickup.** Place bagged yard waste at the normal refuse collection site at least four feet away from your refuse and recycling containers.

- You must use compostable bags.
- Items NOT accepted include: animal feces (clean up after pets before raking your lawn), branches, woody vines, long twigs, stump grindings, sod waste, and shrub clippings.
- NO garden products such as pumpkins, potatoes, and apples should be placed in yard waste bags. Place unused garden products such as these into your regular garbage container.
- Yard waste is defined as leaves with twig stems no longer than four inches, grass clippings, green, pliable vines, and similar garden waste.

**After April 28**, bags will be collected on Thursdays and must display yard waste stickers, available for purchase at City Hall or Public Works. To schedule a yard waste pick-up after April 28, call 952-939-1382 before 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

For more information, call 952-939-1382 or visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste). Both free pickups are provided only for City of Hopkins residential refuse customers and only for yard waste and brush generated on Hopkins residential properties. 🍓

### Free Brush Pick-up

April 4–14

**BRUSH** will be picked-up for free on your regular garbage day from April 4–14. **You do not need to call to schedule this pickup.**

- Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard, NOT in the street (NO alley pick up)—butt ends all one way, laid parallel with the street.
- Keep brush at least five feet away from poles, signs, overhead wires, guide wires, trees, fences, garbage containers, parked cars, etc.
- Do not use tarps under or on top of your brush (we use machinery to pick up the brush and the tarps hamper the pick up).
- DO NOT put brush in your refuse containers.
- Only brush which is generated on City of Hopkins' residential refuse customer properties will be picked up.
- Brush is defined as tree limbs, twigs, woody vines, and branches up to a maximum of six inches in diameter and 15 feet in length. No logs or lumber are accepted.

**After April 14**, brush will be collected on Tuesdays, weather permitting. To schedule a brush pick-up after April 14, call 952-939-1382 before 2 p.m. on Monday. Fees apply.

## Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off Site Opens April 4

The free drop-off site will open Saturday, April 4, weather permitting. Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential garbage customers will be accepted. Driver's licenses will be checked to verify eligibility.

### Drop Off Site Hours

- Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–7 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.



### Location

3100 Hopkins Crossroad, one block north of the Hopkins Crossroad & Minnetonka Blvd. intersection (only driveway on west side of Hopkins Crossroad).

### Accepted items

- Tree limbs
- Twigs, branches, and woody vines up to six inches in diameter and 15 feet long
- Leaves with twig stems not longer than four inches
- Grass clippings
- Similar garden waste
- Soft, pliable vines (yard waste)

Residents will need to unload and debag their materials at the site, and take used bags home with them.

### Not accepted items

- Sod waste
- Animal feces
- Garden products
- Logs or lumber
- Dirt
- Stump grindings
- Material from contractors or commercial firms. 🍓



## Check Water Before Doing Laundry

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

### 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. If you experience problems, please contact Public Works at 952-939-1382.

### Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Area

The City of Hopkins cleans sanitary sewers on a three-year revolving schedule. **The 2022 cleaning area is located between Highway 7 and Excelsior Boulevard from 5th Avenue to Shady Oak Road.**

The high-pressure water used to clean the sewers may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing. You may experience gurgling water in your toilet bowl or smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If this occurs, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains. This does not damage your sewer system. In some instances the crew will need to draw water off of a fire hydrant which could cause discoloration of your water.

**If your home is located within the sewer cleaning area, check your water before doing laundry.** For more information, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/445/Sewer-Cleaning-Program](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/445/Sewer-Cleaning-Program).

## Bulk Item Drop-Off Is May 6-7

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 a \$20 fee 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 each plus taxes. **New this year – Payment will be processed by card at the event. Debit cards, MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover are all accepted.**

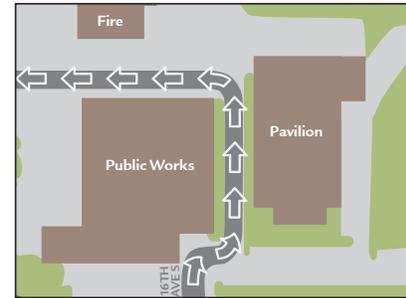
### 2022 Bulk Item Drop Off

- **Friday, May 6, 3–7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**Location:** 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 three 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 by card 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. Construction and metal materials and appliances will be separated/recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs and wheels must be removed prior to deposit at the drop-off site.
- 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 waste must be taken to Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call 612-348-3777.)



Traffic route for drop-off disposal

## Shred-N-Go

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



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## Rain Barrels Now Available for Purchase

The City of Hopkins, in cooperation with the Recycling Association of Minnesota, is holding a rain barrel sale. The cost for a single rain barrel is \$90 plus taxes, but Hopkins residents can receive a \$20 discount by using the coupon code HOPKINS20.

To purchase a rain barrel, you must pre-order online at <https://recycleminnesota.payscapecommerce.com/>. Quantities are limited.

Rain barrels must be picked up on Monday, May 9, or Tuesday, May 10, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

