



# Hopkins Highlights

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## Mainstreet Added to National Register of Historic Places

The Hopkins Commercial Historic District has been placed on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places. The area covered by the listing includes 32 buildings along Mainstreet between 8th and 11th Avenues.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of historic properties recognized by the federal government as worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture.

A listing in the National Register provides opportunities for state and federal tax credits, encouraging private investment in the revitalization of historic buildings. Preservation has been shown to enhance real estate values, foster local business, increase foot traffic and help keep historic main streets economically viable.

More than 97,000 properties across the country, including nearly 1,800 in Minnesota, have been listed in the National Register since the program began in the 1960s. The City of Hopkins, the Hopkins Historical Society and the Minnesota Department of Transportation sponsored the nomination and prepared the nomination materials.

View a copy of the nomination on the City of Hopkins website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/1099/Hopkins-Commercial-Historic-District](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/1099/Hopkins-Commercial-Historic-District).

## Yard Waste Reminders

FOR HOPKINS GARBAGE CUSTOMERS

### Drop-Off Site Now Open

The free yard waste and brush drop off site located at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad is now open. Hours of operation are Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For details visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site).

### Yard Waste Pick-Up

Yard waste must be put in compostable bags (no plastic bags) with a City of Hopkins yard waste sticker affixed to each bag. Pick-up is done on Thursdays by appointment. To schedule a pick-up or order yard waste stickers, visit our website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up).

## 2021 Drinking Water Report

The City of Hopkins has issued the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2021. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

View the full 2021 Drinking Water Report at [www.hopkinsmn.com/500/Water-Quality](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/500/Water-Quality).

## Garden Plot Kick-Off Event is May 14

Start gardening season off on the right foot! Come meet your neighbors for a Community Garden Kick-off event Saturday, May 14, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Valley Park Garden Plots (weather permitting). The event is open to everyone, no registration required.

For questions regarding the event, contact the City of Hopkins at 952-935-8474.

## Get Rid of It! Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Drop-off your household hazardous waste at the Hennepin County collection event on Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7. Bring your items to Minnetonka Public Works (11522 Minnetonka Boulevard) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. either day.

For more information, additional drop-off dates, and a list of items that are accepted, visit [www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events).

## Apply for a Summer Job!

Applications are still being accepted for a variety of summer positions in the Public Works and Recreation departments.

Seasonal Public Works employees perform various types of manual labor and operate light equipment in the maintenance of City streets, parks and utilities. To learn more and apply online, visit [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hopkinsmn](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hopkinsmn).

Summer recreation 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. To learn more about summer Recreation positions and apply online, visit [minnetonkamn.gov/employment](http://minnetonkamn.gov/employment).



## Upcoming at the City

### City Offices Closed

**Monday, May 30**  
Memorial Day

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, May 3, 7:05 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, May 17, 7 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, May 3, 7 p.m.**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, May 23, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.**  
Planning and Zoning Commission

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    Alan Beck  
Heidi Garrido    Brian Hunke

## Adopt-a-Drain This Summer

The simple act of sweeping up around a storm drain protects local lakes and rivers by preventing pollution from entering our shared waterways. Learn more and sign-up to adopt a storm drain at [Adopt-a-Drain.org](http://Adopt-a-Drain.org).

## Explore Area Trails WITH THE ACTIVITY CENTER

Hopkins Activity Center Senior Bicyclers are looking forward to getting back on the trails. Two ride options are available this year: A Monday morning active ride for those who want to travel longer routes, and a Wednesday evening recreational ride with a fun social stop along the way (ice cream, dinner, apple picking).

To learn more about these fun experiences, join the Activity Center for a Bike Club Season Opener event on Wednesday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m., at the Maetzold Field Picnic Shelter. Register to attend and view Bike Club schedules at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter).



## May is National Bike Month

Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.

- **May 1-31:** Bike Scavenger Hunt
- **May 4:** Hopkins Activity Center Senior Bike Club Talk & Ride, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Maetzold Field
- **May 14:** Garden Kick-Off Event, 9 to 11 a.m., Valley Park Community Gardens, \$10 bike helmet sales
- **May 20:** Bike to Work Day Energizer Stations, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., Minnetonka (LRT Trail/Williston Overflow Lot), Hopkins (Maetzold Park Trail)
- **May 21:** Hopkins Police Department Summer Safety Open House, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hopkins City Hall, FREE bike tunes ups, bike safety demos; \$10 helmet sales

Find more information at [www.minnetonkamn.gov/our-city/public-transportation/national-bike-month](http://www.minnetonkamn.gov/our-city/public-transportation/national-bike-month).

## Yard Maintenance Reminders

As the weather turns warm and things begin to grow again, please remember to keep your yard well-maintained. Here are some tips and ordinance reminders as you work outdoors.

### Check the Date Before Watering

To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, residents and businesses are required to water on an odd/even system. Learn more at [www.hopkinsmn.com/663/Lawn-Watering](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/663/Lawn-Watering).

### Tree Trimming

From now until November 1, ash, elm, and oak trees should not be trimmed. City staff will not be trimming these types of trees in the boulevard or on public property until after November 1, unless it is an emergency situation (disease, damage, etc.).

### Mow the Alleys/Keep Weeds Under Control

City ordinance prohibits weeds and tall grass in excess of 10 inches. This also includes any area of your property that borders an alley, so don't forget to mow or prune those, too. The ordinance also requires bushes and trees be trimmed back one foot behind the alley edge and 13 feet above the alley surface.

### Sweep the Curb

Lawn care, landscaping and pest control practices are major contributors to storm water pollution. Homeowners, not farmers, are the biggest consumers of pesticides and herbicides. The phosphorus and nitrogen levels from fertilizers pollute local watersheds, promoting excess weed and algae growth, choking out fish life and reducing water clarity. When mowing the lawn, avoid blowing grass clippings into the street, and sweep clippings off paved surfaces, back onto the lawn.

### Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Garbage and organics recycling will be delayed one day the week of May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday.

**May recycling pick up weeks are May 9-12 and May 23-26**