



Hopkins Highlights

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The Sunset Series Returns June 16

The Hopkins Center for the Arts, along with Mill City Sound, are excited to present the 2022 Sunset Series, which is set to begin Thursday, June 16, with Texas Toast. Enjoy the free music series on Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. in Downtown Park, 40 9th Avenue S. Bring a chair and your friends, and enjoy music ranging from local favorites to emerging new talent that will showcase all genres.

For more information, including the full 2022 Sunset Series line-up, visit www.hopkinsartscenter.com/263/The-Sunset-Series-Outdoor-Concerts. 🍷

Summer Is Here! Purchase Your Shady Oak Beach Season Pass

Summer is finally here, and it's time to hit the beach! Renew or purchase your 2022 Shady Oak Beach season pass and enjoy unlimited entry to the beach at great rates. The beach will be open to visitors June 10 through August 21.

Purchase or renew online at minnetonkamn.gov/register or at the beach during business hours. Existing cards will be reactivated. For rates and complete details, visit minnetonkamn.gov/beach or call 952-939-8203. 🍷



Available for Rent - Check out our meeting and event spaces!

The City of Hopkins has facilities offering rental spaces for meetings, banquets, indoor sports, commercial food preparation and entertainment events.

- As a hub for senior service programs, the Hopkins Activity Center contains several gathering spaces, conference and craft room areas, as well as two special use areas: a commercial kitchen and gymnasium.
- Housing a theater, gallery, dance studio, classrooms and conference rooms, the Hopkins Center for the Arts creates an elegant space for many occasions.
- The Hopkins Pavilion is a multi-use, year-round arena space. Meeting and conference rooms are also available for community rental.
- For a casual vibe, The Depot Coffee House hosts a 150 person venue for live entertainment, large or small group events, and awesome fundraisers.

To learn more about event spaces, call City Hall at 952-548-6300 to be directed to a facility, or search for rental space suitable for your event on our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/580/Available-Facility-Rental-Spaces. 🍷

City's AA+ Bond Rating Reaffirmed

Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC reaffirmed the City of Hopkins' AA+ bond rating, citing the City's very strong management, very strong economy and very strong budgetary flexibility.

This rating was used to issue \$7.265 million of bonds on April 5. The bond proceeds will be used to finance street improvements, utility improvements, mill and overlay projects and equipment purchases.

For more information and further details on the rating report, visit

www.hopkinsmn.com/251/finance. 🍷

Think
Hopkins
It's all true.™

Think Hopkins, the City's joint marketing venture with the Hopkins Business and Civic Association, has a new website and a new brand!

Hopkins is a diverse community and the city means different things to different people. Think Hopkins' new tagline, It's All True, embraces the idea that each individual experience and idea of what Hopkins is is valid and true. All perspectives are welcome here!

Be sure to visit the new website at www.ThinkHopkins.com to find out what's happening in Hopkins, and as you attend your favorite events this summer and are out and about in the community, share your experiences on social media using the hashtags #ThinkHopkins and #ItsAllTrue. We want to see what Hopkins is to you! 🍷



Upcoming at the City

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, June 7, 6:35 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Monday, June 20, 6:30 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

Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, June 28, 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
Patrick Hanlon

City Council
Gerard Balan Heidi Garrido
Alan Beck Brian Hunke

Alcohol in Parks: Permit Required

Beer and wine in non-glass containers are allowed with a permit in Downtown, Central, Valley and Burnes parks. Alcohol use in all other City parks is strictly prohibited. Residents interested in obtaining an alcohol permit for a picnic shelter reservation should call 952-939-8390. Permits are \$25/day. For an alcohol permit not affiliated with a picnic shelter, call City Hall at 952-935-8474. 🍷

Lawn Care FAQ

Q. What can I do with my grass clippings?

A. The easiest and best way to handle grass clippings is to leave them on the lawn. Set your mower to a height of two to three inches. This may mean that you will mow more frequently, but you will save time by not bagging your grass clippings, and you will save money by not buying bags and purchasing stickers to have them picked up. You will also have healthier grass.

For yard waste and brush that needs to go, read "What can I do with my brush and yard waste?" at right.

Q. When can I water?

A. To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City enforces year-round watering restrictions. No watering is allowed from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and odd/even sprinkling is allowed at other times. Homes with even-numbered addresses water on even-numbered dates; homes with odd-numbered addresses water on odd-numbered dates. Please call 952-939-1382 with any questions.



Help Trees Beat the Heat

Please remember to soak your trees, including boulevard trees, when watering this summer. Very young trees need 10 to 15 gallons of water a week and those that have been in the ground five years or less need a weekly soaking. Watering the lawn around trees helps keep their roots healthy. Putting a layer of mulch around them helps retain moisture. Trees stressed by heat are more susceptible to die back, pests and diseases, so save your trees by giving them the water they need. And don't forget Hopkins watering restrictions apply (see article above). 🌳

Summer at the Hopkins Activity Center

Hopkins Activity Center Open House

Whether you are an adult who is familiar with the Activity Center's programming, are new to area or are simply curious, you are invited to stop by for a visit on Tuesday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to noon, to see exciting program offerings and the building's completed renovations.

During the open house, attendees will be able to play board games, try Pickleball, meet volunteer leaders of Bike Club and Media Center, talk with group members of Men's Shed, Rug Hooking and Garden Club, pick-up rental or travel information and more.

Outdoor BBQ Lunch Celebration

Join the Activity Center for a celebration of summer on Thursday, June 30, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Maetzold Field. This fun event will feature a BBQ lunch grilled by the Hopkins Fire Department with bomb pops for dessert. Enjoy friendship and sunshine at this outdoor summer party. Registration required to attend.

Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter to register or find more summer recreation programs. 🍷



Q. How high is too high for grass?

A. Grass and weeds higher than 10 inches are considered a nuisance, and the City will issue a citation. If City crews have to maintain your grass and weeds, you will be charged for the service.

Q. What can I do with my brush and yard waste?

A. The City provides bagged yard waste pick up on Thursdays and brush pick up on Tuesdays for additional fees. For details and how to schedule a pick up, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste.

A free alternative to this service is taking your yard waste and brush to the City's drop-off site at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad. The site is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The site will be closed on Labor Day. Use of this site is free for Hopkins residential garbage customers. 🗑️

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Garbage will be picked-up Monday through Thursday every week.

June recycling pick-up weeks are June 6-9 and June 20-23. ♻️



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City Improvement Projects Abound in 2022

The City is undertaking a wide variety of improvement projects in 2022. Read on for descriptions of the most noticeable improvements and what to expect.

1 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project

Start Date: May 2022 • **Projected End Date:** September 2022

The street and utility reconstruction project will occur along 6th Avenue S and 7th Avenue S from Mainstreet to 2nd Street S. In addition to street work, the project includes replacement of sewer and water lines and drainage improvements.

More information can be found on the project website at www.hopkins-2022.com.

2 2022 Street Surface Improvements

Start Date: May 2022 • **Projected End Date:** September 2022

Streets in this project will have the surface layer removed and a new bituminous surface will be paved. Spot curb and sidewalk improvements will also occur in the project area. This year's project area covers 2nd Avenue S from 5th Street S to Nine Mile Cove, 10th Avenue N from Mainstreet to 1st Street N, and 1st Street N from 8th Avenue N to 14th Avenue N.

3 2022 Trunk Watermain Improvements

Start Date: May 2022 • **Projected End Date:** November 2022

The project involves trunk watermain replacement and rehabilitation along MN Highway 7, North Service Drive and Robinwood Lane up to the City's Water Treatment Plant. Improvements to the MN Highway 7 watermain crossings at 17th Avenue N, 15th Avenue N, 12th Avenue N and 5th Avenue N are also included with the project.

More information can be found on the project website at www.hopkins-trunkwatermain.com.

4 METRO Green Line Extension

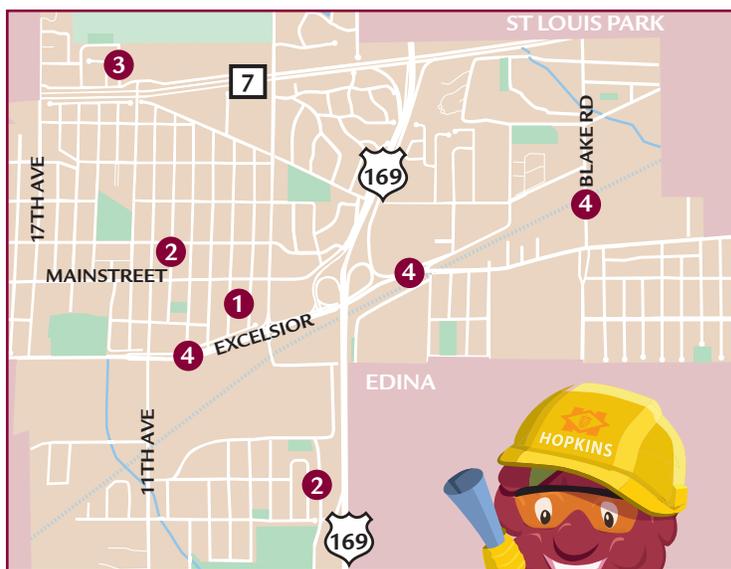
Start Date: 2019 • **Projected End Date:** 2025

Construction continues on the METRO Green Line Extension (formerly Southwest Light Rail), which will operate on a route from downtown Minneapolis through the communities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie.

Several key improvement projects are in Hopkins, including three light rail stations, an underpass at Blake Road for the Cedar Lake Trail, the extension of 17th Avenue between Excelsior and 5th Street S, and a bridge for the light rail over Excelsior Boulevard.

The Metropolitan Council is providing multiple ways to stay informed including a hotline, social media and web resources. There will be continued traffic impacts associated with light rail construction in 2022, so be sure to sign up for construction updates via the project website and watch for message boards announcing upcoming impact.

Information on how to access these construction-related resources can be found at the project website at GreenLineExt.org.



Hopkins In-Depth: Learn about the City's Pavement Management Program

The Pavement Management Program is part of Hopkins' overall asset management and involves monitoring the condition of City streets. Learn how the City's Engineering Department evaluates every public street in Hopkins to help determine what maintenance actions are necessary at <https://youtu.be/XoVw1mR10W8>.