



Hopkins Highlights

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Plan With Us! HELP FORM THE CITY'S NEW PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

The City of Hopkins is in the process of developing a new Park System Master Plan. This plan will establish a 20-year vision for Hopkins parks, open, and public spaces, and will ensure future park development prioritizes the needs, desires and interests of the community today.

The City of Hopkins is hoping to engage with residents throughout the summer through various events and activities to establish a clear action plan for the Hopkins park system. Visit tinyurl.com/HopkinsParks to learn more about the plan and offer your feedback. 🍓

Primary Election Day is August 9

Be sure to return your mail-in ballot or make a plan to vote in-person.

If you've received a mail-in ballot

Those who are voting early by mail should return their ballot in the mail or in person. **Ballots must be received by August 9 to be counted.**

Return by mail

Mail your ballot back in the pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope that was provided with your ballot materials. Ballots must be received by Election Day. If you don't think your ballot will be received in time using regular mail, you may choose to pay for an express delivery service.

Return in-person

If necessary, ballots may be returned in-person. Return ballots by 3 p.m. on Election Day to Hopkins City Hall or at the Hennepin County Government Center. You may drop-off your ballot, or ballots for up to three other voters.

Vote early in-person

If you'd like to vote early in person, make a plan to do so now. Voting early can be done at:

- Hopkins City Hall, Now–August 5: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday–Friday); August 6: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; August 8: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Hennepin County Government Center skyway level (Hennepin County residents), Now–August 5: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday–Friday); August 6: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; August 8: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vote on Election Day

If it's too late to return your mail-in ballot or you decide you'd rather vote in-person on Election Day, you can do so by finding your local polling location at <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>. Minnesota's polls on Election Day are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. 🍓

Fall Recreation Registration

Registration for general fall recreation programs begins **Tuesday, August 9**, at 8 a.m., with registration for senior programs beginning **Thursday, August 11**, at 8 a.m., and ice skating registration beginning at 8 a.m. on **Tuesday, August 23**.



Visit minnetonkamn.gov/register to browse the program options and choose from an array of activities including kids' programs, tennis lessons, craft opportunities and athletic leagues.

Register online at minnetonkamn.gov/register or call between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

- 952-939-8203 (general programs)
- 952-939-8393 (senior programs)
- 952-939-8310 (ice arena). 🍓

Provide Input on 2023 Budget

The City will be hosting a budget engagement session on **Monday, August 15**, from 6 to 7 p.m., at City Hall.

Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process for more information. 🍓

WANTED: Youth Soccer Coaches

Volunteer youth soccer coaches are a vital and valued part of Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation's fall youth soccer program.

Volunteer coaches provide instruction to children with an emphasis on teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. Volunteer coaches must be dependable, mature, patient and fair.

Call 952-939-8203 to volunteer. 🍓



Upcoming at the City

City Council Calendar

Monday, August 1, 6:35 p.m.
Meeting

Monday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, August 16, 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

Monday, August 1, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, August 22, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, August 23, 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

Fire Safety - Make an Escape Plan

Fire can spread quickly through a home – so quickly that a small flame can turn into a major fire just in the time it takes you to read this article.

There are toxins in the smoke of all home fires, regardless of what is burning. Breathing even small amounts of smoke, or being in a reduced oxygen environment can make a person dizzy, disoriented and even make you go unconscious. This is why it's important to have an escape plan in place so you are prepared in the event of a fire in your home.

Fire Safety Tips

- Check your home regularly for fire hazards
- Don't store combustibles inside, and especially not near any heat sources or in the path to get out of your home
- Make sure the exit pathways out of your home are clear, both from the inside and out, especially during the winter months when snow can accumulate
- Find a safe meeting place and make sure everyone in the home knows where it is.

For more fire safety information or for help creating your family's escape plan, contact the Hopkins Fire Department or visit the Minnesota State Fire Marshal's office website at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/prevent-Fire-deaths/Pages/default.aspx>.

Now That You're Retired...

What's on your list of things you have always wanted to learn to do, but have not had time to experience? At the Hopkins Activity Center, numerous learning opportunities and adventures are already planned for you, just sign-up, then show up to enjoy them! Classes and experiences include:

- Day trips to destinations across the state
- Kayaking lessons
- Gardening classes
- Introduction to Pickleball classes
- Nordic walking lessons
- Bowling, walking, biking and book clubs
- Social and dining events
- Tips to using technology.

To see a full list of activities for active adults, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter or call 952-939-1333.

Tips for Protecting Water Quality

Everything that enters the storm sewer system in Hopkins is untreated before it is discharged to surface waters, such as Minnehaha Creek and Nine Mile Creek.

Summer is prime time for maintaining cars and boats, but some activities can harm our lakes, streams and rivers. Here are some tips for protecting water quality during the summer season:

- Avoid washing your car on paved surfaces such as streets and driveways, where the dirty soapy water flows into storm drains. Wash cars on your lawn or take them to commercial car washes. Car washes are an environmentally friendly alternative, as water drains into sanitary sewers and is treated before discharge.
- When mowing your yard, avoid blowing grass clippings into the street. Leaves and lawn clippings are a major source of phosphorus, which is one of the most troublesome pollutants in storm water runoff.
- Recycle used motor oil. Never spill gasoline, motor oil, washer fluid, antifreeze or other products on hard surfaces. They will flow through storm sewers to our lakes, creeks and rivers, and are harmful to fish, plants and other aquatic life.
- Shake and wash floor mats over your lawn, not hard surfaces.
- Dispose of cigarette butts properly. Do not throw them out car windows or onto sidewalks. Thirty-two percent of litter at storm drains is tobacco products. Ninety-five percent of cigarette filters are composed of cellulose acetate, a form of plastic that does not biodegrade.

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection will take place **August 1-4, 15-18 and August 29-September 1**.

Garbage and organics collection will take place Monday through Thursday every week in August as usual. ♻️