



Hopkins Highlights

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Fire Department Open House is October 8

The Hopkins Fire Department will host its annual Open House at the Hopkins Fire Station, 101 17th Avenue S, on **Saturday, October 8**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and enjoy fire truck and bucket rides, free hot dogs and popcorn, and lots of hands-on fun. Watch live fire demonstrations, including an auto extrication and car fire, and learn valuable health and life safety tips. *Plenty of parking is available adjacent to the fire station.* 🍷



Plan to Vote Tuesday, November 8

The general election will be held **Tuesday, November 8**. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit mnvotes.org to find your polling place, request a ballot or view your sample ballot, or contact City Hall for more information.

Register to Vote Now

Go to mnvotes.org to register to vote. You will need your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. Register to vote prior to October 18 to ensure you are registered on Election Day. Registration forms are also available at City Hall.

Vote Early by Absentee Ballot

You do not have to wait until Election Day to vote. You can vote early by absentee ballot. Eligible voters may vote in-person at City Hall or by mail. To vote early by mail, request an absentee ballot by visiting mnvotes.org or by contacting City Hall.

Absentee ballots will be available at City Hall starting Friday, September 23, through Monday, November 7, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City Hall will be open extended hours for absentee voting on Saturday, November 5 (10 a.m to 3 p.m.) and Monday, November 7 (open until 5 p.m.)

Questions?

City staff is available for voting questions. Please contact us at 952-548-6302 or visit our website www.hopkinsmn.com/352/Voting-Elections for more information. 🍷

Save the Date! HREI Town Hall on Voting is October 19

The Hopkins Race and Equity Initiative is hosting a town hall event on the topic of voting and featuring a panel of presenters, on **Wednesday, October 19**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Eisenhower Community Center in the auditorium. More information is available at www.hopkinsmn.com/HREI. 🍷

October at the Activity Center

Focus on your health and stay active all year long with programming at the Hopkins Activity Center. View the program catalog online at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter or call 952-939-1333. The Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue N in Hopkins.

Celebrate Active Aging Week!

Take your health to the next level and stop in to try a class for free during Active Aging Week, **October 3-7**. The Activity Center offers opportunities for social, emotional, educational and physical wellness. Some sample classes that will be offered include options for education and movement with Positive Psychology: The Science of Happiness and Standing Shibashi: Movements from Tai Chi and Qigong.

Senior Health Fair

Continue taking care of your health and wellness by attending the Senior Health Fair and Flu Shot Clinic on **Friday, October 7**, from 10 a.m. to noon. Explore informational booths with vendor information on nutrition, finances, housing, and many more resources! Enjoy a healthy snack and sample fitness challenges. No registration needed to attend this free health resource event. 🍷

Halloween in Hopkins

Saturday, October 29

Hosted by Hopkins Police, the Hopkins Business and Civic Association and JCI Hopkins.

- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Trick or Treating along Mainstreet at various businesses
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Haunted Jail Tour at the Hopkins Police Department

Keep an eye on the Hopkins Police Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hopkinspolice for further details. 🍷



Upcoming at the City

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, October 4, 6:35 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 6:35 p.m.
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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 Alan Beck
Heidi Garrido Brian Hunke

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection is **October 10-13 and October 24-27**. Garbage and organics collection will take place Monday through Thursday, as usual. ♻️



Take Advantage of Free Leaf and Yard Waste Pick-Up This Fall

City Service Area Resident Free Bag Pick Up

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be on your regular garbage day **October 24 through November 17**. You do not need to schedule this pick-up. Yard waste must be bagged in compostable bags. No plastic bags or loose leaves on tarps.

If you live in Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge and Interlachen Park:

There will not be free leaf and yard waste bag pick-up in these areas. The City provides free street leaf and yard waste pick-up in your area using front-end loaders and dump trucks. Pick-up in these areas will be November 7-10. Refer to schedule below for your neighborhood's pick-up day:

- Bellgrove: Monday, November 7
- Interlachen Park: Tuesday, November 8 (Meadowbrook Road up to and including Maple Hill Road)
- Park Ridge: Wednesday, November 9
- Hobby Acres: Wednesday, November 9
- Interlachen Park: Thursday, November 10 (Interlachen Road up to but not including Blake Road)

Place leaves in loose, unbagged piles in the street along the curb line. Leaves should be placed on the street no later than 7 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day and no earlier than the day before your scheduled pick-up day.

For Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka Boulevard, Oakridge Road, 5th Avenue North, Minnetonka Mills Road and Blake Road residents:

Due to county restrictions and high traffic levels, residents will have free leaf and yard waste bag pick-up October 24 through November 17.

NOTE: The last week of all yard waste bag pick up will be November 14-17. 🍓

Yard Waste/Brush Drop-Off Site

The free brush and yard waste drop-off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroad) for Hopkins residential garbage customers will be open regular hours (Monday and Wednesday 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) through October 10.

From **October 10-November 21**, the free brush and yard waste drop-off site will be open Monday and Wednesday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The drop-off site will close for the 2022 season at 5 p.m. on November 21. All services are subject to change or cancellation due to weather. 🍓

City Welcomes Students from Ukraine

This past August, the City of Hopkins had the opportunity to host 18 students from Ukraine, including Hopkins' sister city Boryspil, who were visiting Minnesota as part of Global Synergy Group's Youth Leadership Engagement and Development Program (YouLEAD).

Global Synergy Group is a nonprofit organization focused on strengthening communities and youth in Minnesota and Ukraine by facilitating civic engagement and leadership development. The goal of their YouLEAD program is to promote the understanding of issues the Ukrainian youth experience and how they participate in community development, local government, and global thinking.

In Hopkins, the Ukrainian students toured City facilities to learn about local government and public service, met with students from Hopkins High School, took a walking tour down the Artery and along Mainstreet (with a stop at the World's Largest Raspberry), and ended the day at a City Council meeting.

City staff and council members enjoyed sharing the city with the students, hearing their stories of resiliency and celebrating the long-standing relationship between Hopkins and Boryspil. 🍓

