



Hopkins Highlights

Inspire

Educate

Involve

Communicate



CALL THE SNOW LINE:
952-939-1399

Here Comes the Snow - DON'T GET TOWED!

In an average year, Hopkins will receive its first measurable snowfall within the next couple weeks. The City can declare a snow emergency **at any time** upon a two-inch snowfall.

Snow emergencies are announced on the City of Hopkins recorded snow line at 952-939-1399. (Note that snow depths are measured in Hopkins and may not coincide with those reported at the Minneapolis–Saint Paul airport.)

When a snow emergency is called, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb-to-curb, and parking lots and ramps are completely plowed. Vehicles left on streets or in public parking lots during snow emergencies may be ticketed or towed.

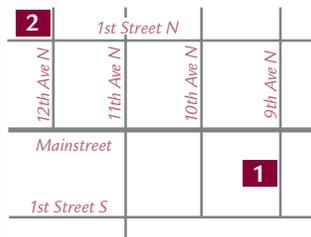
To avoid being towed, remove your vehicles from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency has been declared. If you have nowhere to park, use one of the emergency parking locations below.

The City may declare a snow emergency during either the **daytime or evening hours**, as needed, so plows can avoid plowing around parked vehicles.

Get Notified of Snow Emergency Declarations

The City may also notify residents using the Rave emergency notification system, which notifies residents via a phone call, email and/or text message when a city-wide snow emergency is declared. To register your cell phone or learn more, go to www.hopkinsmn.com/255/Emergency-Notification-System, or call 952-548-6451. 📞

Snow Emergency Parking Locations



CENTRAL HOPKINS

1. Municipal Lot 300 just north of Downtown Park on 9th Avenue S
2. Maetzold Field parking lot (access from 1st Street N)
3. Municipal Lot 750 just south of 1st Street N



SOUTH HOPKINS

4. Parking lot in the northeast corner of 9th Avenue S and Westbrooke Way
5. Far east end of 8th Street S near Valley Park

Attend 2023 Budget Public Meeting

Interested in how your tax dollars are spent? Attend the 2023 Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 30, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The 2023 Budget will be presented, along with the proposed 2023 tax levy.

The council set a preliminary budget and levy in September, which will appear on the notice of proposed taxes mailed to every tax payer. City Council and staff have continued to work on the 2023 budget and will present the most current version of the budget and tax levy.

This is the final opportunity to provide input on the budget before it is approved. All input is welcomed. 📞

Play Turkey Bingo with Hopkins Police

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting their annual Turkey Bingo on Saturday, November 12, at 2 p.m., at the Hopkins Activity Center. For \$20, play 10 games for the chance to win amazing prizes worth over \$100 each game. Raffles for gift cards to local businesses will be held between games.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. The 18+ event is cash only. All proceeds will go to the department's Cops N Community programs. 📞

Salute to Vets Program and Lunch

The Hopkins Activity Center is hosting their annual **Salute to Vets** program and lunch on Thursday, November 10, beginning at 10:45 a.m.

The program will honor veterans for their committed service. Reservations are required to attend by calling 952-939-1333.

Cost: Veterans free; Members \$9; Others \$10. Event sponsors: Avidor, Emerald Crest and WestRidge of Minnetonka. 📞

Plan to Vote: Election Day is 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 or view your sample ballot, or contact City Hall for more information. 📞



Upcoming at the City

City Offices Closed

Friday, November 11
Veterans Day

**Thursday, November 24 and
Friday, November 25**
Thanksgiving Holiday

City Council Calendar

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

Wednesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Monday, November 14, 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, November 1, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, November 21, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, November 22, 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 Alan Beck
Heidi Garrido Brian Hunke

Get Fit at the Williston Fitness Center

The Williston Fitness Center is now accepting memberships for City of Hopkins residents. Enjoy the following amenities with a membership at a rate that can't be beat!

- 5 indoor tennis courts
- 25-yard swimming pool
- Baseball and softball cages
- Basketball court
- Childcare
- Fitness center
- Group fitness classes
- Splash pad
- Treehouse indoor playground
- Whirlpool and sauna.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/williston for details and membership rates. 🍷

Buckthorn Removal Event is November 5

Join the City of Hopkins for a volunteer event to remove buckthorn and learn how to manage it on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Shady Oak Pond (located at the intersection of 21st Avenue and 2nd Street N).

Buckthorn is an invasive shrub that outcompetes native plants and takes over forest floors, preventing other plant regeneration. This invasive species has become an increasingly large problem in the Midwest and management is key for the health of our City's environment.

Volunteers should wear outdoor/weather appropriate clothing and shoes, and bring work gloves and garden shears, if possible.

Learn more and sign-up to volunteer at www.hopkinsmn.com/buckthorn. 🍷



Stay Warm This Winter - WITH A VISIT FROM THE

HOME ENERGY SQUAD



As you begin to turn your heat on to fight the cold weather, you might see your energy bills start to climb. That's why the City of Hopkins has partnered with the Home Energy Squad to offer discounted home visits to help you save money this winter. With a Home Energy Squad (HES) visit, you can have peace of mind knowing your home is properly insulated, your furnace is working well and that your home is as

energy efficient as possible. After a HES visit, you will be staying warm and saving money all winter long.

During a HES visit, an Energy Auditor will come out to inspect your house, then create a customized report with recommendations that will make your home more energy efficient. They will also provide instant energy savings by installing free materials like LED lights, door and attic weather stripping, and high efficiency water fixtures.

Plus, thanks to Hopkins' partnership with HES, you can get a visit for a discounted rate of \$35 for an Energy Saver Visit (for homes built in or after 2000) and \$50 for an Energy Planner Visit (for homes built before 2000).

Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/605/Energy-Improvements for more information. If you are ready to schedule your visit, go to mncee.org/hes or call 651-328-6220.

The Home Energy Squad is provided by Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy and delivered by the local nonprofit, Center for Energy and Environment (CEE). 🍷

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

City Offices will be closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, for Thanksgiving. **Thursday's garbage, organics and recycling will be collected one day early on Wednesday, November 23.** There will be no bulk pick-up the week of Thanksgiving. Recycling collection is **November 7-10 and 21-23.** ♻️



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2023 City Budget

On September 6, the City Council approved a 2023 preliminary tax levy of \$18,766,224 or a 3.45 percent increase from 2022. The City Council will meet and discuss the proposed tax levy in the fall.

2023 Preliminary Tax Levy

The preliminary tax levy provides for the general fund, equipment replacement, Hopkins Center for the Arts, the Pavilion and debt service. The levy provides for the continuation of outstanding customer service by City workers, exceptional police and fire protection, and helps maintain a vibrant, authentic downtown. This results in estimated tax payments of \$2,188 for the median value home (\$361,000), a \$182 or 9.24 percent increase from 2022.

Purpose	Actual 2022	2023 Proposed	% Change
General Operations			
General Fund	\$13,219,739	\$13,935,781	5.42%
Capital Levy	50,000	--	100.00%
Arts Center	339,317	347,697	2.47%
Pavilion Fund	418,000	340,000	-18.66%
Equipment Replacement	--	250,000	100.00%
Permanent Improvement	110,000	--	100.00%
Subtotal	\$14,137,056	\$14,873,478	5.21%
Special Levies:			
Debt Levies	\$4,003,044	3,892,746	-2.76%
TOTAL LEVIES	\$18,140,100	\$18,766,224	3.45%

Overview of Budget Process

The City continues to follow the expansion of its Annual Budget Process for the 2023 budget cycle that includes an emphasis on community engagement. On January 7, the City Manager held an annual goal setting event for staff and the City Council. In February, the City asked residents, business owners and property owners to provide input on community priorities in relation to grant funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act through a survey. An overview of debt and how it relates to infrastructure and the City's tax levy was presented on May 3. City Council reviewed financial projections on June 14, which included discussion points on tax increment financing the new employee requests that would have impact on the 2023 budget. A Budget Engagement session was held on August 15 to discuss the proposed 2023 Budget. A recording of that session, along with more information on the City's budget, can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process.

A draft version of the 2022 budget and tax levy was prepared by staff and presented to City Council on July 13. The draft included both conservative revenue and expenditure estimates. The budget and tax levy were again reviewed during the August 10 and September 7 City Council meetings. The draft version of the 2022

budget and tax levy was reduced from a 3.71 percent increase to a 3.49 percent increase for the preliminary levy amount of \$18,409,708. The City Council will continue to meet and discuss options to further reduce the tax levy in the fall.

2023 General Fund Budget

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City and accounts for core services provided by the City. Taxes are the main revenue source for the General Fund, accounting for approximately 82 percent of budgeted revenues in 2023.

General Fund budgeted revenues increased by 6.27 percent from the 2022 budget. Licenses, permits and fines, and charges for service are both expected to increase significantly due to increased development activity and related Inspections Department revenue.

General Fund	2022	2023	% Change
Property Taxes	\$13,304,739	\$14,020,781	5.38%
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,502,066	1,630,794	8.57%
License, Permits & Fines	782,015	870,215	11.28%
Charges for Service	256,550	326,900	27.42%
Miscellaneous Revenue	328,250	339,750	3.50%
Total Revenues	\$16,173,620	\$17,188,440	6.27%

General Fund budgeted expenditures increased by 6.27 percent from the 2022 budget due to salary and benefit increases, and costs of materials and services. The budget also includes the addition of a building inspector and fire command position.

General Fund	2022	2023	% Change
General Government	\$2,086,215	\$2,220,508	6.44%
Community Services	1,692,416	1,861,364	9.98%
Public Safety	8,034,367	8,592,156	6.94%
Public Works	3,509,559	3,632,027	3.49%
Recreation	761,863	793,185	4.11%
Other	89,200	89,200	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$16,173,620	\$17,188,440	6.27%

Core City Services Funded With Tax Dollars

- » 24-hour police and fire protection
- » Emergency medical service
- » Street, sidewalk and trail maintenance
- » Snow plowing
- » Hopkins Activity Center
- » Boulevard and forestry program
- » Park maintenance
- » Recreation programs
- » Planning and economic development
- » Elections