



# Hopkins

# Highlights

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## City Snow Reminders

*Remember these rules and sail through winter*

### Move your car

When any amount of snowfall occurs, residents should move vehicles off city streets and parking lots. If the snowfall is two inches or more, a snow emergency may be declared and vehicles must be moved immediately to avoid being towed. Find the snow emergency parking locations in the graphic to the right. Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements, or sign-up for text or email alerts at [www.hopkinsmn.com/rave](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/rave).

### Shovel the sidewalk

As mandated by City ordinance, Hopkins residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from public sidewalks within 12 hours of a snowfall. Remember, it is against the law for individuals to plow, shovel, blow or place snow onto streets, alleys and boulevards.

### Clear the fire hydrants

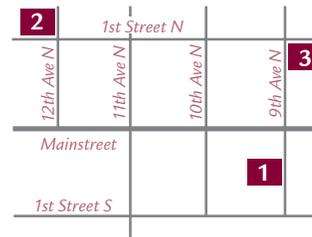
While the City tries to clean snow from fire hydrants as soon as possible after a snow, we could use your help. Please adopt a nearby fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow through the winter. Hydrants should be cleared five feet on each side to give the Fire Department the quickest and best access.

### Keep garbage, recycling and organics carts clear

Refuse, recycling and organics collection requires a minimum clearance of four feet around each container. Sometimes a spot is carved out in the snow to create a pocket for the container, but this does not allow enough room for the automated arm on the truck to reach. Although alleys and driveways can be narrow because of snow piling up, it is necessary that the four-foot clearance be maintained. 🍷



## 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

## Hopkins Highlights

*Now mailed to all Hopkins addresses*

To make our communications more equitable and to reach a wider audience in a cost-effective way, the City has moved from a monthly, one-page newsletter mailed to property owners with their utility bills to a bi-monthly, four-page booklet-style newsletter mailed to all Hopkins residents.

Hopkins Highlights is one of our primary communication tools on all City business, and we are excited to widen the publication's reach so that all community members are up-to-date and informed on what is happening in Hopkins.

For more timely updates, residents are encouraged to subscribe to Connections, the City's weekly e-newsletter, at [www.hopkinsmn.com/Connections](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/Connections). 🍷

## Did You Know?



The City requires all dogs be licensed in Hopkins as soon as it is six months old, even if they have a valid license from another jurisdiction. Proof of spaying or neutering, a rabies tag number, and an expiration date of a rabies tag must be shown before a license is issued. Learn more at [www.hopkinsmn.com/413/Pets](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/413/Pets).

# City Meeting Calendar

## City Offices Closed

**Monday, January 16**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, January 3, 6:35 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, February 7, 6:35 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular 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, January 3, 6:30 p.m.**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.**

Park Board

**Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.**

Planning and Zoning Commission

**Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.**

Park Board

**Tuesday, February 28, 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
- Heidi Garrido
- Alan Beck
- Brian Hunke



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## Free Christmas Tree Pick-Up is Week of January 9

The week of January 9, Public Works crews will be collecting Christmas trees free of charge from Hopkins residential garbage customers. You do not need to call to schedule this service – simply place your tree on the boulevard (no alley pick-ups) by 6 a.m. the day of your garbage service.

Only Christmas trees will be picked-up – no other brush, branches, sticks, wreaths or decorations containing metal will be accepted. Bags and stands must be removed.

Beginning the week of January 16, holiday tree disposal will be done on Tuesdays as part of the residential refuse customer brush pick-up program. A fee will be charged and residents must call before 2 p.m. on Monday to schedule a pick-up.

Trees from multi-housing, commercial or industrial properties will NOT be collected by the City. 🍷

## Just Deeds Coalition Update

In March 2021, the City of Hopkins adopted a resolution condemning the use of discriminatory covenants in property titles and joined 12 other cities participating in the Just Deeds Coalition.

Just Deeds coalition members provide free legal and title services to help property owners find discriminatory covenants and discharge them from their property titles. Discriminatory covenants have been used to keep people of color from buying houses in certain Minnesota neighborhoods.

Although no longer enforceable, the covenants resulted in a century of segregated communities by stifling access to wealth, education, policing, safety, neighborhood parks and public transportation – services other communities take for granted. These impacts continue today.

Renouncing the covenants allow us to acknowledge this racist history and pursue reconciliation and anti-racist solutions to mitigate the impact on our community going forward.

At the start of this work, 125 properties in Hopkins had racially restrictive covenants, according to Just Deeds. In Spring 2022, city staff began a letter campaign to make sure residents were aware of the covenant and the option to discharge them free of charge. More than 50 percent of Hopkins properties, 73 in total, have had the deed discharged through this work.

If you believe you may have a racially restrictive covenant on your property, visit the City's website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/1078/Just-Deeds](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/1078/Just-Deeds). 🍷

# Elevate Business

## *Consulting, Events, and Resources for Entrepreneurs in Hennepin County*

Have a great business idea but don't know where to start? Or do you have an existing business that you would like to grow?

Elevate Business is a new offering from Hennepin County that draws together experts, tools and programs intentionally designed to help new and established businesses gain their footing, plan for their next steps, and take their success to a new level.

Elevate Business is a hub where business owners can come together to learn through free one-on-one services from trusted consultants

and advisors, specializing in legal support, marketing, bookkeeping, finance, loan and grant navigation, and more.

Elevate Business offers free services for entrepreneurs, including:

- 25 hours of free business advising
- Peer-to-peer roundtables
- Topic-driven webinars and events
- Regional resources, all in one place.

Learn more and explore all of Elevate Business' resources at [startupspace.app/hub/ElevateBusiness/](https://startupspace.app/hub/ElevateBusiness/). 🍷

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## Save Energy, Save Money

With cold temperatures comes increased energy use, and higher energy use means higher heating bills. Reducing energy consumption is a great way to help your wallet and the environment.

One way to do this is to acclimate to a colder temperature in your home by reducing the average temperature on your thermostat. It is recommended to keep your thermostat set at 68 to 70 degrees, and 60 degrees when sleeping or away from the home. Remember, if it is chilly in your house, you can always add layers rather than turn up the heat.

Another energy saving tip is to leave your blinds open in the winter to take advantage of the sun's natural heating ability and then close them at night to reduce the chill from the windows.

If you find that you are losing a lot of heat from your windows but cannot afford to replace them, an economical tip is to buy a window insulation kit. This is a plastic liner for the window that prevents heat loss.

To learn more about what you can do to improve energy efficiency in your home, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/605/Energy-Improvements](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/605/Energy-Improvements). 🍷

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## Tree Sale Coming in March

In partnership with Tree Trust, Hopkins Public Works will be offering a limited number of trees at a discounted price of \$40 each to residents this spring. The sale begins on Monday, March 6.

Residents are responsible for planting the trees and must call Gopher State One Call prior to digging. Trees must be planted on private property in Hopkins, not within the boulevard or public right-of-way.

Trees will be available for pick-up on May 6 from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Hopkins Water Treatment Plant next to Elmo Park, 1498 7th Street N. This will be the only tree pick-up date.

There is a two tree limit per household.

Browse tree options at <https://city-of-hopkins.myshopify.com/>. 🍷

## Upcoming Events

### State of the City

Thursday, January 26 • 6 p.m.

After a two year hiatus, the 2023 State of the City returns to the Hopkins Center for the Arts. The State of the City event offers citizens and business owners the opportunity to learn more about the workings of the City in a relaxed setting. Find more information at [www.hopkinsmn.com/stateofthecity](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/stateofthecity).

### Kids' Fest

Sunday, February 5 • 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Join us at the Hopkins Pavilion, 11000 Excelsior Boulevard, for an afternoon of FREE family fun at Kids' Fest. Indoor and outdoor activities include dog sled rides, horse-drawn trolley rides, face painting, ice-sculptures, ice skating (please bring skates) crafts and much more! Registration not required.

### West Metro Home Remodeling Fair

Sunday, February 26 • 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Stop by the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, for this FREE event featuring a wide variety of exhibitors with products and services related to home improvement, including remodeling contractors, architects, landscapers, financial lenders, and more. Learn more at <http://homeremodelingfair.com/>. 🍷

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## Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

### January 2023

The City will be closed on Monday, January 2, for New Year's Day observed. Garbage, recycling and organics collection will be delayed one day.

The City will also be closed on Monday, January 16, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Garbage, recycling and organics collection will be delayed one day.

Recycling collection will be the weeks of January 3-6, January 17-20 and January 30- February 2.

### February 2023

City offices will be closed Monday, February 20, for Presidents' Day. Garbage and organics collection will be delayed by one day.

Recycling collection will be the weeks of January 30- February 2, February 13-16 and February 27-March 2.

### NEW: Every Other Week Collection

Beginning January 2023, residents who have the smallest size garbage cart (35 gallon) and are signed up for organics recycling may down-size their garbage service level to every other week collection. Learn more and request this service change at [www.hopkinsmn.com/339/Recycling-Garbage-Rates](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/339/Recycling-Garbage-Rates). 🍷



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## Fire Department Services

The Hopkins Fire Department offers a variety of different services to Hopkins residents and community members.

### Life Safety Training

The Hopkins Fire Department provides life safety training to Hopkins residents and community members.

This free training opportunity consist of fire extinguisher, Training Hands -On-Only CPR/AED, first aid and emergency management.

### Home Surveys

Residents are encouraged to schedule a free one-on-one fire and life safety check of their home. This in-person visit includes trip and fall prevention, reduce fire hazards and other life safety tips from a Hopkins firefighter.

Contact Fire Marshal Garrett Grniet at [ggrniet@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:ggrniet@hopkinsmn.com) or 952-548-6454 for information about Fire Department programs, or to set up a training opportunity or home visit. 🍓

## Think Hopkins

### *It's All True*

Are you new to town? Are you a long-time resident looking to discover something new about your city? Visit the Think Hopkins website to find things to do, places to eat and shop, what makes Hopkins special, and so much more.

And be sure to follow Think Hopkins on social media for all the latest happenings in Hopkins. 🍓



## Hopkins Activity Center

*Fitness • Recreation • Social Opportunities • Rentals*

The Hopkins Activity Center is a gathering place for mature adults to participate in recreational, social, educational, fitness and volunteer activities.

### Membership

Join the fun with an Individual or Household Membership, or try our new Hopkins Senior Membership that includes benefits at the Activity Center and the Hopkins Center for the Arts! If you love pickleball, you will want to avoid drop-in rates with our Pickleball Add-On Membership.

Learn more and purchase a membership at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/hopkins/Membership>.

### January Activity Spotlight

- **Travel Show: January 30, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

Travel in style with the Hopkins Activity Center! The January Travel Show will provide a full description for all 2023 day trips and extended travel weekends. Registration for trips and travel opportunities begins at the event.

### February Activity Spotlight

- **AARP Tax Assistance: Mondays and Tuesdays beginning February 6, by appointment**  
AARP Tax Assistance offers free help for older taxpayers and people with limited incomes. Make an appointment by calling the AARP appointment line at 612-492-1250. Limited space available.
- **Lunch & Learn on Race and Our Diverse Community: February 16, 11 a.m. to noon**  
How often do you step outside your comfort zone to meet someone of a different background? Suzanne Bengtson will facilitate an interactive experience engaging conversations around race to encourage growth and community building. Learn how you can broaden your perspectives on race and identity in a safe and welcoming atmosphere. Register to attend.

The Activity Center is located at 33 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Register by calling the Activity Center at 952-939-1333 or visiting the program registration site at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter). 🍓