



Hopkins

Highlights

Inspire • Educate Involve • Communicate

Garden Plot Registration

Sign-Up for a Plot in Valley Park on April 4

The City provides a community garden site in Hopkins' Valley Park in the Westbrooke/Nine Mile Creek area where residents can lease a 20-foot by 20-foot garden plot for \$25 per plot.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 4, at 8 a.m., for Hopkins residents and is on a first come, first served basis (limit two plots per household). Residents must provide proof of residency and register in-person at Hopkins City Hall, 1010 First Street S. Non-residents may register beginning Friday, April 7.

Learn more at www.hopkinsmn.com/398/Family-Gardens. 🍷



Make an Impact with Your Summer Job

Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services invites you to make an impact in your community this summer.

A variety of seasonal summer job opportunities are available for high school and college students – or anyone looking for fun, meaningful work experience.

Applications are open for:

- Lifeguards and swim instructors
- Shady Oak Beach staff
- Grays Bay Marina attendants
- Kid's Corner day camp staff
- Park Adventures staff
- Park attendants
- Inclusion specialists.

Make an impact. Join our team. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/jobs to apply. 🍷

Sign-Up for Summer Recreation

Tuesday, March 7 • General Recreation

Thursday, March 9 • Senior Programs

Tuesday, March 21 • Ice Skating

Wednesday, May 10 • Swimming Lessons

Visit minnetonka.gov/register to check out program options and choose from hundreds of activities, including summer camps, swimming lessons, skating lesson, fitness classes, arts and crafts, athletic leagues and senior programs.

Register online at minnetonkamn.gov/register to register, or call between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. General Programs & Swimming Lessons: 952-939-8203, Senior Programs: 952-939-8393, Ice Skating: 952-939-8310. 🍷

Think Hopkins *It's All True*

Are you wondering what's going on in Hopkins this weekend, wanting more information about places to eat, or just looking for ideas of fun things to do? Check out the Think Hopkins website at www.ThinkHopkins.com.

The events calendar allows residents and businesses to submit their events that are happening in Hopkins, there's an up-to-date listing of local businesses, and curated experiences with itineraries from council members, staff, and community members sharing their perfect day in Hopkins.

Follow Think Hopkins on Facebook and Instagram and feel free to share your favorite Hopkins experience on social media with #thinkhopkins and #itsalltrue.

Think Hopkins is the City's joint marketing venture with the Hopkins Business and Civic Association. Think Hopkins tagline, It's All True, is meant to embrace Hopkins' uniqueness and authenticity. 🍷

Did You Know?



House and garage numbers aren't just for looks! In an emergency, every minute counts. To make sure emergency vehicles do not spend precious time locating a home, City Code requires every house and alley-facing garage to have house numbers that are at least four inches high and of contrasting color so they can be read easily from the street or alley.

City Meeting Calendar

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, March 7, 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Regular 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, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

Tuesday, April 25, 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



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Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Check Your Water Before Doing Laundry

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community in April.

If you own or manage a business or townhome/apartment complex, please arrange for your private hydrants to be flushed by a contractor during the same time frame that the City is flushing in your area.

- April 3-7: Hydrants north of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- April 10-14: Hydrants south of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- April 17-21: Hydrants east of Highway 169

During hydrant flushing it is normal to experience some discolored water. **Residents are cautioned against doing laundry—particularly whites—while crews are in the neighborhood.** This water is safe to drink and can be cleared up by running the cold water in your laundry tub.

Public Works will also be doing routine sewer cleaning starting April 1, weather permitting.

The cleaning area will be located south of Excelsior Boulevard from Shady Oak Road to Meadowbrook Road.

If you experience problems, contact Public Works at 952-548-6353. 🍷

City Notification System

Sign-Up with Smart911 to Receive City Alerts

In April 2023, the City of Hopkins is changing how we alert citizens for snow emergencies, road closures, and other public safety matters in the community.

In the past, alerts have been sent out via phone call to numbers associated with City of Hopkins boundaries. The City is discontinuing this system completely by April 15, and replacing it with Smart911 alerting.

In order to begin or to continue receiving these emergency alerts, you MUST create a Smart911 profile.

Once signed up, you will be able to update your contact preferences

(email, phone call, text) and opt-in or opt-out of the types of city notifications you wish to receive. For example, if you don't want snow emergency alerts but do want to hear about other City alerts, you'll be able to configure that via Smart911 at any time.

Be sure to create your free Smart 911 account at <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=hopkinsmn> by April 15 to ensure you continue to receive alerts. 🍷



Prioritizing Community Safety

Police Department Implements Embedded Social Workers

The Hopkins Police Department strives to provide the highest level of service to the community. In 2019, the department instituted an embedded part-time social worker from Hennepin County to assist community members struggling with mental health issues. Seeing an increase in mental health-related calls and the importance of better serving those struggling with mental health needs, the department implemented a full-time social worker in 2022.

Jana Sheedy, Hopkins Police Department's mental health professional, has become an integral member of the department and community. Jana follows-up on calls and cases that do not require an officer's assistance and is able to provide resources from Hennepin County to those in need. This has freed up officers to focus on serving Hopkins in other capacities.

In 2023, the Police Department entered into another partnership with Hennepin County for a youth-focused social worker. This partnership again increases capabilities as an organization to improve services for some of the most vulnerable in our community. The department will also be partnering with the Hopkins School District to ensure a continuity of services, as mental health challenges become more evident each day.

Additionally, the department will be piloting a 911 dispatch social worker with Hennepin County to assist in pre-arrival information for Hopkins officers and to offer information if an alternative response can be provided.

If you know someone in Hopkins in need of mental health resources, Jana can be reached at Jana.Sheedy@hennepin.us or 952-548-6426. 🍷

Heat Resiliency Study

In Spring 2022, the City, in partnership with consultant firms LHB and Local Climate Solutions, applied to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a grant to assess the climate vulnerability of properties along both the Blake Road and Excelsior Boulevard corridors. These areas are currently identified as being highly vulnerable to extreme heat and have less than ideal tree canopy.

The project team is looking for your stories of managing during extreme heat conditions. Have you ever not been able to pay cooling bills? Have you had health issues associated with high weather, or low air quality during hot days? Do you change your plans to avoid being stuck indoors without air conditioning?

Share your story with us at www.surveymonkey.com/r/HopkinsHeat. 🍷

Start Your Spring Cleaning

Bulk Item Drop-Off Event is April 28-29

The City is holding its annual spring bulk item drop-off event on Friday, April 28, from 3-7 p.m., and Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m.-noon.

For a \$20 fee plus taxes, you can drop off one appliance and up to three cubic yards worth of trash (the equivalent of one pick-up truckload).

Shred-N-Go will also be on-site for confidential destruction of documents.

Payment will be processed by card at the event.

Find more information at www.hopkinsmn.com/333/Bulk-Item-Drop-Off. 🍷

Upcoming Events

Cops and Community Bingo

Saturday, April 15 • 2-5 p.m.

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting their annual spring Cops and Community Bingo at the Hopkins Activity Center, 33 14th Avenue N. For \$20, play 10 games and help support the Hopkins Crime Prevention Fund and Youth Outreach. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Cash only. Participants must be 18+.

Arbor Day

Friday, April 28 • 1-3 p.m.

Join the Park Board and the City's Forestry Department to celebrate Arbor Day at Interlachen Park. Refreshments will be provided. Keep on a eye out on social media and Hopkins Connections for more information as it gets closer. 🍷

Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

March 2023

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days. Recycling collection will be the weeks of March 13-16 and March 27-30.

April 2023

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days. Recycling collection will be the weeks of April 10-13 and April 24-27.

Yard Waste, Brush Drop-Off Site Opens

Monday, April 3 • Weather Permitting

The free drop-off site for residential garbage customers is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The site is located at 3100 Hopkins Crossroads. Find more information, including a list of accepted items, at www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site.

Free Brush, Yard Waste Pick-Up

April 3-13 • Free Brush Pick-Up

April 7-27 • Free Yard Waste Pick-Up

Brush and yard waste will be collected for free on your regular garbage day. You do not need to call to schedule this pick-up. Both free pickups are provided only for City of Hopkins residential garbage customers and only for yard waste and brush generated on Hopkins residential properties. Find more information about pick-up guidelines at www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste. 🍷



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Scooters: A Recap

In April 2022, the City entered into a license agreement with Bird Rides, Inc., to provide the community with rentable scooters from April to November of 2022.

Data provided from Bird showed that the program was well received over the five months of operation, with 701 unique users taking over 2,500 trips.

Many days during the season saw 30-40 trips per day – and scooters

were especially popular during nicer weather or community events.

The Saturday of Raspberry Festival saw the highest volume of rides this summer with 142 rides.

The City Council will issue another Request for Proposals for a scooter provider this spring in hopes to bring back scooters for Summer 2023. 🍓

Summer Adult Sports Leagues

Do you enjoy physical activity, a bit of fun and friendly competition? Then gather your friends and join an adult sports league this summer!

Team registration opens Tuesday, March 7 for soccer, kickball, basketball and sand volleyball leagues.

To view details about all league opportunities, visit www.minnetonkamn.gov/our-city/recreation/adult-sports. 🍓



Hopkins Activity Center

Fitness • Recreation • Social Opportunities • Rentals

Stay connected with friends, family, and neighbors through educational, fitness and volunteer programs and activities this spring at the Activity Center.

Stay Connected with Family and Loved Ones

Learn more about Alzheimer's and Memory Care at upcoming programs designed for those living with dementia and their care partners

- **Growing Connections**

Mondays and Tuesdays, April 17-May 23 • 10 a.m.-noon
Register for this free gardening program by calling 1-800-272-3900.

- **Dancing for Mind and Body**

April 27-May 18 • 3-4 p.m.
Free four-week dance program.

Stay Connected with Your Health and Well-Being

- ***New!* Tai Chi for Health**

Mondays, March 6-28 • 10-11 a.m.
Gentle movement and meditation for the body and mind. Try your first class free.

Stay Connected with the Earth

- **Community Garden Class: Seed Starting and Winter Sowing**
Wednesday, March 22 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn basics for successfully getting your garden started indoors. Open to everyone

- **Garden Club for Seniors**
Wednesdays through the fall

Get your hands dirty at the Valley Park community garden plots while tending the vegetable garden. All produce donated to ICA.

- **Earth Week**
April 17-20

Join the Activity Center for a week of Earth Day activities centered around caring for our environment, including a presentation on downsizing, garden class, viewing a documentary film and more

The Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue N. Register by calling the Activity Center at 952-939-1333 or visiting the program registration site at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter. 🍓