



# Hopkins

# Highlights

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## The Sunset Series Returns

*Free Concerts in Downtown Park Begin June 15*

The Hopkins Center for the Arts is excited to present the 2023 Sunset Series, which is set to begin Thursday, June 15, with Maygen and the Birdwatchers.

Enjoy the free outdoor music concerts on Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. in Downtown Park, 40 9th Avenue S, Hopkins. Bring a chair and your friends, and enjoy music ranging from local favorites to emerging new talent that will showcase all genres.

For more information, including the full 2023 Sunset Series line-up, visit [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/263/The-Sunset-Series-Outdoor-Concerts](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/263/The-Sunset-Series-Outdoor-Concerts).



## Emerald Ash Borer

*City Removing, Replacing Infested Trees*

In 2022, the City of Hopkins received a grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to help remove trees infested by Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

Using grant funds, the City's Public Works team began removing infested trees from boulevards and other public land earlier this spring.

This work will continue throughout the summer and into fall, when new trees are planted to replace those removed. Residents who have newly planted trees along their boulevards will receive a handout from Public Works about how they can help take care of the new trees.

More information about EAB can be found on the City's website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/665/Trees](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/665/Trees).

## It's Almost Summer! Purchase Your Shady Oak Beach Season Pass

Summer is on its way, which means it's almost time to hit the beach! Renew or purchase your 2023 Shady Oak Beach season pass and enjoy unlimited entry to the beach at great rates. The beach will be open to visitors June 10 through August 20.

Purchase or renew online at [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register), at the beach during business hours, or by calling 952-939-8203 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Existing cards will be reactivated.

For rates and complete details, visit [minnetonkamn.gov/beach](http://minnetonkamn.gov/beach).

## 2023 ArtStreet

*New Sculptures on Display in June*

New Hopkins ArtStreet sculptures will be on display throughout downtown Hopkins from June 2023 through May 2024, and are available for purchase.

Hopkins ArtStreet is an ongoing program established in 2010 to showcase original art works in an accessible setting.

Take a walking art tour to learn about the new and permanent sculptures on display at the Walk of Art Hopkins (WOAH!) event on June 22.

Vote for your favorite by picking up a map and ballot at Hopkins Center for the Arts or visiting [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/180/Hopkins-ArtStreet](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/180/Hopkins-ArtStreet).

Managed by Art Center, this program is made possible through generous support of local sponsors.

## 2022 Drinking Water Report

The City of Hopkins has issued the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2022. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

View the full 2022 Drinking Water Report at [www.hopkinsmn.com/500/Water-Quality](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/500/Water-Quality).

# City Meeting Calendar

## City Offices Closed

**Monday, May 29**

Memorial Day

**Monday, June 19**

Juneteenth

## City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, May 2, 6:35 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, June 6, 6:35 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, June 20, 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, May 2, 6:30 p.m.**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.**

Park Board

**Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m.**

Planning and Zoning Commission

**Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 p.m.**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.**

Park Board

**Tuesday, June 27, 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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## Nominate a Sparkling Property

*Community Image Award Nominations Due August 25*

The City of Hopkins annually honors property owners and business owners who have made significant improvements to their property, including landscaping, accessibility, signs, or exterior improvements.

The award also honors those who demonstrate continued, superior property maintenance.

Community Image Awards are given in three categories:

Single Family Residential;  
Multi-Family Residential; and  
Commercial/Industrial/Office.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, complete a nomination form by Friday, August 25.

Forms are available at City Hall or at [www.hopkinsmn.com/292/Community-Image-Award](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/292/Community-Image-Award). 🍓

## May is National Bike Month

Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.

### Bike Scavenger Hunt

**May 1-31**

- Search by bike for various landmarks in Hopkins and Minnetonka.
- Take a picture of yourself and your bike at each landmark.
- Submit your photos for a chance to win prizes from various local business.
- Look for all the details at [minnetonkamn.gov/bikemonth](http://minnetonkamn.gov/bikemonth).

### National Bike and Roll to School Day

**Wednesday, May 3**

Celebrate the joy of active commuting while building a sense of community and school spirit.

### National Bike Week

**May 13-20**

Celebrate bikes and all the wonderful things they've done and continue to do for us.

### National Bike to Work Day

**Friday, May 19**

Trade four wheels for two on your regular commute.

### Mountain Bike Opener

**Saturday, May 20 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Celebrate Bike Month and the start of the mountain bike season at Lone Lake Park, 5624 Shady Oak Road.

Join the City of Minnetonka and the Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists (MORC) for a day of bike fun, including:

- Vendors
- Mountain bike demos
- Group rides and clinics

Participants are strongly encouraged to bike to the event. 🍓

# Housing Affordability in Hopkins

A wide range of housing types is the bedrock of a healthy and livable community. Safe and stable housing can provide security that allows kids to do better in school and people to thrive. Hopkins provides a variety of housing options with opportunities for people in all stages of life.

Historically, much of the housing in Hopkins has been affordable. However, market pressures and the economy can cause housing costs to rise. As Hopkins grows and redevelops, ensuring that affordable housing options continue to be available is a priority of the City Council.

Redevelopment along the Blake Road corridor and in downtown includes a mix of new affordable and market rate homes, which will bring new residents to Hopkins and customers to support our local businesses.

The newest affordable housing in Hopkins is the Burnes Building, which opened in 2022 at 604 Mainstreet. The Burnes Building

has 43 units that are affordable to families earning up to 50 percent of the area median income.

Building A at 325 Blake Road North is currently under construction and will have 116 affordable units including one, two, three and four bedrooms. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2023.

Construction on Vista 44 is anticipated to begin this spring, which will include 50 affordable family units located at 44 12th Avenue South.

The City Council is considering other options related to affordable housing, including developing an inclusionary housing policy, which is a tool that cities use to require developers to provide affordable housing units within a market rate development under certain conditions.

To learn more about affordable housing in Hopkins, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/1143/Affordable-Housing](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/1143/Affordable-Housing). 🍷

# Park System Master Plan

In 2022, the City began working on creating a Park System Master Plan to help imagine the future of Hopkins Parks for the next 20 years.

As the plan wraps up, the City is looking for input on master plans for several of the parks across the city.

Give us your feedback at [https://confluence.mysocialpinpoint.com/hopkins\\_mn\\_parks/map#](https://confluence.mysocialpinpoint.com/hopkins_mn_parks/map#/).

Questions about the Park System Master Plan can be directed to Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Peggy Sue Imihy Bean at [pimihy@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:pimihy@hopkinsmn.com). 🍷



# Upcoming Events

## Community Garden Kick-Off

**Saturday, May 13 • 9-11 a.m.**

Join the City of Hopkins for a FREE, fun-filled morning at the third annual Community Garden Kick-Off event at the community gardens in Valley Park. Community partners offering gardening advice, free giveaways and more include Hennepin County Master Gardeners, Hopkins fire and police departments, Hopkins School District/Hopkins Community Education and the ICA Food Shelf. New this year: a free coffee cart from No Milk.

## Summer Safety Open House

**Saturday, May 20 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Join the Hopkins Police Department for their annual Open House and Kick-Off to Summer Safety event. Stop by the police station, 1010 First Street S to check out emergency vehicles, K9 and police drone demonstrations, an obstacle course and more. 🍷

# Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

## May 2023

Garbage and organics collection will be delayed one day the week of May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday. Recycling collection will be the weeks of May 8-11 and May 22-25.

## June 2023

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days. Recycling collection will be the weeks of June 5-8 and June 19-22.

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

**May 12 & 13 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Drop-off your household hazardous waste at the Hennepin County collection event at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard. For more information, additional drop-off dates, and a list of items that are accepted, visit [www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events).

## Yard Waste Reminders

### Drop-Off Site Now Open

The free brush yard waste drop-off site at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Yard Waste Pick-Up After May 11

After May 11, yard waste pick-up is done on Thursdays by appointment only. To schedule a pick-up or order yard waste stickers, visit our website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up). 🍷



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## Join Our Team!

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 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](http://minnetonkamn.gov/jobs) to apply. 🍓

## Connection Through Art

Community connections and understanding of one another in our society comes with shared experiences. Immerse yourself in free art experiences at the Hopkins Center for the Arts available every day of the week.

Stop into the Center in early May as the Spring Members' Nonjuried Exhibition wraps up, then return on May 18 as new artwork will be displayed, including Keith Buswell's *That Which Connects Us*, "expressing community connection: not only community as the interrelation of heritage or proximity, but also community through idea exchange and a desire to help one another."

Find open hours and exhibition information, and sign-up for the Center's email newsletter at [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com). 🍓



# Hopkins Activity Center

*Fitness • Recreation • Social Opportunities • Rentals*

Stay active this summer with indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities for active adults at the Hopkins Activity Center.

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).

### Bike Club for the Active Older Adult

Join other active adults for the Bike Club season with weekly rides summer through fall beginning in early May. So many interesting destinations have been scheduled, including trips to local dining hot spots, landmarks and scenic nature areas. Sign up each week and choose your level of intensity and time preference:

- Active Rides on Monday morning riders travel about 25-35 miles.
- Recreational Rides on Wednesday evening have route distances of typically 15-20 miles.

### Uncommon Facts about Common Birds – Author Talk with Stan Tekiela

**Wednesday, May 24 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

Stan Tekiela is a familiar author among nature lovers in Minnesota. Come hear an entertaining presentation on fascinating facts and tidbits about some of the birds that people love to hate, along with some of the more common birds in our yard. Stan will challenge your preconceived ideas about some common birds such as the European Starling, the American Crow and many more. This free event will wrap up with a message of conservation and understanding. Light refreshments provided.

### Summer Solstice Senior Ice Cream Social

**Wednesday, June 21 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

Join the Activity Center to celebrate the longest day of the year and the beginning of summer! What better way to celebrate than with an ice cream social and outdoor fun in the park at Maetzold Field. Register for this free event online or by calling the Activity Center. 🍓