



Hopkins

Highlights

Inspire • Educate Involve • Communicate

Celebrate with Neighbors!

National Night Out is August 1

Celebrate the 40th annual National Night Out against crime and drugs with your neighbors on **Tuesday, August 1**.

From 5:30-9 p.m., neighborhoods throughout Hopkins and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. Many Hopkins neighborhoods will be hosting special events—block parties, cookouts, ice cream socials, potlucks and games.

Register your neighborhood celebration online at www.hopkinsmn.com/448/National-Night-Out or contact Anne Marie Buck of the Hopkins Police Department at 952-548-6407 or abuck@hopkinsmn.com.

No time to organize and no party happening on your block? No worries! Attend the National Night Out Kick-Off Celebration at Alice Smith Elementary at 5 p.m. for family fun and giveaways for youth and adults.

From 5 to 5:15 p.m., check out City vehicles (squad cars, fire trucks, Public Works trucks) on display; and meet the Mayor and City Council, representatives from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Hennepin County Deputies, MN State Patrol, Raspberry Royalty, Sparky and McGruff the Crime Dog.

Free food and drinks, and a Ninja Anywhere obstacle course will be available from 5:30 to 7 p.m. 🍓



Provide Input on 2024 Budget

The City will be hosting a budget engagement session on **Monday, August 14**, from 6 to 7 p.m., at Hopkins City Hall, 1010 First Street S. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process for more information. 🍓

Register for Fall Recreation

Tuesday, August 8, 8 a.m. • General Recreation
Thursday, August 10, 8 a.m. • Senior Programs
Tuesday, August 22, 8 a.m. • Ice Skating Lessons

Visit minnetonka.gov/register to check out program options and choose from hundreds of activities, including kids' programs, tennis lessons, craft opportunities and athletic leagues. There is something for everyone!

Register online at minnetonkamn.gov/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. 🍓

Sign-Up for Fall Youth Soccer by July 14

The Hopkins-Minnetonka Fall Youth Soccer League is a great opportunity for kids entering grades K-8 to learn the sport, make friends and have fun!

Separate boys and girls teams are formed by age and desired practice day and location. All teams play games on Saturdays, and grades 3-8 play an additional game each Tuesday or Thursday. Practices begin the week of August 21, and the season will conclude by October 14.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/register or call 952-939-8203 to register by **July 14**.

Volunteer Coaches Needed!

If you have soccer experience and enjoy working with children, call 952-939-8203 for more information. 🍓

Did You Know?



Beer and wine in non-glass containers are allowed with a permit in Downtown, Central, Valley and Burnes parks. Alcohol use in all other City parks is strictly prohibited. Residents interested in obtaining an alcohol permit for a picnic shelter reservation should call 952-939-8390. Permits are \$25/day. For an alcohol permit not affiliated with a picnic shelter, call City Hall at 952-935-8474.

City Meeting Calendar

City Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, July 11, 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 31, 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 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

Monday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Park Board

Tuesday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday, July 31, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, August 21, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

Tuesday, August 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
- Heidi Garrido
- Alan Beck
- Brian Hunke



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Enjoy a Summer of Art and Entertainment

With the Hopkins Center for the Arts

The Hopkins Center for the Arts is located at 1111 Mainstreet. Visit the Art Center website at www.hopkinsartscenter.com.

Sunset Series Outdoor Concerts

Looking for an evening out this summer to sit and listen to music? Head to Downtown Park on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. for the Sunset Series outdoor concerts.

Hear the energetic Latin dance music of Salsa del Soul, pop band Honeybutter, afropop sounds of Carolyne Naomi, our very own local Hopkins Westwind Concert Band, country singer Cole Diamond, R & B group Power of 10, and close out the summer series on August 17 with indie group Elska.

Check out Sunset Series concert and more music information at www.hopkinsartscenter.com/27/Music.

Art Center Exhibitions are Free and Open to Public

Stop in to visit the free galleries during open hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Current artwork on display through July 29 features ordinary objects redesigned into extraordinary sculptures, quilling design work, and New Media works with a feeling of movement and rhythm.

New artwork will be introduced at the Opening Artist Receptions on August 3 at 6 p.m.

More exhibition information can be found at www.hopkinsartscenter.com/223/Exhibitions.

Let the Art Center Host Your Next Event

Family gatherings, meetings, workshops, receptions, recitals and more! The Center has multiple spaces available for event rental

Ranging from the lounge conference room that overlooks Mainstreet to the main stage theater seating over 700, you are certain to find a space to fit.

To inquire about rental opportunities, contact Roxanne Wolfe at 952-548-6486 or rwolfe@hopkinsmn.com. Rental rates and information are available online at www.hopkinsartscenter.com/35/Rental.



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City of Hopkins Sustainability Update

Sustainability + Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund

Over the past year, the City is proud to have been recognized through programs like SolSmart, Minnesota GreenStep Cities, and Tree City USA for the actions and investment in sustainability the community has taken.

To continue to push towards a more resilient future, the City Council has set aside \$150,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Dollars for the Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund. This fund will provide grants to residents and businesses interested in making sustainable improvements such as solar, electric vehicle infrastructure and energy system improvements.

The Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund applications will open later this summer on the City's website at www.hopkinsmn.com/501/Sustainability.

Hopkins Heat Vulnerability Study

The City, in partnership with 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, which are vulnerable to extreme heat and have less than the ideal tree canopy.

Over the last year, the project team has done a wide variety

of community engagement with residents and property owners to understand what needs to happen for the corridor to be more resilient to climate change and to keep the community safe during heatwaves.

The final report (found at the QR code to the right) is an online tool that documents current conditions, provides community sourced recommendations, and shows solutions used by similar communities experiencing the same conditions.



Scooters

Spin scooters have hit the streets in Hopkins. Through a joint effort with the cities of Saint Louis Park and Golden Valley, residents in the three cities can easily rent Spin scooters and ride between communities and even all the way to Minneapolis.

Scooters can be found parked around town, though they are not permitted to be parked on Mainstreet or the Artery.

Pricing and rentals are available on the Spin app, and more information about micromobility can be found on the City's website at www.hopkinsmn.com/1114/Micromobility.

City Hires Raftelis for Fire Department Staffing Study

Study Will Address Staffing Challenges

This spring, the City issued a Request for Proposals to help establish a long-range vision for the Hopkins Fire Department.

The study is meant to address changing trends in recruitment and retention of fire service members and plan for anticipated changes to the City's population and land use patterns.

The City has selected Kansas City-based firm Raftelis as the consultant and a final report will be brought forward to the City Council in late summer 2023.

More information about the study can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/1146/Fire-Department-Staffing-Study.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Community

Saturday, July 15 • 10 a.m.

Join the Hopkins Police Department at 12th and Mainstreet between Bear Cave Brewing and the Hopkins Center for the Arts for a Celebration of Community featuring music and dancing from local Minnesota groups.

SPEEDS Neighborhood Gathering

Wednesday, August 23 • 5:30 p.m.

Join the Hopkins Police Department at Burnes Park to learn about their new initiative Speaking with Police to Educate and Enhance Driver Safety (SPEEDS). The purpose of the SPEEDS program is to look at the specific areas of the City where violations for traffic stops occur, along with the violation, and attempt to educate the community in that area.

At the neighborhood gathering, residents will be able to speak with police officers about traffic safety concerns in the community; learn how Hopkins police officers conduct enforcement and problem solve; receive free vouchers for vehicle light repairs; learn how to obtain a valid license (even with prior traffic violations) through the MN Driver Diversion program; and get the details of the new "Driver's License for All" bill that passed this year.

There will also be free snacks and shaved ice from Kona Ice, a drawing for a \$50 gift card to a local Hopkins business, and fun games and activities for kids provided by Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services. 🍓

Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

July 2023

City offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for the Fourth of July. Monday will be collected as normal, but Tuesday-Thursday garbage, recycling and organics collection will be delayed one day. Recycling collection will be the weeks of July 3-7, July 17-20 and July 31-August 3.

August 2023

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days. Recycling collection will be the weeks of July 31-August 3, August 14-17 and August 28-31.

Recycle Smart! Know What Goes in Your Cart

Visit www.hennepin.us/recycling for the recycling guide of items that are accepted throughout Hennepin County and more information on the most important items to keep out of your recycling cart.



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Happening Now: **Tree Inspections**

Over the next three months, Hopkins Public Works' Forestry Department will be inspecting public and private trees in Hopkins for diseases and/or damage. City inspectors will send notification through the mail if you have a public or private diseased tree on your property. Call 952-292-4414 with questions.

Don't Forget to Water Boulevard Trees!

Please remember to soak your trees, including boulevard trees, when watering this summer. Very young trees 10 to 15 gallons of water a week, and those that have been in the ground five years or less need a weekly soaking. Trees stressed by heat are more susceptible to die back, pests and diseases, so save your trees by giving them the water they need. 🍷

Candidate Filing Period Begins August 1

The filing period to run for Mayor or City Council member in the November 7, 2023 election begins **August 1 and ends August 15.**

More information about candidate filing is on the City website at www.hopkinsmn.com/1007/Candidate-Filing.

Contact City Clerk Amy Domeier at adomeier@hopkinsmn.com or 952-548-6304 with questions. 🍷



Hopkins Activity Center

Fitness • Recreation • Social Opportunities • Rentals

Get social this summer with opportunities for active adults at the Hopkins Activity Center.

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.

Raspberry Festival Senior Day Social

Wednesday, July 12 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Downtown Park

In July we celebrate Hopkins! Socialize with other senior adults in the community and be entertained by the music of the Activity Center's new Hopkins Ukulele Group (HUG), and get ready to laugh with the comedic stylings of Sue Dempsey.

Attend this free senior Raspberry Festival event and wear your Raspberry Festival button to show your support. Also at the event, meet and greet Raspberry Royalty, and enter the raffle drawing to win fabulous prizes (\$1 per ticket). Receive a free ticket by bringing a food donation to ICA (limit one free ticket per person). No registration required.

Activity Center Open House

Tuesday, August 15 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Whether you are a regular participant at the Activity Center, or new to the area, you are invited to stop by and see exciting program offerings for active adults and what is happening at the Center!

During the Open House take advantage of membership savings:

- \$5 off membership to first time members
- \$5 credit to current members for new member referrals

No registration needed to attend. Bring a friend and stop in to enjoy a tasty treat, play games in the lounge, see activity demonstrations, visit with volunteers and group leaders, and pick up travel or rental information.

We also welcome you to stop by the Activity Center for a tour any time during program open hours Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 🍷