



Hopkins

Highlights

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City Snow Reminders

Remember these rules and sail through winter

Move your car

In the event of a snowfall two inches or more, residents should move vehicles off City streets and parking lots, per City ordinance, or risk being ticketed. In certain situations when the snowfall is over two inches, 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/emergencynotifications.

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

New Year, New Website

Check Out Our New Look January 4

The City of Hopkins website, www.hopkinsmn.com, is one of the best ways to find important information about city meetings, events and services.

Launching January 4, a redesign of the City's website will feature an updated look and feel with a new layout, navigation, color palette and fonts. 🍷

Sign-Up for Updates

For timely updates on City happenings, residents are encouraged to subscribe to Connections, the City's weekly e-newsletter, at 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.

City Meeting Calendar

City Offices Closed

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, January 2, 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 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, January 2, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

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

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, February 26, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

Wednesday, February 28, 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
- Ben Goodlund
- Heidi Garrido
- Brian Hunke



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Free Christmas Tree Pick-Up is Week of January 8

The week of January 8, 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 15, 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. 🍓

Fire Department Services Available to Residents

Stay Safe at Home with These Education Opportunities

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 or 952-548-6454 for information about Fire Department programs, or to set up a training opportunity or home visit. 🍓

Want Emergency Notifications?

Sign-up to receive emergency notifications from the City on things like snow emergencies, road closures and public safety alerts at www.hopkinsmn.com/emergencynotifications.

Pavement Management

What is the Pavement Management Program?

The Pavement Management Program is part of the city's overall asset management and involves monitoring the condition of city streets.

Every four years, Public Works staff evaluate every public street in Hopkins and assign them "pavement condition index" values. The pavement condition index helps determine what maintenance actions are necessary and when to make an investment in a street.

For reconstruction projects, Engineering staff start by looking at the streets with the lowest pavement condition index values across the city and evaluating logical groupings of streets. The condition and age of the water and sewer lines beneath the roadway is also taken into account.

For maintenance projects such as mill and overlay, Engineering staff look for pavement condition index values that may indicate a street is in fair condition and reconstruction is not necessary, but

the reconditioning of the top layer of pavement will extend the street's lifecycle another 15 to 20 years at a fraction of the price of a full street reconstruction.

Street improvements are funded by a combination of the general fund and special assessments. Reconstruction projects are paid for through special assessments and bonding, while maintenance improvements are paid for through the City's general fund.

The Pavement Management Program is a critical piece of the city's Capital Improvement Plan, allowing us to be proactive, rather than reactionary, and both financially responsible and intentional about protecting our infrastructure.

Engineering staff estimate that we will have reconstructed all public streets in Hopkins by 2030. The streets that we are reconstructing now are expected to have a lifecycle of 60 years, with appropriately timed maintenance. 🍷

Do you know the Cold Weather Rule

Struggling to pay for heat or electricity this season? Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule (CWR) is a state law that protects residential utility customers from having electric or natural gas service shut off between October 1 and April 30. Your utility company must offer a payment plan that is reasonable for your household's financial circumstances.

You can set up a CWR payment plan any time during the CWR season. You are eligible for CWR protection even if you rent – the electricity or gas must be the primary heat source and the utility account must be in your name. Residents can contact Xcel Energy or CenterPoint Energy directly to set up a payment plan. 🍷

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 4. Trees must be planted by residents on private property in Hopkins, not within the boulevard or public right-of-way.

Trees will be available for pick-up on May 4 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. A preview of trees for sale will be available on treetrust.org two weeks prior to the tree sale. 🍷

Upcoming Events

State of the City

Wednesday, January 31 • 6 p.m.

The 2024 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. A reception featuring food and drink from local businesses will be held beforehand at 5 p.m. Find more information at www.hopkinsmn.com/stateofthecity.

Kids' Fest

Sunday, February 4 • 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Join Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation for an afternoon of FREE family fun at Kids' Fest at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Indoor and outdoor activities include dog sled rides, horse-drawn trolley rides, face painting, ice-sculptures, crafts and much more! Registration not required.

West Metro Home Remodeling Fair

Sunday, February 25 • 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. Learn more at <http://homeremodelingfair.com/>. 🍷

Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

January 2024

The City will be closed on Monday, January 1, for New Year's Day. Garbage, recycling and organics collection will be delayed one day. The City will also be closed on Monday, January 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Garbage, recycling and organics collection will be delayed one day. Recycling collection will be the weeks of January 2-5, January 16-19 and January 29-February 1.

February 2024

City offices will be closed Monday, February 19, for Presidents' Day. Garbage and organics collection will be delayed by one day. Recycling collection will be the weeks of January 29-February 1, February 12-15 and February 26-29.

Utility Bill Rate Increases

In order to cover current operating costs and adequately fund capital projects, the City Council adopted rate increases. The new rates are effective on January 1 and will first appear on utility bills received in February. To view the rate increases, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/493/Fees-on-Your-Utility-Bill. 🍷



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Arts North International

29 Years and Running at the Hopkins Center for the Arts!

In its 29th year, this highly competitive international juried exhibition showcases work by artists throughout the United States and from around the world. There is a wide range of mediums represented including acrylic, oil, and watercolor paintings, sculptures, fiber and textiles, ceramics, photographs and more.

The public is invited to the Arts North Opening Reception on Saturday, January 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. Join us for the first opportunity to view the entire exhibition, enjoy light refreshments, cash bar, and the option to visit with other attendees and participating artists. The exhibition will be on view from January 13 until February 24. Exhibitions and opening reception are free and open to all. 🍓

2024 Concerts

at the Hopkins Center for the Arts

The Hopkins Center for the Arts announces new concert performances each quarter. Most recently, a broad range of artists have appeared on stage bringing musical styles from bluegrass to folk, and punk rock to jazz.

Discover what unique blend of performers are coming next to the Center, and find more art exhibition opportunities and rental information on the Art Center's website at www.hopkinsartscenter.com. 🍓



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.

Social Engagement for the Winter Soul

When you are looking to get out of the house, we offer a variety of opportunities for social connection:

- Sign-up for a Lunch and Learn event featuring a hearty soup along with an engaging educational topic.
- View a recently released movie at our monthly Monday movie and popcorn time.
- Drop-in to play with a casual cards or games group like Mah Jongg or Scrabble.
- Stop by the Center to say "hi!" and warm up with a complimentary cup of coffee or hot cocoa on a chilly day.

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Fridays, January 12 & February 9 • 2 to 3 p.m.

Exercise while you meet new friends and explore local walking trails. The Walking Club meets at a different local park each month.

Murder Mystery Sock Hop

Tuesday, January 30 • 1 to 3 p.m.

This is your chance to be in a real-life detective story where the true killer could be any one of the guests...or even you! The Murder Mystery Company's professional actors will engage guests in an interactive mystery sock hop prom event. Someone will die in a comedic way, and it will be up to your team to trade clues with guests, and gather information to solve the crime.

Dress in your sock hop clothing, if you wish, and enjoy an afternoon of laughter and dancing. Light snacks and punch will be served.

Activity fee: \$15, Members: \$12. Event sponsor: Allina Health Aetna

The Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue N. Event information and registration can be found online at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter or by calling 952-939-1333. 🍓