



# Hopkins



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## Garden Plot Registration

*Sign-Up for a Plot in Valley Park on April 3*

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 Wednesday, April 3, 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 5.

Learn more at [www.hopkinsmn.com/398/Family-Gardens](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/398/Family-Gardens). 🍷



## We're Hiring! *Have Fun and Make an Impact with Your Summer Job*

### Hopkins Public Works

Come spend your summer working outside in a great environment.

Hopkins Public Works is hiring for multiple seasonal positions including streets, parks, utilities or forestry maintenance, and tree watering. Hours are flexible, with pay starting at \$18.00-\$19.50/hour.

Learn more and apply online at [www.hopkinsmn.com/jobs](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/jobs).

### Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services

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

A variety of seasonal summer job opportunities are available including lifeguards and swim instructors, Shady Oak Beach staff, Gray's Bay Marina attendants, Kid's Corner day camp staff, Park Adventures staff, park attendants and inclusion specialists.

Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/jobs](http://minnetonkamn.gov/jobs) to apply. 🍷

## Sign-Up for Summer Recreation

**Tuesday, March 5 • General Recreation**

**Thursday, March 7 • Senior Programs**

**Tuesday, March 19 • Ice Skating**

**Wednesday, May 15 • Swimming Lessons**

Visit [minnetonka.gov/register](http://minnetonka.gov/register) to check out program options and choose from hundreds of activities, including summer camps, swimming lessons, skating lessons, fitness classes, arts and crafts, athletic leagues and senior programs. There's something for everyone!

Register online at [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://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. 🍷

## Casella Named New Assistant City Manager



City Manager Mike Mornson has named Casey Casella to serve as the City of Hopkins' next Assistant City Manager.

Casella has a bachelor's degree in political science and master's degree in public policy, both from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. She has been serving as Assistant City Administrator and Management Analyst at the City of Savage since 2020. Previous roles include City Management Fellow at the City of Edina, Government Relations Assistant at the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities, and Administrative Intern at the League of Minnesota Cities.

Casella will start her new position March 11. She succeeds Ari Lenz as Assistant City Manager. 🍷

## Did You Know?



Individuals, families, groups, businesses and organizations can purchase bricks with their names imprinted to be placed at Clock Tower Plaza off 9th Avenue and Mainstreet. The deadline to order for summer installation is March 31. Learn more at [www.hopkinsmn.com/853/Buy-a-Brick](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/853/Buy-a-Brick).

# City Meeting Calendar

## City Council Calendar

**Monday, March 4, 6:35 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

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

Regular Meeting

**Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, April 16, 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

**Monday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.**

Park Board

**Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.**

Planning and Zoning Commission

**Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.**

Park Board

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
- Ben Goodlund
- Heidi Garrido
- 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 8–12: Hydrants north of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- April 15–19: Hydrants south of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- April 22–26: 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 in the Bellgrove, Drillane, Knollwood, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge, North Presidents and Cottageville neighborhoods.

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

## Meet HPD's New K9 Officer



Introducing the Hopkins Police Department's newest member, K9 Zero!

Zero earned his name because he loves to spin in circles and because he is dark

like the midnight hour, also known as the zero hour in military time.

Zero is a one year old Belgian Malinois and German Shepard mix, who came from Hungary and lived in Florida before being selected by the Police Department. Zero has restarted the HPD K9 program, which ended over 20 years ago.

Zero and his training were funded using public safety grant funds.

Officer Harriman and Zero began their four-month-long training class in February. Zero will be trained on patrol work and narcotics detection.

*A note from Zero: Hi everybody. I really like treats and I love to play (especially with cool toys). Would you be willing to donate to the Hopkins Crime Prevention Fund so Officer Chris can get me a few really nice ones? I promise to work very hard to be the best officer for you and the community. Thanks!*

*Your donation to the Hopkins Crime Prevention Fund to support Zero is tax deductible (5013C - Tax ID# 33-3355326). Donate via PayPal at [paypal.me/HPDCrimePrevention](https://www.paypal.com/HPDCrimePrevention), drop-off a check/cash at the police department Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or mail a check to HCPF - Hopkins Police Department, 1010 First Street S Hopkins, MN 55343.*

## Community Connector Recap

As the diversity within the community continues to grow, the City is committed to providing residents with information about the resources Hopkins has to offer.

Zaira Rosas, the City's Spanish speaking community connector, is continuing to establish her connection to the Latino community. As immigrants new to the country or city, the challenge of adjusting and adapting to a new culture can be particularly difficult, but the City is hoping to change that with the Community Connector role.

For Zaira, who grew up with parents who didn't speak English, she often found herself translating

for her parents at a young age. Zaira often shares that her services help Spanish speaking residents feel comforted by not having to rely on their children and can instead have another adult with similar life experiences to help them navigate finding resources, filling out paperwork or seeking legal information.

As the population of Latino and Somali residents grows, feeling welcome and supported is a core value for the City. Learn more at [www.hopkinsmn.com/1147/Community-Connectors](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/1147/Community-Connectors).

Connect with Zaira via email at [zrosas@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:zrosas@hopkinsmn.com) or by phone at 952-228-8419. 🍷

## Apply to be an ACE Intern

The cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka are thrilled to be recruiting again for the 2024 Advancing Careers and Employment (ACE) Program.

The ACE Program offers young people ages 16-24 paid summer internship and professional development experience.

Participants are able to explore a variety of careers within the cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka, and build and grow their professional and leadership skills.

Learn about the ACE program more and apply to be an intern at [www.hopkinsmn.com/ACE](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/ACE). 🍷

## Start Your Spring Cleaning

### *Bulk Item Drop-Off Event is April 26-27*

The City is holding its annual spring bulk item drop-off event on Friday, April 26, from 3 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 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](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/333/Bulk-Item-Drop-Off). 🍷

## Water Meter Replacement

This spring, the City of Hopkins will be starting a City-wide water meter replacement project that will replace every water meter in the city.

The project will be completed using a third-party organization

that will handle all installation appointments with the ability to also schedule online.

Contact Public Works Utilities Superintendent Sean Moilanen at [smoilanen@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:smoilanen@hopkinsmn.com) with questions. 🍷

## Upcoming Events

### Cops and Community Bingo

**Sunday, April 14 • 2 to 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

**Thursday, April 25 • 3 to 5 p.m.**

Save the Date for the City's annual Arbor Day celebration! Keep an eye out on social media and Hopkins Connections for more information as it gets closer. 🍷

## Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

### March 2024

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days. Recycling collection will be the weeks of March 11-14 and March 18-22.

### April 2024

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days. Recycling collection will be the weeks of April 8-11 and April 22-25.

### Yard Waste, Brush Drop-Off Site Opens

**Monday, April 1 • 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](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site).

### Free Brush, Yard Waste Pick-Up

**April 1-11 • Free Brush Pick-Up**

**April 15-25 • 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](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste). 🍷



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## Visit an Art Center Exhibition

*Exhibitions are Free and Open to the Public!*

Hopkins Center for the Arts invites you to stop in to enjoy the free galleries during open hours, Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.

Current exhibitions of art by James Burpee, Erik Jon Olson, and Loretta Bebeau weave through the relationship between human experience and nature, to the unnatural effects of human activity on the environment.

New artwork rotates out monthly in each of the gallery spaces, with the current exhibition on display through March 30.

Watch for announcements of opening receptions, future exhibition dates, and opportunities for artists posted at [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/223/Exhibitions](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/223/Exhibitions). 🍷

## Coming in Concert

*at the Hopkins Center for the Arts*

Grammy-nominated artist Valerie June Hockett brings her folk and soul sounds all the way from Tennessee to grace the stage on Saturday, March 23. Prior to the start of the 8 p.m. concert, attendees can socialize in the lobby beginning at 7 p.m.

Concert tickets can be purchased during Box Office hours Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., on Saturdays of concert dates from 3 to 8 p.m., or online at [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/222/Concerts](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/222/Concerts). 🍷



# 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.

### Naturalist and Author Stan Tekiela Returns!

**Monday, April 29 • 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Stan Tekiela is a familiar author among many nature lovers. Stan's dynamic presentation style will entertain, as well as educate you on how to identify the more than 200 native wildflowers of Minnesota. Following the presentation his nature books will be available for purchase. Please register to attend this presentation. \$5 Activity fee, members of Activity Center \$3.

### Fitness and Health

Opportunities for staying active and healthy are available, whether you prefer group fitness, dancing, walking or gentle meditation and yoga classes. Try your first fitness class at the Center for free. For a full list of fitness programs, visit the activity registration site at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter), or call 952-939-1333.

### Garden Club for Seniors

**Wednesday, April 17 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

In partnership with the expertise and aid of Hennepin County Master Gardeners get your hands dirty at the Valley Park community garden plots while tending the vegetable garden. All produce harvested is donated to ICA Foodshelf. Volunteer, as you are available, with any of the gardening tasks from planning to planting, watering, weeding or harvesting.

### Community Garden Class for All Ages

**Wednesday, March 20 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

What's new for 2024? What are gardeners talking about? Come hear the buzz at the first Community Garden Class of the season: Trends in Gardening. More Garden Classes being offered throughout the summer can be found at [bit.ly/CommunityGardenClasses](https://bit.ly/CommunityGardenClasses).

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). 🍷