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The Sunset Series Returns

Free Concerts in Downtown Park Begin June 13

The Hopkins Center for the Arts is excited to present the 2024 Sunset Series, which is set to begin Thursday, June 13, with rock band Muun Bato.

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. Concerts run through August 22.

For more information, including the full 2024 Sunset Series line-up, visit 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.

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.

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 2024 Shady Oak Beach season pass and enjoy unlimited entry to the beach at great rates. The beach will be open to visitors June 8 through August 18.

Purchase or renew online at 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.

2024 ArtStreet

New Sculptures on Display in June

New Hopkins ArtStreet sculptures will be on display throughout downtown Hopkins from June 2024 through May 2025, and are available for purchase.

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

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.

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

Keep up with current Art Center happenings by signing up for email news, find Center open hours, and rental information at www.hopkinsartscenter.com.

2023 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, 2023. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. The report will not be mailed. Please visit www.hopkinsmn.com/500/Water-Quality for a copy. To request a paper copy, call Public Works at 952-939-1382.

City Meeting Calendar

City Offices Closed

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 19

Juneteenth

City Council Calendar

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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Regular Meeting

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

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 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

Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

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

Planning and Zoning Commission

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

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Park Board

Tuesday, June 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
- Ben Goodlund
- Heidi Garrido
- Brian Hunke



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Nominate a Sparkling Property

Community Image Award Nominations Due August 23

The City of Hopkins annually honors property owners and business owners who have made significant improvements to their property, including landscaping, accessibility, sustainability, 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 23. Forms are available at City Hall or at www.hopkinsmn.com/292/Community-Image-Award. 🍓

This Spring at the Art Center

Midwestern Artist Exhibitions

Stop into the Hopkins Center for the Arts to see the inspirational and unique artwork of the Spring Members' Nonjuried Exhibition before it wraps up on May 12.

Then, on May 16 from 6-8 p.m., you are invited to the Opening Receptions for a group of Midwestern artists. Hear and examine for yourself as they share their own unique perspectives on the landscape and historical references of recognizable and relatable places of our region.

Beginning June 20, the Galleries will feature a collaboration of nineteen visual artists from The Interfaith Artist Circle of the Twin Cities, presenting "Hope and Healing in Pandemic Times," a dialogue about life and hope, now and for the future.

Also on display through July 27, artist Jeremy Jones' works of toy-like sculptures, assemblages of clay, mixed media, found objects

and digital technologies create a space for investigating the spaces of parenthood and the everyday moments of childrearing.

Immerse yourself in these free art experiences in the Galleries at the Hopkins Center for the Arts open daily.

Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from noon-5 p.m.

Final Spring Concerts

The spring indoor concert season is finishing strong with three must see acts in May. Daniel Lanois Trio will bring their rock and ambient vibes on May 4, bluegrass duo Mark & Maggie O'Connor grace the stage on May 9, and bluegrass/Americana artist Sierra Hull closes out the season on May 19.

To purchase concert tickets, visit www.hopkinsartscenter.com/222/Concerts. 🍓

Grant and Loan Opportunities

Applications for three City programs will be accepted June 3-28.

Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund

Incentives are available for residential and commercial projects to accelerate our transition to cleaner and more efficient energy. Projects awarded in the past have been solar panel installations, electric bike purchases, and weatherization improvements.

Façade Improvement Program

Commercial property and business owners in Downtown Hopkins, between 7th Avenue and Shady Oak Road and 1st Street N and

1st Street, are eligible to apply for funding for façade revitalization projects that strengthen Mainstreet's vitality.

Hopkins Small Business Grants

One-time grants are available to small businesses with brick-and-mortar facilities in the City, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. The grants may be used for publicly visible physical improvements to the exterior of buildings and improvements to increase ADA accessibility.

Learn more and apply at www.hopkinsmn.com/1181/Grant-and-Loan-Opportunities. 🍓

Receive Help With Your Home Down Payment

Homebuyers can now qualify for assistance to make a down payment on their first home in Hennepin County.

In collaboration with Hennepin County, NeighborWorks Home Partners launched a down payment assistance program for residents buying homes in Hennepin County.

The Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority created and designed the Homebuyer Assistance Program to reduce racial disparities in homeownership.

As the program administrator, NeighborWorks Home Partners will provide down payment financing to assist buyers interested in purchasing a home to have as their principal place of residence in Hennepin County

Interested homebuyers can find more information at <https://nwhomepartners.org/hennepin-county-hra-homebuyer-assistance-program>, or by contacting NeighborWorks at hello@nwhomepartners.org or 651-292-8710. 🍓

May is National Bike Month

Bike Month Bingo

May 1-31

Earn a BINGO by biking to the various locations/activities. Download the Bingo card at minnetonkamn.gov/bikemonth.

National Bike and Roll to School Day

Wednesday, May 8

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

National Bike Week

May 13-19

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

National Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 17

Trade four wheels for two on your regular commute.

Mountain Bike Opener

Saturday, May 18 • 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, and group rides and clinics.

Participants are strongly encouraged to bike to the event. 🍓

Upcoming Events

Community Garden Kick-Off

Saturday, May 11 • 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. Returning this year: a free coffee cart from No Milk.

Summer Safety Open House

Saturday, May 18 • 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 2024

Garbage and organics collection will be delayed one day the week of May 27 for the Memorial Day holiday. Recycling collection will be the weeks of May 6-9 and May 20-23.

June 2024

Wednesday and Thursday garbage, recycling organics collection will be delayed one day the week of June 17 for Juneteenth. Recycling collection will be the weeks of June 3-6 and June 17-18 and June 20-21.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

May 3 & 4 • 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.

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, 2-7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Yard Waste Pick-Up After April 25

After April 25, 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. 🍓



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Step To It! Get Moving This May

Register Today for a Fun Four-Week Challenge

Build healthy habits by tracking your activity through the Step to it Challenge, a fun, free program that encourages people of all ages and abilities to become more active.

Join the Challenge this May on behalf of your community, school, workplace or organization. The Challenge is not just about walking; almost any activity counts, including running, cycling, dancing, manual wheelchair use and many others.

As a Step to it Challenge participant, you keep an ongoing total of the steps you take during the challenge. You can use the activity conversion chart at www.steptoit.org to count steps from your activities and record them online.

Best of all, it's FREE! Visit the Step To It Challenge website at www.steptoit.org to sign-up. 🍓

Is Your Car Seat Installed Correctly?

As part of their Community Outreach Program, the Hopkins Police Department offers free car seat inspections.

The department has staff who are National Child Passenger Safety Technicians and can inspect your child's car seat to ensure it is installed properly.

Request an inspection appointment on our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/carseatinspection. 🍓



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

Explore Area Trails with the Bike Club

Hopkins Activity Center Senior Bicyclers are looking forward to getting back on the trails. Two ride options are available: Monday morning active rides and Wednesday evening recreational rides with a fun social stop along the way. Join the Activity Center for a Bike Club Season Opener event on **Wednesday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m.**, at the Maetzold Field Picnic Shelter. Register to attend and view Bike Club schedules at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter.com.

Bunco Bonanza

Tuesday, May 21 • 10 a.m.-noon

Join us for a fun and lively game of Bunco on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. No experience necessary to come and play this social dice game. Register to attend.

Mah Jongg Tournament

Tuesday, May 28 • 9:30-10:45 a.m.

The Activity Center is hosting a friendly non-competitive Mah Jongg tournament, with all levels of experience welcome to play. Register by May 23 to attend.

Activity Center Open House

Tuesday, June 18 • 10 a.m.-noon

Explore the newly renovated lounge area, meet some new friends and try out demonstration activities. We will also be hosting a book and puzzle sale for seniors during the Open House. Donations of quality books and puzzles will be accepted until June 17. New members who sign up during the Open House will receive a \$5 voucher to be used toward future activities.

Explore Nordic Walking

Tuesday, June 21 • 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Enjoy the outdoors and empower your walking by adding Nordic Walking Poles. Nordic walking poles provided. Be prepared to walk a mile or more. Registration fee: \$12. Activity Center Members: \$11. 🍓