



Hopkins



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Celebrate with Neighbors!

National Night Out is August 6

Celebrate the 41st annual National Night Out against crime and drugs with your neighbors on **Tuesday, August 6**.

From 5 to 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 Valley Park, 700 8th Street S, at 5 p.m. with the Hopkins Police and Fire Departments, and a special kick-off message from City of Hopkins Mayor Patrick Hanlon and Police Chief Brent Johnson.

Plus a free food truck, giveaways and lots of family fun! 🍓



2025 Budget Information Session is August 12

The City will host an informational session on the City's 2025 budget on Monday, **August 12**, from 5 to 6 p.m., at Hopkins City Hall. The session will include a short presentation and time for questions.

Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process for more information. 🍓

Register for Fall Recreation

Tuesday, August 6, 8 a.m. • General Recreation
Thursday, August 8, 8 a.m. • Senior Programs
Tuesday, August 20, 8 a.m. • Ice Skating Lessons

Visit minnetonka.gov/register to check out program options and choose from an array 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: 952-939-8203, Senior Programs: 952-939-8393, Ice Skating: 952-939-8310. 🍓

Sign-Up for Fall Youth Soccer by July 12

The Hopkins-Minnetonka Fall Youth Soccer League is a great opportunity for kids ages 5-14 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 ages 8-14 play an additional game each Tuesday or Thursday. Practices begin the week of August 19, and the season will conclude by October 12.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/register or call 952-939-8203 to register by **July 12**.

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

Thursday, July 4
Independence Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, July 9, 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 5, 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 12, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 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, July 9, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Park Board

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

Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday, August 5, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Park Board

Tuesday, August 27, 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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Make a Plan to Vote!

Primary Election Day is **August 13**. Be sure to return your mail-in ballot or make a plan to vote in-person.

Return by mail

Mail your ballot back in the pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope that was provided with your ballot materials. Ballots must be received by Election Day. If you don't think your ballot will be received in time using regular mail, you may choose to pay for an express delivery service.

Return in-person

If necessary, ballots may be returned in-person. Return ballots by 8 p.m. on Election Day to Hopkins City Hall or at the Hennepin County Government Center. You may drop-off your ballot, or ballots for up to three other voters.

Vote early in-person

If you'd like to vote early in person, make a plan to do so now. Voting early can be done at:

- Hopkins City Hall, now through August 12: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday); August 10: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; August 12: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Hennepin County Government Center skyway level (Hennepin County residents), now through August 12: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday); August 10: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; August 12: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vote on Election Day

If it's too late to return your mail-in ballot or you decide you'd rather vote in-person on Election Day, you can do so by finding your local polling location at <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

Minnesota's polls on Election Day are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. 🍓

Public Works Adds New Electric Equipment to Fleet



In 2024, Hopkins Public Works added two fully electric pieces of equipment to their fleet — a 2024 Ford F-150 Lightning and a 2024 Toro Revolution zero-turn mower.

The Lightning will be assigned to the Streets Department to help in the traffic area. The zero-turn mower will be used to maintain all of Hopkins' green spaces.

The Public Works team already utilizes smaller handheld equipment such as chainsaws, leaf blowers and weed whips that are fully electric. 🍓

Elevate Hennepin

Did you know that local businesses throughout Hennepin County are eligible to receive business advising and consulting services at no cost?

Hopkins is proud to partner with Hennepin County's Elevate Hennepin™ initiative to bring expert advising and other business resources to businesses at no cost.

Elevate Hennepin offers business advising from professional consultants, provided by the County. Businesses can get up to 25 hours of consulting from each advisor.

The more than 40 advisors have expertise in many business topics,

including:

- Access to capital
- Business certification
- Financial management
- Marketing consulting
- Legal questions
- Human resources
- Strategic planning
- Business technology
- Starting a business

To get started, visit elevatehennepin.org to take advantage of this incredible resource. 🍷

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

Are you looking for an evening out this summer to sit and listen to some great music? Grab your lawn chairs and head to Downtown Park on Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m. for the Sunset Series outdoor concerts.

Be entertained by the energetic Latin dance music of Salsa del Soul, R & B artist PaviElle French, Rock 'n' Roll singer-songwriter Dan Israel, powerful Country vocalist Molly Brandt, R & B group Power of 10 returns, instrumental Indie-Jazz group HEYARLO, and closing out the summer series on August 22 is Indie Rock band Rogue Valley.

Check out Sunset Series concerts 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- Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday Noon-5 p.m.

New exhibitions from local painters Angel Wagner, Ekaterina

Kazachenko, and photographer Emilie Bouvier, will be on display and introduced by the artists at their Opening Receptions on August 1 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/Rentals. 🍷



Upcoming Events

Braver Angels Presentation

Wednesday, August 7 • 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Let's face it, talking about politics has gotten tougher than ever. Conversations with family and friends have gone sideways... with us collectively losing the ability to communicate with people with whom we disagree.

Join the Hopkins Activity Center for a group discussion where we will learn from each other how to hear, accept, engage and get along. Discover where political polarization is coming from and what each of us can do to depolarize ourselves, our personal relationships, our communities, and our country.

Adults 18 and older are welcome to attend this free interactive presentation. Registration required at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter.

Celebration of Community

Saturday, July 20 • 10 a.m.-3 p.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. 🍷

Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

July 2024

City offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, for the Fourth of July. Thursday collection will be picked up on Friday. Recycling collection will be the weeks of July 1-3, July 15-18 and July 29-August 1.

August 2024

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days. Recycling collection will be the weeks of July 29-August 1, August 12-15 and August 26-29.

Recycle Smart! Know What Goes in Your Cart

At some point, we've all probably put something in our recycling cart that we weren't sure was actually recyclable. This is called "wish-cycling." Although you may want to recycle everything, the best thing you can do to support recycling is to only recycle the items accepted in our recycling program. These items can be sorted properly at recycling facilities and made into new products.

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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Lawn Watering Reminders

Lawn watering has a large impact on the City's ability to supply water to the community. To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City enforces year-round watering restrictions.

Residents and businesses are required to water on an odd/even system. If your address ends with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), you can water on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, etc.). If your address ends in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), you can water on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, etc.).

Lawn watering is also not allowed between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. when the evaporation rate is the highest.

Activities such as playing with water, car washing and hand-watering of flowerbeds are exempt from this policy as long as the activity is attended. Exemptions are also available for private wells and watering new sod or seed.

Please call the Public Works Department at 952-548-6353 for an exemption or with any questions. 🍷

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. 🍷



Hopkins Activity Center

Fitness • Recreation • Social Opportunities • Rentals

Aging with grace is the goal of living long and living well. Come see how the Activity Center can enhance your life with fun, educational, social and fitness activities this summer.

Raspberry Festival Senior Day Social

Thursday, July 17 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Join the Hopkins Activity Center in Downtown Park to celebrate Hopkins! Enjoy a summer afternoon of entertainment while socializing with other senior adults in the community. Take in a dance performance and interactive lesson from Costa Rica Ballroom, delight in the cheerful melodies of the Hopkins Ukulele Group (HUG), meet and greet the Raspberry Royalty, and enter for a chance to win fabulous raffle prizes (\$1 per ticket). Receive a free ticket by bringing a donation to ICA (limit one free ticket per person)

No registration required. Wear your Raspberry Festival button for entrance to this social event. In case of rain or inclement weather this event will be held inside at the Hopkins Activity Center.

Senior Citizens Day Events

Wednesday, August 21

Celebrate healthy aging at our Senior Citizens Day events! No registration needed to attend these free events for senior adults.

- **Coffee With a Cop, 9:30-10:30 a.m.:** Meet and greet our local heroes, the Hopkins Police. Ask questions and find out about what is happening in our community. Stop by to say "hello" and have a sweet treat.
- **Music and Ice Cream 2-3:30 p.m.:** Enjoy the beautiful music of the Aquatennial Senior Singers. Life is sweet and so is ice cream! We will be serving free ice cream sundaes during the musical event.

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. 🍷