



Hopkins

Highlights

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Plan to Vote November 5

The general election will be held Tuesday, November 5. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit mnvotes.org to find your polling place, request a ballot or view your sample ballot, or contact City Hall for more information.

Vote Early by Absentee Ballot

You do not have to wait until Election Day to vote. You can vote early by absentee ballot. Eligible voters may vote in-person at City Hall or by mail. To vote early by mail, request an absentee ballot by visiting mnvotes.org or by contacting City Hall.

Absentee ballots will be available at City Hall starting Friday, September 20, through Monday, November 4, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City Hall will be open extended hours for absentee voting on:

- Saturday, October 26 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- Tuesday, October 29, (8 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
- Saturday, November 2 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- Sunday, November 3 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- Monday, November 6 (open until 5 p.m.)

The deadline to return absentee ballots to City Hall is 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Questions?

City staff is available for voting questions. Please contact us at 952-548-6300 or visit our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/352/Voting-Elections for more information. 🍷



Ice Season Returns!

at the Hopkins Pavilion

Weekday Open Skates at the Hopkins Pavilion will begin Wednesday, September 4. All Open Skates are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, and free for kids under 5. Learn more about activities at the Pavilion at www.hopkinspavilion.com. 🍷

Register for Youth Basketball League

Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation's Youth Basketball League for ages 7-12 (grades 2-6), in partnership with Plymouth Parks and Recreation, is a great opportunity for new and experienced players to develop their basketball skills, character and build new friendships. Teams are formed by grade level.

Games for all ages begin in December and are on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Starting in November, ages 8-12 (grades 3-6) will have one practice each week and ages 7-8 (grade 2) will practice Saturdays before each game. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/register or call 952-939-8203 to learn more, or to register for the league and volunteer coaching. The registration deadline is October 7. 🍷

Bulk Item Drop-Off is September 27-28

The City is holding its annual fall bulk item drop-off event for City of Hopkins residents on Friday, September 27, from 3-7 p.m., and Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m.- noon, at Hopkins Public Works, 11100 Excelsior Boulevard.

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. Debit cards, MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover are all accepted.

Find more information at www.hopkinsmn.com/333/Bulk-Item-Drop-Off. 🍷

Did You Know?



The City offers a free brush and yard waste drop-off site for residential garbage customers at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad. The site will be open regular hours (Monday and Wednesday 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) through October 7. After October 7, Monday and Wednesday hours will change to 1 to 5 p.m. (weather permitting). Visit the City website at www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site for more information.

City Meeting Calendar

City Offices Closed

Monday, September 2
Labor Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, September 3, 6:35 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 6:35 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 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, September 3, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

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:

- Heidi Garrido
- Brian Hunke
- Ben Goodlund



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11 Interns Complete 2024 ACE Program

Over the summer, the City of Hopkins and the City of Minnetonka partnered on the Advancing Careers and Employment (ACE) program, which offers young people ages 16-24 a paid summer internship and professional development experience.

For eight weeks, eight interns worked across several City departments including Community Development, Administration and Finance, Police, Fire, Public Works, the Hopkins Center for the Arts, and the Hopkins Activity Center.

Each week, students spent time with speakers and trainers on professional development topics like personal finance, conflict resolution and career development, experience different departments and jobs within the City, and completed projects and tasks within their assigned department.

The ACE program focuses on meeting the needs of youth traditionally under-represented in the workforce, in addition to exposing young adults to careers in local government.

Learn more at www.hopkinsmn.com/ACE. 🍓

Water Meter Replacement Project is Underway

The citywide meter replacement project began earlier this summer. Ferguson Waterworks was awarded the project, with RMR Services installing the meters. Residents are advised to be on the lookout for a letter from Ferguson Waterworks to schedule a meter changeout appointment.

There is no charge to have your meter replaced and it will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete.

A few things to know about meter installations:

- RMR Services will need access to the meter inside your property
- The water meter area should be clear and accessible

- Installers will be running wire to the outside of the property to the transmitter that will be attached to the house/business. This may mean they will have to drill a hole to the outside of the property
- An adult 18 years old or older must be present at the time of installation
- Hopkins City Code requires that all water services have working shut-off valves for the water meter.

If you have any questions about the water meter replacement project, contact the City of Hopkins Utilities Division at 952-548-6353. 🍓

Fall Concert Announcements

at the Hopkins Center for the Arts

Joan Osborne and Joshua Radin

Friday, October 11 • 8 p.m.

Joan Osborne is a versatile American singer-songwriter known for her soulful voice and diverse musical style. She gained widespread recognition in the 90s with her breakout single “One of Us,” which topped charts internationally and earned her several Grammy nominations. Her music blends elements of rock, soul, blues, and folk, showcasing her vocal range and emotive delivery. Joshua Radin is an American singer-songwriter known for his heartfelt acoustic folk-pop music. He gained prominence in the mid-2000s after his song “Winter” was featured on the television show “Scrubs,” and he continues to captivate listeners with his sincere, introspective music.

Richie Furay

Saturday, November 2 • 8 p.m.

After an astonishing 60-year career in music that included pivotal positions in Buffalo Springfield, Poco, the Souther-Hillman-Furay Band, as well as several solo albums, and an induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Richie Furay’s signature vocals still capture his voice with such incredible depth and beauty that even those who have been long-time fans and followers will be caught with wonder when seeing him perform as he approaches 80 years old.

To purchase concert tickets, contact the Box Office Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., Saturdays of concerts from 3 to 8:30 p.m. by calling 952-548-6490; emailing boxoffice@hopkinsmn.com, or ordering online at www.hopkinsartscenter.com/222/Concerts. 🍷

Free Fall Brush and Leaf/Yard Waste Pick-Up

Free Brush Pick-Up Begins September 16

The City will be picking up brush free of charge for residential garbage customers the same day as your garbage day the week of September 16. No call-in is required for the free pick-up.

Brush may be no longer than 15 feet and no larger than six inches in diameter. One large pile is preferred, but if you must make multiple piles, make sure they are clearly separated. Piles can NOT touch. Piles must be stacked in the boulevard, lying parallel with the street with a minimum of five feet around and above them for accessibility—do not stack near trees, poles, vehicles, fences, etc. Find more information at www.hopkinsmn.com/596/Brush-Pick-Up.

Free Leaf and Yard Waste Pick-Up Begins October 21

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be on your regular garbage day October 21 through November 14. You do not need to schedule this pick-up. Yard waste must be bagged in compostable bags. No plastic bags or loose leaves on tarps.

If you live in the Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge and Interlachen Park neighborhoods, there will not be free leaf and yard waste bag pick-up in these areas. The City will provide free street leaf and yard waste pick-up in these areas using front-end loaders and dump trucks the week of November 4 through 7. View the schedule at www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up.

For Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka Boulevard, Oakridge Road, 5th Avenue North, Minnetonka Mills Road and Blake Road residents: Due to county restrictions and high traffic levels, residents will have free leaf and yard waste bag pick-up October 21 through November 14. 🍷

Upcoming Events

Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, October 2 • 9-11 a.m.

Join officers from the Hopkins Police Department on National Coffee with a Cop Day for free coffee and conversation at Starbucks, 1505 Highway 7.

Hopkins Fire Department Open House

Saturday, October 12 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Stop by the Hopkins Fire Department, 101 17th Avenue S, for their annual open house event featuring fire truck bucket rides, free hot dogs and popcorn, and lots of hands-on fun. Watch live fire demonstrations, including an auto extrication and car fire, and learn valuable health and life safety tips. Plenty of parking is available adjacent to the station.



Halloween in Hopkins

Saturday, October 26 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



Mark your calendar for fun-filled Halloween events in Downtown Hopkins!

Make your way down mainstreet for trick-or-treating at various

businesses, and don't miss the Hopkins Police Department's Haunted Jail tours.

Trick-or-Treat at HPD

Thursday, October 31 • 5-8 p.m.

Stop by the police department lobby for a treat and meet the officers patrolling your neighborhood.

Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

September 2024

City offices will be closed Monday, September 2, for Labor Day. Garbage and organics collection will be delayed one day. Recycling collection will be the weeks of September 9-12 and September 23-26.

October 2024

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days. Recycling collection will be the weeks of October 7-10 and October 21-24.



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Discover West Metro Art on Studio West Art Tour

The Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts is excited to present Studio West Art Tour, an early autumn ramble through the art studios and creative spaces of Minneapolis' western metropolitan communities on September 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and September 15 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tour-goers will enjoy a self-guided experience exploring new territories of art-making, discovering both fresh talent and the latest work by established favorites. 33 artists will be participating, with 10 new artists included this year, displaying their talent at 12 sites in Hopkins, Minnetonka, Deephaven, and Wayzata.

Mediums represented include ceramics, jewelry, painting, photography, drawing, textiles and fibers.

More information about the Studio West Art Tour can be found using the QR code to the right. 🍷



Exhibitions on Display

at the Hopkins Center for the Arts

The Friends Fall Members' Juried Exhibition is an annual fall show of work by Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts Member Artists. Stop by the Redepinning Gallery and view the exceptional original artwork on display, from September 13 through October 19, that is the result of the juried competition.

Other artists whose work displayed in the free galleries this fall, are paintings by Linda Deg Lee, located on the first floor Lobby Gallery, and intricately detailed silverpoint drawings by Tom Hessel, located in the upper Lobby Gallery.

Discover more Hopkins Center for the Arts exhibition opportunities and information at www.hopkinsartscenter.com, or by calling the Art Center at 952-548-6485. 🍷



Hopkins Activity Center

Fitness • Recreation • Social Opportunities • Rentals

Registration is open for active adults to engage in fall recreational, social, educational, fitness and volunteer programs 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.

Active Aging Health and Resource Fair **Friday, October 4 • 10 a.m.-Noon**

Find out what it means to live a healthy lifestyle. The Hopkins Activity Center is hosting a free Active Aging Health and Resource Fair for participants to explore wellness resource booths, visit with local senior housing agencies, sample healthy snacks and experience a healing sound bath. A flu shot clinic will also be available during the Fair. Please contact the Activity Center to schedule a flu shot appointment.

Play Boo-tacular Bingo!

Thursday, October 31 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Senior adults are welcome to a sweet and spooky Boo-tacular bingo party with your chance to win some candy on October 31. Costumes are optional, but encouraged! If you would like to attend, please register in advance for this social event.

Retired Men's Social Group

Thursdays • 1 p.m.

Being part of a group can reduce isolation and loneliness for older men, especially after retirement. At the Activity Center, men have a place to get connected and an opportunity to socialize through The Men's Shed, an open and inclusive group that meets weekly either at the Activity Center, or at off-site locations for projects or tours. Learn more about the Men's Shed group and view their upcoming calendar of events at www.hopkinsmensshed.org. 🍷