



Hopkins

Inspire • Educate

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Winter is Coming!

Remember these rules and sail through winter

Move your car

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicle from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency is declared. Snow emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements.

To receive a message when a snow emergency is declared, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/255/Emergency-Notification-System to register your phone number for the Smart911 Emergency Notification System. During a snow emergency, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb, and the parking lots and parking ramp are completely plowed.

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. This is necessary for the safety of all who use the sidewalks. 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. 🍷

Public Meeting on 2025 Budget is December 2

Interested in how your tax dollars are spent? Attend the 2025 Budget Hearing on Monday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m., at Hopkins City Hall. The 2025 Budget will be presented along with the proposed 2025 tax levy.

The council set a preliminary budget and levy in September, which will appear on the notice of proposed taxes mailed to every tax payer. City Council and staff have continued to work on the 2025 budget and will present the most current version of the budget and tax levy.

This is the final opportunity to provide input on the budget before it is approved. All input is welcome. 🍷

Election Day is 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, or contact City Hall for more information.

Vote Early by Absentee Ballot

Absentee ballots are available at City Hall through November 4, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City Hall will be open extended hours for absentee voting on Saturday, November 2 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), Sunday, November 3 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Monday, November 4 (open until 5 p.m.). The deadline to return absentee ballots to City Hall is 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Questions?

Contact us at 952-548-6300 or visit our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/352/Voting-Elections for more information. 🍷

Register for Winter-Spring Recreation

Tuesday, December 10, 8 a.m. • General Programs and Ice Skating Lessons

Thursday, December 12, 8 a.m. • Senior Programs

Visit minnetonka.gov/register to browse program options and choose from an array of activities, including kids' programs, tennis lessons, fitness programs 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. 🍷

Ice Rinks Open December 20

Outdoor ice rinks will be open December 20 and will remain open through February 17, weather permitting. Rinks and outdoor warming houses are available for your enjoyment at six Hopkins park locations. Regular open hours are Monday-Friday from 4:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday from noon to 9 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. For weather related updates, rink conditions and closings, please call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355. For more information, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/400/Ice-Skating-Rinks.

City Meeting Calendar

City Offices Closed

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 28-Friday, November 28

Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 24-Wednesday, December 25

Christmas

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, November 12, 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 6:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, November 25, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Thursday, December 26, 6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday, December 30, 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 • Aaron Kuznia



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Help Make the Holidays Bright

Submit a Nomination for Thanksgiving Meal Delivery

As a way to continue to support the community, the Hopkins Police Department has joined together with the Hopkins Fire Department, the Hopkins Rotary, and the Hopkins Business and Civic Association to deliver Thanksgiving meals, provided by Driskill's Downtown Market, to those in need.

If you, your family, a friend or a neighbor are in need of a Thanksgiving meal, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/formcenter/police-17/thanksgiving-182 to submit a nomination form by 6 a.m. on November 13. Meals will be delivered the afternoon/evening of November 27.

If you are unable to submit a nomination online, please contact Anne Buck at 952-548-6407.

Submit a Nomination for Cops N Kids Shopping

The Hopkins Police Department is now accepting nominations for Cops N Kids Shopping coming up on Wednesday, December 11. Cops N Kids Shopping is a program to help make the holidays a bit brighter by offering teens the opportunity to experience the joy of giving, as well as create valuable relationships between police, youth and their families. The participants are transported to a local retailer where they are given a gift card to purchase gifts for their family.

Youth are nominated by the community based on their positive performance in school, their commitment to the community and unique needs. The deadline to submit a nomination is Monday, December 2, at 8 a.m. Learn more and submit a nomination at www.hopkinsmn.com/428/Cops-N-Kids. 🍓

Save Energy, Save Money

Did you know Hopkins homeowners and renters can get a home energy audit at a discounted cost? Thanks to the City's partnership with Home Energy Squad (HES), many of your neighbors have already been reaping the benefits of having an HES visit.

When you sign up for an HES visit, a crew will come out to your house to inspect your insulation levels, heating and cooling systems, install free energy-savings materials (LED light bulbs, high efficiency shower heads, smart thermostats, and more!).

They will also provide you with a customized report that explains energy-efficient improvements you can make and connects you to resources that will help you make these improvements, such as funding through the City's Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund (www.hopkinsmn.com/1149/Hopkins-Climate-Solutions-Fund).

Interested in learning more? Visit mncee.org/hes to learn more about the available visit types and pricing. 🍓

2025 City Budget Update

On September 3, the City Council approved a 2025 preliminary tax levy of \$20,783,555 or a 5.61 percent increase from 2024. This is a reduction from a projected 12.91 percent increase

2025 Preliminary Tax Levy

The preliminary tax levy provides for the general fund, equipment replacement, building improvements, Hopkins Center for the Arts, the Pavilion and debt service. The levy provides for the continuation of outstanding customer service by City workers, exceptional police and fire protection and helps maintain a vibrant, authentic downtown. This results in estimated tax payments of \$2,245 for the median value home (\$378,800) a \$54 or 2.46 percent increase from 2024.

2025 General Fund Budget

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City and accounts for core services provided by the City. Taxes are the main

revenue source for the General Fund, accounting for approximately 80 percent of budgeted revenues in 2025.

General Fund Budgeted Revenues increased by 7.13 percent from the 2024 Budget. Licenses, Permits & Fines and Charges for Services will both increase based on inspection fees paid based on new development.

General Fund Budgeted Expenditures increased by 6.97 percent from the 2024 Budget due to salary and benefit increases and additional City Contributions to the Hopkins Fire Department Relief Association. The budget also includes Youth Social Worker and Planner positions which have previously been funded by Federal Grants.

View the full budget breakdown at www.hopkinsmn.com/876/Annual-Budget. 🍷

Apply for Hopkins' Water Efficiency Rebate Program

In partnership with the Metropolitan Council and the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, the City of Hopkins is offering rebates to improve water efficiency.

Property owners who are City water utility customers may apply for a rebate after replacing existing eligible products with an Energy Star or WaterSense certified product. The purchase of the product must be made after July 26, 2024. Rebates will be processed in the order they are received and will be issued until June 30, 2026, or until funds are gone.

Rebates are available for 75 percent of the cost of the item,

up to a maximum of:

- \$100 for WaterSense labeled showerheads
- \$200 for WaterSense labeled toilets
- \$200 for Energy Star labeled clothes washing machines
- \$200 for Energy Star labeled residential dishwashers
- \$200 for WaterSense labeled irrigation system controller
- \$200 per irrigation system audit conducted by a WaterSense Certified Irrigation Professional.

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

Check Out Sauna in the Parks

Focus on your health and wellness with family and friends this winter at Sauna in the Parks! Shady Oak Beach will be transformed into a sauna and cold plunge oasis. Learn more and register your group at minnetonkamn.gov/saunaintheparks. 🍷

Upcoming Events

Turkey Bingo

Sunday, November 10 • 2 p.m.

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting their annual Turkey Bingo at the Hopkins Activity Center, 33 14th Avenue N. For \$20, play 10 games for the chance to win amazing prizes worth over \$100 each game. Raffles for gift cards to local businesses will be held between games. Refreshments will be available for purchase. The 18+ event is cash only. All proceeds will go to the department's Cops N Community programs.

Holiday in Hopkins

Saturday, November 30 • 11-5 p.m.

Head down to Mainstreet on Small Business Saturday for Hopkins Business and Civic Association's annual Holiday in Hopkins featuring horse-drawn carriage rides, hot cocoa, cookie decorating and a tree lighting at Downtown Park. Find more information on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hbcamn.

Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

November 2024

City offices will be closed Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, for Thanksgiving. Thursday's garbage, organics and recycling collection will be collected one day early on Wednesday, November 27. Recycling collection will be the weeks of November 4-7 and November 18-21.

December 2024

City offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday. Monday garbage and organics collection will be picked up as normal on December 23. Tuesday and Wednesday collection will be held on Thursday, December 26, and Thursday collection will be held on Friday, December 27. Recycling collection will be the weeks of December 2-5, December 16-19 and December 30-January 3.

Holiday Tree Pick-Up

Holiday trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential garbage customers the week of January 13. Trees will be picked up on your garbage day, subject to change due to the weather.



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Free Art Exhibitions *at the Hopkins Center for the Arts*



Stop in to visit the free galleries at the Hopkins Center for the Arts located at 1111 Mainstreet during open hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m.

Exhibitions on view through December 1:

- Original works by local Iranian-Americans whose creative work in the arts reflects or illuminates their rich heritage are on display at the Center. The Twin Cities Iranian Culture Collective exhibition is an opportunity for viewers to learn about Iran's history and culture through visual art.

- Immerse yourself in the creative works of textile artist Susan Gangsei. In her woven portraits of women, Gansei explores facets of the aging journey through images and metaphors.
- Bringing awareness to invisible disability Gail Wallinga depicts her healing journey from Lyme disease through her artwork, demonstrating that beauty and meaningful creations can emerge from arduous experiences.

Exhibitions Opening December 5:

- "Reveal" featuring the work of Hopkins Community Education adult students and their instructors will hold an opening reception on Thursday, December 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Marjorie Fedyszyn investigates the universal experience of loss and fragility from both a human and environmental aspect in her exhibition of sculptural forms created from a tree felled by Emerald Ash Borer. 🍷



Hopkins Activity Center

Fitness • Recreation • Social Opportunities • Rentals

Registration is open for active adults to engage in winter recreational, social, educational, fitness and volunteer programs at the Hopkins Activity Center. Visit the registration site for a full list of programs at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter or call 952-939-1333.

Stay Fit This Winter

Beat the winter blues by staying active and incorporating a regular fitness routine. Drop-in fitness classes geared specifically for senior adults are available Monday through Thursday. These classes include Stretch & Strength Chair Yoga and Functional Fitness options.

Salute to Vets Program and Lunch

Thursday, November 14 • 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Celebrate and salute the courageous veterans who have sacrificed to keep our country "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Along with honoring our veterans, the program will include a presentation on the history of the

Statue of Liberty. A wholesome meal of lasagna, salad and dessert will be served. This popular annual event does sell out, and advance registration is required. Activity fee \$10, Activity Center members \$9, veterans free.

Memorial Pickleball Tournament

Tuesday, December 10 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Attention senior pickleball players! Join in the fun of playing at the 2nd annual Roy Wirth Memorial Pickleball Tournament. This double elimination tournament will host two levels of playing brackets from beginner to advanced beginner level, and an intermediate level, with an opportunity to win fabulous prizes. All participants receive a tournament t-shirt. Registration required.

Ring in the New Year

Tuesday, December 31 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ring in the New Year early with a Noon Year's party full of games, prizes, appetizers and a toast at the noon hour! 🍷