



Hopkins

Highlights

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City Snow Reminders

Remember these rules and sail through winter

Move your car

In the event of a snowfall two inches or more, residents should move vehicles off City streets and parking lots, per City ordinance, or risk being ticketed. In certain situations when snow exceeds two inches, a snow emergency may be declared and vehicles must be moved immediately from all Hopkins streets to avoid being towed. Find the snow emergency parking locations in the graphic to the right. Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements, or sign-up for text or email alerts at www.hopkinsmn.com/emergencynotifications.

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. 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.

Keep garbage, recycling and organics carts clear

Refuse, recycling and organics collection requires a minimum clearance of four feet around each container. Sometimes a spot is carved out in the snow to create a pocket for the container, but this does not allow enough room for the automated arm on the truck to reach. Although alleys and driveways can be narrow because of snow piling up, it is necessary that the four-foot clearance be maintained. 🍷



Snow Emergency Parking Locations



CENTRAL HOPKINS

1. Municipal Lot 300 just north of Downtown Park on 9th Avenue S
2. Maetzold Field parking lot (access from 1st Street N)
3. Municipal Lot 750 just south of 1st Street N



SOUTH HOPKINS

4. Parking lot in the northeast corner of 9th Avenue S and Westbrooke Way
5. Far east end of 8th Street S near Valley Park

Take Note: Garden Plots

Program Changes Coming in 2025

Hopkins residents have the opportunity to rent a 20-foot by 20-foot garden plot in the Westbrooke/Nine Mile Creek area of Valley Park. Be aware that changes are coming to the program in 2025:

- Starting in February 2025, interested gardeners will be able to enter an online lottery for a community garden plot. The lottery will be open through the end of March, with names drawn the first week of April.
- Due to high demand, there will be a limit of one plot per household.
- The rate is \$25 for residents (must show proof of residency) and \$35 for non-residents.

Learn more at www.hopkinsmn.com/398/Community-Gardens. 🍷

Did You Know?



The City requires all dogs be licensed in Hopkins as soon as it is six months old, even if they have a valid license from another jurisdiction. Proof of spaying or neutering, a rabies tag number, and an expiration date of a rabies tag must be shown before a license is issued. Learn more at www.hopkinsmn.com/413/Pets.

City Meeting Calendar

City Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 1
New Year's Day

Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 17
Presidents' Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, January 7, 6:35 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 6:35 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 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, January 7, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, January 27, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Wednesday, February 26, 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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Free Christmas Tree Pick-Up is Week of January 13

The week of January 13, Public Works crews will be collecting Christmas trees free of charge from Hopkins residential garbage customers. You do not need to call to schedule this service – simply place your tree on the boulevard (no alley pick-ups) by 6 a.m. the day of your garbage service.

Only Christmas trees will be picked-up – no other brush, branches, sticks, wreaths or decorations containing metal will be accepted.

Bags and stands must be removed.

Beginning the week of January 20, holiday tree disposal will be done on Tuesdays as part of the residential refuse customer brush pick-up program. A fee will be charged and residents must call before 2 p.m. on Monday to schedule a pick-up.

Trees from multi-housing, commercial or industrial properties will NOT be collected by the City. 🍷

Apply to be an ACE Intern

On the hunt for a part-time summer internship? The cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka are thrilled to be recruiting again for the 2025 Advancing Careers and Employment (ACE) Program.

The ACE Program offers young people ages 16-24 a 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. 🍷

Plan With Us!

The City of Hopkins is looking for resident feedback on a plan for Central Park. Following the completion of the Park System Master Plan process in 2023 and 2024, Central Park was chosen as the first site for improvements with an emphasis on sustainability.

The Hopkins Central Park Improvement Project will revitalize the park to fit the needs and wants

of the community, providing a space that all can enjoy.

Your feedback will help shape a clear understanding of how to best redevelop this part to meet community needs and desires.

Take the short survey now or learn more at www.hopkinsmn.com/1194/Central-Park-Master-Plan. 🍷

Save Money by Improving Energy and Water Efficiency

with Two City of Hopkins Rebate Programs

The Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund opens for its third year on January 1, 2025. The program incentivizes our transition to cleaner and more efficient energy.

New this year, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Residents can choose from 13 eligible projects. Popular projects in 2024 were electric bicycles, solar panels, insulation and air sealing, and electric dryers. Six projects are available for commercial applicants, including LED lighting and solar panels.

Save water and money when you purchase eligible water efficiency products. Through the Water Efficiency Rebates, you can apply for rebates on six different products including toilets, dishwashers, and clothes washing machines. This program is in partnership with the Metropolitan Council and the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment

Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/1181/Grant-and-Loan-Opportunities to learn about program requirements and to apply. 🍓

Save the Dates: Share Your Ideas for a Greener Community

We want to hear from you! Join us at upcoming events to share your ideas on how we can make Hopkins a more sustainable place to live. This is your chance to talk about what matters most to you when it comes to creating an environmentally-friendly community and planning for the future. Your ideas will help shape the city's first-ever climate action and resiliency plan.

Participate in the following ways:

- In-person kick-off event: Saturday, January 25, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Depot Coffee House.
- Virtual webinar: Monday, February 5, from 5 to 6 p.m. The link will be posted on the website.
- Online survey: The survey link will be available on the website mid-January through February.

Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/501/Sustainability for updates. 🍓

Tree Sale Coming in February

In partnership with Tree Trust, Hopkins Public Works will be offering a limited number of trees at a discounted price of \$40 each to residents this spring. The sale begins on Saturday, February 1. Trees must be planted by residents on private property in Hopkins, not within the boulevard or public right-of-way.

Trees will be available for pick-up on May 3 at the Hopkins Water Treatment Plant next to Elmo Park, 1498 7th Street N. This will be the only tree pick-up date. There is a two tree limit per household.

A preview of trees for sale will be available on treetrust.org two weeks prior to the tree sale. *Note: Trees provided through the program do not come with a warranty.* 🍓

Want Emergency Notifications?

Sign-up to receive emergency notifications from the City on things like snow emergencies, road closures and public safety alerts at www.hopkinsmn.com/emergencynotifications.

Upcoming Events

State of the City

Thursday, January 30 • 6 p.m.

The 2025 State of the City returns to the Hopkins Center for the Arts. The State of the City event offers community members the opportunity to learn more about the workings of the City in a relaxed setting. A reception featuring food and drink from local businesses will be held beforehand at 5 p.m. Find more information at www.hopkinsmn.com/stateofthecity.

Kids' Fest

Sunday, February 2 • 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Join Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation for an afternoon of FREE family fun at Kids' Fest at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Indoor and outdoor activities include dog sled rides, horse-drawn trolley rides, face painting, ice-sculptures, crafts and much more! Registration not required.

West Metro Home Remodeling Fair

Sunday, February 23 • 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Stop by the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, for this FREE event featuring a wide variety of exhibitors with products and services related to home improvement. Learn more at <http://homeremodelingfair.com/>. 🍓

Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

January 2025

The City will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Years Day. Monday, December 30 and Tuesday, December 31 pick-ups will remain the same. Wednesday pick-up will take place on Thursday, January 2, and Thursday pickup will take place on Friday, January 3. The City will also be closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Garbage, recycling and organics collection will be delayed one day. Recycling collection will be the weeks of January 13-16 and January 27-30.

February 2025

City offices will be closed Monday, February 17, for Presidents' Day. Garbage and organics collection will be delayed by one day. Recycling collection will be the weeks of January 24-27, February 10-13 and February 24-27.

Utility Bill Rate Increases

In order to cover current operating costs and adequately fund capital projects, the City Council adopted rate increases. The new rates are effective on January 1 and will first appear on utility bills received in February. To view the rate increases, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/493/Fees-on-Your-Utility-Bill. 🍓



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Arts North International

30 Years and Running at the Art Center!

Celebrating its 30th year, this highly competitive international juried exhibition showcases work by artists from throughout the United States and abroad. This exhibition brings in artists representing a wide range of mediums including acrylic, oil, and watercolor paintings, sculptures, fiber and textiles, ceramics, photographs and more.

The public is invited to attend the Arts North Opening Reception on Saturday, January 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. Join us for the first opportunity to view the entire exhibition, enjoy light refreshments, cash bar, and the option to visit with other attendees and participating artists. The exhibition will be on view from January 11 until February 22. Exhibitions and opening reception are free and open to all. 🍷

2025 Concerts

at the Hopkins Center for the Arts

It's not too late to buy tickets for jam band Leftover Salmon, performing on Wednesday, January 29, at 8 p.m. Or plan ahead and get tickets early for one of our concerts coming in March: Sister Sadie, the return of Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives, or Joy Clark. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 952-548-6490.

Stay up to date with concert and exhibition news, by following the Arts Center on Facebook and Instagram, sign up to receive monthly e-mail updates, or visit the Art Center's website at www.hopkinsartscenter.com. 🍷



Hopkins Activity Center

Fitness • Recreation • Social Opportunities • Rentals

Registration is open for active adults age 55+ to engage in recreational, social, educational, fitness and volunteer programs at the Hopkins Activity Center.

MIND: Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Tuesday, January 14 • 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Join us for our first ever jigsaw puzzle competition. Grab your friends and form a team or sign up to be placed on a team. Be the first to solve the 500-piece puzzle and win the grand prize gift basket. Stay and socialize after the competition with snacks and drinks provided. Advance registration is required. Activity fee \$6, Activity Center members \$5.

BODY: Stay Fit This Winter

Stick to your New Year's resolution of staying healthy and active by participating in group fitness for support. Drop-in fitness classes like Functional Fitness, Stretch and Strength Chair Yoga, or healing Crystal Sound Bowls experiences are geared specifically for senior adults. Stop in to meet our motivating instructors, and enjoy a free trial class Monday through Thursday.

SOUL: Community Kindness Week

February 10-13

We are so lucky to live in one of the most kind and caring communities! Hopkins cares about you and we want to spread the word to others that we care about them too. Stop by the Activity Center to take part in our Community Kindness activities throughout the week long initiative. Paint a rock and give it to a friend or place it in your house plant or window sill; make a card to send an encouraging message to a friend; share what you love about our community on our wall of kindness; or pay it forward by submitting a note of kindness about another individual. Remember to share KINDNESS, it's a free gift!

The Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue N. Event information and registration can be found online at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter or by calling 952-939-1333. 🍷