



# Hopkins

# Highlights

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## Garden Plot Lottery Open

*Lottery Registration Open Through March 31*

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 of changes 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](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/398/Community-Gardens). 🍷



## Hopkins Academy is Back This April

Join us for Hopkins Academy! This is a free opportunity to go behind the scenes of city departments across Hopkins and learn more about how your community works.

This four-session course is designed to give you an in-depth look into City departments and programs, including General Government, Public Works, the Police Department and the Fire Department.

The sessions, which run on Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. beginning April 10, are designed to be interactive, as well as fun and informative.

Learn more and sign up at [www.hopkinsmn.com/425/Hopkins-Academy](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/425/Hopkins-Academy). 🍷

## Sign-Up for Summer Recreation

**Tuesday, March 4 • General Recreation**

**Thursday, March 6 • Senior Programs**

**Tuesday, March 18 • Ice Skating**

**Wednesday, May 7 • Swimming Lessons**

Visit [minnetonka.gov/register](http://minnetonka.gov/register) to check out program options and choose from hundreds of activities, including summer camps, swimming lessons, skating lessons, fitness classes, arts and crafts, athletic leagues and senior programs. There's something for everyone!

Register online at [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register) or call between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. General Programs & Swimming Lessons: 952-939-8203, Senior Programs: 952-939-8393, Ice Skating: 952-939-8310. 🍷

## Apply for a Board or Commission

Looking for a way to get more involved in your community? Hopkins has multiple boards and commissions that help shape the future of the City, and they need volunteers like you.

The Planning & Zoning Commission and Park Board are both looking for applicants.

*Youth Invited to Apply Too!*

The City of Hopkins is looking for two young adults who reside or attend school in Hopkins and are in grades 9-12 to serve on either the Park Board or Planning and Zoning Commission. Members are paid \$50 for each meeting and will gain meaningful professional experience.

Learn more and apply at [www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions). 🍷

## Did You Know?



Individuals, families, groups, businesses and organizations can purchase bricks with their names imprinted to be placed at Clock Tower Plaza off 9th Avenue and Mainstreet. The deadline to order for summer installation is March 31. Learn more at [www.hopkinsmn.com/853/Buy-a-Brick](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/853/Buy-a-Brick).

# City Meeting Calendar

## City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, March 4, 6:35 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, April 1, 6:35 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council).

Watch City Council meetings live at [www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand).

## Boards and Commissions Calendar

**Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.**

Park Board

**Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.**

Planning and Zoning Commission

**Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.**

Planning and Zoning Commission

**Monday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.**

Park Board

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://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

Ben Goodlund

Brian Hunke

Aaron Kuznia



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## Hydrant Flushing Schedule

### *Check Your Water Before Doing Laundry*

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community in April.

**If you own or manage a business or townhome/apartment complex, please arrange for your private hydrants to be flushed by a contractor during the same time frame that the City is flushing in your area.**

- April 7–11: Hydrants north of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- April 14–18: Hydrants south of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- April 21–25: Hydrants east of Highway 169

During hydrant flushing it is normal to experience some discolored water. **Residents are cautioned against doing laundry—particularly whites—while crews are in the neighborhood.** This water is safe to drink and can be cleared up by running the cold water in your laundry tub.

Public Works will also be doing routine sewer cleaning starting April 7, weather permitting.

The cleaning area will be in the areas of Shady Oak Road to 5th Avenue N, and north of Excelsior Boulevard to Robinwood Lane.

If you experience problems, contact Public Works at 952-548-6353. 🍷

## Let Us Host Your Next Event!

Family gatherings, meetings, workshops, receptions, recitals and more!

Rental spaces are available at a number of City facilities and parks for your next event including:

- Burnes Park
- Depot Coffee House

- Hopkins Activity Center
- Hopkins Center for the Arts
- Hopkins Pavilion.

To inquire about rental opportunities at one of these locations, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/580/Available-Facility-Rental-Spaces](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/580/Available-Facility-Rental-Spaces) for contact information. 🍷

## Spring Plant Sale Now Open

Purchase beautiful plants from Gertens to support the Hopkins Center for the Arts and the Hopkins Activity Center. Choose from perennials, annuals, veggies and more.

To order plants, visit [gertensfundraising.com](http://gertensfundraising.com) and enter Store ID 928. At checkout, note

the “Seller’s Name” as either the Arts Center or Activity Center. The deadline to purchase plants is March 31 at 8 p.m.

Plant pick-up will be at the Community Garden Kick-Off event at Valley Park on Saturday, May 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. 🍷

# Welcome New Community Connectors

The City of Hopkins is committed to creating a community where all people feel safe and respected, and diversity is celebrated. But it isn't always easy for residents to navigate the often-complex nature of City and government processes. Community Connector staff are here to help be someone residents can rely on to communicate about issues with confidence.

As the population of Latino and Somali residents grows, feeling welcome and supported is a core value for the City, as is making sure that residents are able to find trustworthy support when seeking out help. The City is thrilled to welcome our two new Community Connectors: Lucia Ludolph and Abdullahi Kahiye.

Lucia, the City's Spanish Speaking

Community Connector, was born in Peru and moved to the US in 2012 where she has settled with her husband, daughter and mother.

Abdullahi Kahiye, the City's Somali Speaking Community Connector, is a father of one and resides in New Hope.

If you or someone you know needs help accessing City resources or has questions about community resources:

- Connect with Lucia via email at [lludolph@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:lludolph@hopkinsmn.com) or by phone at 952-228-8419.
- Connect with Abdullahi via email at [akahiye@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:akahiye@hopkinsmn.com) or 952-254-2440.

Learn more at [www.hopkinsmn.com/1147/Community-Connectors](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/1147/Community-Connectors). 🍓

## Brush, Yard Waste Reminders

### Brush, Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

The free drop-off site for residential garbage customers opens Monday, April 7, weather permitting.

Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The site is located at 3100 Hopkins Crossroads.

Find more information, including a list of accepted items, at [www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site).

### Brush, Yard Waste Pick-Up

April 7-17 • Free Brush Pick-Up  
April 21 - May 1 • Free Yard Waste Pick-Up

Brush and yard waste will be collected for free on your regular garbage day. You do not need to call to schedule this pick-up. Both free pickups are provided only for City of Hopkins residential garbage customers. *Please note: Yard waste stickers are now \$5.*

Find more information about pick-up guidelines at [www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste). 🍓

## Start Your Spring Cleaning

*Bulk Item Drop-Off Event is April 25-26*

The City is holding its annual spring bulk item drop-off event on Friday, April 25, from 3 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to noon.

For a **\$40 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.

Find more information at [www.hopkinsmn.com/333/Bulk-Item-Drop-Off](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/333/Bulk-Item-Drop-Off). 🍓

## Upcoming Events

### Cops and Community Bingo

**Sunday, April 12 • 1 to 4 p.m.**

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting their annual spring Cops and Community Bingo at the Hopkins Activity Center, 33 14th Avenue N. For \$20, play 10 games and help support the Hopkins Crime Prevention Fund and Youth Outreach. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Cash only. Participants must be 18+.

### Community Climate Event

**Tuesday, April 22 • 5 to 7 p.m.**

Join the City of Hopkins and our partners, Local Climate Solutions and Change Narrative as we wrap up four months of community engagement for the City's first-ever Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. This event will feature an overview of the draft plan, insights from community discussions and personal stories from Hopkins community members. For more details, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/501/Sustainability](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/501/Sustainability), and stay tuned to social media and Hopkins Connections for updates as the event gets closer.

### Arbor Day

**Friday, April 25 • 4 to 5 p.m.**

The City of Hopkins is excited to partner with Alice Smith Elementary and Tree Trust to celebrate Arbor Day! Join us in the parking lot near the school's ballfield for a community tree mulching activity, an engaging tree talk, and cookies. 🍓

## Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

### March 2025

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days. Recycling collection will be the weeks of March 10-13 and March 24-27.

### April 2025

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



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## Musical Entertainment

### *at the Hopkins Center for the Arts*

Whether you enjoy listening to bluegrass, country, folk or contemporary R&B music, each of those musical stylings will be featured by show stopping entertainers at the Hopkins Center for the Arts during the month of March.

With the theater providing an intimate setting, and a concert ticket value unlike other metro venues, performers Sister Sadie (March 8), Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives

(March 21), Joy Clark (March 26) and New Power Generation (April 19) are sure to bring you a memorable evening of entertainment.

Concert tickets can be purchased during Box Office hours Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., on Saturdays of concert dates from 3 to 8 p.m., or online at [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/222/Concerts](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/222/Concerts). 🍷

## Free Exhibitions on View

The Hopkins Center for the Arts invites you to stop in to enjoy the free galleries. New artwork rotates out monthly in each of the gallery spaces, so stop by frequently to see the changing exhibitions.

Are you an artist looking to show your work? Find out about opportunities for artists and gallery hours posted at [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/223/Exhibitions](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/223/Exhibitions). 🍷



## Hopkins Activity Center

*Fitness • Recreation • Social Opportunities • Rentals*

Recreational engagement for adults age 55+ is available at the Hopkins Activity Center, 33 14th Avenue N. See a list of programs at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter) or call 952-939-1333 for more information. Facility tours are available during program hours Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

### **Inaugural Indoor Golf League**

**Tuesdays, March 11-May 13 • 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Join us for the inaugural indoor spring golf league in cooperation with The Tee Box in Hopkins! Teams of two people will be formed to play weekly challenge games. Interested golfers are asked to sign-up with the Activity Center to participate.

### **Garden Club for Seniors**

**Wednesday, April 16 (planning meeting) • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

In partnership with the expertise and aid of Hennepin County Master Gardeners, get your hands dirty at the Valley Park community garden plots while tending the vegetable garden. All produce harvested is donated to ICA Food Shelf. Volunteer, as you are available, with any of the gardening tasks from planning to planting, watering, weeding or harvesting.

### **Tech Topics Boot Camp**

**Tuesday, April 29 • 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

Bring your technology questions to a Tech Topics session just for senior adults. This special session will be an intergenerational experience with Benilde-St. Margaret's High School students assisting participants with one-on-one technology help. Register to attend.

### **Travel with Us!**

Let someone else make the arrangements and transport you to an exciting local destination or distant travel adventure. Tour Target Field, take a cruise down the mighty Mississippi, ride a train to Milwaukee, visit a winery or journey to cranberry country. All you have to do is sign up, show up and simply enjoy yourself! For travel information, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/716/Trips-Tours](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/716/Trips-Tours). 🍷

