



# Hopkins



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## The Sunset Series Returns

*Free Concerts in Downtown Park Begin June 13*

From local favorites to emerging new talent, the Sunset Series is a showcase for great talent from all genres. Join the Hopkins Center for the Arts on Thursday evenings from June 12 through August 21 (no concerts June 19, July 3) at 7 p.m. in Downtown Park, 40 Ninth Avenue S, Hopkins.

Grab a lawn chair or blanket, and bring a friend to enjoy the experience with you! Rain location announced on social media by 3 p.m. on day of concert if there is inclement weather.

For more information, including the full 2025 Sunset Series line-up, visit [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/263/The-Sunset-Series-Outdoor-Concerts](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/263/The-Sunset-Series-Outdoor-Concerts).



## Cops N Kids Fishing

*Submit a Nomination by May 19*

The Hopkins Police Department is now accepting nominations for Cops N Kids Fishing coming up on Thursday, June 12. Cops N Kids Fishing is a mentoring program for fourth and fifth graders who are identified by community members as needing an additional opportunity for a positive role model experience.

Working in partnership with local school districts and teachers, as well as donations from residents and businesses, HPD is able to educate participants on the importance of respecting our natural resources and encourage them to enjoy the outdoor recreational opportunities, all while fostering positive relationships with the police.

Learn more and submit a nomination at [www.hopkinsmn.com/428/Cops-N-Kids](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/428/Cops-N-Kids).

## It's Almost Summer! Purchase Your Shady Oak Beach Season Pass

Summer is on its way, which means it's almost time to hit the beach! Renew or purchase your 2025 Shady Oak Beach season pass and enjoy unlimited entry to the beach at great rates. The beach will be open to visitors June 7 through August 17.

Purchase or renew online at [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register), at the beach during business hours, or by calling 952-939-8203 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Existing cards will be reactivated.

For rates and complete details, visit [minnetonkamn.gov/beach](http://minnetonkamn.gov/beach).

## Pavek Named New Public Works Director



City Manager Mike Mornson has named Dustin Pavek to serve as the City's next Public Works Director.

With the retirement of the previous Public Works Director, the City opened a recruitment process to fill the position. Pavek most recently served as the Operations Superintendent at Hopkins Public Works since 2023 and has been

with the City of Hopkins since 2016.

Pavek brings over 20 years of experience to the position, with prior service with the cities of Anoka and Plymouth, and Ramsey County. He started in the new role in April.

## 2024 Drinking Water Report

The City of Hopkins has issued the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2024. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. The report will not be mailed. Please visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/500/Water-Quality](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/500/Water-Quality) for a copy. To request a paper copy, call Public Works at 952-939-1382.

# City Meeting Calendar

## City Offices Closed

**Monday, May 26**

Memorial Day

**Thursday, June 19**

Juneteenth

## City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, May 6, 6:35 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, June 3, 6:35 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, June 17, 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, May 6, 6:30 p.m.**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Park Board

**Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m.**

Planning and Zoning Commission

**Tuesday, June 3, 6:30 p.m.**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, June 23, 6:30 p.m.**

Park Board

**Tuesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m.**

Planning and Zoning Commission

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     Brian Hunke

Ben Goodlund     Aaron Kuznia



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## Nominate a Sparkling Property

*Community Image Award Nominations Due August 22*

The City of Hopkins annually honors property owners and business owners who have made significant improvements to their property, including landscaping, accessibility, sustainability, signs, or exterior improvements.

The award also honors those who demonstrate continued, superior property maintenance.

Community Image Awards are given in three categories:

Single Family Residential;  
Multi-Family Residential; and  
Commercial/Industrial/Office.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, complete a nomination form by August 22. Forms are available at City Hall or at [www.hopkinsmn.com/292/Community-Image-Award](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/292/Community-Image-Award). 🍓

## Experience the Arts

The Hopkins Center for the Arts is a community-oriented space that emphasizes both access and engagement, welcoming visitors to enjoy art in various forms.

Whether you're interested in visual arts, music, theater or dance, The Center, located at 1111 Mainstreet, fosters an inclusive environment where individuals of all backgrounds can explore creativity.

### Art Exhibitions

Stop into The Center soon to see the inspirational and unique artwork of the Spring Members' Nonjuried Exhibition before it wraps up on May 17. Then, on May 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. you are invited to the Opening Receptions of three solo exhibitions:

#### **Shari Albers' The Widow Series**

Albers' long-standing practice of self-portraiture is used here to examine aging and incredible loss, expressing a range of emotions and states from frustration to spiritual

wonder to anger and depression to awe and strength.

#### **Russell Hamilton's Voices from an Empire**

Hamilton examines the social, cultural, and aesthetic aspects of Luso-African literature in mixed media artworks combining recycled paper, cardboard, fabric, acrylic paint, and found elements like flowers & plants.

#### **Nathan Stromberg's Recollection/ Re-Collection**

Stromberg's imagery consists of instantly recognizable period objects built of dense collages of vintage magazines and books. Through these works he navigates and comments on the historical space of post-war America.

Find information about gallery hours, concerts, exhibitions and more at [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com). 🍓

## Grant and Loan Opportunities

Applications for three City programs are open now.

### Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund

Incentives for residential and commercial projects to accelerate our transition to cleaner and more efficient energy. Projects awarded in the past have been solar panel installations, electric bike purchases, insulation improvements and more.

### Water Efficiency Rebates

Rebates are available for residential and commercial properties who swap out existing equipment with WaterSense or Energy Smart certified products. Eligible projects include showerheads, toilets,

clothes washing machines and residential dishwashers.

### Green Infrastructure Special Assessment

Commercial and multifamily properties now have the option to assess the cost of energy-related improvements to their property. This can help finance improvements like HVAC upgrades, building envelope improvements and renewable energy systems.

Learn about funding opportunities from the City of Hopkins, including eligibility and how to apply, at [www.hopkinsmn.com/1181/Grant-and-Loan-Opportunities](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/1181/Grant-and-Loan-Opportunities). 🍓

## HOURCAR Electric Carshare Hub Now at Dow Towers

The City of Hopkins recently launched our first-ever electric carshare hub at Dow Towers, a site with 100 percent of units reserved for low-income residents.

As part of HOURCAR's Multifamily Electric Vehicle Pilot Project (the "Multifamily Project"), two electric, hub-based HOURCAR vehicles are now available to provide residents and the surrounding community with access to clean, affordable transportation.

Users can book trips as low as \$7.11/hour or \$64.89/day for trips as short as 30 minutes or as long as three days, booking as far as six months in advance, and the cost

of vehicle charging, insurance, and maintenance is included. Users can access vehicles via the smartphone app or with Metro Transit GoTo Card. Additionally, low-income community members get discounted access via the Access Plan, providing up to 200 miles/trip/day. 🍓



## May is National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, promoted by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to give biking a try.

In 2025, we'll be celebrating all the ways and days people bike during National Bike Month. There are so many ways to celebrate Bike Month:

with a commute during Bike to Work Week from May 12-18, biking to coffee or around the block, or riding on May 4 for National Ride A Bike Day.

Whether you're riding for fun, fitness or with family, or taking essential trips to work or shop, you are part of our movement for safer streets, connected communities, a healthier planet, and happier people. 🍓

## Upcoming Events

### Community Garden Kick-Off

**Saturday, May 10 • 9-11 a.m.**

Join the City of Hopkins for a FREE, fun-filled morning at the fifth annual Community Garden Kick-Off event at the community gardens in Valley Park. Community partners offering gardening advice, free giveaways and more include Hennepin County Master Gardeners, City departments, Hopkins School District/ Hopkins Community Education, 9 Mile Creek Watershed District, Access Hopkins, Hopkins Public Library and the ICA Food Shelf.

### Mainstreet Day

**Saturday, May 17 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Be sure to mark your calendar for family fun at this year's Mainstreet Day. Stop to say hello to the Hopkins Police Department at 10th and Mainstreet for summer safety information for you and your family, including live demos of HPD drones and possibly a visit from K9 Zero! 🍓

## Garbage, Organics & Recycling Schedule

### May 2025

Garbage and organics collection will be delayed one day the week of May 26 for the Memorial Day holiday. Recycling collection will be the weeks of May 5-8 and May 19-22.

### June 2025

Thursday garbage, recycling and organics collection will be delayed one day the week of June 16 for Juneteenth. Recycling collection will be the weeks of June 2-5 and June 16-20.

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

**June 27 & 28 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Drop-off your household hazardous waste at the Hennepin County collection event at St. Louis Park Middle School, 2025 Texas Avenue. For more information, additional drop-off dates, and a list of items that are accepted, visit [www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events).

### Yard Waste Reminders

#### Drop-Off Site Now Open

The free brush yard waste drop-off site at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### Yard Waste Pick-Up After May 1

After May 1, yard waste pick-up is done on Thursdays by appointment only. To schedule a pick-up or order yard waste stickers, visit our website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up). 🍓



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## Support for Small Businesses

Hennepin County has two new financing opportunities available for small businesses: Elevate Hennepin Small Business Loans and the Elevate Hennepin Commercial Property Ownership Fund. The small business loans are low-barrier financing for startups and established businesses underserved by traditional lending. The commercial ownership fund is financing for business owners to buy and improve commercial space. Learn more at [www.elevatehennepin.org/events-news/announcements/New-Elevate-Hennepin-funding-addresses-capital-needs-of-small-businesses](http://www.elevatehennepin.org/events-news/announcements/New-Elevate-Hennepin-funding-addresses-capital-needs-of-small-businesses). 🍓

## Is Your Car Seat Installed Correctly?

As part of their Community Outreach Program, the Hopkins Police Department offers free car seat inspections.

The department has staff who are National Child Passenger Safety Technicians and can inspect your child's car seat to ensure it is installed properly.

Request an inspection appointment on our website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/carseatinspection](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/carseatinspection). 🍓



## Hopkins Activity Center

*Fitness • Recreation • Social Opportunities • Rentals*

Stay active this summer with indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities for mature adults at the Hopkins Activity Center. The Activity Center is located at 33 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Register by calling the Activity Center at 952-939-1333 or visiting the program registration site at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter).

### Bike Club Adds eBike Group

The Senior Bike Club offers ride options for those wanting a challenge in distance and pace, for those looking for an evening recreational ride with a social component, and now the Bike Club has expanded to include a group ride exclusively for eBikers. Find a bicycling experience to suit your schedule and interest level at [www.hopkinsmn.com/745/Senior-Sports](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/745/Senior-Sports).

### Retired Men Get Involved with Men's Shed Every Thursday • 1 p.m.

Men's Shed was created to provide retirees with a space to make friends, share in camaraderie and engage in outings, projects and community service. As part of an international organization, the Hopkins Men's Shed is proud to be the first U.S. Men's Shed in the lower 48 states! Since the group's inception in 2016, they have accumulated over 3,500 hours of community service. Find out how to become involved at <https://hopkinsmensshed.org/>.

### The Sacred Journey of Aging Wednesday, May 14 • 10-11 a.m.

Textile artist Susan Gangsei uses images and metaphors to explore facets of the aging journey. In woven portraits of women, she investigates the rewards and losses of growing older. She does this with the belief that in pondering the transition, one can come to a place of acceptance and celebration. Join Susan as she facilitates discussions drawing on audience experiences and insights regarding their own journeys. Registration required to attend this free community event at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter).

### You're Invited to the Activity Center Open House! Tuesday, June 17 • 10 a.m.-noon

If you're new to the area or unfamiliar with the senior programs and facility rental opportunities at the Hopkins Activity Center, stop by to sample pickleball, learn about social groups, and discover travel opportunities and more recreation possibilities. A book and puzzle sale for seniors will also be held during the Open House (donations of quality books and puzzles are being accepted through June 16). New members who sign up during the Open House will receive a \$5 voucher to be used toward future activities. 🍓