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Plan to Vote November 4

The City's municipal and special elections will be held Tuesday, November 4. 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.

The 2025 Ballot

Your ballot will contain City and Hopkins School District offices including Hopkins mayor, Hopkins council member (elect two) and school board members.

Your ballot will also include a special election with the following questions:

1. "Should the Hopkins City Charter be amended to transition from odd-year city general elections to even-year city general elections? A 'yes' vote is a vote to move to even-year elections. A 'no' vote is a vote to keep odd-year elections."
2. "Should the Hopkins City Charter be amended to transition the Mayor's term from a two-year term to a four-year term? A 'yes' vote is a vote to move to a four-year term. A 'no' vote is a vote to keep a two-year term."

Sample ballots are available beginning 46 days before the election. More information about the special election is available at www.hopkinsmn.com/1207/2025-Special-Election.

Voter Registration

You do not need an ID to vote. However, you may need proof of residence to register to vote if you are not registered at your current address or if your name has changed. To update your voter registration online, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website, mnvotes.org, at least 21 days before Election Day.

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 19, through Monday, November 3, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The deadline to return absentee ballots to City Hall is 5 p.m. on Election Day.

Voting on Election Day

When you vote on Election Day, you must go to your assigned polling place based on where you live. You may register at your polling place if needed. To register on the same day you vote, bring proof of residence. Find your polling place at mnvotes.org or by calling election staff.

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. 🍷

Register for Youth Basketball League

Ages 7-12

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 10

Join the recreational youth basketball league for all playing levels. Games begin in December and are on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Starting in November, leagues for ages 8-10 and 10-12 will have one practice each week. The ages 7-8 league will have practice and games on Saturdays only starting in December. This league is in partnership with Plymouth Parks and Recreation.

Volunteer coaches needed!

Visit the Recreation Services website or call 952-939-8203 to register for the league or volunteer to coach. 🍷

Bulk Item Drop-Off is September 26-27

The City is holding its annual fall bulk item drop-off event for City of Hopkins residents on Friday, September 26, from 3-7 p.m., and Saturday, September 27, from 9 a.m.- noon, at Hopkins Public Works, 11100 Excelsior Boulevard.

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. 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 6. After October 6, 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 1
Labor Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, September 2, 6:35 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, October 21, 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 2, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

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

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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Join Us for Thriving Thursdays

Join the City of Hopkins and Elevate Hennepin for Thriving Thursdays, a new pop-up, office hours-style opportunity and business-support initiative from Hennepin County that offers no-cost consulting, focused cohorts, and a hub of resources.

Work directly with professional consultants and explore resources that can help take your business or idea to the next level.

Stop by the Hopkins Center for the Arts anytime between 11 a.m. and

2 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, to ask questions, connect and learn.

Thriving Thursdays is a collaboration between the City of Hopkins and Hennepin County that brings professional advisors into Hopkins' business community for questions, conversation and guidance. Learn more at www.hopkinsmn.com/1215/Thriving-Thursdays or by using the QR code to the right. 🍷



Interns Complete ACE Program

Over the summer, the City of Hopkins, the City of Minnetonka, and the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District partnered on the Advancing Careers and Employment (ACE) Program to offer young people ages 16-24 a paid summer internship and professional development experience.

For eight weeks, 14 interns worked across several departments. Each week, students spent time with speakers and trainers on professional development topics like personal finance, mental health, and career development.

Additionally, the interns went on a trip to the Hennepin County Government Center to meet with Commissioners Edelson and Fernando, and to the University of St. Thomas for a presentation on media literacy.

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. 🍷

Building Safer Communities

Microgrant Applications Due September 15

There's still time to apply for a 2025 Building Safer Communities Microgrant. These grants can help support programs, communication, advocacy, and organizing led by community-based organizations and community members which promote community safety and connectivity.

The City of Hopkins has allocated \$10,000 of money from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Fund, and grants of \$500-\$2500

will be provided. This grant is a one-time opportunity.

The City will prioritize efforts that are led and influenced by Black, Indigenous, and people of color, and which are grounded in the needs of diverse Hopkins' neighborhoods.

Learn more about eligible projects and organizations at www.hopkinsmn.com/1134/Building-Safer-Communities-Micro-Grants. 🍷

Hopkins Digital Access Initiative

Join the Hopkins Digital Access Initiative to help plan for a future where every Hopkins community member has the digital tools, skills and support to thrive in today's connected world. Find out more and fill out an online survey at www.hopkinsdigitalaccess.org.

Home Energy Squad Audits

Free Energy Audits Available Through September

This September, Hopkins residents, including renters, can get a free Home Energy Squad visit to help make their homes more comfortable and energy efficient.

During the visit, energy experts will look at how your home uses energy, and will suggest simple ways to reduce energy use and help you start saving right away by installing free energy saving products on the spot.

If there is a potential for larger upgrades, like adding insulation, sealing air leaks, or replacing old heating or cooling equipment, they'll connect you with trusted contractors, financing options, and utility rebates to make those improvements easier and more affordable.

Larger project upgrades may also qualify for funding through the Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund,

which helps residents electrify and improve energy efficiency at home.

This program is provided by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy and delivered by the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE).

Free assessments are available through September and spots are limited.

Learn how to sign-up for your free assessment at www.hopkinsmn.com/605/Energy-Improvements or by using the QR code below. 🍷



Free Fall Brush and Leaf/Yard Waste Pick-Up

Free Brush Pick-Up Begins September 29

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 29. 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 20

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be on your regular garbage day October 20 through November 13. 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 3 through 6. 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 20 through November 13. 🍷

Upcoming Events

Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, October 1 • 9-11 a.m.

Join officers from the Hopkins Police Department on National Coffee with a Cop Day for free coffee and conversation at the Depot Coffee House, 9451 Excelsior Boulevard.

Hopkins Fire Department Open House

Saturday, October 11 • 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 25 • 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

Friday, 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 2025

City offices will be closed Monday, September 1, for Labor Day. Garbage and organics collection will be delayed one day. Recycling collection will be the weeks of September 8-11 and September 22-25.

October 2025

Garbage and organics collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days. Recycling collection will be the weeks of October 6-9 and October 20-23.



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Studio West Art Tour

There's Something for Everyone!

Presented by the Friends of Hopkins Center for the Arts, the Studio West Art Tour brings an early autumn ramble through the art studios and creative spaces of Minneapolis' western metropolitan communities on September 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and September 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tour-goers will enjoy a self-guided exploration with the opportunity to meet and greet some great artists from Minnesota and beyond, check out their work and even drive home with an original piece of art, pottery, jewelry, textile and more. 35 artists will be participating, displaying their talent at 12 sites in Hopkins, Minnetonka, Deephaven, and Wayzata.

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



Attention Performers!

All Ages Open Mic Nights at the Depot

All Ages Open Mic Nights are being held at the Depot Coffee House on Thursday, September 25, and October 23, from 7 to 9 p.m.

This is your chance to feature your musical talent, launch your comedy routine or share in spoken word. Performers are required to avoid explicit language at these family friendly events.

All ages welcome to participate with a 10 minute time slot per performer or group. Individuals and groups must pre-register to perform by using the QR Code to the right, or visit the Depot website at www.hopkinsartscenter.com/311/The-Depot to register or learn more about special events, bike trailhead use, and Youth Advisory Board activities. 🍷



Hopkins Activity Center

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Defensive Driving Classes

September 18 • 9 a.m.-1 p.m., October 14 • 1-5 p.m.

Drivers over the age of 55 may qualify to receive a 10 percent auto insurance discount by taking a Defensive Driving course every three years. Classes are taught by a Minnesota Safety Council instructor both in person and virtually. The next available classes offered at the Center are: Thursday, September 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (virtual) and Tuesday, October 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. (in person). Registration is required to attend. Activity fee: \$28, members: \$25.

Active Aging Week

October 6-10

Find out what it means to live a healthy and active lifestyle during Active Aging Week at the Hopkins Activity Center from October 6 through 10. Come experience one of the many engaging senior adult activities. Choose from a host of social,

recreational, art, and fitness programs that are listed at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter, stop by the Center or call to learn more.

Senior Health & Resource Fair

Friday, October 10 • 10 a.m. to noon

Discover more ways to live out a healthy and active lifestyle by attending a free Health and Resource Fair on Friday, October 10. This free senior community event offers the opportunity to speak with wellness vendors, explore housing options, assess your fitness level, and enjoy a healthy snack. During the Health and Resource Fair a flu shot and COVID vaccination clinic by Homeland Healthcare will also be onsite. Sign up through the Activity Center office to make a flu shot appointment.

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. 🍷