



Hopkins Highlights **November 2006**

Three Hopkins Police Officers Receive Statewide Recognition

On October 4, 2006 the Minnesota Sex Crimes Association recognized Sgt. Ray Laudenbach as the Investigator of the Year for 2006. Laudenbach was recognized for his efforts that lead to identification of a suspect wanted for two home invasion/sexual assault cases that occurred in 2001. Laudenbach not only identified the suspect in those cases but also helped identify him in other unsolved cases in two other states. That suspect is awaiting trial in Hennepin County as well as Wisconsin and Illinois. Laudenbach is the first Hopkins police officer to be named Investigator of the Year.

On October 12, 2006 Chief Mark Dunaski of the Minnesota State Patrol presented Sgt. Gordy Klingbeil and Officer Mark Kylo the Minnesota State Patrol Commendation Award. The officers received this recognition for their efforts last year when a suicidal man attempted to jump off an overpass on Highway 169. Klingbeil and Kylo responded to the scene to assist a state trooper. The suicidal man attempted to jump from the bridge and was grabbed by the trooper and Hopkins officers and pulled to safety. The action saved the man's life and was undertaken at personal risk to the officers.



Officer Mark Kylo and Sgt. Gordy Klingbeil

The Minnesota State Patrol Commendation Award is the highest award presented by the Minnesota State Patrol to police officers from other departments. 🍷

City Council To Consider Change In Nuisance Abatement Ordinance

The Hopkins City Council is considering amending the current nuisance abatement ordinance in order to simplify the procedure used to abate nuisances. This process would be used in cases where the property owner has refused to clean up the nuisance and failed to respond to Administrative Citations. The ability of the City to hire a contractor to clean up the property would be made easier. Appeals regarding the process would be heard by a hearing officer.

The proposed ordinance would also raise the fees charged to property owners who violate the fire code or the housing code. The minimum fine for the first offense is set at \$200. For more information, check the City's web site, www.hopkinsmn.com, or call the Building Official at 952-548-6321. 🍷

Neighbors Can Help Prevent CRIME

Neighborhood Watch is a cooperative effort between the Hopkins Police Department and individual neighborhoods. Simply put, it is you and your neighbors watching out for one another. Neighbors get to know one another so they can tell a neighbor from a stranger and then become the eyes and ears of the community by reporting suspicious activity that is not part of a neighborhood's routine.

Neighborhood Watch helps neighbors learn how to recognize suspicious activity by providing the Police Department the opportunity to inform residents about crime in Hopkins and local crime trends. The more neighbors know about local criminal activity, the better they can recognize and report it by calling 911.

If you are interested in learning more about Neighborhood Watch or starting one in your neighborhood, please contact the Hopkins Police Department Police Services Liaison, Katherine Magdal, at 952-548-6407. 🍷

Upcoming Events at the Hopkins Activity Center

•Salute To Vets

Thursday, November 9, 11 am

Pay tribute to our vets with a special program followed by a lunch. Bring a photo of yourself or a special veteran. Color guard provided by Hopkins American Legion and Hopkins VFW. All Veterans eat free. Please call to register. 🇺🇸

•Thanksgiving Celebration

Tuesday, November 21, 11 am

Enjoy the Creekside Crickets, a vocal guitar group, followed by a traditional turkey dinner. Door prizes included the popular pineapple turkeys. Please call to make your reservation. Cost of meal & celebration is \$6.

•4 Hour Defensive Driving Class

Wednesday, November 15, 6 pm

A refresher driving course for people age 55 or older taught by Lieutenant John Nagel of the Minnesota State Patrol. Course includes lecture, films, and discussion. After participants complete the course, they are entitled to a 10% discount on their auto insurance. This 4-hour course is available for individuals who have completed an 8-hour course. Advance registration required. Cost is \$18 per person. 🚗

•Aerobics with a Holistic Touch

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 am

Members \$32/10 classes;
Non Members \$42/10 classes

Join us for group exercise with fitness specialist Ellie Peterson. Ellie will lead us in a fun, new aerobic workout geared towards older adults that combines positive affirmations with safe, appropriate aerobic movements. She will help you empower your mind, strengthen your body, and energize your spirit. Call to register.

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Ave N, Hopkins. For more information or to register, call 952-939-1333. 🍷



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Refuse & Recycling



Refuse collection
pick up for Thursday, November 23 will be collected on Wednesday, November 22 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Recycling collection
is November 13-16 and 27-30.

November 2006

City Council Calendar

November 7, 8:15 pm
Meeting

November 14, 6:30 pm
Work Session

November 21, 7:30 pm
Meeting

November 28, 6:30 pm
Work Session

December 4, 6:30 pm
Truth in Taxation

December 5, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/citycouncil/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

November 6, 7:30 pm
Human Rights Commission

November 7, 8:00 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

December 4, 7:30 pm
Human Rights Commission

December 5, 6:30 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/boards/.

Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning & Planning Commission meetings can be seen on cable channel 16 live and are replayed on:

- Monday & Wednesday: 7:30 pm
- Thursday: 2:00 pm
- Sunday: 1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan
Jay Thompson ■ Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

November 10
Veteran's Day

November 23-24
Thanksgiving

Avoid Getting Towed During Snow Emergencies

The City of Hopkins can declare a snow emergency upon a two-inch snowfall. Parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb-to-curb and parking lots and ramps are completely plowed. Snow depths are measured in Hopkins and may not coincide with the snow depths reported at the Twin Cities Airport. Snow emergencies are announced on the Hopkins Police Department's recorded snow line at 952-939-1399.

Vehicles left on the streets or in public parking lots during snow emergencies may be ticketed or towed. To avoid being towed, residents should remove vehicles from the city streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency has been declared. If you have nowhere else to park, there are several emergency parking locations. (To view a map of the locations, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/publicworks/snow/snowparking.html.)

- Municipal Lot 300 just south of Downtown Park on 9th Ave S
- Maetzold Field parking lot—access from 1st St N
- East of 9th Ave S and north of Westbrooke Way between 9th Ave S and Nine Mile Creek
- Far east end of 8th St S near Valley Park

Snow Line

For snow emergency announcements in Hopkins:
952-939-1399

For instructions on how to claim towed vehicles call Matt's Towing at 952-949-2385. Vehicles are released only to the registered owners. Owners need to bring proof of ownership, proof of insurance, and a valid driver's license in order to claim their vehicles. Payments are accepted by cash, Visa, or Mastercard. No checks. 🍷

Warm Up To Winter At The Hopkins Pavilion

Open Skating

Grab your skates and head over to the Pavilion! The Hopkins Pavilion offers Open Skating for \$3/Adult and \$2/Youth under 18. The Hopkins Pavilion does not offer skate rental or sharpening. Helmets are required for youth under 18 during Open Skate with sticks and pucks.

Hopkins Pavilion Ice Arena - Open Skate Schedule 2006-2007

There will be no Open Skate on November 19, 23, 24, 26 or December 24 or 25, 2006.
The last Open Skate of the season is February 23, 2007.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	11:30-12:30 pm Open Skate with sticks and pucks <i>Adults Only</i> 12:30-1:30 pm Open Skate with sticks and pucks <i>Youth Only (under 18)</i>
Tuesdays, Thursdays	11:30-12:30 pm Open Skate
Sundays	1-2:30 pm Open Skate

NOTE: Open Skate sessions are subject to change or cancellation. Please call the Hopkins Pavilion at 952-939-1410 for specific dates.



Hopkins High School Boys Hockey

Hopkins High School boy's home games are played at the Hopkins Pavilion Ice Arena. To find out the game schedule for the 2006-2007 season, please call the Hopkins High School Athletic Hotline at 952-988-4690 or go to www.hopkins.k12.mn.us.

Hopkins Youth Hockey Association

The Pavilion is host to the Hopkins Youth Hockey Association (HYHA). HYHA runs hockey programs for 5-18 year-olds. For more information, please visit the HYHA website at www.hopkinshockey.com.

The Hopkins Pavilion is located at 11000 Excelsior Blvd. between 11th and 17th Avenues on the north side of the road. Call us at 952-939-1410 or visit us online at www.hopkinsmn.com/pavilion. 🍷