



Hopkins Highlights **September 2008**



Fire Department Offers Open House

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week (October 5-12), the Hopkins Fire Department is holding an open house on **Saturday, October 11**, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Hopkins Fire Station (101 17th Ave S). Stop by for a ride in the fire truck, free T-shirts and fire helmets for the kids, and food and drink. Watch firefighters extinguish a car fire, and learn valuable tips for preventing fires at home. Learn more at www.hopkinsmn.com.

Get Rid Of Your Unwanted Items

Bulk Item Drop Off

When: **October 2 & 3**, 3-7 pm *and* **October 4**, 9 am-4 pm

Where: 1414 7th St S

Drop off is available for Hopkins refuse customers. A valid Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota ID, or current paid utility bill must be shown to prove eligibility.



Electronics are accepted at the bulk item drop off, but will not be accepted on Thursday pick ups.

Guidelines

- \$20 fee for each recyclable appliance. Fees will not be collected the day of drop off but will be reflected on your utility bill. All other bulk items are free.
- Maximum 3 cubic yards (one pick-up truck load) per household.
- Residents must separate recyclable materials into the proper areas at the site. Construction materials, appliances, and metal materials will be separated and recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have wheels and fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs, and wheels must also be removed prior to taking them to the drop off site.
- Electronics and concrete products (with no iron) *are* accepted at the drop off site.

Items NOT accepted in the Bulk Item Drop Off include, but are not limited to...

- Tires
- Car Parts
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Car Batteries
- Metal Barrels or Drums
- Junk Cars
- Waste Oil
- Gas Refrigerators
- Paint Products
- Hazardous Waste

Bulk Pick Up

Bulk pick up is available on Thursdays for Hopkins refuse customers in the City service area. Residents must call 952-939-1382 by 2 pm on Wednesdays to schedule a Thursday pick up.

Cost: \$25 per bulk item / \$25 per $\frac{3}{4}$ cubic yard of loose volume material (*All charges are subject to SCORE tax and Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Fee.*)

- Material must fit into a rear load refuse truck or one-ton truck.
- Material must be easily transported by two people.
- Bag or box small items. Bags or boxes should not exceed 35 pounds.
- Max. item size is 4' x 6'. Carpet must be cut into rolls 3' or less in length, 1' in diameter.
- Place items at your normal refuse collection site.
- Items must be placed at least 4' away from your refuse & recycling container.
- Includes appliances, furniture, sofas, stuffed chairs, mattresses, box springs, carpet and other miscellaneous household items.
- Concrete pieces should not exceed a weight of 35 pounds.
- Construction materials should not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ cubic yard with a max. size of 4' by 6'.

Items NOT accepted in the Bulk Item Pick Up include, but are not limited to...

- Tires
- Landscape Timbers
- Gas Refrigerators
- Electronics
- Junk Cars
- Paint Products
- Hazardous Waste
- Waste Oil
- Car Parts
- Treated Lumber
- Concrete over 35 pounds
- Car Batteries
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Metal Barrels or Drums

Please refer to your *Recyclopedia* for options on discarding or recycling these items. Hazardous wastes must be taken to Hennepin County hazardous waste drop off sites. Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 for more information. 🍷

Back to School

for Adult Learners at the Hopkins Activity Center

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Ave N in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 with questions or to register.

🍷 Yoga

8 Thursdays, Oct 2–Nov 20, 5–6 pm
This class will give you a chance to explore the health benefits of Yoga at no cost. Each student will be offered modifications to work at his or her own level of ability. Class size is limited. Instructor: Sarah Marsh, YogaFit Specialist. Free

🍷 Bridge Lessons With Mae

*Mondays, September 8–29,
9–10 am (beginning),
10–11 am (refresher)*
Frequent Card holders \$19/4 lessons; Non Card holders \$22/4

🍷 Know Before You Throw Antiquing With Cheryl

Wednesday, September 10, 9:30 am
Discover what those attic treasures might be worth. Frequent Card holders free; Non Card holders \$1

🍷 Stampin' Up Class

Thursday, September 11, 7 pm
Frequent Card holders \$11; Non Card holders \$13 (includes all supplies and six matching envelopes to create six greeting cards)

🍷 Tap Dance Lessons

*8 Wednesdays, beginning Sept 17,
12:30 pm*
Frequent Card holders \$68; Non Card holders \$72

🍷 Defensive Driving Class 4-Hour Class Schedule

Wednesday, September 17, 6–10 pm
The 4-hour course is available for individuals who have completed an 8-hour course. Frequent Card holders \$15; Non Card holders \$18 🍷



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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is Sept 2-5 (due to Labor Day), Sept 15-18, and Sept 29-Oct 2.

Refuse collection will be delayed one day Sept 2-5 due to Labor Day.

September 2008

City Council Calendar

September 9, 6:30 pm
Work Session

September 16, 7:30 pm
Meeting

September 30, 6:30 pm
Work Session

October 7, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

September 8, 7 pm
Human Rights Commission

September 15, 6:30 pm
Park Board

September 30, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

October 7, 7 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 Sunday
2:00 pm 1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Rick Brausen ■ Kristi Halverson
Bruce Rowan ■ Cheryl Youakim

Protect Yourself From Home Burglary

The Hopkins Police Department urges residents to take some simple precautions that will reduce your chances of becoming a victim of a home burglary.

- Make your home less inviting to a burglar by installing good locks, trimming landscape, and making good use of exterior lighting
- Burglars will usually bypass a house if it requires too much effort or more skills or tools than they possess
- Most break-ins are through front or back doors
- Keep outside doors locked (unlocked outer doors to common hallways give thieves a chance to break in through inner doors while remaining out of sight of neighbors and police)
- Always lock the door that leads from your attached garage into your home

For more information, visit www.hopkinsmn.com or contact Anne Marie Buck of the Hopkins Police Department at 952-548-6407 or abuck@hopkinsmn.com.

Free Brush & Yard Waste Drop Off Site

The free brush and yard waste drop off site will remain open **through November 29** (weather permitting) at **3100 Hopkins Crossroads** (west side of Co Rd 73, approximately two blocks north of the Co Rd 5 intersection). **Beginning November 1**, the site will be open on Saturdays only, 9 am-3 pm.

Brush must not be longer than 15 feet and no larger than 6 inches in diameter.



Unacceptable Yard Waste

- Garden Products (*please place unused garden products in your regular refuse container*)
- Vines
- Sod
- Animal Feces
- Logs or Lumber
- Dirt
- Brush longer than 15 feet or larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Free Brush Pick Up

Free, one-day only, brush pick up is on **Tuesday, Sept 9**. Call 952-939-1382 between Tuesday, Sept 2 and Monday, Sept 8 (no later than 2 pm) to schedule the free pick up for Sept 9.

This will be the **only free brush pick up** this fall!



Still Time To Enter City Photo Contest

Anyone can enter, and with eight categories for submissions the subjects are endless (photo content must be within Hopkins city limits). There is a \$100 prize in each category. The deadline for submissions is October 31, 2008, but don't wait until the last minute. Once you start shooting you'll see photo opportunities everywhere. For more information, call Tara Beard at 952-548-6343 or visit www.thinkhopkins.com/photocontest.

October Is Choose To Reuse Month

In an effort to encourage more reuse, Hennepin County has partnered with 83 businesses and organizations to offer discounts during October at places that provide "green" opportunities. Discount coupons are available for popular shops including Savers, Once Upon A Child, Whole Foods, and many more. Coupon books will be available beginning September 29.

Residents may pick up a "Choose To Reuse" coupon book at Hopkins City Hall, the Public Works Offices, or the Hopkins Activity Center. Coupon books will also be available at Hennepin County Services Centers, all Three Rivers Park District locations, and online at www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse.

When residents choose to reuse instead of buying new they can reduce their carbon footprint, save money, and support the local economy.