

Hopkins Highlights November 2008



Buy A Brick

Leave A Lasting Impression In Clock Tower Plaza

The "Buy A Brick" program gives you an opportunity to be a special part of Hopkins history.



Individuals, families, groups, businesses, and organizations can purchase bricks with their names imprinted that will be placed in the Clock Tower Plaza at the southwest corner of 9th and Mainstreet.

Bricks are a great gift idea for family and friends. With each order, you will also receive a free copy of the "Hopkins Through the Years" historical book. Brick pricing starts at \$65 for individuals.

For more information on ordering, visit the City of Hopkins website at www.hopkinsmn.com, call 952-939-1333, or stop by the Hopkins Activity Center, Hopkins City Hall, or Hopkins Public Works. 🍷

NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS 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.

☞ Salute To Vets

Thursday, November 13, 11 am
Pay tribute to our vets with a special program followed by lunch. Color guard provided by Hopkins American Legion. Event is co-sponsored by Elder Homestead. Cost \$6. Free for all veterans!

☞ Thanksgiving Celebration

Tuesday, November 25, 11 am
Enjoy a traditional turkey dinner and pumpkin pie, door prizes, the popular pineapple turkeys and entertainment. Event is co-sponsored by Humana MarketPOINT. Cost \$6.

☞ Scrapbooking Basics Class

Thursday, November 13, 10 am
Pat Arent, Creative Memories Consultant, will show you how to use the basic tools and methods to display your photos. Bring a current pack of photos. Frequent Card holders \$8; Non Card holders \$10.

☞ Holiday Stampin' Up Class

Thursday, November 13, 7-9 pm
Create six special handmade cards using decorative rubber stamps sets, inks, cardstock, and embellishments. Frequent Card holders \$11; Non Card holders \$13 (includes all supplies).

☞ Tap Dance Lessons

8 Wednesdays beginning November 19, 12:30 pm
Learn tap steps and routines with some great music! Instructor Stephanie Stockton. Frequent Card holders \$68; Non Card holders \$72. 🍷

Hopkins Pavilion: Home To Winter Fun

Open Skating

Grab your skates and head over to the Pavilion! The Hopkins Pavilion offers open skating for \$4/adult and \$3/youth under 18 (children under four are free). 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 2008-2009

There will be no open skate on Nov 20, 27, 28, 30, Dec 18, 24, 25, Jan 22, or Feb 19.

The last Open Skate of the season is February 27, 2008.

Mon - Fri	11:30-12:30 pm Open Skate with sticks and pucks <i>Adults Only</i>
Mon, Wed, Fri	12:30-1:30 pm Open Skate with sticks and pucks <i>Youth Only (under 18)</i>
Tues, Thurs	12:30-1:30 pm Open Skate
Sun	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 2008-2009 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 952-939-1410 or visit us online at www.hopkinspavilion.com. 🍷



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Refuse & Recycling

Due to holidays, refuse and recycling pick up for Tues–Thurs, Nov 11–13 will be one day later than normal and pick up for Thurs, Nov 27 will be collected on Wed, Nov 26.



Keep the yard clear of leaves: they give off phosphorus as they decompose which gets carried into waterways, polluting them.

November 2008

City Council Calendar

November 18, 7:30 pm
Meeting

November 25, 6:30 pm
Work Session

December 2, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

November 17, 6:30 pm
Park Board

November 25, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

December 2, 6:30 pm
Human Rights Commission

December 2, 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

City Offices Closed

November 11
Veterans Day Holiday

November 27–28
Thanksgiving Holiday

Help Keep Minnesota's Water Resources Clean This Fall

In urban areas, stormwater carries phosphorus and other pollutants directly into Minnesota's water resources through the storm drainage system. Unlike our household wastewater, stormwater doesn't go through a treatment plant first, but is dumped directly into lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

Common pollutants that can wash off our yards and streets include **phosphorus** (leaves, grass clippings, fertilizer), **eroding soil**, **bacteria** (pet waste, failing septic systems), and **toxins** (oil, paint, cleaners).

Helpful Tips

1. Have a storm drain near your home? Do your part to keep it free of litter and leaves.
2. Sweep up grass clippings and fertilizer from driveways, sidewalks, and streets, and rake, mulch, or compost yard waste. Don't forget to sweep along the curb. Remove leaves from your gutters, ditches and driveways, sidewalks and streets.
3. Fall is the best season to fertilize your lawn and control common weeds. Weed and feed responsibly. Use fertilizers and pesticides only as needed and always read and follow product instructions carefully. Be phosphorus conscious!
4. Consider using alternative lawn-care techniques in addition to, or even instead of, pesticides. Try these: pulling weeds by hand (counts as a workout), or spot-treating weedy areas instead of your entire yard.
5. Resist the urge to let Fido fend for himself when the weather turns colder, and keep on scooping poop. Pet waste contains phosphorus, nitrogen, and harmful bacteria.

Yard Waste/Brush Drop Off

The free yard waste and brush drop off site will be open Saturdays only from 9 am to 3 pm starting November 1 through November 29, weather permitting.

6. During routine fall tune-ups, check your car and lawn equipment for leaks. A good rainstorm can send gasoline and oil drips from automobiles, lawn mowers, and power equipment into waterways.

'Tis The Season To Avoid Getting Towed

Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency declarations

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 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.)

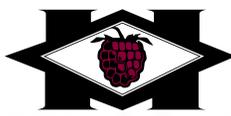
- Municipal Lot 300 just south of Downtown Park on 9th Ave S
- Maetzold Field parking lot—access from 1st St N
- East of 9th Ave S and north of Westbrooke Way between 9th Ave S and Nine Mile Creek
- Far east end of 8th St S near Valley Park

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. Visit the City website, www.hopkinsmn.com, for towing and storage cost information.

Snow Line

For snow emergency announcements in Hopkins:

952-939-1399



Hopkins Highlights *Extra*

City Council Goals & Strategic Plan 2008-2009

The City Council, at its September 2 meeting, formally adopted their goals and strategic plan for the remainder of 2008 and for 2009. One of the unique aspects to this particular plan is a focus on building upon Hopkins' strengths as a community.

Goal 1 **Build on the Small Town Feel of Hopkins**

A small-town feel is a major part of the identity of Hopkins. Efforts in the future need to capitalize on and enhance this important city asset.

Strategy 1—Create a More Vibrant Business Community

- Explore methods to better connect the business community to the City.
- Explore ways to enhance the sense of place in commercial centers (banners, public art, and directional signage).
- Research the development of design guidelines and standards for Mainstreet from 12th to Shady Oak Road.

Strategy 2—Promote and Enhance City Events

- Meet with city event organizers to discuss the long range plans for all city events.
- Explore the viability of a new city event potentially featuring city trails and facilities.

Strategy 3—Provide Accessible and Friendly City Services

- Develop new methods to become more responsive to citizens and customers.





Goal 2 Enhance & Promote Smart Urban Design & Walkability

Hopkins has been recognized as a city that encourages smart urban design. This includes the ability to walk to stores and other amenities.

Strategy 1—Improve Walkability and Physical Connections in the City

- Assess pedestrian connections and pedestrian friendliness throughout the City.
- Explore instituting a local shuttle service.
- Partner with other governmental units to enhance paths and trails.
- Institute a policy whereby all new developments are reviewed to ensure pedestrian-friendly design.
- Post suggested walking/running routes in city publications and on the city website.

Strategy 2—Go Green

- Research the development of a city-wide program that promotes sustainability and green development.

Strategy 3—Healthy City Initiatives

- Continue to promote wellness activities among city employees and consider expanding initiatives to the entire Hopkins community.
- Provide two community forums promoting the Step Up To Health Initiative.
- Work with other levels of government to find methods to reduce health care costs.

Strategy 4—Plan for Light Rail Transit

- Develop a mixed-use zoning classification that supports transit-oriented development.
- Create pedestrian-friendly environments on and near station sites.
- Locate and plan for destination employment centers as close to the stations as possible.
- Ensure that all environmental impacts are identified and documented.



Goal 3 Take It To Them

Hopkins has a reputation for strong citizen involvement and engagement.

Strategy 1—Business Recruitment

- Identify target businesses for recruitment based on market analysis and community feedback on what else is needed.

Strategy 2—Involve Minority Populations/Diversity

- Create a Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MAC) & share information with city employees, elected officials, and the community at large.

Strategy 3—Engage the Rental Community of Hopkins

- Conduct a pilot project at a specific location (rental community) focused on community building and citizen engagement.

Strategy 4—“Think Hopkins” Marketing and Promoting the City of Hopkins

- Partner with the Hopkins Business and Civic Association (HBCA) to explore a staff position responsible for the marketing and promotion.

Strategy 5—Citizen Engagement Initiatives

- Create a citizen engagement guide.
- Conduct City Council and Commission meetings at off-site locations.
- Provide for more interaction through the use of technology and the City website.

