

Hopkins Highlights December 2008

Be Ready For Snow This Winter

Snow Emergencies

Call the Snow Line: 952-939-1399

Snow Emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Parking restrictions will remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb and the parking lots and parking ramp are completely plowed. Please move your vehicle off the street during snow emergencies so that plowing is possible. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/publicworks/snow/ for more information on where to park during snow emergencies.

If your vehicle is towed during a snow emergency, call Matt's Towing at 952-949-2385 to confirm the location of your vehicle. (It is possible that your vehicle could have been towed to an overflow lot in Eden Prairie depending upon the number of vehicles towed.) 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. Payment is accepted by cash, Visa, or MasterCard. No checks please. The impound lot is located at 8100 Excelsior Blvd (east of Blake Rd, northside of Excelsior Blvd).



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Minimum Towing Charges 2008/2009 Snow Season

NOTE: The City would prefer not to tow a single vehicle. Hopkins receives no money when cars are towed—all fees go the towing company.

- Regular truck towing with same day pick up – \$103
- Flatbed towing with same day pick up – \$113
- Additional daily storage – \$28

Sidewalks

Hopkins residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from public sidewalks. Even a small snowfall can pose a safety hazard. Hopkins has an ordinance that mandates snow or ice be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours after a snowfall. This is necessary to ensure the safety of all people who use the sidewalks.

Remember—it is against State and City laws for individuals to plow, shovel, blow, or place snow onto streets, alleys, and boulevards (Hopkins City Code 800-01).

Fire Hydrants

While the Public Works Department and Fire Department try to clean snow from fire hydrants as soon as possible after a snowstorm, the City could use your help. Please consider adopting a fire hydrant close to your residence and keeping it clear of snow through the winter. If possible, hydrants should be cleared five feet on each side to give the Fire Department the quickest and best access. Thanks for your help. 🍷

Parking Permit Fees Increased

Due to increasing costs in the operation and maintenance of the city's parking lots and parking ramp, the City of Hopkins has increased certain parking permit fees, effective January 1, 2009. Previous fees had been in place since 2004.

The daily fee of \$3 will remain unchanged. New rates are as follows:

- Monthly: \$20 (previously \$17)
- Quarterly: \$47 (previously \$43)
- Annual: \$160 (previously \$150)

In addition the City has implemented an **electric car permit fee**. Currently, two stalls with electrical outlets in the parking ramp are designated for electric cars—the increased fee for electric car permits covers the cost to charge the car while parked in the stall. Electric car permit fees are available by the quarter for \$77 or on an annual basis for \$280. 🍷

HOLIDAY BEST 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.

❄ Giving Tree Accepting Donations Until Dec 11

The Hopkins Activity Center Giving Tree is accepting the following items: **mittens**, **caps**, and **scarves** (infants, children, and adult); **toys** (new, unwrapped toys for infant to children age 14); **cash** (to purchase needed holiday food and gifts for teens); **food** (non-perishable foods to help stock I.C.A.'s Food Shelves and put holiday food on the table of many families); and **toiletory items**.

The following gifts for seniors are also being accepted: **household items** (bath towels, bed blankets, electric fans, alarm clocks), **recreation items** (crossword puzzle books, books on tape, large print playing cards), **miscellaneous** (hats & mittens, bath robes, herbal tea, billfolds, greeting cards).

❄ Gingerbread Wonderland December 8–23

See the miniature cookie & candy mansions on display at the Hopkins Activity Center and vote for your favorite! Voting is done with coins, and the gingerbread house earning the most money wins. All funds will support the Hopkins Activity Center Scholarship fund.

❄ New Year's Party

Tuesday, December 30, 11 am
Ring in 2009! Hors d'oeuvres & sparkling punch, baked chicken dinner, party hats, and door prizes. Cost: \$6 (payment due at time of reservation). Call for reservations. 🍷



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Refuse & Recycling

Due to holidays, refuse and recycling for Thurs, Dec 25 will be picked up on Fri, Dec 26 and refuse pick up for Thurs, Jan 1 will be collected on Fri, Jan 2. All other days remain as usual.

December 2008

City Council Calendar

December 8, 6:30 pm
Budget Hearing

December 9, 6:30 pm
Work Session

December 16, 7:30 pm
Meeting

January 6, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

December 15, 6:30 pm
Park Board

December 30, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

January 5, 6:30 pm
Human Rights Commission

January 6, 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

December 24 & 25
Christmas Holiday

January 1
New Year's Day

Still Time To Enter City Photo Contest



We've received some great submissions for the Hopkins Photo Contest—but we want more! We are extending the deadline for submissions to December 31, 2008, at 4 pm. We want to see your photographs capturing all the great things about Hopkins. Winners will have their photos professionally framed and will receive \$100. Visit Driskill's Foods, Frame Design, or the Depot Coffee House for brochures with rules and entry forms, or download forms at www.thinkhopkins.com/photocontest.

If you have already submitted photos, please contact Tara Beard at 952-548-6343 or tbeard@hopkinsmn.com.

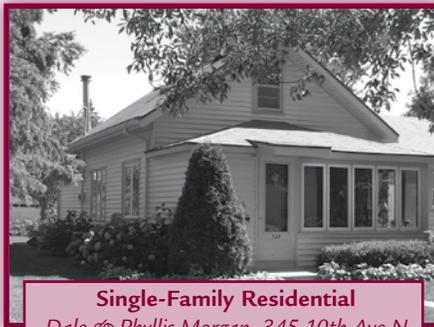
Five Winners Announced For 2008 Community Image Award

Five winners have been selected by a panel of judges for the City of Hopkins Community Image Award. This award recognizes significant improvements to residences or businesses, including landscaping, accessibility, lighting, signs, and other exterior improvements. The award also honors continued superior main-

tenance of property that exemplifies pride of ownership and contributes to a positive image of the City.

Awards are given in three categories: commercial, industrial or office; multi-family residential; and single family residential. The 2008 winners are displayed below.

The City Council will honor the winners with an award presentation at their December 2 meeting. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm at Hopkins City Hall.



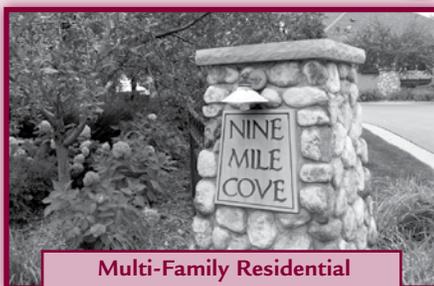
Single-Family Residential
Dale & Phyllis Morgan, 345 10th Ave N



Commercial
Dairy Queen Grill & Chill, 510 Blake Rd



Commercial
*Top Colour Shop, 1513 Mainstreet
Owners: Miguel & Babette Newman*



Multi-Family Residential
Nine Mile Cove Neighborhood Association



Multi-Family Residential
Ramsgate Apartments

Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up free of charge for Hopkins residential refuse customers from Monday, January 5, through Friday, January 16.

Trees should be placed on the boulevard. **You do not need to call to schedule this service.**