



# Hopkins Highlights **September 2009**

## Bulk Item Drop Off: Get Rid Of Your Unwanted Items

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

**When:** October 1 & 2, 3-7 pm and October 3, 9 am-4 pm

**Where:** 1414 7<sup>th</sup> St S (old landfill site)

**User Fee:** \$10 per vehicle depositing material at drop site, plus \$20 for each recyclable appliance. (Fee will not be collected the day of drop off, but placed on your utility bill.)

### Guidelines

- 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
- Concrete with iron in it ■ Creosote Treated Lumber (RR Ties)

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. ♻️

## Two Free Options For Brush Disposal This Fall Free, One-Day-Only, Brush Pick Up

Free **one-day only** brush pick up will take place on **Tuesday, September 22**. Call 952-939-1382 beginning Monday, September 14, to schedule your free pick up. The last day to schedule the free pick up is Monday, September 21, before 2 pm.

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

### Free Brush & Yard Waste Drop Off Site

The free brush and yard waste drop off site will remain open through November 28 (weather permitting). Please note hours of operation below:

- **Through October 31:** Wednesdays, 2-7 pm & Saturdays, 9-3 pm
- **November 1-14:** Wednesdays, 1-5 pm & Saturdays, 9-3 pm
- **November 15-28:** Saturdays, 9-3 pm

The drop off site is located at 3100 Hopkins Crossroads (west side of Co Rd 73, approximately two blocks north of the Co Rd 5 intersection).

**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 (accepted as brush)
- Sod
- Animal Feces ■ Logs or Lumber ■ Dirt ♻️



Free, one-day-only brush pick up is Tues, Sept 22.

## Fire Department Open House Set For Saturday, October 10

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week (October 4-10), the Hopkins Fire Department is holding an open house on **Saturday, October 10**, 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](http://www.hopkinsmn.com). ♻️



## Coming Saturday, September 12...

Don't miss Hopkins' newest event! See insert for details. ♻️

## Light Rail Public Hearing

The Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) project is holding a public hearing on **September 17** at 6:30



pm to receive input on the preferred route. The hearing, hosted by the Southwest Policy Advisory Committee, will take place at Hopkins Eisenhower Community Center (in the lunch room), at 1001 Highway 7 in Hopkins. For more information on the Southwest LRT project, including updates and upcoming events/announcements, please visit [www.southwesttransitway.org](http://www.southwesttransitway.org). ♻️



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## Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is  
Sept 14–17 and 28–Oct 1.

Refuse collection will be  
delayed one day  
Sept 7–10 due to  
Labor Day.

## September 2009

### City Council Calendar

September 8, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

September 15, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

September 22, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

October 6, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be  
found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/  
cityhall/citycouncil/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/citycouncil/).

### Boards & Commissions Calendar

September 14, 7 pm  
Human Rights Commission

September 21, 6:30 pm  
Park Board

September 29, 6:30 pm  
Zoning & Planning Commission

October 5, 7 pm  
Human Rights Commission

October 6, 7 pm  
Housing & Redevelopment  
Authority

Agendas and minutes can be  
found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/  
cityhall/boards/](http://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

Monday, September 7  
Labor Day

## October Is “Choose To Reuse” Month

In an effort to encourage more reuse, Hennepin County has partnered with 80 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 Sept 28.



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](http://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. ♻️

## 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 for these activities.

### 👉 Defensive Driving Class

Wed, Sept 16, 6–10 pm (4-Hour Refresher Course)

This defensive driving course for age 55 and above is taught by Lieutenant John Nagel of the Minnesota State Patrol and includes lecture, films, and discussion. After participants complete the course, they are entitled to a 10%, 3-year discount on their auto insurance. Prerequisite: 8-hour class. Frequent Card holders \$15; Non Card holders \$18.

### 👉 Tap Dance Lessons

8 Wednesdays, Sept 16–Nov 4, 12:45 pm

Learn tap steps and routines with some great music! Instructor: Stephanie Stockton. Frequent Card holders \$68; Non Card holders \$72.

### 👉 Know Before You Throw

Wed, Sept 9, 9:30 am

Do you have any treasures in your attic? Bring your collectibles and Cheryl of Heirloom Jewelry will help you discover information about your special treasure. Call to schedule your antique appraisals at the Hopkins Activity Center. Frequent Card holders free; Non Card holders \$1.

### 👉 The Art of Seeing: Photography Class & Slide Presentation

Tues, Sept 22, 1–3 pm OR Wed, Sept 23, 7–9 pm

Have fun while improving your picture taking skills with Joe Sullivan, professional photographer for 20+ years. Learn the simple rules and fundamentals of composing better pictures with a color slide show presentation. Frequent Card holders \$6; Non Card holders \$8.

### 👉 Book Club

Mon, Sept 14, 1 pm

Join others who share a love of reading to discuss the book of the month. September book is *Night Vision* by Ellen Hart. Frequent Card holder free; Non Card holders \$1. 📖

## On Stage at the HCA

### The Girls—Turbocharged!

October 3, 2009, 7:30 pm

Enjoy fabulous, four-part harmonies that have wowed audiences around the world. For tickets, call 952-979-1111 (Tues-Sat, 12-6 pm) or visit [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com).



## Ice Season Is Back At The Pavilion!

Open Skate at the Hopkins Pavilion will begin **Tuesday, September 8**. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for youth under 18 and free for children under 4. Open Skate without sticks and pucks is held on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:30–1:30 pm. Adult Open Skate with sticks & pucks takes place Monday–Friday, 11:30 am–12:30 pm; Youth Open Skate with sticks & pucks is Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 12:30–1:30 pm.

You can also rent ice time at \$125/non-prime hour. Plan your pick-up game or birthday party today! More information at [www.hopkinsmn.com/pavilion](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/pavilion). 🏒



THE CITY OF HOPKINS and the HOPKINS BUSINESS & CIVIC ASSOCIATION bring you...

A new community-wide event full of **ENERGY**  
and **ACTIVITIES** both fun and invigorating!



9 AM-2 PM

SATURDAY

September 12, 2009

### Clocktower Plaza

- **Farmers' Market** (with delicious, hearty Bouja soup!)
- Self-guided **Passport Walks** organized by the Hopkins Activity Center
- **Downtown Historical Walking Tours** led by the Historical Society (beginning at 10 am)

### The Depot Trailhead

- Hopkins/Minnetonka **Recreation Services**
- **Three Rivers Park District**
- **Freewheel Bike**
- **Nordic Walking Pole Demonstrations** from Hoigaards
- **Face painting**

### Downtown Park

- **Family Zumba®** demonstrations by YMCA Ridgedale (9:30 am)
- **Latin Caribbean dance** demonstrations with Manny Rubio (10 am)
- **Drums Alive**, presented by YMCA Ridgedale (11:30 am)
- **Live music** in the Bandshell

### and elsewhere...

- **Bike Corral**, Vail Place (15 9th Ave S)
- **Bike Rodeo**, north of Elks Lodge (30 8th Ave S)—Have your bike & helmet inspected and learn safe riding skills
- **LA Fitness "In Motion" Bike Ride**
- **Vendor booths** along 9th Ave
- **"In Motion" Community Parade**, corner of 8th & Mainstreet, west on Mainstreet to 10th, south back to Downtown Park (12 pm)
- **Ribbon Cutting** at Rotary Oasis trailhead, 9th & 1st St N (2 pm)

For a detailed  
event schedule, visit  
[www.thinkhopkins.com/  
hopkinsinmotion](http://www.thinkhopkins.com/hopkinsinmotion)

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