



# Hopkins Highlights July 2010



## Primary Election Is August 10

Polling places will be open 7 am–8 pm on Tuesday, August 10, for the 2010 Primary Election. A new state law has moved the primary up a month to allow more time for absentee voting in the General Election.

The outcome of the Primary Election determines which candidates appear on the official ballot in the General Election on November 2, 2010. A variety of county, state (including the governor), and federal positions are up for election.

### Absentee Voting For The Primary Election

If you will be absent from your precinct on August 10 or are prevented from getting to a polling place due to an illness or disability, or religious observance, you may vote by absentee ballot. Applications to vote by absentee ballot are available on the City website or can be filled out in person at Hopkins City Hall, Monday–Friday, 8 am–4:30 pm. Completed absentee ballots must be received by August 10. City Hall will be open extended hours for absentee voting on Saturday, August 7, from 10 am to 3 pm, and Monday, August 9, from 8 am to 5 pm.

Questions? Call Terry Obermaier, City Clerk, at 952-548-6304. 🍓

## Celebrate National Night Out August 3

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, August 3**, and celebrate the 27th annual National Night Out against crime and drugs.

From 5:30 to 9 pm on August 3, residents in neighborhoods throughout Hopkins and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors. Many neighborhoods throughout Hopkins will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, ice cream socials, potlucks, and games. Last year, 45 neighborhoods in Hopkins registered and took part in NNO!

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and to provide an opportunity to promote and celebrate police-community partnerships in crime prevention efforts. NNO is sponsored by the Hopkins Police Department.

We encourage every neighborhood to get out and participate in “America’s Night Out Against Crime.” Register your party early and enjoy a visit from McGruff, Sparky, the Police Department, or the Fire Department! A registration form can be obtained at [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com) or you can contact Anne Marie Buck of the Hopkins Police Department at 952-548-6407 or by email at [abuck@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:abuck@hopkinsmn.com) before July 20. 🍓



## Hopkins Arts Festival - July 10–11

The Hopkins Arts Festival returns as the kick-off event to the 76th annual Raspberry Festival. Don’t miss:

- artists’ booths, featuring original paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography, and much more, lining Mainstreet.
- free music in the bandshell in Downtown Park.
- summertime fare from vendors and local restaurants.
- “CANDYGRAM: Postal Impressions,” a free exhibit at the Hopkins Center for the Arts.
- Stages Theatre Company’s production of Roald Dahl’s “Willy Wonka,” also at the Hopkins Center for the Arts.

The Arts Festival is sponsored by the Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Visit [www.hopkinsartsfestival.com](http://www.hopkinsartsfestival.com) for more information. 🍓



photo by Kate Sumbler

## The Hopkins Raspberry Festival “A Tradition Preserved” July 10–18, 2010

The 76th annual Hopkins Raspberry Festival kicks off with the Hopkins Arts Festival (see box) on July 10 and will include events such as street dances, coronation of royalty, Family Day, and the Grande Day Parade on July 18. For a complete schedule, go to [www.raspberrycapital.com](http://www.raspberrycapital.com). A few events are highlighted below:

### Senior Game Day Sunday, July 11, 3 pm @ the Activity Center

Bingo, great prizes, and buffet included. Cost is \$5 per person in advance with a Raspberry button. Call 952-939-1333 to register.

### Moonlight Serenade Dance Tuesday, July 14, 7 pm @ the Activity Center

Raspberry Festival Senior Ambassadors John & Joan Markham invite you to dance and welcome the new Senior Ambassadors for 2010-2011. All ages welcome. Enjoy the music of the Big Band Sound of Dick Macko, dancing, light supper and dessert. Cost is \$15 per person in advance with a Raspberry Button. Registration and payment due by July 6. Call 952-939-1333.

### Raspberry Community Sale NEW Saturday, July 17, 10 am–9 pm @ the Hopkins Pavilion

Spots are for sale for individuals or groups to sell their own treasures. Donations are also being accepted through Thursday, July 15, at the Hopkins Pavilion and will benefit the Activity Center and Shoestring Players. For more information, please call 952-939-1410. 🍓



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## Refuse & Recycling

Due to Independence Day, refuse and recycling pickup for the week of July 5 will take place Tuesday through Friday, July 6-9.

Recycling will also be collected July 19-22.

## July 2010

### City Council Calendar

July 6, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

July 13, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

July 20, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

August 2, 6:30 pm  
Meeting

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

### Boards & Commissions Calendar

July 6, 7 pm  
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

July 19, 6:30 pm  
Park Board

July 27, 6:30 pm  
Zoning & Planning Commission

August 2, 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  
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan  
Rick Brausen ■ Cheryl Youakim

### City Offices Closed

Monday, July 5  
Independence Day

## REMINDER: Alcohol & City Parks

Beer and wine in non-glass containers are allowed **with** a permit in Downtown, Central, Valley, and Burnes parks. Alcohol use in all other City Parks is strictly prohibited.

Residents interested in obtaining an alcohol permit for a picnic shelter reservation should contact Recreation Services at 952-939-8203. Permits are \$25 per requested date. For an alcohol permit not affiliated with a picnic shelter, residents should call Hopkins City Hall at 952-935-8474. 🍷

## Nominations Due August 28 For Annual Community Image Award

The City of Hopkins will again honor property owners, individuals, and business owners whose pride shines through their property. The Community Image Award recognizes those people who have made significant improvements to their property, including landscaping, accessibility improvements, lighting, signs, or exterior improvements. The award also honors those who have demonstrated continued, superior maintenance of their property. Properties that have received an award within the last 10 years are not eligible. The award has three categories:

- Commercial, Industrial, or Office
- Multi-Family Residential
- Single Family Residential

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please complete a nomination form and return it by **August 28**.

Nomination forms are also available at City Hall, online at [www.hopkinsmn.com/departments/planning/award/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/departments/planning/award/), or by calling 952-548-6341. 🍷



Vail Place was a winner in the Commercial category in 2009.

### 2010 Community Image Award Nomination Form

Address of nominated property: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of property owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Category of property:

- Commercial/Industrial/Office
- Multi-Family Residential
- Single Family Residential

Please describe why this property deserves a Hopkins Community Image Award. Use additional pages if necessary. Please attach any photos that you may have (including "before improvement" photos).

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Nominator's name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to: Economic Development, City of Hopkins, 1010 1st St S, Hopkins, MN 55343.

**Nominations due August 28, 2010**