



Hopkins Highlights **September 2010**



Fire Department To Hold Open House On Saturday, October 9

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week (October 3-9), the Hopkins Fire Department is holding an open house on **Saturday, October 9**, 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/fire.



Returns Saturday, September 11...

Don't miss Hopkins' most invigorating event! See insert for details.

Get Rid Of Your Unwanted Items During Bulk Item Drop Off, October 7-9

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 7 & 8, 3-7 pm and October 9, 9 am-4 pm

Where: 1414 7th 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 the Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 for more information.

HHW Drop-Off Event

Hennepin County will sponsor a household hazardous waste collection event for residents **September 16-18**, 9 am-4 pm, at the Shorewood Public Works Facility (24200 Smithtown Road, Shorewood). Visit www.hennepin.us/collectionevents for details.



Choose To Reuse This Fall & Save

Hennepin County has partnered with 80 reuse retailers to offer Choose to Reuse Today coupons that can be redeemed for discounts from Oct 1-Nov 30. Reuse retailers include businesses and organizations that rent, repair, resell, consign, trade, and exchange used goods.

Residents may pick up a coupon book at Hopkins City Hall, the Public Works offices, the Hopkins Activity Center, participating retail locations, Hennepin County Service Centers, Hennepin County libraries and all Three Rivers Park District locations. Copies can be downloaded at www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse. You can also find Hennepin County's Choose to Reuse Program on Facebook.

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

Ice Season Returns To The Pavilion

Open Skate at the Hopkins Pavilion will begin **Tuesday, September 7**. 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.



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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is Sept 13-16 and 27-30.

Refuse collection will be delayed one day Sept 6-9 due to Labor Day.

September 2010

City Council Calendar

September 7, 7:30 pm

Meeting

September 14, 6:30 pm

Work Session

September 21, 7:30 pm

Meeting

September 28, 6:30 pm

Work Session

October 5, 7:30 pm

Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

September 7, 7:25 pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

September 20, 6:30 pm

Park Board

September 28, 6:30 pm

Zoning & Planning Commission

October 5, 7:25 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

2:00 pm

Sunday

1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor

Gene Maxwell
(952-935-5270)

City Council

Rick Brausen
Kristi Halverson
Bruce Rowan
Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Mon, Sept 6—Labor Day

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 21**. Call 952-939-1382 beginning Monday, September 13, to schedule your free pick up. The last day to schedule the free pick up is Monday, September 20, 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 (3100 Hopkins Crossroads) will remain open through November 27 (weather permitting). Beginning November 1, the site will be open *Saturdays only*.

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*)
- Animal Feces
- Sod
- Logs or Lumber
- Dirt



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 15, 6-10 pm (4-Hour Refresher Course)

This defensive driving course for age 55 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 User members \$15; Others \$18.

Cell Phone Lab

Thurs, Sept 23, 1-2 pm

Discover different areas of your phone so you can understand and use it better. Bring your questions. Cell phone users from all wireless companies welcome. Frequent User members \$15; Others \$18.

Know Before You Throw

Wed, Sept 8, 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 User members free; Others \$1.

Facebook Review

Thurs, Sept 23, noon

Get a taste of the Facebook, a free social networking website to connect to your family and friends. Already have an account? Come and get your questions answered. Frequent User members free; Others \$1.



Book Club

Mon, Sept 13, 1 pm

Join others who share a love of reading to discuss the book of the month. September book is *Days on the Family Farm* by Carrie Meyer. Frequent User members free; Others \$1.

Fall Fitness Fest Is Sept 15-17

Minnetonka Senior Services, in partnership with the Plymouth Creek Center and Senior Community Services, is offering Fall Fitness Fest in September, a three-day program promoting fitness in people age 55 and above. Activities for all fitness levels will be offered.

Events include a 2-, 3-, or 4-mile walk, billiards tournament, Nordic walking, croquet, tennis tournament, bocce ball, golf, biking, bean bag tournament, and awards ceremony.

Event cost is \$10 for all three days and includes participation in as many events as you wish, all meals and snacks, a Fall Fitness Fest T-shirt, and awards for event winners. **Registration deadline is Wed, September 8.**