



Hopkins Highlights

October
2010

Vote on Tuesday, November 2

The State and Federal General Election will be held on November 2, 2010. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm.

Registering To Vote

The last day to register to vote before Election Day is October 12. City Hall will be open until 5 pm on October 12 for voter registration. If you register early, the county will verify your residence with a postcard. If you do not have a chance to register before October 12, you may register at your polling place on Election Day with an approved ID or a voucher by another registered voter or employer. For a list of approved identification, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/elections.



Where do I vote?

To find out where your polling place is located, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/ or call City Hall at 952-935-8474.

Absentee Voting

To request an application for an absentee ballot, visit or call City Hall at 952-935-8474 (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm) through November 1. You will receive your ballot upon completing the application and returning it to City Hall. Absentee voting can be done in person at City Hall or by mail. City Hall will be open from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, October 30 and until 5 pm on Monday, November 1 for absentee voting.

If you have any questions about voting, you may call Terry Obermaier, City Clerk, at 952-548-6304.

Rental License Renewals Due Before Oct 31

The City of Hopkins requires an annual license for all premises rented in whole or in part as a dwelling unit. This includes:

- all apartment complexes
- rooming units
- condos
- single family homes
- townhomes
- double bungalows
- owner-occupied double bungalows

Rental licenses must be renewed every year before October 31. **Renewal packets were mailed at the end of September; if you did not receive one, call Pam Hove at 952-548-6320.**

For more information about rental licenses go to www.hopkinsmn.com/licenses.

Fire Dept Open House

The Hopkins Fire Department will be holding its annual open house on **Saturday, October 9**, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Hopkins Fire Station (101 17th Ave S). Visit www.hopkinsmn.com for more information.



Council Approves Preliminary Budget

At its September 7 meeting, the City Council approved the preliminary 2011 budget and levy. The preliminary General Fund budget was set at \$10,299,327, a 2.24% increase from 2010. The preliminary 2011 tax levy was set at \$10,138,414, a 2.14% increase over 2010.

The City Council set a public meeting to discuss the budget on December 7, 2010. The 2011 budget will be adopted at the City Council meeting on December 21.

To download the presentation slides, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/budget.

City Continues Meter Reading Upgrades

In an effort to adapt to advancements in meter reading technology, the City of Hopkins has been upgrading its radio read water meter reading system. This new, more flexible technology is expected to meet the City's water meter reading needs for the next 20 years.

In November 2010, the City will resume its ongoing efforts to replace the transponders, focusing on Interlachen Park and Peaceful Valley. Residents in these areas will be receiving transponder change out notification letters beginning in October.

Activity Center To Host Resource Fair, Flu Shots On Oct 25

Stop by the Hopkins Activity Center on October 25 between noon and 3:30 pm for the "Live Well/Age Well Resource Fair," a free wellness and community resource fair focused on your 55+ years.

Visit with many **exhibitors** regarding health issues, future care, and fun & recreation. **Ole & Lena** will perform Scandinavian songs and share refreshingly clean jokes about life in "Minne-Snowta."

A **flu shot clinic** will be available from 1-3:30 pm. Cost is \$26/flu shot or free to seniors with Medicare Part B. Bring your Medicare card, insurance card, and any vouchers received in the mail. Pneumonia shots will also be available for \$57. New this year: a photo ID is required.

Also at the fair—win prizes and enjoy the free refreshments.

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue N.



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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is Oct 11-14 and 25-28.

Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday every week.

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City Council Calendar

October 5, 7:30 pm
Meeting

October 12, 6:30 pm
Work Session

October 19, 7:30 pm
Meeting

October 26, 6:30 pm
Work Session

November 1, 7:30 pm (Monday)
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

October 5, 7:25 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

October 18, 6:30 pm
Park Board

October 26, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

November 1, 7:25 pm (Monday)
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

Reminder: Bulk Item Drop Off

October 7-8 | 3-7 pm
October 9 | 9 am-4 pm
at 1414 7th St S, Hopkins

A \$10 per vehicle fee applies for this service. For more information, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/waste/bulk.php.



Free Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Up

The City will be picking up leaf and yard waste free of charge for a limited time this fall. Locate your neighborhood below to plan for your free pick up. Remember, compostable bags must be used for curbside pick up.

Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge, and Interlachen Park Residents

The City provides **free** street leaf and yard waste pick up in your area using front-end loaders and dump trucks. Pick up in these areas will be November 8-12. Refer to the schedule below for your neighborhood's pick up day.

Bellgrove: Monday, November 8

Interlachen Park: Tuesday, November 9
(Meadowbrook Rd up to and including Interlachen Rd)

Park Ridge: Wednesday, November 10

Hobby Acres: Wednesday, November 10

Interlachen Park: Friday, November 12 (Interlachen Rd to Blake Rd)

Place leaves in loose piles (unbagged) in the street along the curb line. Leaves should be placed on the street no later than 7:00 am on your scheduled pick up day and no earlier than the day before your scheduled pick up day. There will not be free bagged yard waste pick up in these neighborhoods. Collection of bags with stickers will resume November 15-18 (weather permitting).

5th Ave N, County Roads 73 and 5, and Blake Road Residents

Due to county restrictions and high traffic levels, residents will have free leaf and yard waste bag pick up November 1-18.

All Other City Service Area Residents

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be November 1-18.

Note: Bags of leaf and yard waste in all City service areas are collected on the same day as regular refuse. **The last week of curbside yard waste bag pick up will be November 15-18.**

Yard Waste Stickers

Before or after the free pick up dates, yard waste stickers must be affixed to bags and be visible from the street or alley. Stickers are \$2 each and may be purchased at City Hall or Public Works. A minimum of ten stickers must be ordered to purchase stickers by phone (952-939-1382). Stickers will be sent via mail and the fee will be added to your utility bill.

Drop Off Site Hours

The free yard waste and brush drop off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroads) will remain open through November 27, weather permitting. Please note hours of operation below:

Through October 30:

Mon & Wed, 2-7 pm & Sat, 9-3 pm

November 1-13:

Mon & Wed, 1-5 pm & Sat, 9-3 pm

November 14-27:

Sat, 9-3 pm

Doors Open Soon For Jaycees Haunted House

The Dungeons of Darkness and Doom will be open for three weekends of mayhem and madness this October. The Dungeons is a theatrical haunted house that takes visitors on an intense journey through over a dozen nerve-shattering scenes.

Dates & Times: 7-9 pm, Oct 15-17, 20-24, and 28-31 (open until 10 pm on Friday & Saturday)

Admission: \$12 (\$9 with the donation of a non-perishable or canned food item)

Location: 10 Suburban Square in Hopkins (at Shady Oak Rd and Mainstreet).

The Dungeons of Darkness and Doom is a joint fundraiser of the Hopkins Area Jaycees and the Main Street School of Performing Arts. For more information, go to www.evilhill.net.