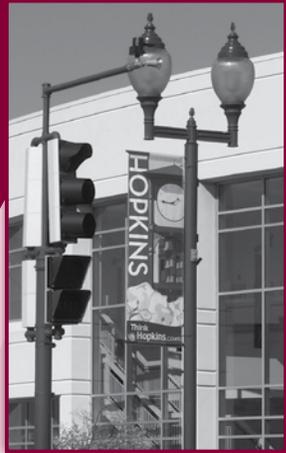


Hopkins Highlights

February
2011



Join Us For State Of The City & Taste Of Hopkins On Feb 22

The State of the City and Taste of Hopkins will be held at the Hopkins Center for the Arts on Tuesday, February 22, 5-7 pm. Mayor Gene Maxwell and the Hopkins City Council will provide an update of all things happening in Hopkins.

Before the main event, enjoy the Taste of Hopkins, a sampling of appetizers, entrées, beverages, and desserts courtesy of local Hopkins restaurants. Taste of Hopkins is coordinated by the Hopkins Business & Civic Association and the Twin West Chamber of Commerce.

In support of our local food shelf, ICA, everyone is encouraged to donate and bring a non-perishable food item to the event. 🍓

Kids Fest!

Sun, Feb 13, 1-5 pm
@ Mtka Community
Center, Ice Arena, &
Williston Fitness Center

Enjoy dog sled rides, bingo with prizes, face painting, ice sculpture demonstrations, s'mores by the fire, open swimming, open batting cages, open skating, musical entertainment by The Teddy Bear Band, and much more!



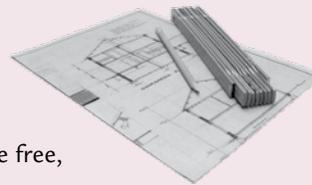
For additional information and a schedule, visit www.hopkinsmn.com. Brought to you by the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Department. 🍓

West Metro Home Remodeling Fair Is Feb 27

Sunday, February 27, 2011, 10:30 am-3:30 pm
Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins

The 19th annual West Metro Home Remodeling Fair will again feature a tremendous line-up of seminars and mini-demonstrations for the do-it-yourselfer, and no project is too small.

Demonstrations on wood floor refinishing, window repair, and simple plumbing repairs will be available, as well as specialty seminars on kitchens and other larger remodeling topics. You will also have the opportunity to talk to a variety of professionals, including architects, landscape architects, master gardeners, kitchen designers, and interior designers, who will provide free, no obligation advice.



**Come one, come all—
no project too small!**

The Home Remodeling Fair is a free event sponsored by the Cities of Golden Valley, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St Louis Park, as well as Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park Community Education. For more info, go to www.homeremodelingfair.com. 🍓

Renew Alarms For 2011

The City of Hopkins requires homeowners and businesses to register all fire and police alarm systems annually.

The purpose of this requirement is to encourage alarm users to maintain their alarm systems and to provide the City with proper documentation. In doing so, it is believed that there will be a reduction of false alarms, which are a drain on our public safety resources. In 2009 there were 422 police calls for service from alarms—409 of these calls were false alarms.



To download a registration form, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/business/alarms.php. The annual registration fee is \$10 for police alarm systems and \$10 for fire alarm systems. There are fines for not registering your alarm system and for false alarms.

If you have questions, please contact Police Services Liaison Anne Marie Buck at 952-548-6407 or by email at abuck@hopkinsmn.com. 🍓

Exercise Your Brain at the Hopkins Activity Center

Games help keep your mind sharp, provide fun competition, and promote social interaction. For more card and game opportunities, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter. Call 952-939-1333 with questions or to register.



Stay & Play Bingo

Thursday, February 10, 12:45 pm
Regular & candy bar bingo games, with cash prizes! 50¢ per card or \$2.50 for six cards. Event partner: Home Health Care, Inc.

Bunco Party

Thursday, February 24, 3 pm
Join us for the original game of dice—a game of luck, fun, and prizes! Easy to learn and no experience necessary. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages served. \$4. Sign up in advance.

Bridge Lessons

Mondays, February 7-28
Beginners: 9 am; Refresher: 10 am
Frequent User members \$19;
Others \$22. 🍓



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Refuse & Recycling Schedule Change

Public Works will be closed Monday, Feb 21 in observance of Presidents' Day. Refuse collection for this week will take place Tuesday through Friday.

February 2011

City Council Calendar

February 8, 6:30 pm
Work Session

February 15, 7:30 pm
Meeting

February 22, 7:30 pm
Work Session

March 1, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

February 22, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

February 28, 6:30 pm
Park Board

March 1, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/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 Bruce Rowan
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Monday, February 21
Presidents Day

Lease A Garden Plot

The City of Hopkins provides a garden site area in Hopkins Valley Park in the Westbrooke/Nine Mile Creek area where residents can lease a 20' by 20' garden plot.

Due to the high demand for plots, there is a limit of two plots per household. The rate is \$20 for one plot and \$50 for two plots.

Registration begins March 7 for residents and are on a first come first serve basis. You must provide proof of residency. Non-residents may purchase plots starting March 14. You must register in person at Hopkins City Hall.

Plots are ready to plant in mid-May. 🍷



Garden plot registration begins March 7 for residents.

When Snowflakes Fall: Helpful Reminders



Snow Emergency? Call the Snow Line at 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. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/snow.php for more information on where to park during snow emergencies and what to do if your vehicle is towed.



Keep Refuse & Recycling Carts Clear

City of Hopkins refuse and recycling collection requires a minimum clearance of 4 feet around each container. Sometimes a spot is carved out in the snow to create a pocket for the container, but this does not allow sufficient area for the automated arm on the truck to reach. Although alleys and driveways can be narrow because of snow piling up, it is necessary that the clearance around each container be maintained to allow for collection.



Keep Fire Hydrants Shoveled Out

Many fire hydrants are currently covered or hidden by snow. If you have a hydrant on your block, please help keep Hopkins safe by shoveling it out. If possible, hydrants should be cleared four feet on each side to give the Fire Department the fastest and best access. The property you save may be your own! 🍷

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Deposit Disclosure

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 115A.9302, which requires that a person who collects mixed municipal solid waste for transportation to a waste facility shall disclose to each waste generator from whom waste is collected the name, location, type of facility, and the number of the permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or its counterpart in another state, for the processing or disposal facility or facilities at which the waste will be deposited. The City of Hopkins (hauler), hereby discloses that the mixed municipal solid waste collected from January 1-December 31, 2011 will be delivered to the following facilities during that time period. If an additional facility becomes either a primary facility or an alternative facility during this time period, the City of Hopkins will provide you with updated information within 30 days.

Primary Facility Name: Hennepin Energy Resource Company (HERC)
Location: 505 6th Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55405
Type of Facility: Mass Burn Waste-to-Energy
MPCA Permit Number: SW-396

Primary Facility Name: NRG Elk River (NSP) Resource Recovery
Location: 10700 165th Ave NW, Elk River, MN 55330
Type of Facility: Refuse Derived Fuel Waste-to-Energy
MPCA Permit Number: SW-305

The following facility is used for disposal of construction and demolition material collected through our twice-yearly Bulk Item Drop-off and weekly Bulk Item Collection.

Alternative Facility Name: Dem Con Landfill, Inc.
Location: 331 Akers Lane, Jordan, MN 55352
Type of Facility: Construction Demolition Landfill
MPCA Permit Number: SW-290

You may be responsible for any liability that results from contamination at a facility where your waste has been deposited. Minnesota believes that its waste management system provides substantially more financial and environmental protection than depositing waste in landfills in other states. Managing your waste in Minnesota may minimize your potential liability.