



Hopkins Highlights

May
2011



A reconstructed street from last year's Street and Utility Improvement Project.

Construction Season Arrives Soon In Hopkins

Two significant construction projects will take place in and near Hopkins this construction season in addition to the ongoing maintenance of the City's street and sidewalk system (which includes seal coating, crack sealing, and sidewalk/alley repairs).

The first is the 2011 Street and Utility Improvement Project, slated to begin later this month. The project will replace streets in the area south of Highway 7 and north of 2nd Street N between 12th and 17th Avenues N, as well

as North Service Drive east of 12th Avenue. Utility repairs and storm sewer upgrades will also take place in this area. Construction is anticipated to wrap up in October.

The second is a CenterPoint Energy project in the intersection of Hwy 7 and Blake Road in St. Louis Park. This work is necessary to ensure the safe delivery of natural gas and will last approximately five weeks. Highway 7 will remain open to through traffic, but cross traffic and some turning movements will be impacted. Detours will be posted and alternate routes are advised during construction. CenterPoint Energy has not set a specific start date, but advance warning will be placed prior to construction.

If you have any questions regarding construction projects this year, please contact City Engineer John Bradford at 952-548-6356 or jbradford@hopkinsmn.com.

Revamped Shady Oak Beach Opens June 10

Shady Oak Beach opens June 10 for the summer season and will remain open through August 28. Hours at the beach are 10 am–9 pm through August 1, and 10 am–8 pm after August 1. Swimming in the lake ends one half hour before sunset.

A brand new Shady Oak Beach Community Play area has replaced the older water play area and is sure to make the beach an even bigger hit for kids. Remember: all children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Beach fees remain the same as last year. **Season Passes** offer a significant savings and are sold through Minnetonka Recreation Services, Monday–Friday, 8 am–4:30 pm. Call 952-939-8203 or visit Minnetonka City Hall. (*Season passes are not available at Hopkins City Hall.*) Season passes are also available at the beach. **Single-Day Passes** can be purchased at the gate for \$5/person (twilight rates of \$3/person apply after 6 pm). Ages 2 and under are free.

Medicine Collection Event

Hennepin County is sponsoring a medicine collection event Thursday, June 2, from 3–7 pm at the Richfield Ice Arena, 636 66th St E.

Medicine in any form from households will be accepted. Items not accepted include needles or sharps and medication from businesses.

For more information visit www.hennepin.us/medicine or call 612-348-3777.



Storm Water Grants Available To Some

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is offering grants to residents and businesses in its watershed to construct rain gardens and install porous pavement or other features that infiltrate storm water runoff into the ground. The grants will share up to 50% of the cost. Find more information at www.minnehahacreek.org. Please remember that these projects will require a permit from the City.

Community Sale Is June 23–25 At The Pavilion

Clean out your garage, basement and closets—it's time for the biggest sale of the season!

- Thursday, June 23, noon – 5 pm
- Friday, June 24, 9 am – 5 pm
- Saturday, June 25, 9 am – 5 pm

Reserve a spot to sell your treasures for \$20 per day or \$40 for all three days. You receive a 20 ft x 20 ft spot with one table and 2 chairs.

Contact the Pavilion for more information at 952-939-1410.



LIVE WELL, AGE WELL @ Hopkins Activity Center

Fitness Focus: the focus is you!

Tues & Thurs, 9–10 am

Join group exercise with Ben Walker, an experienced group fitness instructor. Try your first class free. Frequent User Members \$32/10 classes; Others \$42/10.

Enhance Fitness

Tues & Thurs, 10:15–11:15 am

Focuses on stretching, flexibility, balance, low impact aerobics and strength training exercises. Instructor: Ben Walker. UCare for Senior Members free; Frequent User Members \$32/10 classes; Others \$42/10 classes.

Hopkins Mtka Senior Bicyclers

Tues & Thurs, 9:15 am

Visit www.martywirth.com for bike schedule or call.

Healthy Living Group

Monday, May 23, 10:30 am

Ashley Elmer, Avalon Chiropractic, discusses the importance of nutrition. Frequent User Members free; Others \$1.

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Ave N in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com with questions or to register.



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Refuse & Recycling
Recycling collection is May 9-12 and 23-26.

Refuse collection for the week of May 30 will be delayed one day due to Memorial Day.

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City Council Calendar

May 10, 6:30 pm
Work Session

May 17, 7:30 pm
Meeting

May 24, 6:30 pm
Work Session

June 7, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

May 16, 6:30 pm
Park Board

May 31, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

June 7, 7:25 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: Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30pm; Thursdays at 2 pm; and Sundays at 1 pm.

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell
(952-935-5270)

City Council
Rick Brausen Bruce Rowan
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

City Hall Closed

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30

Step To It Challenge

begins May 9! Register at www.steptoit.org. This year Hopkins residents and City Council try for a third straight victory!



Dodgeball Returns To The Hopkins Pavilion

Did you know the Pavilion offers an adult dodgeball league on Monday nights? This recreational league offers fun, high-energy dodgeball play for people of all skill levels. Matches begin June 6 and end August 1.

League fee is \$225/team. Register your team before May 16 by visiting www.hopkinspavilion.com or calling 952-939-1410. Space available on a first-come, first-served basis. 🍓

Water Your Lawn On The Odd/Even Schedule

Lawn watering has a large impact on the City's ability to supply water to those who use water in the City. To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City of Hopkins enforces year-round watering restrictions.

Residents and businesses are required to water on an odd/even system. If your address ends with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, or 9), you can water on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, etc.). If your address ends in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, or 8), you can water on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, etc.).

Lawn watering is also not allowed between the hours of 11 am and 5 pm when the evaporation rate is the highest. Activities such as play toys, car washing, and hand-watering of flowerbeds are exempt from this policy as long as the activity is attended.

Exemptions are also available for private wells and items such as new sod or new seed. Please call the Public Works Department at 952-548-6373 with any questions. 🍓

Free Yard Waste Drop Off Site Now Open

The Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off location at 3100 Hopkins Crossroads (the west side of County Road 73, approximately two blocks north of County Road 5) is now open Saturdays from 9 am-3 pm and Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-7 pm.

Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential properties will be accepted. Driver's licenses will be checked to ensure residency requirements. Branches must be no longer than 15 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter.

Yard waste may be transported to the drop off site in the "old" yard waste bags. These bags need to be dumped out and residents are requested to take the used bags home with them. Yard waste brought to the site in compostable bags does not need to be dumped out. 🍓

REMINDERS: Yard Waste & Brush Pick Ups

Yard waste is picked up the same day as your refuse. Yard waste bags must have a **yard waste sticker** on them that faces the street or alley and is visible to our drivers. Stickers are \$2 each and may be purchased at City Hall or Public Works. (Residents may also call Public Works at 952-939-1382 and request stickers be sent in the mail; however, a minimum of ten stickers must be purchased for phone orders. Phone order charges will be placed on your utility bill.)

Remember, if you bag your yard waste for collection, it must be placed in a compostable bag and weigh no more than 40 pounds per bag.

Brush pick ups take place on Tuesdays. Call 952-939-1382 to **schedule your brush pick up** no later than 2 pm on Monday. A fee (based upon volume) will be charged for brush pick up (fee placed on residents' utility bill). 🍓

GET RID OF YOUR HHW

Drop off your **household hazardous waste** and problem materials at this Hennepin County collection event:



May 19-21, 9 am-4 pm
City of Minnetonka Public Works
Dept (11522 Minnetonka Blvd)

For more information, additional dates, and a list of items that are accepted, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/waste/hhw-events.php. 🍓

