

# Hopkins Highlights

October  
2011



## Vote on Tuesday, November 8

The City Election will be held on November 8, 2011. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. Residents will elect two Council members and a mayor.

### Registering To Vote

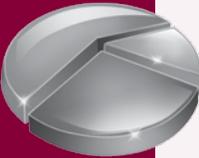
The last day to register to vote before Election Day is October 18. City Hall will be open until 5 pm on October 18 for voter registration. If you register early, the county will verify your residence with a postcard. If you do not have a chance to register before October 18, you may register at your polling place on Election Day with an approved ID or a voucher by another registered voter in your precinct. For a list of approved identification, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/elections](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/elections).

### Where do I vote?

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

## Council Approves Preliminary Budget

At its September 6 meeting, the City Council approved the preliminary 2012 budget and levy. The preliminary General Fund budget was set at \$10,519,463, a 2.14% increase from 2011. The preliminary 2012 tax levy was set at \$10,348,328, a 2.07% increase over 2011.



The City Council set a public meeting to discuss the budget on December 6, 2011. The 2011 budget will be adopted at the City Council meeting on December 20.

To download the presentation slides, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/budget](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/budget).

## 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 7. 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, November 5 and until 5 pm on Monday, November 7 for absentee voting.

If you have any questions about voting, call the City clerk at 952-548-6304.

## Fire Department Open House Is Saturday, October 15

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week (October 9-15), the Hopkins Fire Department is holding an open house at the Hopkins Fire Station (101 17th Ave S) on **Saturday, Oct 15**, 10 am to 2 pm.

Stop by for a ride in the fire truck, free T-shirts and fire helmets for the kids, and food and drink. Watch live fire demonstrations, and learn valuable tips for preventing fires at home. Learn more at [www.hopkinsmn.com/fire](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/fire).



photo by Curtis Magdall

## 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 2011, the City will resume its ongoing efforts to replace the transponders, focusing on Peaceful Valley and the North Avenues. Residents in these areas will be receiving transponder change out notification letters beginning in October.

photo by Martha Fillion

## PHOTO contest



## Frame...Focus...Click! Enter The City of Hopkins Photo Contest

As part of its Think Hopkins campaign, the City of Hopkins' Marketing Committee is excited to announce the second ever City of Hopkins Photo Contest. Show us what you love about Hopkins through pictures and you could win \$100. Prizes will be awarded in up to eight categories and photographers of all ages are welcome to enter.

Additional details and past Photo Contest winners can be found at [www.thinkhopkins.com/photocontest](http://www.thinkhopkins.com/photocontest). Winning photographs will be displayed throughout Hopkins, and winning photographers will be recognized at a City Council meeting.

If you would like more information about the City of Hopkins Photo Contest, please contact Tara Beard at 952-548-6343 or [tbeard@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:tbeard@hopkinsmn.com).

## Reminder: Bulk Item Drop Off

October 6-7 | 3-7 pm  
October 8 | 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](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/waste/bulk.php).



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**Refuse & Recycling**  
Recycling collection is  
Oct 10-13 and 24-27.

Refuse collection will take  
place Monday through  
Thursday every week.

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## City Council Calendar

October 4, 7:30 pm

Meeting

October 11, 6:30 pm

Work Session

October 18, 7:30 pm

Meeting

October 25, 6:30 pm

Work Session

November 1, 7:30 pm

Meeting

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

## Boards & Commissions Calendar

October 4, 7:25 pm

Housing & Redevelopment  
Authority

October 24, 6:30 pm

Park Board

October 25, 6:30 pm

Zoning & Planning Commission

November 1, 7:25 pm

Housing & Redevelopment  
Authority

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

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

## Free Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Ups Begin In November

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 7-10. Refer to  
the schedule below for your neighborhood's pick up day.

**Bellgrove:** Monday, November 7

**Interlachen Park:** Tuesday, November 8 (*Meadowbrook Rd  
up to and including Interlachen Rd*)

**Park Ridge:** Wednesday, November 9

**Hobby Acres:** Wednesday, November 9

**Interlachen Park:** Thursday, November 10 (*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 14-17 (weather  
permitting).

### 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N, County Roads 73 and 5, and Blake Road Residents

Due to county restrictions and high traffic levels, resi-  
dents will have free leaf and yard waste bag pick up  
October 31-November 17.

### All Other City Service Area Residents

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be October 31-November 17.

*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 14-17.** ♻️

## music at the center



**Joe Lovano Us Five**  
Saturday, October 22, 8 pm

**Alison Scott**  
Tuesday, October 25, 7 pm

**Lee Ritenour Quartet**  
Saturday, November 5, 8 pm

**Tickets on sale now.** Call  
952-979-1111 or visit [www.  
HopkinsArtsCenter.com](http://www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com).

## 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 26,  
weather permitting. Please note hours  
of operation below:

*Through Oct 29:*

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

*Oct 31-Nov 12:*

Mon & Wed, 1-5 pm

*Nov 13-26:*

Sat, 9-3 pm

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## 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
- condos
- townhomes
- owner-occupied double bungalows
- rooming units
- single family homes
- 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](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/licenses). ♻️