



Hopkins Highlights **December 2011**



City To Begin Sending Emergency Notification Phone Messages

When a crisis affects Hopkins, City public safety officials must be able to reach residents instantly with warnings, information, and updates.

To accomplish this, the City of Hopkins has started using a new emergency notification system. Whether residents need to be informed of a water main break, snow emergency, evacuation, or other crisis, the new system allows the City to send a message to every telephone number listed in the directory within a matter of minutes.

The initial database of phone numbers is limited to landlines. If you'd like your cell phone registered, please visit www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/globalconnect. You do not need to register your land line. Opt out instructions are also available online. For more information, call 952-548-6451. 🍷

When It Snows In Hopkins...

☑ Move Your Car

Snow Emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements. **Parking restrictions will remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb** and the parking lots and parking ramp are completely plowed.

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicle from city streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency is declared. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/snow.php to find out where to park during snow emergencies.

IF YOUR VEHICLE is towed during a snow emergency, call Matt's Auto Service at 952-949-2385 to confirm the location of your vehicle. Vehicles are released only to the registered owners. Owners need to bring proof of ownership, proof of insurance, and a valid driver's license in order to claim their vehicles. Payment is accepted by cash, Visa, or MasterCard. No checks. The impound lot is located at 6282 Industrial Drive (Baker Road and Crosstown Hwy) in Eden Prairie.

☑ Shovel The Sidewalk

Hopkins residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from public sidewalks. City ordinance mandates that snow or ice be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours of a snowfall. This is necessary for the safety of all who use the sidewalks.

Remember—it is against the law for individuals to plow, shovel, blow, or place snow onto streets, alleys, and boulevards.

☑ Clear The Fire Hydrants

While the City tries to clean snow from fire hydrants as soon as possible after a snow, it could use your help. Please consider adopting a nearby fire hydrant and keeping it clear of snow through the winter. Hydrants should be cleared five feet on each side to give the Fire Department the quickest and best access. 🍷

 **Call the Snow Line**
952-939-1399



Minimum Towing Charges 2011/2012 Snow Season

- Regular truck towing with same day pick up – \$110
- Flatbed towing with same day pick up – \$120
- Additional daily storage – \$30

NOTE: The City would prefer not to tow a single vehicle. Hopkins receives no money when cars are towed—all fees go to the towing company.

2011 Election Results

On November 8, 2011, voters reelected Gene Maxwell to a two-year term as mayor and elected Molly Cummings and Jason Gadd to four-year terms on the City Council. The new Council members will be sworn in on January 3, 2012. The complete official results can be found on the City's website at www.hopkinsmn.com/elections. 🍷

Tree Pickup Is January 3–13

Christmas trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential refuse customers from **Tuesday, January 3, through Friday, January 13**. Pick up days will be dependent on snow plowing and weather conditions.

Trees should be placed on the boulevard and must be free of all ornaments, plastic bags, and metal. **You do not need to call to schedule this service.** 🍷

Holiday Best Events 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.

☞ Gingerbread Wonderland December 5–15

Come see the miniature cookie & candy mansions that might be works of artistic wonder. Vote for your favorite Gingerbread House. *Voting is done with coins and all proceeds are donated to the charity of the winning house's choice.*

☞ Cocoa & Carols Tues, December 15, 11:15 am

Add sparkle to your day with live, vibrant Christmas carols on the piano and a cup of hot cocoa on us. 🍷



holidays at the center

hopkins center
for the
arts



Celtic Holiday with Laura MacKenzie and The Lads
Tuesday, Dec 13, 8 pm

The Four Freshmen
Holiday Show
Saturday, Dec 17, 8 pm

Tickets on sale now. Call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com. 🍷



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Refuse & Recycling

Refuse collection for Dec 26-29 and refuse and recycling collection for Jan 2-5 will be delayed one day due to City offices being closed on Mondays, Dec 26 and Jan 2.

December 2011

City Council Calendar

December 6, 7:30 pm

Meeting

December 13, 6:30 pm

Work Session

December 20, 7:30 pm

Meeting

January 3, 7:30 pm

Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

December 6, 7:20 pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

December 19, 6:30 pm

Park Board

December 27, 6:30 pm

Zoning & Planning Commission

January 3, 7:20 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, 7:30 pm; Thursdays, 2 pm; and Sundays, 1 pm.

Elected Officials

Mayor

Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council

Rick Brausen Bruce Rowan
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Monday, December 26

Christmas Day (observed)

Monday, January 2

New Year's Day (observed)

Hopkins Fire Dept Offering Free Home Fire Inspections

The Fire Department is offering Hopkins residents in homes or apartments the opportunity to have a home fire inspection done at no cost. A fire inspector will visit your home and identify fire hazards, answer questions, and provide you with a free smoke alarm (and help install it). For older adults, the Fire Department will also complete a fall prevention inspection.

To schedule your free inspection, call 952-548-6465. The inspections are offered at no cost due to a grant received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. 🍓



Six Property Owners Selected For Community Image Award

Six winners have been selected by a panel of judges for the 2011 Community Image Award, which recognizes significant improvements to residences or businesses, including landscaping, accessibility, lighting, signs, or exterior improvements. The award also honors continued superior maintenance of property that exemplifies pride of ownership and contributes to a positive image of the City.

Awards are given in three categories: Commercial/Industrial/Office; Multi-Family Residential; and Single Family Residential.

The City Council will honor the 2011 Community Image Award winners with an award presentation at its December 6 meeting. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm at Hopkins City Hall. 🍓



Single Family Residential
Jean Hammond, 338 8th Ave N



Single Family Residential
Mike & Joan Opitz, 245 16th Ave N



Multi-Family Residential
Fraser Hopkins Court, 41 6th Ave N



Commercial/Industrial/Office
Holiday Stationstores, Inc., 530 Blake Rd



Commercial/Industrial/Office
Tuttle's Eat Bowl Play, 107 Shady Oak Rd



Commercial/Industrial/Office
Wrap City Graphics, 62 6th Ave S

Parking Fees To Increase In 2012

Due to increasing costs in the operation and maintenance of the City's parking lots and parking ramp, the annual and quarterly parking permit fees will be increased for 2012.

New rates, effective January 1, 2012, are as follows:

- Quarterly: \$60 (previously \$55)
- Annual: \$200 (previously \$185)

The daily fee of \$3 and monthly fee of \$25 will remain unchanged. The fees for electric car permits will remain at \$77/quarter and \$280/year. 🍓