



Hopkins Highlights January 2012



Recycle More Plastic In 2012

Hennepin County has set a goal of reaching a 45 percent recycling rate by 2015. To accomplish this, Hopkins' recycling program has been expanded to accept more plastic recyclables. Effective immediately, plastic bottles and containers with their caps and lids, plastic plates and silverware, and plastic deli and take out containers that are numbered 1 through 7 may be placed into your recycle cart.

Items that still **cannot** be placed into recycling include food waste, plastic bags, plastic wrap, and styrofoam (such as packing material, cups, plates, and containers).



Remember—food and beverage cartons such as juice boxes and milk, soup, and broth cartons are also recyclable.

If you have any questions please call the Public Works Department at 952-939-1382. Thanks for recycling. ♻️

Citizens Academy Offers Up-Close Look At Your City

Want a chance to participate in a felony traffic stop or take the position of a firefighter on an engine? Or discover how economic development projects are put together?

The City of Hopkins is again offering a free opportunity to learn more about the operations, facilities, and services of the City through the 2012 Citizens Academy. Classes will be held 6:30–9:30 pm on five Thursdays beginning March 1, each at a different location within the City. Classes are designed to be fun and informative.

Application forms can be found on the City's website or contact Jim Genellie at 952-548-6303 or citizensacademy@hopkinsmn.com. ♻️



Outdoor Rinks Open For Winter Fun

Skating rinks with warming houses are available at six parks in Hopkins. Weather permitting, the rinks and warming houses will be open at the following times through February 20.

In addition, all the sites will be open from noon–9 pm on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and President's Day.

For ice rink conditions, closings, and updates, call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355. ♻️

Rink Schedule	Burnes 301 2nd St N	Central 101 17th Ave S	Harley 502 1st St S	Interlachen 230 Homedale Rd	Oakes 900 Lake St NE	Valley 700 8th St S
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Sun	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm
Mon	4:30–9 pm	4:30–9 pm	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	closed
Tue	closed	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	4:30–9 pm	4:30–9 pm
Wed	4:30–9 pm	4:30–9 pm	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	closed
Thu	closed	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	4:30–9 pm	4:30–9 pm*
Fri	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	closed
Sat	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm

O = Open Skating Rink H = Hockey Rink

*Due to Adult Broomball, only the general skating rink is available for public use at Valley Park on Thursdays from 6–9 pm.

City Increases Utility And Recycling Rates

In order to cover current operating costs and adequately fund future water and sewer capital improvement projects, the City Council has adopted increases in water, sanitary sewer, and recycling rates.

Effective January 1, 2012, the water rate increased from \$1.90 to \$1.96 per 1,000 gallons and the sanitary sewer rate increased from \$3.60 to \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons. In addition, monthly recycling rates increased from \$3.75 to \$4 per month to adequately fund operating costs of the City's recycling program. ♻️

Recycle Phone Books

Residents participating in the City's curbside recycling program may recycle old phone books in their recycling cart.

Residents without curbside recycling may drop off phone books at the Hopkins/Minnetonka Recycling Center, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka. **The recycling center is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.** ♻️

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

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.

"I WILL GET ORGANIZED!"

Scrapbooking Basics Class

Thursday, Jan 12, 10 am–noon
Learn how to use basic tools and methods to display photos. Frequent User Members \$8; Others \$10.

"I WILL START EXERCISING"

Group Exercise Classes

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
Fitness Focus—9:00 am
Enhance Fitness—10:15 am
Frequent User Members \$32/10 classes; Others \$42/10 classes.
Fitness punch cards available for flexibility. Enhance Fitness is free for UCare members.

"I WILL LEARN SOMETHING NEW"

Mah Jongg Class

Wed, Jan 25–Feb 29, 1:30–3 pm
Learn to play this intriguing game of chance and skill. Frequent User members \$28/6 classes; Others \$30. \$8 fee for current Mah Jongg card payable at first class. ♻️



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Refuse & Recycling
Public Works will be closed Monday, Jan 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Refuse and recycling collection for this week will take place Tuesday through Friday.

January 2012

City Council Calendar

January 10, 6:30 pm
Work Session

January 17, 7:30 pm
Meeting

January 31, 6:30 pm
Work Session

February 6, 7:30 pm (Monday)
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

January 23, 6:30 pm
Park Board

January 31, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

February 6, 7:20 pm (Monday)
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
Molly Cummings Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Snow Line

For snow emergency announcements in Hopkins:

952-939-1399

Register Now For Indoor Soccer At The Hopkins Pavilion

The Pavilion has opportunities for all ages of soccer players. Call 952-939-1410 or visit www.hopkinspavilion.com for more detailed information and to download registration forms.

Indoor Adult Co-Rec Soccer League

The **Pavilion Adult Soccer League** is divided into Premier and Rec Divisions. Each team plays seven games, followed by a single elimination tournament. Games are held on Wednesdays & Sundays between 7 and 10 pm. **Registration deadline is February 3 or until league is full.** Games begin February 29. \$775/team.

Dynamo Youth Soccer

Kids ages 3-13 will have a fun, action-packed hour while developing their soccer skills at **Dynamo Youth Soccer Clinics**. Each session will focus on individual skills at stations and end with games. **Register by January 31 to save \$10.** Cost is \$65 for 6 one-hour sessions on Saturdays beginning March 10 (times vary by age group). 🍓



Refuse/Recycling Containers: Put Away Within A Day

Refuse and recycle containers may remain at their pick-up location only on pick-up day. (If normal pick-up is delayed, they can remain until collected.) Within 24 hours of collection, refuse and recycle containers need to be moved to a storage location. The storage location should be next to the house or garage or inside the garage if space allows.

Moving the containers away from the alley or street pick-up location is important for the safety and cleanliness of our streets and alleys. During the winter the chance of damaging the carts or burying them in a snow bank due to plowing makes it even more important to move them to your storage location.

Help keep Hopkins' neighborhoods safe and clean. 🍓

Holiday Tree Disposal Free Through Jan 13

Until January 13, Public Works crews will be collecting holiday trees for free from Hopkins residential refuse customers. **You do not need to call** to schedule this service. Just place your tree on the boulevard and a City crew will pick it up.

Beginning the week of January 16, holiday tree removal will be done on Tuesdays as part of the residential refuse customer brush pick-up program. A fee will be charged and residents must call before 2 pm on Monday to schedule a pick up.

- Trees must be placed on the boulevard.
- Wreaths or decorations containing metal pieces will not be accepted.
- Bags and stands must be removed.
- Unacceptable waste may be discarded in your refuse container.

Trees from multi-housing, commercial, or industrial properties will not be collected by the City. Arrangements for disposal should be made through their private refuse contract handlers. 🍓

music at the center



The Persuasions

Saturday, January 14, 8 pm

With a career closing in on 50 years and showing no signs of retiring soon, the "kings of a cappella" need no instruments other than their own voices to present the best of blues, gospel, and pop.

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