



# Hopkins Highlights

April  
2012



## Welcome *Spring* At The Center

**May Day at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet  
Saturday, May 5, 10 am–3 pm**

Welcome spring with this floral and garden themed fundraiser presented by the Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Attendees can view floral and gardening demos, buy items at a silent auction, and explore spring fashion, tastes and fitness.

The same day, Girls on the Town will be rewarding shoppers with great discounts, goodie bags and more. Sign in for Girls on the Town at 10 am at the Hopkins Center for the Arts.

Come support the Center and have a fun spring day! 🍷

## Free Brush & Yard Waste Pick Ups Start Soon

**YARD WASTE** is collected the same day as regular refuse. **Pick up is FREE April 23–May 3.** Starting May 7, bags must display yard waste stickers.

Place bagged yard waste at the normal refuse collection site at least 4 feet away from your refuse and recycling containers. Yard waste is defined as leaves with twig stems no longer than 4 inches, grass clippings, and similar garden waste. **REMINDER:** Residents who bag their yard waste for collection must use compostable bags: either paper bags or compostable plastic bags that meet ASTM D6400 standards for composting and are labeled “compostable.”

**BRUSH** is collected on **Tuesdays** weather permitting (excluding holidays). To schedule a pick-up, call before 2 pm on Monday. **Brush is collected FREE from April 24–May 8.** After May 8, fees apply.

Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard **NOT** in the street (NO alley pick-up)—butt ends all one way, parallel to the street. Keep brush at least 5 feet away from overhead wires, fences, refuse containers, parked cars, etc. **DO NOT** put brush in your refuse containers. Only brush that is generated on Hopkins’ residential properties will be picked up. Brush is defined as tree limbs, twigs, and branches up to a maximum of 6 inches in diameter and 15 feet in length. No logs or lumber are accepted.

For more information, call 952-939-1382 or visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/). **Both free pick ups are only provided for residential refuse customers.** 🍷

## Drop Off Site Opens March 31

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) will open Saturday, March 31. The site will be open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–7 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am–3 pm.

Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential properties will be accepted. Driver licenses will be checked to ensure residency requirements. Residents must unload and debag their materials at the site. Residents are encouraged to take their used bags home with them for reuse. Branches must be no longer than 15 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter. 🍷

## April Is Volunteer Appreciation Month

Celebrate it with these service opportunities at the Hopkins Activity Center.

### 🍷 Walker Bag Project

Share your sewing talents and make a simple walker bag for our local hospital. Kits include simple pattern, fabric & Velcro—you only need to provide the binding. Pick up your kit at the Hopkins Activity Center. Call for information.

### 🍷 Helping Hands

*Mondays, April 9 & 23, 9 am–12 pm*  
Knit or crochet finger puppets, prayer shawls, hats, mittens and scarves for infants, children and adults for area service groups. Work with the group or at home. Yarn donations accepted.

### 🍷 Premie Blanket Bee

*Thursday, April 19, 3–9 pm*  
Make comforting quilts for preemie babies in our local hospital. Cut quilt squares, sew, press fabric & assemble preemie quilts.

The Activity Center is located at 33 14<sup>th</sup> Ave N. Call 952-939-1333 or email [activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com) with questions. 🍷

## Have A Restless Toddler?

**Come to Turf Tots at the Hopkins Pavilion, weekdays from 9 am–2 pm.**

Turf Tots is a drop-in freeplay program for children up to 5 years old. Kids can run and play with equipment provided by the Pavilion, including sport balls, crawl tunnels, bounce houses, hula hoops, and more!

Parents are required to stay on the field and supervise their child. \$3/session per child. Ends May 11; no session on April 27 or May 4. Find out more at [www.hopkinspavilion.com](http://www.hopkinspavilion.com). 🍷





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## Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is April 9-12 and 23-26.

Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday of every week.

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### City Council Calendar

April 3, 7:30 pm

Meeting

April 10, 6:30 pm

Work Session

April 17, 7:30 pm

Meeting

May 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

April 3, 7:20 pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

April 16, 6:30 pm

Park Board

April 24, 6:30 pm

Zoning & Planning Commission

May 1, 7:20 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

Molly Cummings Jason Gadd  
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

## Rain Barrels & Compost Bins For Sale

The City of Hopkins has a limited number of rain barrels and compost bins available for sale:

**Rain Barrels** - \$69 plus tax | **Compost Bins** - \$55 plus tax

To order, call Public Works at 952-939-1382. Quantities are limited and orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment (cash or personal check only) will be collected at time of pick up. Limit 3 rain barrels per household.

Rain barrels and bins will be available for pick up at the Public Works Facility, 11100 Excelsior Blvd, during Earth Week, Monday-Friday, April 23-27, between 8 am and 3:30 pm. For more information, call 952-939-1382 or visit [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com).

## Get Rid Of Your Bulk Items April 19-21

Twice a year the City offers a bulk item drop-off service for Hopkins **residential refuse customers only**. A valid Minnesota ID or current paid utility bill must be shown to prove eligibility.

April 19 & 20  
3-7 pm

April 21  
9 am-4 pm

Drop-Off Site  
1414 7th St S (old landfill site)

Each eligible residence is allowed to dispose of **a maximum of 3 cubic yards of material**, the equivalent of one pick-up truck load.

### Guidelines

- **\$10 fee per vehicle depositing material at drop-off site.** Fee will not be collected the day of drop-off, but will be placed on your utility bill.
- **\$20 fee for each recyclable appliance.** Fee will not be collected the day of drop-off, but will be placed on your utility bill. **This is in addition to the \$10/vehicle charge.**
- Maximum 3 cubic yards (one pick-up truck load) per household.
- Residents must separate recyclable materials into the proper areas at the site. Construction materials, appliances, and metal materials will be separated and recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs, and wheels must also be removed prior to taking them to the drop-off site.
- Electronics and concrete products are accepted at the drop-off site (concrete products containing steel will not be accepted).

**Items not accepted at the bulk drop-off include**, but are not limited to:

- Tires
- Car parts
- Gas refrigerators
- Hazardous waste
- Junk cars
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Car batteries
- Concrete containing steel
- Waste oil
- Paint products
- Metal barrels or drums

Hazardous wastes must be taken to the Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 for more information.

## Spring Cleaning For City's Sanitary Sewers

The City of Hopkins has a sanitary sewer cleaning program that includes cleaning the sanitary sewers on a three-year revolving schedule. **The area to be cleaned in 2012 is east of 5th Ave N to Texas Ave, north of Minnetonka Mills Rd & 2nd St N, and all Hopkins neighborhoods north of Hwy 7.**

A sanitary sewer jet-cleaning machine uses high-pressure water to clean the sanitary sewer. **This high water pressure may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing.** You may experience gurgling or bubbling water in the toilet bowl or you may smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If this does occur, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains. This does not damage your sewer system. The water that comes out is the water that is normally in the home's system (drain traps), not the water from the sanitary sewer in the street.

For more information call 952-548-6373 or visit [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com).

### REPORT a POT HOLE

Go to [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com) and click on "Report a Pothole" in the Quick Links box or call Public Works at 952-939-1382.