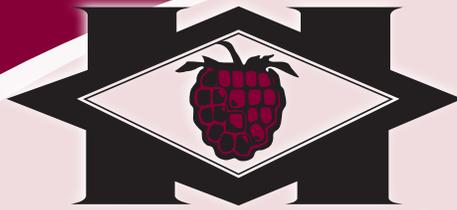


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# Hopkins Highlights **August 2012**

## Primary Election is August 14

Polling places will be open 7 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, August 14, for the 2012 Primary Election. The outcome of the Primary Election determines which candidates appear on the official ballot in the General Election on November 6, 2012.



### Absentee Voting for the Primary Election

If you will be absent from your precinct on August 14 or are prevented from getting to a polling place due to an illness or disability, or religious observance, you may vote by absentee ballot. 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 August 13. You will receive your ballot upon completing the application and returning it to City Hall. Absentee voting can be done in person or by mail. City Hall will be open on Saturday, August 11, from 10 am to 3 pm, and Monday, August 13, until 5 pm for absentee voting.

If you have questions regarding voting, please call Kris Luedke, City Clerk at 952-548-6304. For more information, visit the website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/).

## Hennepin County to Provide Dispatch Services to Hopkins

Beginning August 21, 911 emergency calls will be handled by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. Hopkins will join most of the other cities in Hennepin County who have their police and fire dispatch through the County Sheriff's Communications Division. For more information about this transition go to [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com).

## Michael Johnson CD Release Kicks off Concert Season

Singer/songwriter Michael Johnson is working on a new collection of music and it will go on sale for the first time at his October 6th concert at the HCA. This guitarist extraordinaire has performed, recorded, and lived more music than most of us can imagine and fans are eagerly awaiting his newest offering. Don't miss his concert, 'An Evening with Michael Johnson', on October 6th at 8pm, with a 7 pm social hour. Tickets go on sale August 1 for the new concert season at 952-979-1111, and visit the website at [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/events/event/an-evening-with-michael-johnson/](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/events/event/an-evening-with-michael-johnson/).



## Hopkins in Motion

Hopkins in Motion will be sponsoring a number of activities throughout the year to encourage residents to be active year round. The first Hopkins in Motion activity in 2012 will be held at Shady Oak Beach on Saturday, August 11th. Attendees who walk or ride their bikes to the beach that day will receive FREE admission, along with FREE use of canoes and kayak equipment. There will also be reduced prices on healthy snacks.

Those interested in a group activity can participate in a Police Bike Patrol led bike ride to Shady Oak Beach that day. The ride will leave the Depot Coffee House at 10:00 am that morning. For more information and to register, contact Ann Buck at [abuck@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:abuck@hopkinsmn.com), or call 952-548-6407. Visit the website at [www.thinkhopkins.com/hopkinsinmotion/](http://www.thinkhopkins.com/hopkinsinmotion/).

## Hopkins Activity Center Program

33-14th Avenue North, Hopkins, Minnesota, 55343  
952-939-1333  
952-939-1342 (Fax)  
[activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com)

### Hopkins Activity Center

The Hopkins Activity Center is closed through August 19th due to HVAC upgrades. Many of the ongoing programs have been temporarily relocated. If you have questions about program location or availability of community rental space after August 19th please call 952-939-1333 or email [activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com).

## Rain Barrel and Compost Bins for Sale

The City of Hopkins has a limited quantity of Rain Barrels and Backyard Compost Bins for sale.

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

Please contact Hopkins Public Works at 952-939-1382 for more information and to reserve your bin. 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.

## Squirrel Damage to Refuse Carts

There have been multiple incidents of squirrels damaging refuse carts. Several residents have reported using a "squirrel repellent" spray to keep pests away from their carts. This "squirrel repellent" product is available at your local hardware store.



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## Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection will take place August 13-16, and 27-30.

Refuse collection will take place Mon-Thurs every week in August. Due to the Labor Day holiday, refuse collection for Sept. 3-6 will be delayed

## August 2012

### City Council Calendar

**Monday, August 6, 7:30 pm**  
Meeting

**Monday, August 13, 6:30 pm**  
Work Session

Tuesday, August 14  
Primary Election

**Tuesday, August 21, 7:30 pm**  
Meeting

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

### Boards & Commissions Calendar

**August 6, 7:25 pm**  
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

**August 20, 6:30 pm**  
Park Board

**August 28, 6:30 pm**  
Zoning & Planning Commission

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**.

Meetings are replayed on Channel 16 at the following days and times:

Every day, except Tues - 7:30 pm  
Thurs - 2:00 pm  
Sun - 1:00 pm

### Elected Officials

**Mayor**  
Gene Maxwell  
(952-935-5270)

**City Council**  
Molly Cummings  
Jason Gadd  
Kristi Halverson  
Cheryl Youakim



### Fire Department Open House

is Saturday, Oct 13, 10am-2pm!  
Join the Hopkins Fire Department for fun activities, free items, and free food. Find out more at [www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/open-house/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/open-house/).

## Help Hopkins be a Heart Safe Community



The Hopkins Fire Department is currently offering FREE CPR and AED classes to the community to increase survival from sudden cardiac arrest. The 1 hour class will allow attendees to learn and practice adult hands-only CPR and AED use. This course does not offer certification but focuses on teaching students the necessary skills to save a life. The classes are completely free! All classes will be held at the Hopkins Fire Department, 101 17th Avenue South.

To register or for more information, please call the Hopkins Fire Department at 952-548-6465 or email Jon Pritchard at [jpritchard@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:jpritchard@hopkinsmn.com). You can also visit the webiste at [www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/index.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/index.php).

## Hometown Flavor at Farmers' Market

Harvest time is in full swing, come check out the wide variety of fresh, just picked produce! Enjoy the offerings of jams, breads, baked goods, salsas, canned fruit, pickles, meat, eggs, raw honey, BBQ sauce, granola, coffee, sweet waffles and more. Enjoy the talented artisans offering jewelry, wood crafted items, woolen goods, and rotating guests from Hopkins Center for the Arts. Savor the Hometown Flavor at the Hopkins Farmers' Market, Saturdays, 7:30 am to noon through October, located just south of the clock tower.



## Hopkins Featured in TV Newscasts

The 4th Annual Hopkins Arts Festival, on July 7th and 8th, drew in approximately 17,000 attendees during the 2 day event. The Festival included 59 artists. Concerts in Downtown Park and children's art activities added to the energy, as well as a car show on Sunday. Channel 5 and Channel 9 both captured footage of the event and featured it on their news casts. The Hopkins Arts Festival is presented by the Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts. In addition to bringing art and activity to downtown, proceeds support free art exhibitions and other programming at the HCA.

Channel 5 also covered the recent opening for Velocity 2: The Art of Motion. The exhibition and invitational car show at the Hopkins Center for the Arts attracted 1,000 people on Mainstreet on June 30th.

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Events

Hennepin County is hosting two more events to help county residents safely and properly dispose of unwanted garden and household hazardous waste. All sites will be open to the public from 9 am-4 pm, Thursday through Saturday.

- **August 16 - 18**  
City of Minneapolis  
Pillsbury School parking lot  
2231 Garfield St. NE,  
Minneapolis, MN 55418
- **September 13 - 15**  
City of Shorewood  
Public Works Department  
24200 Smithtown Road,  
Shorewood, MN 55331

For a list of materials accepted and directions, please visit [www.hennepin.us/collectionevents](http://www.hennepin.us/collectionevents).

## Help Trees Beat the Heat

Please remember soak your trees, boulevard trees included, when watering this summer. Very young trees need 20 to 25 gallons of water a week. Those that have been in the ground 5 years or less need a weekly soaking. Watering the lawn around trees helps keep their roots healthy. Putting a layer of mulch around them helps retain moisture. Trees stressed by heat are more susceptible to die back, pests, and diseases so save your trees by giving them the water they need. Hopkins watering restrictions apply.

## Lawn Watering Reminders

To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the city has established year round watering restrictions. Residents & businesses are to water on an odd/even system based on your address number. Watering is not permitted between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. Please call the water department at 952-548-6373 with any questions.