

Hopkins Highlights **December 2012**

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 to claim their vehicles. Payment is accepted by cash, Visa, or MasterCard. No checks. The impound lot is located at 6282 Industrial Dr (Baker Road & 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 adopt a nearby fire hydrant and keep 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 2012/2013 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.

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.

* The Hopkins Activity Center Giving Tree Accepting Donations

Until December 20th!

The Hopkins Activity Center Giving Tree is accepting items of warmth, new toys, food, gifts for seniors and cash donated to area families. A list of needed items is available at the Hopkins Activity Center.

* Gingerbread Wonderland Dec 3-20

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

* Cocoa & Carols

Wed, Dec 19, 10:30 am



Add sparkle to your day with vibrant and live Christmas Carols on the piano and a cup of hot cocoa!

* Noon Years Celebration and Dinner

Mon, Dec 31, 11:00 am

Ring in 2013! Hors d'oeuvres & sparkling punch, dinner, party hats and games are all part of the fun. Cost: Frequent User members \$7.50; Others \$8.50. Reservations required. Event sponsor: Home Care Assistance.

Holiday Tree Pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential refuse customers from **Wednesday, January 2 through Friday, January 11**. 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.**

Celebrate the Holidays at the HCA

Alison Scott, A Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 18, 7pm (6 pm social)

Enjoy this local indie artist's hits as well as holiday favorites.

The Peterson Family present A New Year Celebration

Saturday, December 29 (8pm concert; 10pm party)

Minnesota's First Family of Music present their only holiday concert this year in a fundraiser for the Hopkins Center for the Arts. After the concert, party with the Petersons and enjoy live music, a good luck buffet, silent auction and more.



The Peterson Family

For concert tickets call 952-979-1111 or visit www.hopkinsartscenter.com.

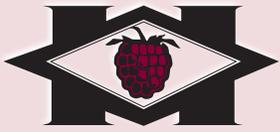
Madeline's Christmas

November 16 – December 27

Joyeux Noel from Stages Theatre Company! The whole family will enjoy this holiday favorite from the book by Ludwig Bemelmans. For more information and tickets visit www.stagestheatre.org

Old Fashion Holiday in Hopkins—December 6th, 5–8pm

Santa arrives by fire truck at 5pm at the Hopkins Wellness Center on 8th Ave N. Visit Santa by the fire, enjoy warm beverages served by the Raspberry Royalty and take a wagon ride around Hopkins. Come see Santa's reindeer and visit with Think Hopkins serving warm beverages at the clock tower at Mainstreet and 9th. Gingerbread Houses, created by the City of Hopkins Employees as part of their efforts to raise money for their favorite charities, and entertainment will be at the Albert Pike Lodge at 905 Mainstreet. The Mainstreet School of Performing Arts will be caroling at various locations and local businesses will have holiday window decorations. 🍓



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City Council Calendar

Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, December 18, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Starting in January 2013, City Council meetings will be held at 7pm

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

December 4, 7:15 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

December 17, 6:30 pm
Park Board

Agendas and minutes found at 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

City Council	Molly Cummings
Mayor	Jason Gadd
Gene Maxwell	Kristi Halverson
(952-935-5270)	Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Day

Tuesday, January 1
New Year's Day

3rd Annual Old Fashioned Holiday in Hopkins

Thursday, December 6, 5-8 pm in Downtown Hopkins. Highlights the historic feel of Hopkins while celebrating this special holiday. www.thinkhopkins.com/enjoy/community-events/old-fashioned-holiday.html.

Host a CPR Class

Now is your chance to host a class to learn the life saving skill of CPR! Hopkins Fire Department is offering free hands-only CPR & AED use classes. Groups or businesses with 10+ people can schedule their own class on site or at the fire station. To set up your training or for more information, call 952-548-6465 or email heartsafe@hopkinsmn.com.

Home Fire Safety Program: Free Services

The Hopkins Fire Department is offering free services for your house/apartment:

- Free Home Survey
- Free 2 GB personalized flash drive
- Free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- Free surge protector

To schedule your home fire safety visit, email homefiresafety@hopkinsmn.com or call 952-548-6465.

Renew Your Annual Police & Fire Alarm Registration for 2013!

The City of Hopkins requires homeowners/businesses to register each alarm system, fire & police, annually. This includes all fire & police (burglar, panic, holdup) alarms.

The purpose is to encourage alarm users to maintain their alarm systems and to provide the city with proper documentation. The annual registration fee is \$10/system. A structure, commercial or residential, that has both fire & police alarms, is required to register each system.

There are fines for false alarms, and bigger fines for failing to register an alarm! Individuals/businesses that register their police alarm will not be billed for the first 2 false police alarms per year. The first 2 are free, #3 is \$50 and will increase \$25/each additional false alarm. If you fail to register your police alarm there is a \$100 fine for each false alarm. The first false fire alarm is free and \$250.00/each additional false alarm. Find the ordinance and registration form at www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/alarms.php. Questions? Contact Police Services Liaison Anne Marie Buck at 952-548-6407 or email abuck@hopkinsmn.com.

The Artery

Hopkins is planning for three light rail transit stations as part of the SW LRT line. The Downtown Hopkins station is planned for the SE corner of Excelsior Boulevard and 8th Avenue South, two blocks south of our historic Mainstreet. To fully realize the benefits of this major transportation investment, a vision has emerged to connect the station to Mainstreet via 8th Avenue. For 8th Avenue to serve as the gateway, it will need to be transformed to a place where the pedestrian or bicyclist is welcomed and given more to see, feel and experience. From this vision, the Artery has emerged.

The Artery will be an interactive, pedestrian-seductive streetscape that communicates what is unique about Hopkins through art, while setting the tone for more businesses to prosper.

Mark your calendar to help us design the Artery. The community is being asked to come together on Jan 12, 10-2 at the Hopkins Center for the Arts to create the vision for integrating art into the experience of the corridor-telling our story while meeting the goal of urging pedestrian movement. The results of the day will inform the technical design of the corridor. For more information, contact Kersten Elverum at 952-548-6340.

Refuse & Recycling
The City of Hopkins will be closed on Tues, Dec 25 and Tues, Jan. 1 for the Christmas & New Year Holidays. Refuse collection for this month will take place Mon-Thurs. Recycling collection is Dec 3-6 & Dec 17-20. Holiday Week Collections will take place as follows: Refuse collection for Dec 24-28 & Dec 31-Jan 4 will take place as follows: Mon. collection as usual, Tues-Thurs collection will be one day later than usual. Recycle collection for Dec 31-Jan 4 will take place as follows: Mon. collection as usual, Tues-Thurs collection will be one day later than usual.

Hopkins Calendar

The City of Hopkins has found a beautiful way to share photo entries from past photo contests. An **18 month calendar (Jan 2013-Jun 2014)** has been created showcasing Hopkins, from parks to shops. A limited number have been printed, and they are only \$10 each! Perfect for holiday gifts, the calendars list important Hopkins events and traditional holidays/dates. Available at City Hall or our online store, www.hopkinsmn.com/shop/index.php.



5 REASONS TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

- It shows courtesy to your community.
- It reduces exposure to eggs and larvae of roundworms, hookworms, tapeworms, and other parasites.
- It keeps feces from washing into storm drains and local water systems, thereby preventing harmful pollutants to the ecosystem.
- It helps your reputation. No one wants to step in your dog's poop or have it in their yard, boulevard, or park.
- It's the law. Section 925.25 of the Hopkins City Code prohibits you from allowing an animal to defecate on public/private property without immediately removing it/discarding of it in a sanitary manner. The Code requires you to have the proper tools for disposal whenever you take your dog onto public property/other people's property.

