

Hopkins Highlights

April
2013

Free Brush & Yard Waste Pick-Ups Soon

YARD WASTE is collected the same day as regular refuse. **Pick-up is FREE April 22–May 3.** Starting May 6, 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:** Per MN State Law HF403/SF383, 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 April 23rd and 30th.** After May 3, fees apply. Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard, **NOT** in the street (NO alley pick-up)—but 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/. **Both free pick ups are provided only for residential refuse customers.** 🍷

Get Rid Of Your Bulk Items April 19–20

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.

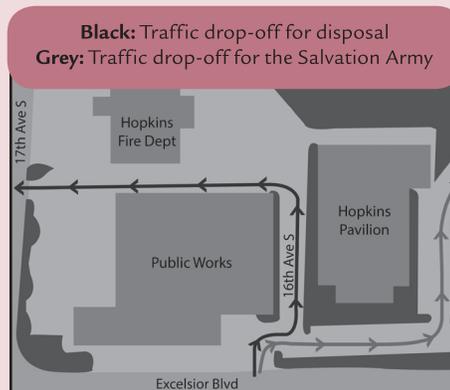
April 19: 3–7 pm, **April 20:** 9 am–4 pm
Drop-Off Site: 11100 Excelsior Blvd (Public Works)

Each eligible residence is allowed disposal of a maximum of **3 cubic yards of material**, 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.**
- 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 not limited to): tires, junk cars, waste oil, car parts, fluorescent bulbs, paint products, gas refrigerators, car batteries, metal barrels/drums, hazardous waste, concrete containing steel.

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



Drop-Off Site Opens April 6

The Yard Waste & Brush Drop-Off location at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad will open **Saturday, April 6** (weather permitting). The site is located approximately one block north of the Hopkins Crossroad & Minnetonka Blvd intersection. It is the only driveway on the west side of Hopkins Crossroad, and 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. 🍷

Experience the Upside of Aging

Stay Active & Engaged At The Hopkins Activity Center

Located at 33 14th Ave N in Hopkins.
Call 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com with questions or to register.

HOPKINS ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAM

April is National Volunteer Month:
“I age well by giving back to the
Community I love.”

Community members are invited to volunteer for the Hopkins Activity Center. Current volunteer needs: Beginning Computer Instructor, Pinterest Instructor, Men’s Group Discussion Leader, Walking Group Leader, Chair Yoga Instructor or share your sewing, knitting & crocheting talents for area service organizations. Call or email to receive a volunteer application.

🍷 Mah Jongg Class

Wednesdays, April 10–May 15, 1–3 pm
Members \$41; Others \$44.

Learn to play the intriguing game of Mah Jongg, a game of chance and skill. Instructor: Carole Harris. Call to register.

🍷 Healthy Living Group: Happy to 102–Best Kept Secrets to a Long, Healthy and Happy Life

Monday, April 22, 10:30 am
Members free; Others \$2.

Learn secrets from some of the longest-lived people from around the world. Facilitated by Greg Young, Home Care Assistance. Call to register.

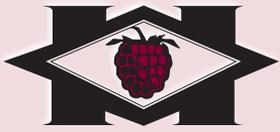
🍷 Minnesota Long-Term Care Insurance

Tuesday, April 23, 1 pm

Learn how long-term care insurance works and the MN Long-Term Care Partnership. Presented by representatives of the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging. Call to register.

Southwest Light Rail Transit Open House on April 23

The cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka will be hosting an open house on **Tuesday, April 23, 2013**, from 5 to 7 at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Come hear about the plans for the SW LRT and the four station areas: Blake, Downtown Hopkins, Shady Oak and Opus. Everyone is encouraged to attend and provide input on this important project. 🍷



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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is April 8-11, and April 22-25. Refuse collection is normal Monday through Thursday pick-up for the month of April.



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City Council Calendar

Tuesday, April 2, 7:05 pm Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 pm Work Session

Tuesday, April 16, 7 pm Meeting

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

April 2, 7 pm Housing & Redevelopment Authority

April 15, 6:30 pm Park Board

April 30, 6:30 pm Zoning & Planning Commission

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 pm
Thurs - 2 pm & Sun - 1 pm

Elected Officials

City Council
Molly Cummings
Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson
Cheryl Youakim

Mayor
Eugene Maxwell
(952-935-5270)

Home Fire Safety Program: Free Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The Hopkins Fire Department is offering free services for your home:

- Free home survey
- Free 2GB personalized flash drive
- Free smoke/carbon monoxide alarms
- Free surge protector

For more information or to schedule your safety visit, email ggrniet@hopkinsmn.com or call 952-548-6454.

Please Note: Corrections from the 2013 March Highlights

Incorrect dates were listed for Fire Hydrant Flushing of hydrants east of Hwy 169. The correct dates are April 22-26. Also, the phone number for sewer backups on holidays, weekends and off-hours is 763-525-6210.

\$10/
vehicle
fee does
not
apply

Bulk Drop Off: The Salvation Army will be Onsite to Collect:

Clothing: women's, men's, children's, and infant's | **Household Goods:** bedding, blankets, curtains, drapes, towels, rugs, and lamps | **Kitchen Items:** Pots, pans, bakeware, dishes, utensils, small appliances (working), and drinkware | **Electronics (working):** flat panel TVs, flat panel monitors, CDs, DVDs, DVD/VHS/Blu-ray players, radio/CD/MP3 players | **Misc:** collectables, knickknacks, antiques, sporting equipment, lawn equipment (working) | **Vehicles:** cars, trucks, boats | **Furniture:** couches, dining sets, bed frames, dressers (no mattresses due to state law).

T-Ball for 5 & 6 Year Olds

This program is designed for the young ball player, with emphasis on having fun and learning new skills. A t-shirt will be provided on the first day of the program. This is a skills program and not a game playing league. There will be a few scrimmages and an end of the season World Series with games. There are no makeup dates for rainouts. Fee: \$48. Call Hopkins - Minnetonka Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 to register.

Rain Barrels & Compost Bins For Sale

The City of Hopkins has a limited number of rain barrels & compost bins available: **Rain Barrels**-\$69 plus tax, **Compost Bins**-\$55 plus tax. To purchase a rain barrel or compost bin call Public Works Department 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 pickup. Limit 3 rain barrels per household. For more information, call 952-939-1382 or check the City web site at www.hopkinsmn.com.

Co-Rec Kickball League

Co-rec kickball leagues will be held this summer beginning the week of May 20. Separate leagues are available on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. All games will be played at neighborhood parks in Hopkins and Minnetonka. Teams will play 7 regular season games with the top 4 teams at the end of the regular season competing in a 2-week playoff round. The team registration fee is \$225. Games will be scheduled to begin at either 6:10 pm or 7:15 pm. Each team will receive a kickball, which will be distributed at the first game. League information and registration materials are available online at: www.eminnetonka.com and registration can be completed by phone, fax, or email. Registration deadline is May 3 or when the league fills.

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 areas to be cleaned in 2013 are Shady Oak Rd to 5th Ave N and S between Hwy 7 and Excelsior Blvd.** 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/bubbling water in the toilet bowl or you may smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If this occurs, 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 (street). For more information on the sanitary sewer cleaning program call the Utilities Superintendent at 952-548-6373 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/services/water/cleaning.php.

*Halloween Alaska

Tuesday April 2 | 6 pm Social Hour | 7 pm Concert

Arne Fogel presents We Love Our Pianos

Saturday, April 13 | 7 pm Social Hour | 8 pm Concert

**An Evening with Peter Yarrow

Saturday, April 27 | 7 pm Social Hour | 8 pm Concert

Tickets on sale now, call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com

*Halloween Alaska's appearance is co-presented with Sue McLean & Associates, Inc.

**Peter Yarrow's appearance is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Park	Days	Time
Gro Tonka Park	M & W	9-9:45 am
Gro Tonka Park	M & W	10-10:45 am
Central Park #4	T & Th	6-6:45 pm
Central Park #4	T & Th	7-7:45 pm
Burnes Park	M & W	6-6:45 pm
Burnes Park	M & W	7-7:45 pm

June 10-July 16. World Series: July 18, 6-8pm, Burnes Park

Shady Oak Beach Passes

Extra special savings; if you purchase your season pass in person at Minnetonka City Hall (Recreation Department) by April 12, you will receive a free, one-day admission coupon per season pass purchased. This does not apply to purchases made by phone, fax, or mail-in.

Resident Rate

Purchased by 4:30 pm, June 6 or after July 31: 1-3 passes: \$12 each, additional passes: \$6 each. **Purchased June 7 - July 31:** 1-3 passes: \$17 each, additional passes: \$8 each.