



Hopkins Highlights

**August
2013**

Partnering with the Community, Enhancing the Quality of Life

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Filing for City Office

The filing period to run for City Council or Mayor in 2013 began July 30 and closes August 13. The City election will take place November 5, 2013. For more information, please contact Kris Luedke at 952-548-6304 or kluedke@hopkinsmn.com. 🍷

National Night Out is August 6



Don't forget to celebrate the 30th annual National Night Out against crime and drugs with your neighbors on **Tuesday, August 6**.

From 5:30 to 9 pm, neighborhoods throughout Hopkins and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors.

Many Hopkins neighborhoods will be hosting special events—block parties, cookouts, ice cream socials, potlucks, and games! 🍷

Talk to Hopkins

There are many ways that the City provides information to residents. Hopkins Highlights is one. The City also sends out Connections, an electronic newsletter, every week. The City is also on Facebook, www.facebook.com/hopkinsmn, and Twitter, twitter.com/CityofHopkins.



There are also ways for you to talk to the City. One popular way is using the Ask the City form on the City's website at www.hopkinsmn.com. Residents have used this service to ask questions regarding a wide variety of subjects including yard waste pick up, finding defensive driving classes, and disposing of fluorescent light bulbs. Residents have also used this service to register complaints and compliments on City services.

The Public Works Department has two forms for requesting services. There is a form for specifically reporting potholes and another form for any type of public works request. These forms can be found on the City's website under Public Works Department.

Prefer to phone? During normal office hours you can call 952-935-8474 with any question or concern about the City and your call will be forwarded directly to the staff member who can help you. You can also call the Ask the City voice mail at 952-939-1421.

Whatever the question, problem, or concern; we want to hear from you. 🍷

Help Trees Beat the Heat



Please remember to soak your trees, including boulevard trees, 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. 🍷

Experience the
UPSIDE of *AGING*

Stay Active and 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.

🍷 Property Tax Assistance

Tuesday, August 6, 10:30 am—noon

Free renter or property tax assistance provided by AARP volunteers. No appointments necessary.

🍷 Ice Cream Social and Music

Monday, August 12, 6:30 pm – FREE!

Enjoy the music of The Three Raspberries and Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes. Fun for all ages! Bring a non-perishable food item for ICA Food Shelf or a school supply for the Back to School Drive. Event Partner: Home Care Assistance.

🍷 Grandparents Photo Contest

Deadline for photo entries is Thursday, September 5

Bring your cutest grandchild or special young friend photo to the Activity Center before September 5. Photos displayed September 9–30 with fun category winners announced October 2. This year's categories include So Sad, Kids and Pets, Sleeping Angel, Trick or Treat and Cute as a Bug. One picture per category may be entered. Event Partner is RidgePointe.

Compost Bins for Sale

The City of Hopkins has compost bins for sale for \$55 plus tax. Please contact Hopkins Public Works at (952) 939-1382 for more information and to reserve your bin. Payment (cash or check only) will be collected at time of pick up. 🍷



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Refuse and Recycling

Recycling collection will take place August 1, 12-15, and 26-29.

Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday every week in August. 🍷

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City Council Calendar

Monday, August 5, 7:05 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 pm
Work Session in Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 20, 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 and Commissions Calendar

August 5, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

August 5, 6:30 pm
Park Board in Raspberry Room

August 27, 6:30 pm
Zoning and Planning Commission
Agendas and minutes found at www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/.

Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning and 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, and Sun - 1 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Eugene Maxwell
(952-935-5270)

City Council
Molly Cummings
Kristi Halverson
Jason Gadd
Cheryl Youakim

Hometown Flavor at the Hopkins Farmers' Market



Attend the Hopkins Farmers' Market every Saturday through October 26 from 7:30 am-noon.

The market features locally grown vegetables and fruit, meat and poultry, and other food items. 🍷

Upcoming Events at the Hopkins Pavilion

- The Hopkins Pavilion is actively seeking a long-term tenant for office space and dedicated access to meeting rooms. For more information contact the Pavilion at 952-939-1410 for a tour.
- Fall recreation registration begins August 5 at www.eminnetonka.com/recreation/activities/online_registration.cfm
- Ice will be back at the Pavilion on September 3. Available ice time for sale is listed at www.rinkfinder.com. Sticks and Pucks schedule is September 3, 2013–February 21, 2014, and Sunday Public Skate schedule is October 6, 2013–February 16, 2014. 🍷

Lawn Watering Reminder



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

Squirrel Damage to Refuse Carts

It is not uncommon to receive reports of squirrels damaging refuse carts. There are things you can do to minimize the potential for damage. Whenever possible, keep your cart inside your garage. If you have decomposable refuse, place it in a plastic bag and freeze them until your collection day. Keeping smelly things out of your cart minimizes the opportunity for a foul smell to set in, and squirrels and other vermin will be less attracted to your cart. If these first two solutions are not possible, consider the advice of several residents who have used a squirrel repellent spray to keep pests away. This product is available at your local hardware store. 🍷



Hopkins is Open to Business!

Hopkins residents, small business owners, or entrepreneurs can get free, one-on-one business consultation services and other assistance from Open To Business, a joint program between the City and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD). Participants can meet individually with experienced business experts who can provide resources to all levels of business, whether you are just starting out or ready to take your business to the next level.

Help is available in several areas:

- Business Plan Assistance: Do I need a business plan? If so, what do I include in it?
- Financial Management: What are cashflow projections? Why are they important?
- Bookkeeping Set-up and Training: How do I keep track of sales and expenses?
- Loan Packaging: What documents do I need to get a loan? What are my options for obtaining capital?
- Real Estate Analysis: Should I rent or own my business space?
- Business Regulations: What licenses or permits do I need? How do I get them?
- Marketing Assistance: Who are my customers? How do I reach them?
- Strategic Planning: How do I evaluate and manage growth?
- Professional Referrals: How do I improve my credit score?

To set up an appointment at no cost to you, call 612-789-7337 ext 11 or email Rob Smolund at rsmolund@mccdmmn.org. 🍷

Reason No. 2 to Buy Local

Community Well-Being. Locally owned businesses build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centers, linking neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships, and contributing to local causes.

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