

Hopkins Highlights

September
2013

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City Gearing Up For Election on November 5

Candidate filing for the City Election closed on August 13. Three seats will be on the ballot in November—the Mayor and two Council member seats.

Starting September 20, absentee voting is available for those who are unable to get polling place on Election Day due to absence from the precinct, illness or disability, religious observance, or service as an election judge in another precinct. To request an application for an absentee ballot, visit or call City Hall at 952-935-8474. Once the application is received by the city, you will be mailed a ballot with instructions. 🍓

Cruising Towards Healthy Living

The Hopkins Activity Center is hosting the Cruising Towards Healthy Living event on October 1 from 1–4 pm. At this event you can attend seminars on many important topics:

- 1:30 pm:** Taking Care of our Joints by Courage Kenny
- 2 pm:** Foot Care presented by Catherine Klenken, RN of Aspen Clinic
- 2:30 pm:** Everything You “Knee’d” to Know About Arthritis presented by Dr. James Larson, Sports & Orthopedic Specialist
- 3 pm:** Sailing Through Rough Waters: Navigating Medicare & Home Care Services presented by Jean Brewster, Allina Health
- 3:30 pm:** Common Spine Problems as We Age presented by Dr. Manuel Pinto of Twin Cities Spine Center



- Visit over 20 vendor booths!
- Healthy Cooking demonstrations & refreshments provided by The Depot Coffee House
- Free health screenings by Allina Health (call for an appointment time)
- Free hearing screening by Zounds
- Hopkins Fire & Police Departments
- How to Avoid Home Improvement Scams presented by the Hopkins Housing Inspection Department
- Door prizes and more!

Sponsored by Allina Health, Augustana Care & Hopkins Activity Center Call 952-939-1333 for information or health screening appointment. 🍓

October Is Choose To Reuse Month



Hennepin County has partnered with 80 reuse retailers to offer Choose to Reuse Today coupons that can be redeemed for discounts from October 1–November 30. Coupon books will be available at all Hopkins City Facilities or can be downloaded at www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse. 🍓

Upcoming Pavilion Events

- Available ice time for sale and available hours are listed at www.rinkfinder.com. Prime: \$195, Non-Prime: \$140/hr.
- Public skating begins September 3, 11:30 am–1:30 pm and Sunday public skating begins October 6, 1–2:30 pm.
- Meeting space available for \$15–25/hr. Check the availability at www.hopkinspavilion.com. 🍓

Three Rivers Parks Sampler Sunday, September 8, Noon–5 pm

*Hopkins Depot and Shady Oak Beach
Free and open to the public*

Three Rivers Parks is bringing a sampling of its educational programs to Hopkins! Join the program staff for experiences in public education activities that you can enjoy at your regional parks. 🍓

Experience the
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Stay Active 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.

🔗 Defensive Driving 4-Hour Refresher Class

Tuesday, September 10, noon–4 pm
Members \$18; Others \$21

Defensive Driving courses for people 55-years old+, taught by MN State Patrol officer, John Nagel. After completion, you are entitled to a 10 percent, 3-year discount on auto insurance. Registration required. Pre-req: 8-hour class.

🔗 Nordic Walking

Wednesday, September 11, 9 am
Members \$8; Others \$10

Nordic walking is one of the best cardiovascular workouts. Poles provided. Instructor Sandy Werts will demonstrate proper technique for you to test your skills outside on walking trails. Call to register.

🔗 Know Before You Throw Antiquing & Collectibles

Wednesday, September 11, 9:30 pm
Members free; Others \$2

Do you have any treasures in your attic? Bring your collectibles and Cheryl of Hopkins Antique Mall will help you discover more about your special treasure. Call to register.

🔗 Connect To Learning

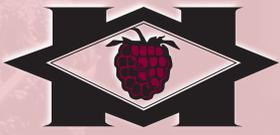
Tuesday, September 17, 1 pm
Members free; Others \$2

Open windows to another place and time via videoconferencing! **Wilds of Glacier Bay, Alaska:** The Park Rangers will show you this amazing national park and the vast state. Event sponsor: Breitenfeldt Group.

🔗 Flu Shot Clinic by MVNA

Tuesday, September 24, 1–3 pm

\$29/flu shot free to seniors with Medicare Part B. Bring picture ID, Medicare card and insurance card. Flu mist/Pneumonia shots available.



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Refuse and Recycling

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

Refuse collection for the week of Labor Day will take place Tuesday, September 3-Friday, September 6. Refuse collection for the remainder of September will take place Monday-Thursday as usual.

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City Council Calendar

Tuesday, September 3, 7:05 pm Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 pm Work Session

Tuesday, September 17, 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

September 3, 7 pm Housing and Redevelopment Authority

September 16, 6:30 pm Park Board

September 24, 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

One-Day Only Free Brush Pick Up On October 15

Call 952-939-1382 beginning Tuesday, October 8, to schedule your free pick up. The last day to schedule the free pick up is before 2 pm on Monday, October 14. **This will be the only free brush pick up this fall.**

Youth Basketball League



The Hopkins-Minnetonka Youth Basketball league is an in-house recreational league for grades 2-6 living in the Hopkins-Minnetonka area. Boys and girls teams are formed by school and grade. Games will be played on Saturdays starting December 7 and concluding on February 1 for 2nd graders, and February 15 or 22 for grades 3-6. Grades 3-6 will have one weeknight practice starting the week of November 11. For 2nd grade, practice will be held on Saturdays before each game starting December 7. The cost for Grade 2 is \$45 and Grades 3-6 is \$85 through September 13. Price increases to \$55 and \$95 from September 14-October 10. Volunteer coaches are needed. Please call Recreation Services at 952-939-8203 to register.

Free Brush & Yard Waste Drop Off



The free Brush & Yard Waste Drop Off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroads) will be open regular hours (Mon & Wed 2 pm-7 pm and Sat 9 am-3 pm) through November 30th, weather permitting. Please check the city website for change notifications at www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/drop-off.php.

Brush must not be longer than 15 feet and no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Unacceptable Items:

- Vegetable Garden products (place unused produce in refuse container)
- Animal Feces
- Sod
- Logs
- Dirt
- Lumber

Get Rid Of Bulk Items October 4-5

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

Friday, October 4: 3-7 pm, Saturday, October 5: 9 am-4 pm
Drop-Off Site: 11100 Excelsior Blvd (Public Works)

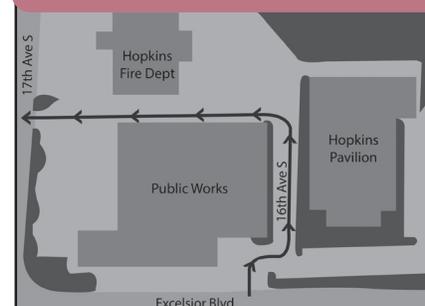
Each eligible residence is allowed disposal of a maximum of **3 cubic yards of material**, equivalent of one pick-up truck load.

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.

Black: Traffic drop-off for disposal



Reason No. 3 to Buy Local

Local Decision-Making

Local ownership ensures that important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions.

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