

# Hopkins Highlights

October  
2013

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## Plan to Vote on Tuesday, November 5



On November 5, 2013, Hopkins residents will elect a Mayor and two City Council members. The Mayor's position is a two-year term, and the Council member positions are four-year terms. Residents will also be voting for School Board members as well as School District ballot questions. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm.

### Registering To Vote

Pre-registration is available until October 15 if you have moved or changed your name since the last election. City Hall will be open until 5 pm on this day. If you have not registered

before the October 15 deadline, you may register at your polling place on Election Day with approved ID or a voucher by another registered voter in your precinct. For a list of approved identification, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/registration](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/registration).

To find out where your polling place is located, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/elections](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/elections) or call City Hall at 952-935-8474.

### Absentee Voting

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 November 4. You will receive your ballot after completing the application and returning it to City Hall. Absentee voting can be done in person at City Hall or through the mail. City Hall will have extended hours for absentee voting on Saturday, November 2, 10 am-3 pm, and until 5 pm on Monday, November 4.

### New voting equipment

At all Hennepin County polling places, including Hopkins, voters will see a new vote tabulator machine when casting ballots this fall. While the basic process remains the same—voters complete a paper ballot and insert it into the tabulator—the advanced optical scan vote tabulator with improved features will enhance the voting process.

For more information or other questions, please call Kris Luedke, City Clerk, at 952-548-6304. 🍷

### Municipal and School Board Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters is hosting candidate forums for Hopkins municipal and school board elections. They will be televised live and rebroadcast on local cable, and most will be available on streaming video. The LWV Candidate Forums are free and open to the public. All questions are taken in writing from the audience.

- **Tuesday, 9/24, 7-8:30 pm:** Hopkins School Board (3 seats), at Council Chambers, Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345.
- **Thursday, 10/10, 7-8:30 pm:** Hopkins Municipal (Mayor and two Council seats), at Council Chambers, Hopkins City Hall.

## Council Approves Preliminary Budget

Council approved the preliminary 2014 budget and levy at the September 3 meeting. The preliminary general fund budget was set at \$10,946,129, a 3.46 percent increase over 2013. The preliminary 2014 tax levy was set at \$10,416,235, an increase of 1.12 percent over 2013; however, due to tax values we expect the tax rate to remain relatively flat. The City Council set a public meeting to discuss the budget for December 3, 2013, at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend and provide comments. 🍷

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### Stay Active and Engaged at the Hopkins Activity Center

Located at 33 - 14<sup>th</sup> Ave N in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or email [activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com) with questions or to register.

#### 🔗 Cruising Toward Healthy Living

Tuesday, October 1, 1-4 pm  
FREE and open to the public

Health seminars, vendor booths, cooking demos, free health and hearing screenings (call for an appointment), prizes and more!

#### 🔗 Connect To Learning

Tuesday, October 22, 1 pm  
Members FREE; Others \$2

Open windows to another place via video-conferencing. **Country Music Hall of Fame: Is it a Fiddle or a Violin?** Call to register.

#### 🔗 Ergonomics and My Computer

Tuesday, October 22, 10 am

Learn hints to properly position your home computer workstation. Call to register.

#### 🔗 8-hour Defensive Driving Class

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 29-30, 6-10 pm  
Members \$27; Others \$30

People (55+) can qualify for a 10 percent 3 year auto insurance discount. Call to register.

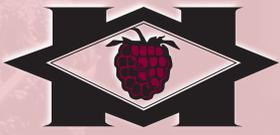


## Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Proclamation on October 12

On October 12 at 4 pm, we will celebrate the proclaiming of Edina, Hopkins, Minnetonka and St. Louis Park as official Beyond the Yellow Ribbon cities. This event will take place at Hopkins Downtown park (40 9th Ave S).

### Event includes:

- Military & Veterans family recognition
- Military vehicle display
- Exhibits about available resources
- Proclamation ceremony
- Guest speakers and entertainment



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**Refuse and Recycling**  
Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday as usual. Recycle collection will be October 7-10 and October 21-24. ♻️

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## City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, October 1, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 pm**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, October 15, 7 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 and Commissions Calendar

**October 1, 7 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**October 21, 6:30 pm**  
Park Board

**October 29, 6:30 pm**  
Zoning and Planning Commission

Agendas and minutes found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/](http://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 on 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.** ♻️

## Hopkins Center For The Arts Kicks Off The 2013-14 Concert Season October 26

Kick back at a concert that is a little bit country and a little bit bluegrass. Grammy and Country Award winner Suzy Bogguss is paired in a double bill with bluegrass fusion group The SteelDrivers. The concert is at 8 pm with a 7 pm social hour with free hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Tickets are \$34. Visit [www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com](http://www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com) or call 952-979-1111 for more information on this concert, ticket discounts, and the 10 other events that make up the 2013-14 season. ♻️



## Free Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Up

**Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge and Interlachen Park Residents**

The City provides FREE street leaf and yard waste pick up in your area using front-end loaders and dump trucks. Pick up in these areas will be November 4–November 7. Refer to schedule below for your neighborhood's pick up day:

- **Bellgrove:** Monday, November 4
- **Interlachen Park:** Tuesday, November 5 (Meadowbrook Rd up to & including Maple Hill Rd)
- **Park Ridge:** Wednesday, November 6
- **Hobby Acres:** Wednesday, November 6
- **Interlachen Park:** Thursday, November 7 (Interlachen Rd to Blake Rd)

Place leaves in loose piles (unbagged) in the street along the curb line. Leaves should be placed on the street no later than 7 am on your scheduled pick up day and no earlier than the day before your scheduled pick up day. There will not be free bagged yard waste pick up in these neighborhoods.

**All Other City Service Area Residents**

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be October 28–November 21.

**The last week of curbside/alley yard waste bag pick up will be November 18–November 21.**

*Note: For all community areas, before and after the scheduled free pick up dates, yard waste stickers must be affixed to bags. Bags of leaf and yard waste in all City service areas will be collected on the same day as regular refuse.* ♻️

## Yard Waste/Brush Drop Off Site



The free brush and yard waste drop-off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroads) will be open regular hours (Monday and Wednesday 2–7 pm and Saturday 9 am–3 pm) through October 26.

From October 28–November 23, the free brush and yard waste drop-off site will be open Monday and Wednesday 1–5 pm and Saturday 9am–3pm.

**Drop off site will be closed after November 23.** All services are subject to change or cancellation due to weather. ♻️

## Fire Dept Open House is October 12

The Hopkins Fire Department is holding an open house at the Hopkins Fire Station (101 17th Ave S) on **Saturday, Oct 12, 10 am–2 pm**. Stop by for a ride in the fire truck, free T-shirts and fire helmets for the kids. Watch live fire demonstrations and learn valuable tips for preventing fires at home. ♻️

## Reason No. 4 to Buy Local

**Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy**

*Compared to chain stores, locally owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy, enriching the whole community.*

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