



Hopkins Highlights

December
2013

Partnering with the Community, Enhancing the Quality of Life

Inspire • Educate • Involve • Communicate

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.



☑ 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 2013/2014 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.

Experience the UPSIDE of AGING

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.

☞ Giving Tree Accepting Donations

Until December 19

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

December 2–19

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 chosen charity of the creators of the winning house.

☞ 4-Hour Defensive Driving Refresher Class

Wednesday, December 4, 6–10 pm
Members \$18; Others \$21. Preregistration necessary.

Defensive driving course for people 55 years old+ to maintain 10%, 3-year discount on their auto insurance. Pre-requisite: 8 hour class.

☞ Connect to Learning presents Eleanor Roosevelt

Tuesday, December 10, 1 pm
Members free; Others \$2.

LIVE INTERACTIVE videoconference from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents Eleanor Roosevelt: Her Life and Legacy. Call 952-939-1333 to register!

☞ "Noon Years" Celebration & Dinner

Tuesday, December 31, 11 am
Members \$7.50; Others \$8.50.

Ring in 2014! Sparkling punch & hors d'oeuvres, party hats, games, piano music and dinner are all part of the fun.

New-Web Based Crime Maps For Your Neighborhood!

In April 2013, the Hopkins Police Department received a federal grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The grant is titled DDACTS, the Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety. The goal of this grant is to use statistics in order to reduce crime, increase traffic safety, and improve the quality of life in Hopkins. This grant provided Hopkins with new crime mapping software and with the funding to focus our patrol efforts in areas where traffic incidents and crime overlap. To view the free crime mapping software available to all the citizens of Hopkins, please visit Raidsonline.com. ❄️

Code Red Emergency Notification System

The City may notify residents of a snow emergency using a notification system called "Code Red" (formerly known as Global Connect). This system calls each resident to notify them that a city-wide snow emergency has been declared. Find out more about "Code Red" on the City's website at www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/codered/index.php or by calling 952-548-6451. ❄️



Hopkins Highlights

Refuse and Recycling
The City of Hopkins will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Refuse collection will take place Mondays–Thursdays as usual with the following exceptions: the week of December 23–26, and December 30–January 2, Wednesday and Thursday collection will be one day behind.

Recycling collection will be the weeks of December 2–5, 16–19 and December 30–January 2. Recycle collection for December 30–January 2 will take place on Monday and Tuesday as usual. Wednesday and Thursday's collection will be one day behind.

Partnering with the Community, Enhancing the Quality of Life

Inspire • Educate • Involve • Communicate

December 2013

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, December 3, 7:05 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, December 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

December 3, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

December 16, 6:30 pm
Park Board

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
Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson
Cheryl Youakim

City Election Results

On November 5, 2013, voters reelected Gene Maxwell to a two-year term as mayor and reelected Kristi Halverson and Cheryl Youakim to four-year terms on the City Council. The new Council members will be sworn in on January 7, 2014. The complete official results can be found on the City's website at www.hopkinsmn.com/elections.

New Think Hopkins Website!

Think Hopkins has a fresh new website! Check it out at ThinkHopkins.com! You can look here for events going on in town, shopping and dining guides, updates on new development, and ideas on stuff to do!

Buy-A-Brick for Holiday gift giving!



Bricks are a great gift idea for family and friends and are a special way to be part of Hopkins history. The Buy-A-Brick Program gives you an opportunity to participate in the ongoing enhancement of Clock Tower Plaza. Individuals, families, and businesses can purchase bricks with names imprinted that will be placed in Clock Tower Plaza at the southwest corner of 9th Avenue and Mainstreet in the summer of 2014. Buy-A-Brick order forms are available online at www.hopkinsmn.com/news/2009/buy-a-brick.php or contact the Hopkins Activity Center at 952-939-1333 or activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com. Ordering deadline is March 31, 2014.

Hopkins Rink Hours

Skating rinks with warming houses are available for your enjoyment at six Hopkins park locations. Weather permitting, rinks will be open Saturday, December 21, and will remain open until Monday, February 17. Call the weather hotline number at 952-939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates. For holiday and winter break hours, please visit the website at www.eminnetonka.com.

Hopkins Rink	Burnes	Central	Harley	Interlachen	Oakes	Valley
Sun	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm
Mon	4:30-9 pm	4:30-9 pm	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	closed
Tue	closed	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	4:30-9 pm	4:30-9 pm
Wed	4:30-9 pm	4:30-9 pm	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	closed
Thu	closed	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	4:30-9 pm	4:30-9 pm
Fri	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	closed
Sat	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm

*Only the general skating rink is available for public use at Valley Park on Thursdays from 6-9 pm due to adult broomball.

*Only the general skating rink is available for public use at Central Park on Fridays & Sundays at variable times. Schedule will be posted at Central.

Holiday Tree Pickup



Holiday trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential refuse customers from **Thursday, January 2–Friday, January 10**. 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.**



New! Pavilion Play Place

Play Place is a program where kids can run and play with equipment provided by the Hopkins Pavilion, including sport balls, crawl tunnels, bounce houses, blocks, and more!

Now–February 26, 2014
\$3/child For kids 9 months–5 years old
3 sessions a day

Winter 2013–Spring 2014 Recreation Registration

Winter 2013–Spring 2014 registration has begun for all upcoming programs. Register now at www.eminnetonka.com.

Reason No. 6 to Buy Local

Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship fuels America's economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low-wage jobs and into the middle class.

Reprinted with permission from the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit working to strengthen local economies.