

Hopkins Highlights

January
2014

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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.

New Home Energy Program Coming to Hopkins in 2014

Home Energy Squad Enhanced visits will be available to Hopkins residents at a discounted rate in 2014 thanks to a new partnership with the City and the Center for Energy and Environment. The City pays for half the cost of the energy visit for homeowners, making it only \$50 for Hopkins residents.

During the Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit a team of trained professionals will help you identify opportunities to make your home more comfortable while lowering your energy costs. In two hours or less, they will look at your insulation levels, check your home for air leaks, test the heating system and water heater and install lots of energy saving products like door weather stripping, a programmable thermostat and more. They wrap it all up in a report that highlights next steps for further savings. For more information on the program or to sign up contact Stacy Boots Camp at 612-244-2429 or sbootscamp@mncee.org.

Home Energy Squad Enhanced is provided by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy in partnership with the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), a local nonprofit that has been helping Minnesota residents reduce their energy use for over 30 years.



Refuse/Recycling Containers: Put Away Within A Day

Refuse and recycle containers may remain at their pick-up location only on pick-up day. (If normal pick-up is delayed, they can remain until collected) Within 24 hours of collection, refuse and recycle containers need to be moved to a storage location. The storage location should be next to the house, garage or inside the garage. Moving the containers away from the alley or street pick-up location is important for the safety and cleanliness of our streets and alleys. During the winter, the chance of damaging the carts or burying them in a snow bank due to plowing makes it even more important to move them to your storage location. Help keep Hopkins' neighborhoods safe and clean.



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.

New Year, New You!

"I will get organized"

Scrapbooking Basics Class

Thursday, January 23, 10 am
Members \$4; Others \$6

Scrapbook Leader, Trudy, will guide you as you learn the basic methods of displaying photos in albums using basic scrapbooking tools.

"I will start exercising"

Group Exercise Classes

Fitness Focus: Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am

Nancy's Fit & Fun Aerobic Walk: Wednesday, 1:45 pm
Members \$3/class; Others \$4/class. Try your first class free

Pickle Ball: Monday, 1:30 pm; Tuesday, 11:30 am; and Thursday, 5 pm. Members free; Others \$2. Drop in to play!

"I will learn something new"

The Science of Sled Dogs

Tuesday, January 14, 1 pm
Members free; Others \$2. Call to register

Live videoconference with the staff at Denali National Park in Alaska, host to the US government's only sled-dog team.

Dishing it up with Phil

Tuesday, January 28, 1 pm
Members \$7; Others \$9. Call to register

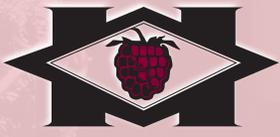
Learn how to make recipes using healthy oils in lower sodium dishes that taste great with our popular chef, Phil, from the Hopkins Depot Coffee House. Containers provided for take home samples.

"I will see new places, meet new people, and have many amazing experiences along the way"

Travel Show

Thursday, January 30, 3 pm
Call to register

Be the first to find out about the 2014 adventures as you sit back and enjoy dessert and a beverage. The adventures include day trips, casino trips, overnights and longer excursions.



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Refuse and Recycling

Public Works will be closed Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. Refuse collection that week will be delayed by one day and take place Tuesday through Friday. It is not a recycling week.

Snow Line

For snow emergency announcements in Hopkins call 952-939-1399.

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Upcoming Meetings

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, January 7, 7:05 pm Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 pm Work Session

Tuesday, January 21, 7 pm Meeting

Monday, February 3, 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

Tuesday, January 7, 7 pm Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, January 27, 6:30 pm Park Board

Tuesday, January 28, 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
Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson
Cheryl Youakim

Sidewalk Ramp Areas Must be Cleared of Snow/Ice

Residents and business owners are reminded this winter to **pay attention to intersection sidewalk ramp areas** while you are clearing your sidewalk of snow/ice. Please also remove any build-up at the intersection ramps. It is often impossible for a powered wheel chair to get through or over a snow/ice ridge and can be difficult for anyone with a mobility challenge. Please be mindful of this as you clear your sidewalks this winter.

Upcoming Pavilion Events

Pavilion Open Skate

Sticks 'n Pucks

Weekdays: 11:30-12:30 pm (adults only)

Weekdays: 12:30-1:30 pm (any age)

No Sticks 'n Pucks

Sundays: 1-2:30 pm

Adult Co-Rec Soccer Leagues

Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Season begins February 26, 2014

Team Registration is \$825, due by February 3, 2014. Visit www.hopkinspavilion.com.

Youth

Soccer Clinics

Saturdays, March 1-April 5. Ages 3-8

Register by February 3, 2014, to receive a \$5 discount. Visit www.hopkinspavilion.com.

Chess School/Training Tournaments

All ages

Find the class that fits your ability and schedule at www.hopkinspavilion.com.

Holiday Tree Disposal Free Through Jan 10



Until January 10, Public Works crews will be collecting holiday trees free of charge from Hopkins residential refuse customers. **You do not need to call** to schedule this service. Just place your tree on the boulevard and a City crew will pick it up.

Beginning the week of January 13, holiday tree removal will be done on Tuesdays as part of the residential refuse customer Brush Pick-Up program. A fee will be charged and residents must call before 2 pm on Monday to schedule a pick-up.

- Trees must be placed on the boulevard for collection.
- Wreaths or decorations containing metal pieces will not be accepted.
- Bags and stands must be removed.
- Unacceptable waste may be discarded in your refuse container.

Trees from multi-housing, commercial, or industrial properties will NOT be collected by the City. Arrangements for disposal should be made through private refuse contract handlers.

Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Program Opportunities

- Wish Upon a Ballet for Preschoolers: Wednesdays, January 8-February 19, 10-10:45 am. \$60.
- Teen Snow Tubing Trip: Saturday, January 18, 1:30-5 pm. \$22.
- And many more!

To register for these programs, or to find other programs offered, call Recreation Services at 952-939-8203 or visit www.eminnetonka.com

Recycle Your Holidays

Don't throw those broken holiday lights in the trash or pack them away until next year. Take them to City Hall (1010 1st St S) or the Activity Center (33 14th Ave N) and drop them in the "Recycle Your Holidays" drop-off bins. The holiday light collection will continue until January 31. Every part of the light strand and cord is dismantled and recycled by vocational centers across Minnesota that employ individuals with disabilities. For more information, visit RecycleMinnesota.org



Save the Date

Coming to Hopkins on February 8:

Tea and Treasures at the Arts Center
11 am-5 pm
Jewelry show and sale with afternoon tea.



Reason No. 7 to Buy Local

Public Benefits and Costs

Local stores in town centers require comparatively little infrastructure and make more efficient use of public services relative to big box stores and strip shopping malls.

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