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When It Snows In Hopkins...

The snowflakes have already started to fall in Hopkins. Review the following reminders to be a good neighbor and avoid paying fines.

Move Your Car

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicle from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency is declared. Snow emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements. To be the first to know when a snow emergency is declared, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/snow.php to register your phone number for the Code Red Emergency Notification System.

 **Call the Snow Line**
952-939-1399

During a snow emergency, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb and the parking lots and parking ramp are completely plowed.

If your vehicle is towed during a snow emergency, call Bobby & Steve's at 952-944-9955 to confirm the location of your vehicle. Vehicles are released only to the registered owners, so you will need to bring proof of ownership, proof of insurance, and a valid driver's license to claim your vehicle. Payment is accepted by cash (exact change only) or credit card. The impound lot is located at 5100 Park Glen Rd, St. Louis Park. *Note: The City receives no money when cars are towed – all fees go to the towing company.*

Shovel The Sidewalk

As mandated by City ordinance, Hopkins residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from public 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, we 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. 🍓

Shape The Future Of Hopkins Parks

Take the survey today
The City of Hopkins is in the process of evaluating our community's parks. This will guide the City's future investments in our park system.

From playgrounds and new features to athletic fields and natural areas, we want to hear from you. We need your input on how you use the parks and what you would like to see.

To provide input, visit: www.surveymonkey.com/s/HopkinsParks or pick up a survey at Hopkins City Hall. Then watch for additional opportunities to participate in shaping the future of the parks. 🍓



Three Hopkins Properties Honored

A panel of judges has selected three properties for the 2014 City of Hopkins Community Image Awards. The City Council honored the winners with an award presentation at its meeting on December 2.

The Community Image Award recognizes significant improvements to residences or businesses, including landscaping, accessibility, lighting, signs, and exterior improvements. It also honors continued superior maintenance of property that exemplifies pride of ownership and contributes to a positive image of the community. Awards are given in three categories. Congratulations to this year's winners, pictured below. 🍓



Commercial/Industrial/Office:
Crossroads Plaza, Hwy 7 & Hopkins Crossroad



Multi-Family Residential:
Gallery Flats, 815 First Ave S



Single Family Residential:
Jerry and Marie Trafas, 402 - 14th Ave N



Upcoming at City Hall

City Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 25
Christmas Day

Thursday, January 1
New Year's Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, December 16, 7 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 7:05 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

Monday, December 15, 6:30 pm
Park Board

Tuesday, January 6, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes found at www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/.

Meeting Broadcasts

City Council and Zoning and Planning Commission meetings can be seen live on Cable Channel 16. Meetings are also replayed every day (except Tuesdays) at 7 pm; Thursdays at 2 pm; and Sundays at 1 pm.

Elected Officials

Mayor
Eugene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Molly Cummings Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

Partnering with the community to enhance the quality of life.

City Increases Utility, Parking Rates

In order to cover current operating costs and adequately fund future capital improvement projects and equipment, the City Council has adopted increases in the following rates and fees, effective January 1, 2015.

Water, Sewer, and Recycling Rates

- Water: \$2.18/1,000 gallons of water (previously \$2.10/\$1,000 gallons)
- Sanitary Sewer: \$4.30/1,000 gallons of water (previously \$4.10/\$1,000 gallons)
- Recycling: \$4.50 per month (previously \$4.25 per month)

Refuse fees will remain the same, as will yard waste bags and brush pick up charges.



Parking Fees

New rates are as follows:

- Monthly: \$30 (previously \$27)
- Quarterly: \$70 (previously \$65)
- Annual: \$225 (previously \$215)

The daily fee of \$3 will remain unchanged, as will the overnight fee of \$25. Electric car permit rates also hold steady, at \$77/quarter and \$280/year.

TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Holiday Schedule Changes

City offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25, for Christmas Day. **Thursday refuse collection** for that week will take place on Friday.

City offices will also be closed on Thursday, January 1, for New Year's Day. **Thursday refuse and recycling collection** for that week will both take place on Friday.

December recycling pick up weeks are Dec 1-4, 15-18, and 29-Jan 2.

Holiday Tree Pickup Begins January 2

Holiday trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential refuse customers, from Friday, January 2, through Friday, January 9. 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.

Outdoor Ice Rinks Open Soon

Skating rinks with warming houses are available for your enjoyment at six Hopkins park locations. Weather permitting, rinks will be open Saturday, December 20, and will remain open until Monday, February 16. Call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates. For **extended holiday and winter break hours**, please visit www.hopkinsmn.com/places/ice-skating.php.



Hopkins 2014-2015 Ice Rink Schedule

| | Burnes 301 2nd St N | Central 101 17th Ave S | Harley 502 1st St S | Interlachen 230 Homedale Rd | Oakes 900 Lake St NE | Valley 700 8th St S |
|-----|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| SUN | 12-5 pm | 12-5 pm ¹ | 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 ² | 4:30-9 pm ² |
| FRI | CLOSED | 4:30-9 pm ¹ | 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 |

¹Only the general skating rink is available for public use at Central Park on Fridays & Sundays at variable times. Schedule will be posted at Central.

²Only the general skating rink is available for public use at Oakes Park and Valley Park on Thursdays from 6-9 pm due to adult broomball.

Register for Recreation

Winter and spring registration has begun for all upcoming programs. Register now at www.eminnetonka.com.