



# Hopkins Highlights

February  
2014

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## Home Remodeling Fair To Feature \$1000 Contest and Other Chances To Win!

Sunday, February 23, 2014, 10:30 am–3:30 pm  
Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Hwy 7, Hopkins

The 22nd annual West Metro Home Remodeling Fair will again feature a tremendous line-up of seminars and mini-demonstrations for the do-it-yourselfer, with everything you need to make your remodeling dreams come true. In addition to over 100 exhibitors, you will also have the opportunity to talk to a variety of professionals, including architects, landscape architects, master gardeners, and kitchen and interior designers, who will provide free, no obligation advice. Visit [www.HomeRemodelingFair.com](http://www.HomeRemodelingFair.com) for details of activities for the entire day.



### OPERATION RESCUE ROOM.

Enter your greatest home improvement need by Feb 16 for a chance to win \$1000 at the Fair. Visit [www.HomeRemodelingFair.com/Rescue](http://www.HomeRemodelingFair.com/Rescue) to enter.

### Again this year: three chances to win \$200 cash!

The Fair is going to hold three separate drawings throughout the day. One entry will qualify the attendee for all drawings if they enter prior to the first drawing.

The Home Remodeling Fair is a free event sponsored by the Cities of Golden Valley, Hopkins, Minnetonka and St. Louis Park, as well as Hopkins, Minnetonka and St. Louis Park Community Education. 🍷

## Winter is Not Over Yet...



### Snow Emergency? Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399

Snow Emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Parking restrictions will remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb and the parking lots and parking ramps are completely plowed. Visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/snow.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/snow.php) for more information on where to park and what to do if your vehicle is towed.

### Keep Refuse & Recycling Carts Clear

City of Hopkins refuse and recycling collection requires a minimum clearance of four feet around each container. Sometimes a spot is carved out in the snow to create a pocket for the container, but this does not allow sufficient area for the automated arm on the truck to reach. Although alleys and driveways can be narrow because of snow piling up, it is necessary that the clearance around each container be maintained to allow for collection.

### Keep Fire Hydrants Shoveled Out

If you have a hydrant on your block, please help keep Hopkins safe by shoveling it out after it snows. If possible, hydrants should be cleared four feet on each side to give the Fire Department the best access. The property you save may be your own!

## How Is The Residential Sanitary Sewer Charge Calculated?

Each year on the February billing, the City resets the sanitary sewer winter usage sewer base on residential properties for the upcoming year. The resident's actual water usage for the period listed on the February bill is the sewer base for the year. This sewer base is set during the winter when all the water being used is for domestic purposes inside the house. That way residents are not billed sanitary sewer charges for water used during the summer on lawns and gardens, which basically goes back into the ground and not through the sanitary sewer system. On bills from March through the next January, the resident will pay a charge based upon the winter usage sewer base or the actual water usage, whichever is less. 🍷

## Experience the UPSIDE of AGING

**Stay Active 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.

### 🔗 Tax Assistance

Mondays–Tuesdays, February 10–April 15, 9 am–1 pm  
A.A.R.P. Tax-Assistance offers free help for older taxpayers and people with limited incomes. No appointments necessary. Assistance is available on a first come, first served basis. This site does electronic filing only, as well as property tax refunds.

### 🔗 Bridge Lessons

Wednesdays, February 12–March 5  
Members \$19; Others \$22. Call to Register.  
Beginners at 10 am: learn the basics of Bridge.  
Refresher at 11 am: refresh your Bridge skills.

### 🔗 4-Hour Defensive Driving Refresher Class Presented By Minnesota Safety Council

Wednesday, February 19, 6–10 pm  
Members \$18; Others \$21  
Maintain a 10%, 3-year discount on your auto insurance. Pre-requisite: 8-hour class.

### 🔗 8-Hour Defensive Driving Class Presented By Minnesota Safety Council

Saturday, February 22, 9 am–5:30 pm (1/2 hour lunch)  
Members \$27; Others \$30  
Course includes lecture, films and discussion.  
Following class completion, participants age 55+ are entitled to a 10%, 3-year discount on auto insurance.

## Hopkins Center for the Arts Events

### Tea and Treasures at the Arts Center Saturday, February 8, 11 am–5 pm

Jewelry show and sale and afternoon tea.  
Afternoon tea tickets: \$25 sold in advance at the Arts Center or [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com).

### Empty Bowls Fundraiser Tuesday, March 11, 11 am–7 pm

Join us for the 16th annual fundraiser for the ICA Food Shelf and ResourceWest. Choose from bowls created by local artists and students. Enjoy soup and bread with your neighbors, make a free will donation and more!





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City of Hopkins will be closed Monday, February 17, for the President's Day holiday. Refuse collection that week will be one day later than normal. Recycling will be collected February 10-13 and 24-27.

## Snow Line

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

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### Upcoming Meetings

#### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 pm**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, February 18, 7 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, March 4, 7:05 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

**Monday, February 24, 6:30 pm**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 pm**  
Zoning and Planning Commission

**Tuesday, March 4, 7 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
Agendas and minutes found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/).

#### Other Meetings

**Thursday, March 6, 6 pm**  
Storm Water Informational Meeting

#### 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

#### Citizens Academy 2014

Want a chance to participate in a felony traffic stop or take the position of a firefighter on an engine? Citizens Academy is a free opportunity to learn more about the operations, facilities and services of the City. Classes will be held 6:30-9:30 pm on five Thursdays beginning April 3, each at a different location within the City. Classes are designed to be fun and informative. Application forms can be found on the City's website or contact Jim Genellie at 952-548-6303.

## Lease A Garden Plot



The City provides a community garden site in Hopkins Valley Park in the Westbrooke/Nine Mile Creek area where residents can lease a 20' by 20' garden plot. Due to high demand for plots, there is a limit of two plots per household. Rate: \$25 per plot. Registration begins **March 3** for residents, and is on a first come, first served basis. You must provide proof of residency. Non-residents may purchase plots starting **March 10**. You must register in person at Hopkins City Hall. 🍷

## Pavilion Events

### Drop-In Chess Training Tournaments

**Sundays, February 9-March 16. All ages welcome.**  
Find the class that fits your schedule at [www.hopkinspavilion.com](http://www.hopkinspavilion.com).

### Elite Youth Soccer Clinics

**Saturdays, March 1-April 5. Ages 3-8.**  
Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).



### Turf Tots

**February 27-May 9, Monday-Friday, 9 am-2 pm.**  
No registration necessary. \$4/child.

## Kids' Fest

**Sunday, February 9, 12-3:30 pm**  
Minnetonka Community Center

Dog sled rides, face painting, ice carving demonstration, bonfire, s'mores, ice skating, and more!

All programs and activities are free! Please bring canned goods to help our area families in need. Collections will be received at the Minnetonka Community Center.

## Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Deposit Disclosure

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 115A.9302, which requires that a person who collects mixed municipal solid waste for transportation to a waste facility shall disclose to each waste generator from whom waste is collected the name, location, type of facility and the number of the permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or its counterpart in another state, for the processing or disposal facility or facilities at which the waste will be deposited. The City of Hopkins (hauler) hereby discloses that the mixed municipal solid waste collected from January 1-December 31, 2014, will be delivered to the following facilities during that time. If an additional facility becomes either a primary facility or an alternative facility during this time, the City of Hopkins will provide you with updated information within 30 days.

**Primary Facility Name:** Hennepin Energy Resource Company (HERC)

**Location:** 505 6th Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55405

**Type of Facility:** Mass burn waste-to-energy

**MPCA Permit Number:** SW-396

**Primary Facility Name:** NRG Elk River (NSP) Resource Recovery

**Location:** 10700 165th Ave NW, Elk River, MN 55330

**Type of Facility:** Refuse-derived fuel waste-to-energy

**MPCA Permit Number:** SW-305

The following facility is used for disposal of construction and demolition material collected through our twice-yearly bulk item drop-off and weekly bulk item collection.

**Alternative Facility Name:** Dem Con Landfill, Inc.

**Location:** 331 Akers Lane, Jordan, MN 55352

**Type of Facility:** Construction demolition landfill

**MPCA Permit Number:** SW-290

You may be responsible for any liability that results from contamination at a facility where your waste has been deposited. Minnesota believes that its waste management system provides more financial and environmental protection than depositing waste in landfills in other states. Managing your waste in Minnesota may minimize your potential liability.

## Reason No. 8 to Buy Local

### Environmental Sustainability

*Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers-which in turn are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution.*

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