



Hopkins Highlights

June
2014

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Farmers' Market Opens June 14



Celebrate Flag Day and the beginning of summer at opening day of the Hopkins Farmers' Market, Saturday, June 14, from 7:30 am-noon. The market, which is just south of the clock tower, will be open every Saturday through the end of October providing fresh produce from local growers, breads, honey, jams, sauces, olive oil and a variety of other products. 🍓

2014 Street Construction Begins

Multiple construction projects have begun in Hopkins this spring, in addition to the ongoing maintenance of the City's street and sidewalk system, which includes seal coating, crack sealing, light pole painting and concrete repairs.

The Shady Oak Road reconstruction project has begun and is expected to continue through 2015. In conjunction with this project, some city streets in the Avenues West neighborhood will be reconstructed. Reconstruction of the city streets is expected to be completed this fall.

A street and utility rehabilitation project has begun in the Hobby Acres neighborhood, which is expected to be completed this summer. Also included in the Hobby Acres project is the rehabilitation of the parking lot at Zion Church, utility improvements in the vicinity of 3rd Street North and 13th Avenue North, and rehabilitation of the Elmo Park Trail. If you have any questions regarding construction, please contact City Engineer Nate Stanley at 952-548-6356 or nstanley@hopkinsmn.com. 🍓

Community Image Award Nominations Due August 22

The City of Hopkins annually honors property owners and business owners whose pride shines through their property. The Award recognizes significant improvements to property, including landscaping, accessibility, lighting, signs or exterior updates. The award also honors continued, superior maintenance of property. The award has three categories: Commercial/Industrial/Office; Multi-Family Residential; and, Single Family Residential. Properties that have received an award within the last 10 years are not eligible.



If you would like to nominate a property (including your own) for this award, please send a nomination form to City Hall by August 22, 2014. Nomination forms are available at City Hall, on line at www.hopkinsmn.com/departments/planning/award/ or by calling 952-548-6341. 🍓

Brush And Yard Waste Pick-Up Reminder

Yard waste bags are picked up on Thursdays at normal refuse collection sites. Call before 2 pm on Wednesday to schedule a Thursday pick-up. Bags must display City of Hopkins yard waste stickers. You must use compostable bags for this service.

Brush is collected on Tuesdays, weather permitting (excluding holidays). Call before 2 pm on Monday to schedule a Tuesday pick-up. Brush needs to be stacked in a neat pile on the boulevard, NOT in street (NO alley pick-up). Lay ends all one way, parallel to the street.

A free alternative to yard waste/brush pickup service is the city's yard waste and brush drop-off site at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad (one block north of the Hopkins Crossroad/Minnetonka Blvd intersection). The site is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-7 pm and Saturdays, 9 am-3 pm. This site will be closed on Labor Day. Use of this site is free to Hopkins residential refuse customers. 🍓

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.

Education Series Of The Joint Replacement Center: Build Your Core And Conquer Your Hip And Knee Pain

Tuesday, June 17, 2-4 pm

This free seminar is an opportunity to learn about the treatment options for knee pain and tips to build core muscles. Presenters: Dr. Tilok Ghose, Orthopedic Surgeon, Allina Health and Abbott Northwestern Hospital and Tulsie Sookdeo, physical therapist, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute. Register at 651-644-4108 or www.june17-hopkins.kintera.org. Co-sponsored by Hopkins Activity Center, Allina Health and Arthritis Foundation.

4-hour Defensive Driving Class For People Age 55+

Wednesday, June 18, 6-10 pm

Members \$18; Others \$21.

Maintain your 10%, 3-year auto insurance discount. Class taught by Bud Emerson, Minnesota Safety Council. Pre-requisite: 8-hour class. Advance registration required.

Summer Grilling Safety



Whether you are cooking out on the grill or inside this summer, remember your grilling and cooking safety. Be alert, keep a kid-free zone and never leave your grill or stove top unattended while cooking.

For more great cooking safety tips stop by Vent-A- Hood Appliance on 101 Shady Oak Road or contact your Hopkins Fire Department at 952-548-6454.



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Refuse and Recycling

Recycle collection is June 2-5, June 16-19, and the week of June 30. Refuse will be picked up Monday through Thursday every week.

Report a Pothole

Visit the City website and click "Report a Pothole" in the Quick Links box or call Public Works at 952-939-1382.

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Upcoming Meetings

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, June 17, 7 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, July 1, 7 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/. Watch City Council meetings live: www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, June 16, 6:30 pm
Park Board

Tuesday, June 24, 6:30 pm
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 1, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Refuse/Recycling Cart Reminder

Please keep carts out of the streets and alleys. If your carts are picked up curbside they should be placed on the boulevard. Carts picked up in alley areas should be placed so that they do not protrude into the alley. It is important that these public rights-of-way remain unobstructed for traffic flow and maintenance vehicles. 🍷

Check Before You Post Garage Sale Signs



If you are planning a garage sale this summer, please remember that posting signs on utility poles, light poles, traffic light poles, or stop sign poles on the public right-of-way, including boulevards and intersections, is strictly prohibited in the City of Hopkins.

City Code 800.03 states that unauthorized signs placed on public property will be removed and destroyed. Signs cannot be posted on private property without obtaining prior permission from the property owner. Residents are asked to limit themselves to two garage sales per year, with each one lasting no more than three days. 🍷

FAQ: Lawn Care In Hopkins

How high is too high for my grass?

Grass and weeds **higher than 10 inches** are considered a nuisance, and the City will issue a citation. If City crews have to maintain your grass and weeds, you will be charged for the service.

When can I water?

To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City enforces year-round watering restrictions. **No watering is allowed from 11 am-5 pm, and odd/even sprinkling is allowed at other times.** Homes with even-numbered addresses water on even-numbered dates; homes with odd-numbered addresses water on odd-numbered dates. Please call 952-939-1382 with any questions.

What can I do with my grass clippings?

The easiest and best way to handle grass clippings is to **leave them on the lawn**. Set your mower to a height of two to three inches. This may mean that you will mow more frequently, but you will save time by not bagging your grass clippings, and you will save money by not buying bags and purchasing stickers to have them picked up. You will also have healthier grass.

For yard waste and brush that needs to go, curbside pick-up options and a free drop-off site are available. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/index.php for more information. 🍷

Permit Required For Alcohol In City Parks

Beer and wine in non-glass containers are allowed with a permit in Downtown, Central, Valley, and Burnes parks. Alcohol use in all other City parks is strictly prohibited.

Residents interested in obtaining an alcohol permit for a picnic shelter reservation should contact Facility Services at 952-939-8390. For an alcohol permit not affiliated with a picnic shelter, call Hopkins City Hall at 952-935-8474. Permits are \$25 per requested date. 🍷

Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

Residents can drop off their **household hazardous waste** and problem materials at Hennepin County collection events.

Thursday, June 12-Saturday, June 14
9 am-4 pm

St Louis Park Junior High
2025 Texas Ave S

For a complete list of event dates and locations, as well as items that are accepted, visit www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events. 🍷



Buy Local

A diverse array of businesses within walking or biking distance from residential areas reduces the miles driven to shop for goods and services. It also helps conserve land, limits sprawl and lessens traffic and air pollution. Now that spring is here, think about walking or biking to nearby shops—good for your health and your local economy.

