



Hopkins Highlights

August
2014

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Primary Election Scheduled for August 12

Polling places will be open 7 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, August 12, for the 2014 primary election. In the primary, voters will narrow the field of candidates for federal, state and judicial offices with the top voted moving on to the November 4 general election. If you will be absent from your precinct on August 12 you may vote by absentee ballot. Applications to vote by absentee are available on the City website or can be filled out in person at City Hall through August 11.

For more information about absentee voting, voter registration or where to vote, visit the city website at www.hopkinsmn.com. Voters without internet access should call Amy Domeier, City Clerk, at 952-548-6304.

Music At The Center: Concert Tickets Go On Sale August 1

As of August 1, you may purchase tickets to any upcoming concert presented by the Hopkins Center for the Arts by calling the box office at 952-979-1111 or going online to www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com. Saturday events are at 8 pm with a 7 pm social hour (cash bar and free hors d'oeuvres); Tuesday events are at 7 pm with a 6 pm social hour.



Saturday Sets

- **Oct 11** The BoDeans
- **Oct 25** Shadows of the 60's
- **Nov 8** Boston Brass
- **Dec 13** The Broadway Boys
- **Jan 10** Daisy Dillman Band
- **Feb 14** The Girls
- **Mar 7** New Orleans Blue Serenaders
- **Apr 18** Manhattan Transfer
- **May 16** Four Freshman

Take Five Tuesdays

- **Dec 16** Song Circle: Zachary Scot Johnson, Diana Jones, Alison Scott
- **Jan 27** Sarah Morris/Reina del Cid (double bill)
- **Mar 10** Cassandra Wilson
- **Apr 28** Song Circle: Ellis, John Gorka, Zachary Scot Johnson
- **May 5** Alison Scott

Garage Sales

Planning a garage sale this summer? Garage sales can be fun and even profitable. In order to avoid problems, Hopkins has a few simple rules for conducting garage sales. First of all, to prevent garage sales from becoming home businesses, City Code Section 530.11 limits residents to two garage sales per year with each sale not exceeding three days. Secondly, garage sale signs, like all signs, may not be posted on utility poles, light poles, traffic light poles or stop sign poles. Signs should not be placed in the public right-of-way, including boulevards and intersections. If you are going to place a sign on private property, make sure that you have the permission of the property owner. 🍷

House Numbers: Not Just For Looks



In an emergency, every minute counts. You don't want emergency vehicles spending those precious minutes looking for your house.

City Code requires every house and every garage, which faces an alley, to have house numbers at least 4 inches high. The numbers should be of sufficient size and contrasting color to be readily distinguishable and readable from the street or alley. 🍷

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.

🔗 Connect To Learning: Genealogy Explored

Tuesday, August 12, 1 pm
Members free; Others \$2.

Open windows to another place and time during a live interactive videoconference. Learn how to use the National Archives as a source for discovering documentation into your family's past. Call to register.

🔗 Beginning Pickleball Instruction

Tuesday, August 12, 2-3 pm
Members \$4; Others \$6.

Get an overview of this exciting and fun game. Learn game rules, scoring and court position. Equipment is available for use. Call to register.

🔗 Ice Cream Social & Music

Thursday, August 14, 6:30 pm
FREE!

Enjoy the music of The Three Raspberries and Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes. Fun for all ages! Bring a non-perishable food item for ICA Food Shelf or a school supply for the Back to School Drive.

🔗 Connect To Learning: Channel Islands Live Dive

Wednesday, August 27, 2 pm
Members free; Others \$2.

Discover the kelp forests and this seldom-seen world of rich marine life without even getting wet. Call to register.

🔗 Grandparents Photo Contest

Bring your cutest grandchild or special young friend photo to the Activity Center. Photos displayed September 8-30. Winners are announced on October 2. This year's categories include Looking for Trouble, Cute Hat, Grandma & Me, Grandpa & Me and Cute as a Bug. One picture per category may be entered. Event sponsor: Ridgepointe.



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Refuse and Recycling

Recycle collection is August 11-14 and 25-28. Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday every week in August.

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

Wednesday, August 13, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, August 19, 7 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 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, August 18, 6:30 pm
Park Board

Tuesday, August 26, 6:30 pm
Zoning and Planning Commission

Monday, September 2, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be 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

Hopkins Farmer's Market



Saturdays, 7:30 am-Noon
Through the end of October.

Compost Bins for Sale

The City of Hopkins has Compost Bins for sale for \$55 plus tax. Please contact Hopkins Public Works at 952-939-1382 for more information and to reserve your bin. Payment (cash or check only) will be collected at time of pick up.

Lawn Watering Reminder



To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the city has established year round watering restrictions.

Residents and businesses are to water on an odd/even system based on your house number. Watering is not permitted between 11 am and 5 pm.

Please call the Water Department at 952-548-6373 with any questions.

Sewer Backups: What You Need to Know

If a property owner has reason to believe that there is a problem with their sewer service, the City should be notified immediately. The Public Works Department can be reached day or night at 952-939-1382 (weekdays 7:30 am-4 pm) or 763-525-6210 (weekends, holidays, and off-hours).

Prompt action in notifying the City may prevent damages to the home or business. The City will dispatch a Public Works employee to investigate the sewer main for problems and take action if appropriate. If the problem is found to be in the sanitary sewer service from the home or structure to the sewer main in the street, including the connection, it is the responsibility of the property owner.

Damage From Sewer Backups

Property owners should be aware of three points regarding sewer backups and resulting damage:

The City is not automatically liable for resulting damages whenever a sewer backs up. The City is liable only for damages if the backup was caused by the City's negligence.

Many property owner insurance policies exclude damage resulting from sewer backups. Property owners often look to the City to pay their damages when their own insurer denies their claim.

Some insurance companies do provide sewer backup coverage; therefore, it is possible for property owners to protect themselves against this risk.

Cleaning Your Sanitary Sewer

Please notify the Public Works Department if you hire a private contractor to clean your sanitary sewer service line. The City will check/clear the City's main service line for/of debris that could affect you or your neighbors' sanitary sewer service.

Questions?

Call the Public Works Department at 952-939-1382.

Squirrel Damage To Refuse Carts

It is not uncommon to receive reports of squirrels damaging refuse carts. There are things you can do to minimize the potential for damage. Whenever possible, keep your cart inside your garage. If you have decomposable refuse such as kitchen scraps, place them in a plastic bag and freeze them until your collection day. Keeping smelly things out of your cart not only minimizes the opportunity for a foul smell to set in, but squirrels and other vermin will be less attracted to your cart. If these first two solutions are not possibilities, then several residents have reported using a squirrel repellent spray to keep pests away from their carts. This squirrel repellent product is available at your local hardware store.



Buy Local

Give Local

Consider sponsoring and donating to local charities and non-profits, in addition to national and international non-profits you might already support. By donating locally, you and your community will receive many of the same economic and social benefits as when you buy local goods and services.

