



# Hopkins Highlights

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## New Year–New You! at the Hopkins Activity Center

Making a New Year's resolution for 2015? Let these programs and activities at the Hopkins Activity Center help you succeed.

"I will start exercising."

Try a group exercise class. The Activity Center offers Fitness Focus on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9 am; Nancy's Fit & Fun Aerobic Walk on Wednesdays at 1:45 pm; Yoga Exercise on Tuesdays at 10:15 am; and Chair Yoga on Wednesdays at 9 am. Try your first class free. After that, Activity Center members pay \$3.50 per class and others \$4.50.

Prefer to exercise with friendly competition? Drop by to play the exciting paddle game of pickle ball on Mondays at 1:30 pm, Tuesdays at 11:30 am, and Thursdays at 4:45 pm. Free for members and \$2 for others to drop in.

"I will learn something new."

There is always an upcoming opportunity to expand your horizons at the Activity Center. One featured event this month:

### Dishing it up with Phil

Tuesday, January 27, 1 pm—Know someone with celiac disease who cannot eat foods containing gluten? Learn how easy it is to prepare and enjoy flavorful gluten-free foods with our popular chef, Phil, from the Depot Coffee House. Members \$7; others \$9. Call to register.

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 - 14th Ave N. For more information or to register, call 952-939-1333 or email [activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com).

## State Of The City Is January 29

The 2015 State of the City/Taste of Hopkins will be held on Thursday, January 29, at the Hopkins Center for the Arts (1111 Mainstreet, downtown Hopkins). Taste of Hopkins will be available from 5 to 6 pm and the State of the City will start at 6 pm.

Sponsored by the City of Hopkins, Hopkins Business & Civic Association, and Twin West Chamber of Commerce, the event offers an opportunity for citizens and business owners to learn more about the workings of the City in a relaxed setting.

The Taste of Hopkins, sponsored by the HBCA, is a sampling of appetizers, entrées, beverages, and desserts designed to showcase offerings from businesses in the Hopkins community.

## Get Moving With Indoor Soccer At The Pavilion

### Adult Co-Rec Soccer League

Don't miss this action-packed indoor turf soccer league for adults of all levels. Register your team by February 2. Don't have a team? We will do our best to place you on a team. Games begin on March 1 and are played Sunday nights with start times between 7 and 10 pm. For more information or to register, go to [www.hopkinspavilion.com](http://www.hopkinspavilion.com).



### Elite Youth Soccer Clinics

Kids 3–8 years old will have a fun, action-packed hour while developing their soccer skills during Elite Youth Soccer Clinics. Each session will focus on individual skills at stations and end with games. Clinics are offered on Thursdays or Saturdays, February 26–March 28. For Pre-K students, clinics are 45 minutes and cost \$65 per child. For grade school students, clinics are 60 minutes and cost \$75 per child.

Save \$5 if your registration is received by February 2.

For more information on both programs or to register, visit [www.hopkinspavilion.com](http://www.hopkinspavilion.com) (click on Turf) or call 952-939-1410.

## Win \$1,000 For Your Next Home Project

The 2015 West Metro Home Remodeling Fair is looking for ugly rooms that need to be rescued. **The fourth annual Operation Rescue Room contest will give \$1,000 to the homeowner whose room is voted most in need of help by visitors to the Home Remodeling Fair on February 22.**

Last year, Jill Wanous of Minnetonka won the contest to fix up her bathroom. Get rules and entry forms at [www.homeremodelingfair.com/rescue](http://www.homeremodelingfair.com/rescue). Deadline to enter is February 15, 2015. Check the February Highlights for more information on the Home Remodeling Fair.





## Upcoming at City Hall

### City Offices Closed

**Monday, January 19**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, January 6, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 pm**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, January 20, 7 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, February 3, 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

**Tuesday, January 6, 7 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 pm**  
Zoning and Planning Commission

**Tuesday, February 3, 7 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/](http://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      Aaron Kuznia

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## Enjoy Sparkle And Splendor At The Hopkins Center For The Arts

### “Tea and Treasures” is Saturday, February 7

Visit the beautiful and (hopefully) sunny grand atriums of the Hopkins Center for the Arts and be dazzled by beautiful hand-crafted jewelry and accessories. The **Jewelry & Wearable Art Show and Sale, 11 am–4 pm**, will be open to all at no charge, featuring unique items for sale (just in time for Valentine’s Day): purses, scarves, seasonal accessories, fused glass pendants, semi-precious and natural stone earrings, necklaces, and more. The HCA expects 20 local artists to participate this year.



Make the day extra special and purchase tickets for **Afternoon Tea, to be served at 1 pm**. Depot Coffee House Chef Phil Velo will be creating delicious tea sandwiches, scones, and special treats for this sit-down Afternoon Tea. Hopkins’ famed antique and vintage wares dealers will be decorating the tables for the event, with tea service donated by TeaSource.

Tea tickets are available for \$25 from the Hopkins Center for the Arts, 952-979-1107, and must be purchased in advance. For more information visit [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com).

## Christmas Tree Disposal Free Until January 9

Through January 9, Public Works crews will be collecting Christmas 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 12, 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.

### TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule Changes

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. **Monday–Thursday refuse collection** for that week will be delayed one day.

**January recycling pick up weeks are January 12–15 and 26–29.**



### Broken Lights? Don’t Toss Them!

Don’t throw those broken or unwanted holiday lights in the trash. Instead take them to City Hall (1010 1st St S), the Activity Center (33 14th Ave N) or Public Works (11100 Excelsior Blvd). All strung lights and electrical cords are accepted, including extension cords, phone cords, computer cables, etc.

## Snow, Did You Know?

On average, January sees the highest snowfall totals in the Twin Cities. When it snows, the City of Hopkins has 85 miles of streets & alleys, nine parking lots, eight municipal buildings with lots & sidewalks, and many more miles of public sidewalks and trails to clear and maintain. It takes a minimum of seven hours to plow the City after a snowfall, and much more if the snowfall is 6 inches or greater. The City accomplishes snow removal with a small Public Works staff, using all employees, not just the Streets Department.

### How are snow emergencies decided?

Surprisingly, the amount of snow falling is not the only factor. The time of day it falls can make a difference. Snow emergencies are typically called before 6 pm.

**For snow emergency announcements in Hopkins, call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399.**