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Past Hopkins Community Image Award Winner

Get Free, Expert Advice To Spruce Up Your Home At Remodeling Fair

The 23rd annual West Metro Home Remodeling Fair on February 22 will feature seminars and mini-demonstrations for the do-it-yourselfer, with everything you need to make your remodeling dreams come true.

WEST METRO HOME REMODELING FAIR

WHEN: Sunday, Feb 22, 10:30 am–3:30 pm

WHERE: Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Hwy 7, Hopkins

COST: Free!

In addition to over 100 exhibitors, you 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 for details of all the day's activities.



OPERATION RESCUE ROOM: Don't forget to share your greatest home improvement need online by February 15 for a chance to win \$1000 at the Fair. Visit www.HomeRemodelingFair.com/Rescue to enter. 🍷

Winter Is Not Yet Over: Snow Reminders

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 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 4-foot clearance around each container be maintained.



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! 🍷

UPCOMING IN FEBRUARY

For a more comprehensive list of events in Hopkins, visit www.thinkhopkins.com.

Tea and Treasures

Saturday, February 7, 11 am–4 pm

Brighten up February at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Browse hand-made jewelry and accessories for sale from local artists. No admission charge.



Sunday Open Skate at the Pavilion

(ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT)

February 8 and 15 are the last Sundays of ice season at the Hopkins Pavilion. Come and skate indoors from **1–2:30 pm** (no sticks or pucks allowed). Cost is \$3 for youth and \$4 for adults.



Free Tax Assistance

AARP Tax-Assistance offers free help for older taxpayers and people with limited incomes. Drop by the Hopkins Activity Center on **Mondays and Tuesdays between 9 am and 1 pm**. No appointment necessary. Assistance is available first come, first served.

Veterans Connection

Gather to discuss life, military experiences, and veteran issues on **February 10 at 9:30 am** at the Hopkins Activity Center. Call 952-939-1333 to register.

Turf Tots

Turf Tots returns to the Pavilion on **February 26**. This drop-in play program for children up to age 5 is held weekdays from 9 am–2 pm. Kids can run and play with equipment provided by the Hopkins Pavilion including sport balls, crawl tunnels, bounce houses, hula hoops, and more. Adults are required to stay on the field and supervise during the event. \$4 per child per day. 🍷





Upcoming at City Hall

City Offices Closed

Monday, February 16
Presidents' Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, February 17, 7 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 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

Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 pm
Charter Commission
(meeting at the Center for the Arts)

Monday, February 23, 6:30 pm
Park Board

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 3, 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 Aaron Kuznia

Partnering with the community to enhance the quality of life.



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-foot by 20-foot garden plot for \$25 per plot. (Limit two plots per household.)

Registration begins March 2 for residents and is on a first come, first served basis. You must provide proof of residency and register in person at Hopkins City Hall.

Non-residents may register beginning March 9. 🍷

Refuse and Recycling Schedule Changes

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 16 for Presidents' Day. **Refuse collection** for that week will be delayed by one day.

February recycling pick up weeks are Feb 9-12 and 23-26. ♻️

How is the Residential Sanitary Sewer Charge Calculated?

Each year on the February utility 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. 🍷



Anything that goes down a drain in your house enters the sanitary sewer system.

Where Your Trash Goes: Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Deposit Disclosure

Minnesota Statue 115A.9302 requires that a person who collects mixed municipal solid waste for transportation to a waste facility 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, 2015, 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:

Hennepin Energy Resource Company
505 6th Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55405

Type: Mass burn waste-to-energy

MPCA Permit Number: SW-396

Primary Facility:

NRG Elk River (NSP) Resource Recovery
10700 165th Ave NW, Elk River, MN 55330

Type: 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: Dem Con Landfill, Inc., 331 Akers Lane, Jordan, MN 55352

Type: 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. 🍷