



Hopkins Highlights

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Don't Miss Fire Open House Oct 15

The Hopkins Fire Department will host its annual Open House at the Hopkins Fire Station (101 17th Ave S) on **Saturday, October 15, 10 am–2 pm**. Stop by for fire truck rides, hot dogs and popcorn, and lots of hands-on fun. Watch live fire demonstrations including an auto extrication and car fire, and learn valuable fire safety tips. *Parking available just south of the fire station or use the lot at Ubah Medical School.*

Important Election Information

REGISTER & GET INFORMED TO SAVE TIME AT THE POLLS!

Register to Vote Now

Go to mnvotes.org to register to vote. It's quick and easy! You will need your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four numbers of your Social Security number. Register to vote prior to October 18 to ensure you are registered on Election Day. Registration forms are also available at City Hall.

SKIP THE LINE ON ELECTION DAY!

Vote Early by Absentee Ballot

You do not have to wait until Election Day to vote. You can vote early by absentee ballot. Eligible voters may vote in person at City Hall or by mail. To vote early by mail, request an absentee ballot at mnvotes.org. Absentee ballots will be available at City Hall starting Friday, September 23 through Monday, November 7 from 8 am. to 4:30 pm.

Extended Hours for Absentee Voting

The new "direct balloting" method starts November 1. Direct balloting allows you to deposit your ballot directly into the ballot counter at City Hall. To accommodate our residents City Hall will be open until 6 pm November 1 through 4; Saturday, November 5 from 9 am to 3 pm; and on Monday, November 7 until 5 pm.

Questions?

City staff is available for voting questions. Please contact us at 952-548-6304 or visit our website www.hopkinsmn.com for more information.

Find your Polling Place!

The polls will be open on November 8 from 7 am to 8 pm. Visit mnvotes.org to find your polling place. Simply enter your address to find your polling place (map and directions) along with a sample ballot for your precinct.

Experience the UPSIDE of Aging

STAY ACTIVE & ENGAGED AT THE HOPKINS ACTIVITY CENTER!

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue North in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com with questions or to register.

Defensive Driving 8-Hour Class

Wednesday and Thursday, October 12 & 13, 6–10 pm

People age 55+ can qualify for a 10%, 3-year auto insurance discount. Taught by instructor from the Minnesota Safety Council. Cost is \$30 (\$27 for members). Advanced registration required.

Safeguarding Our Seniors

Thursday, October 27, 10 am

Senior financial abuse is often misunderstood and underreported. Learn to recognize red flags whether via email, phone or someone showing up at your door. Empower yourself to take protective action and to report fraud. A collaborative program with the Better Business Bureau of MN & ND and Hennepin County Library of Hopkins.

Scrapbook Creative Chaos Weekend

Friday, November 4, 1-10 pm, Saturday, November 5 8 am -10 pm and Sunday November 6, 8 am -4 pm

Capture your life stories & memories in a weekend of fun! Limited number of spaces available. Cost: \$48 per table for the entire weekend (\$45 for members).

Open Skating on Sundays



Sunday Open Skates are back at the Pavilion! Bring your whole family and skate from 1–2:30 pm. No sticks or pucks allowed. Cost is \$3/youth and \$4/adult.



Upcoming at City Hall

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 7:05 pm
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, October 17, 6:30 pm
Park Board

Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 pm
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/.

Meeting Broadcasts

Watch City Council and Zoning and Planning Commission meetings 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
Molly Cummings (952-933-4452)

City Council
Katy Campbell Kristi Halverson
Jason Gadd Aaron Kuznia



Take Advantage of FREE Brush and Yard Waste Pick Ups This Fall

Free Brush Pick-Up is October 3–6

Brush will be picked up for free on your regular garbage day from October 3–6. **You do not need to call to schedule this pick up.**

Brush is defined as tree limbs, twigs and branches up to a maximum of 6 inches in diameter and 15 feet in length.

- Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard, NOT in the street (NO alley pick-up)—butt ends all one way, parallel with the street.
- Keep brush at least 5 feet away from overhead wires, trees, fences, carts, parked cars, etc.

After October 6, brush will be collected on Tuesdays, weather permitting. To schedule a brush pick-up after October 6, call 952-939-1382 before 2 pm on Monday. Fees apply.



Free Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Up (Dates Vary by Location)

Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge and Interlachen Park Residents:

The City provides free street leaf and yard waste pick up in your area using front-end loaders and dump trucks. Pick up in these areas will be October 31–November 3. Refer to schedule below for your neighborhood's pick up day:

- Bellgrove: Monday, October 31
- Interlachen Park: Tuesday, November 1 (Meadowbrook Rd up to & including Maple Hill Rd)
- Park Ridge: Wednesday, November 2
- Hobby Acres: Wednesday, November 2
- Interlachen Park: Thursday, November 3 (Interlachen Rd to Blake Rd)

Place leaves in loose, unbagged piles in the street along the curb line. Leaves should be placed on the street no later than 7 am on your scheduled pick-up day and no earlier than the day before your scheduled pick-up day. There will not be free bagged yard waste pick up in these neighborhoods.

All Other City Service Area Residents:

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick up will be on your regular garbage day October 31–November 17. You do not need to schedule this pick-up.

NOTE: The last week of curbside/alley yard waste bag pick up will be November 14–17. For all community areas, before and after the scheduled free pick up dates, yard waste stickers must be affixed to bags. Bags of leaf and yard waste in all City service areas will be collected on the same day as regular refuse. 🍷

Yard Waste/Brush DROP-OFF SITE

The free brush and yard waste drop-off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroad) will be open regular hours (Monday and Wednesday 2–7 pm and Saturday 9 am–3 pm) through October 12.

From October 15–November 26, the free brush and yard waste drop-off site will be open Monday and Wednesday 1–5 pm and Saturday 9 am–3 pm (closed on Veterans Day).

The drop-off site will be closed after November 26. All services are subject to change or cancellation due to weather. 🍷

TAKE NOTE: October Refuse & Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection is October 3–6, 17–20. Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday as usual. 🍷

Give Local Fundraiser at Pizza Rev

Buy a pizza (or any non-alcoholic menu item) and mention the fundraiser to have 20% of your purchase donated! Pizza Rev is located at 525 Blake Rd. North.

Donations on October 27 go to support Cops N Kids! Donations on October 31 and November 30 support the Hopkins Activity Center, Depot and Arts Center. 🍷