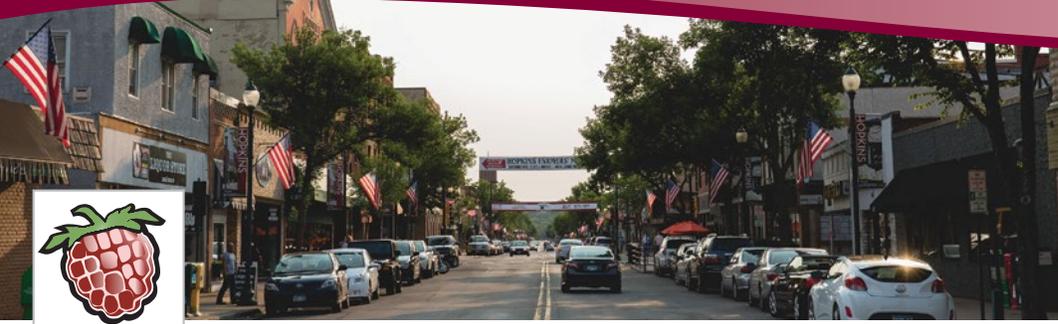


# Hopkins Highlights

Inspire Educate Involve Communicate



## Think Hopkins: Now On Facebook

The Think Hopkins campaign is now on Facebook! The Think Hopkins Facebook page features upcoming events, happenings at local businesses, and much more. Go to [www.facebook.com/thinkhopkins](http://www.facebook.com/thinkhopkins) and click "Like" to keep informed of all things Hopkins.

The Think Hopkins campaign is a joint initiative created by the City of Hopkins and the Hopkins Business and Civic Association. Visit [www.thinkhopkins.com](http://www.thinkhopkins.com) for more about Hopkins, including a community calendar and historic walking tour. 🍷

## Start Planning Your Neighborhood's National Night Out

The Police Department invites you to be part of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2. Build community by starting in your own back (or front) yard. Your event doesn't have to be elaborate—it can be as simple as lemonade and conversation with neighbors. Plan a National Night Out party on your block today by registering at [www.hopkinsmn.com/events/nno.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/events/nno.php) or by calling 952-548-6407. 🍷



Two of the new banner designs, featuring artwork by local artists Heather Renaux (left) and Jane Johnson (right).

## New Banner Designs Celebrate Local Art

In a continued effort to celebrate local art in Hopkins, the City has collaborated with the Think Hopkins campaign and the Hopkins Center for the Arts to create new banners that will bring color to Mainstreet between Shady Oak Road and 5th Avenue.

Eight new designs were chosen by the Public Art Committee from 46 submissions collected this winter from local artists.

The new banners will be installed this spring and remain until the snow starts to fall. The banners should last several years. To view all the banner designs up close, visit [www.thinkhopkins.com/banners](http://www.thinkhopkins.com/banners). 🍷

## Permit Required For Alcohol In 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 call 952-939-8390. For an alcohol permit not affiliated with a picnic shelter, call City Hall at 952-935-8474. Permits are \$25/day. 🍷

## Drop Off Your Household Hazardous Waste June 16–18

Drop off your household hazardous waste and problem materials at the Hennepin County collection event being held Thursday, June 16–Saturday, June 18, 9 am–4 pm, at St Louis Park Middle School (2025 Texas Ave S—enter off 22nd St W). For a complete list of other event dates and locations, as well as items that are accepted, visit [www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events). 🍷



## SIGN UP FOR SUMMER FUN

It's not too late to register for youth summer programs at the Hopkins Pavilion: Elite Soccer Clinics, Skyhawks Sport Camps, Kids Battle Robots, and Chess Camp. Check out [www.hopkinspavilion.com](http://www.hopkinspavilion.com) for more info. 🍷

## Check Before Posting Garage Sale Signs

If you are planning a garage sale this summer, remember that **posting signs on utility poles, light poles, traffic light poles, stop sign poles, or in the public right-of-way, including boulevards and intersections, is not allowed in Hopkins.** 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 allowed to host up to two garage sales per year, with each one lasting no more than three days. 🍷



## Upcoming at City Hall

### City Offices Closed

**Monday, July 4**  
Independence Day

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, June 7, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 pm**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, July 12, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting (no meeting July 5)

Find agendas and minutes 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, June 7, 7:00 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, June 20, 6:30 pm**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 pm**  
Zoning and Planning Commission

**Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority (no meeting July 5)

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/](http://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  
Jason Gadd  
Kristi Halverson  
Aaron Kuznia



## Lawn Care FAQ

### Q. What can I do with my grass clippings?

**A.** The easiest and best way to handle grass clippings is to leave them on the lawn. Set your mower to a height of 2 to 3 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, read "What can I do with my brush and yard waste?" at right.

### Q. When can I water?

**A.** 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.

## Let Old Art Shine Again

DONATE UNUSED ART FROM YOUR ATTIC TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ART CENTER

The Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts invites you to donate artwork you no longer display to be resold at their "Art from the Attic" event July 9. 100% of the proceeds from the sale go to support arts programming at the Center. Drop off your work at the Center on Tuesdays, June 7, 14, or 21, 4-7 pm, or Saturdays, June 11, 18, or 25, 10 am-1 pm. Visit [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com) for all the details and a donation form, or contact Aaron at 952-548-6488 or [awulff@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:awulff@hopkinsmn.com).



## Could Your Home Be More Efficient?

Avoid wasting both money and energy and benefit from a more comfortable living space by scheduling a visit from the Home Energy Squad. Because of the City's partnership with HES, Hopkins residents pay only \$50 (normally \$100) for a visit from this team of trusted energy consultants. At the visit, they will:

- install energy saving materials (including door weather stripping, high-efficiency lightbulbs, showerheads, faucet aerators, and a programmable thermostat).
- complete an insulation inspection.
- perform a blower door test (as pictured) to measure your home for air leaks.
- safety check your home's heating system and water heater.

Participants also receive a customized Energy Fitness Plan that includes a prioritized list of energy improvements as well as information on rebates. To schedule your Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit today, call 612-335-5874 or visit [mncee.org/hes-hopkins](http://mncee.org/hes-hopkins).



### Q. How high is too high for grass?

**A.** 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.

### Q. What can I do with my brush and yard waste?

**A.** The City provides bagged yard waste pick up on Thursdays and brush pick up on Tuesdays for additional fees. For details and how to schedule a pick up, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/).

A free alternative to this service is taking your yard waste and brush to the City's drop-off site at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad. The site is open Mondays & Wednesdays, 2-7 pm and Saturdays, 9 am-3 pm. The site will be closed on July 4. Use of this site is free for Hopkins residential refuse customers.

## Refuse and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, for Independence Day. **Refuse collection** for that week will take place one day later than your normal day.

**June recycling pick up weeks are June 13-16 and 27-30.**



# Hopkins Highlights EXTRA

## City Improvement Projects Abound in 2016

The City is undertaking a wide variety of improvement projects in 2016. Read on for descriptions of the most noticeable improvements and what to expect.

### 1 2016 Street and Utility Project

**Start Date:** Late April • **Projected End Date:** October

The City's annual street and utility reconstruction project is in the West Avenues neighborhood north of Mainstreet. Portions of 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st Avenues N and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Streets N will be reconstructed. In addition to street work, the project includes replacement of sewer and water lines and drainage improvements.

### 2 2016 Mill and Overlay Project

**Project Date:** June

This project will repave Sweet Briar Lane, Burnes Drive, Campbell Drive, Althea Lane, Herman Terrace, and Herman Court in the Campbell Addition neighborhood. Work will include repair of broken curb, replacement of old sewer castings, and milling off the top layer of asphalt and repaving with a fresh layer. This project will rejuvenate the streets in the neighborhood and is a cost-effective way to extend the life of the pavement.

### 3 Parking Ramp Rehabilitation

**Start Date:** Late May • **Projected End Date:** mid-September

This work includes concrete repairs, barrier cable replacement, door replacements, deck and joint sealing, cleaning, and new signage. The ramp will remain in service with a limited number of parking stalls impacted at any time.

### 4 Shady Oak Road Project

Hennepin County's contractor resumed construction on Shady Oak Road this spring. In Hopkins remaining work includes completing sidewalk and trail construction, installation of median islands, final paving of Shady Oak Road, and restoration of boulevards. In Minnetonka the contractor will be reconstructing the frontage road along Highway 7 and also repaving Highway 7 in each direction extending away from the new Shady Oak Road intersection. Later this summer, a landscaping project will be completed along Shady Oak Road to improve aesthetics throughout the corridor.

### 5 Water Tank Rehabilitation

**Start Date:** June (Blake tank)

**Projected End Date:** mid-October (Moline Tank)

This work includes minor repairs and new protective coatings on the inside and outside of both of Hopkins elevated water storage tanks.



### 6 Excelsior Boulevard Retaining Wall Replacement

**Start Date:** July • **Projected End Date:** September

The retaining wall along 2nd St S (the north side of Excelsior Blvd) between 12th and 13th Ave S will be replaced with a larger block retaining wall. The work will impact one westbound lane of traffic on Excelsior Boulevard.



## Park System Improvements

### 7 Cottageville Park Pavilion

**Start Date:** early May

**Projected End Date:** early September

A new, distinctively-designed picnic pavilion with restrooms will be constructed to overlook the great lawn area. Other areas of the park will not be affected by this construction.



### 8 Oakes Park and Valley Park Warming House Improvements

**Start Date:** mid-July (after summer playground program concludes)

**Projected End Date:** late October

The existing, 60-year old, drab facilities will be rehabilitated to include a new covered patio area, new restrooms and drinking fountains for park users, and new park lighting. The Oakes Park picnic shelter will also be replaced.

### 9 Valley Park Play Equipment

**Start Date:** mid-May

**Projected End Date:** early June

The existing 24-year old play equipment will be replaced. 🍷

# Hopkins Summerfest



MUSIC, MOVIES, & MORE

EVERY THURSDAY  
IN DOWNTOWN PARK

JUNE 16–AUGUST 18, 2016  
one block south of Mainstreet

JUNE 16–7 pm

John Phillip Sousa Memorial Band  
SPONSORED BY HOPKINS AUTO BODY

JULY 21–7 pm  
Rhino

JUNE 23–7 pm

Blues and BBQ  
SPONSORED BY HOPKINS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

JULY 28–7 pm  
Roe Family Singers  
SPONSORED BY AGAMIM ACADEMY

JUNE 30–7 pm

Bazillions  
SPONSORED BY KIDDYWAMPUS  
 Aladdin (MOVIE AT SUNSET)  
SPONSORED BY I LOVE PHOTOGRAPHY

AUGUST 4–7 pm  
Prior Lake Wind Jammers  
Spaceballs (MOVIE AT SUNSET) 

JULY 7–7 pm  
Hopkins Westwind Concert Band  
SPONSORED BY THINK HOPKINS

AUGUST 11–7 pm  
Heightburners  
SPONSORED BY DRISKILL'S DOWNTOWN MARKET  
Groundhog Day (MOVIE AT SUNSET) 

JULY 14 – Noon  
Alison Scott

AUGUST 18–7 pm  
Elvis  
SPONSORED BY DALE FESTE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR  
Viva Las Vegas (MOVIE AT SUNSET) 

JULY 14–7 pm  
Lamont Cranston Band  
SPONSORED BY MILL CITY SOUND

MORE...

FREE FITNESS CLASSES  
Every Summerfest Thursday  
11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the park

More details at [hopkinssummerfest.com](http://hopkinssummerfest.com). For rainout location, call 952-548-6337.