



# Hopkins Highlights

Inspire Educate Involve Communicate



Hilltop Park

## When It Snows In Hopkins...

REMEMBER THESE RULES AND SAIL SMOOTHLY THROUGH WINTER

### 1 Move Your Car

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicle from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency is declared.

**Snow emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall.**

Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements. To receive a message when a snow emergency is declared, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/coderead](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/coderead) to register your phone number for the Code Red Emergency Notification System.

During a snow emergency, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb, and the parking lots and parking ramp are completely plowed.

If your vehicle is towed during a snow emergency, call Bobby & Steve's at 952-406-8111 to confirm the location of your vehicle. Vehicles are released only to the registered owners, so you will need to bring proof of ownership, proof of insurance and a valid driver's license to claim your vehicle. Payment is accepted by cash (exact change only) or credit card. The impound lot is located at 5100 Park Glen Rd., St. Louis Park. *Note: The City receives no money when cars are towed — all fees go to the towing company.*

### 2 Shovel The Sidewalk

As mandated by City ordinance, Hopkins residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from public sidewalks within 12 hours of a snowfall. This is necessary for the safety of all who use the sidewalks. Remember, it is against the law for individuals to plow, shovel, blow or place snow onto streets, alleys and boulevards.

### 3 Clear The Fire Hydrants

While the City tries to clean snow from fire hydrants as soon as possible after a snow, we could use your help. Please adopt a nearby fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow through the winter. Hydrants should be cleared five feet on each side to give the Fire Department the quickest and best access. 🍓



CALL THE SNOW LINE:  
**952-939-1399**

### DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Hopkins has 85 miles of streets and alleys, nine parking lots, eight municipal buildings with parking lots and sidewalks, and many more miles of public sidewalks and trails to maintain. It takes a minimum of seven hours to plow the city after a snowfall, and much more if the snowfall is six inches or greater. The day after a snowfall, efforts are largely dedicated to heavy snow removal from the Central Business District and Blake Road Corridor.

### HOW IS A SNOW EMERGENCY CALLED?

The City determines when to call snow emergencies based on a combination of the amount of snow falling and the time of day it falls. Snow emergencies are typically called before 6 p.m.

## Outdoor Ice Rinks Open Dec. 17

Weather permitting, skating rinks will be open Saturday, Dec. 17, and will remain open until Monday, Feb. 20. Rinks with warming houses are available for your enjoyment at six Hopkins park locations.



### Regular Open Hours

- Monday–Thursday: 4:30–9 p.m.
- Friday: 4:30–9:45 p.m.
- Saturday: Noon–9:45 p.m.
- Sunday: Noon–7 p.m.

Call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates. **For extended holiday and winter break hours**, please visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/places/ice-skating.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/places/ice-skating.php). 🍓

## Giving Tree Accepting Donations Until Dec. 20

The Hopkins Activity Center Giving Tree is accepting items of warmth, new toys, food, gifts for seniors and cash donated to area families. A list of needed items is available at the Activity Center. 🍓



## Happening Now at the Pavilion

Don't get stuck at home – there are plenty of activities at the Pavilion this winter!

- Open skate
- Learn to drive the Zamboni
- Children's programs for all ages

Learn more about Pavilion activities at [www.hopkinsmn.com/pavilion/index.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/pavilion/index.php). 🍓



## Upcoming at City Hall

### City Offices Closed

**Monday, Dec. 26**  
Christmas Day Observed

**Monday, Jan. 2**  
New Year's Day Observed

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m.**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, Jan. 3, 7:05 p.m.**  
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

**Monday, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m.**  
Planning and Zoning Commission

**Tuesday, Jan. 3, 7 p.m.**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes found 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 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 p.m.; and Sundays at 1 p.m.

## Elected Officials

**Mayor**  
Molly Cummings

**City Council**  
Katy Campbell      Jason Gadd  
Kristi Halverson    Aaron Kuznia

## Ring In 2017 Dec. 29 at 11 a.m.

Senior adults are invited to toast the New Year at the Activity Center with hors d'oeuvres, games, dinner and more. \$9/\$8 members. To register, call 952-939-1333.



## 2017 Parking Permits Available Online

2017 parking permits are now available for purchase online at [www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/parking-permits.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/parking-permits.php).

More information about parking in Downtown Hopkins is on our website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/parking.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/parking.php).



## Three Hopkins Properties Honored

A panel of judges has selected three properties for the 2016 City of Hopkins Community Image Awards. The City Council honored the winners with an award presentation at its meeting on Nov. 1.

Community Image Awards recognize significant improvements to a residence or business, including landscaping, accessibility, lighting, signs and exterior improvements.

They also honor continued superior maintenance of property that exemplifies pride of ownership and contributes to a positive image of the community. Awards are given in three categories.

Congratulations to the winners this year.



**Multi-Family Residential:**  
Meadow Creek Condominiums



**Commercial/Industrial/Office:**  
Driskill's Downtown Market



**Commercial/Industrial/Office:**  
Tuttle's Eat, Bowl, Play

## Free Holiday Tree Pickup Is Jan. 3-6

Holiday trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential refuse customers the week of Jan. 3. Trees will be picked up on your refuse day, subject to change due to weather. Lay trees in the boulevard, parallel with the street, and at least five feet from overhead wires, trees, fences, refuse carts and parked cars. Trees must be free of all ornaments, plastic bags and metal. You do not need to call to schedule this service.

### TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

The City of Hopkins will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, for Christmas. Refuse and recycling will be delayed one day. The City will also be closed Monday, Jan. 2, for New Year's. Refuse collection will be delayed one day.

**Recycling collection will take place Dec. 12-15 and 27-30.**

## Hopkins Street Banner Bags Available at Public Works

Hopkins street banner bags make great holiday gifts! Pick up a limited edition Hopkins street banner bag for yourself, your friends or family at Hopkins Public Works, 11100 Excelsior Blvd. Small bags: \$15, Large bags: \$20

