



Hopkins Highlights

January
2008

Apply Now For 2008 Citizens Academy

For the fourth year in a row, the City of Hopkins is offering a free opportunity to learn more about the operations, facilities, and services of the City through the Citizens Academy.



Here is your chance to:

- participate in a felony traffic stop.
- take the position of a firefighter on an engine and learn how a firefighter prepares to fight fires.
- take part in a City Council meeting where a City policy is formulated.
- discover how economic development projects are put together.

Classes are designed to be fun and informative. Past participants have said: "Very interesting—enjoyed the class," "Great hands on program," and "Loved the class." Who knew learning about government could be so much fun?

Classes will be held at 6:30 pm on five Thursdays beginning February 28, each at a different location within the City.

If you are interested in the Citizen Academy, application forms can be found on the City's Web site or you can contact Jim Genellie at citizensacademy@hopkinsmn.com or 952-548-6303. 🍷

"I have a much deeper understanding and appreciation for our City and how much it takes to keep it so great. I have lived here 18 years and feel I am a better citizen after the academy."

-2007 participant

Christmas Tree Removal

Until January 17, Public Works crews will be collecting Christmas trees for free from Hopkins residential refuse customers. This pick up will take place the same day as your residential refuse pick up. Residents do not need to call to schedule the free pick up.

Beginning the week of January 21, 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 from multi-housing, commercial or industrial properties **will not be collected** by the City. Arrangements for disposal should be made through their private refuse contract handlers.

- 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. 🍷

Recycle Old Phone Books

Residents participating in the City's curbside recycling program may recycle old phone books by placing them in their green and yellow recycling cart.

Residents without curbside recycling may drop off phone books at the Hopkins/Minnetonka Recycling Center, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka. The recycling center is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

If you have any questions regarding recycling your phone books, please call the recycling coordinator at 952-939-1382. 🍷



Fulfill Your New Year's Resolutions at the Hopkins Activity Center

I Will Get Organized!

Scrapbooking Basics Class

Thursday, January 17, 10 am–noon

Pat Arent, Creative Memories Consultant, will show you how to use the basic tools and methods to display your photos. Bring a current pack of photos. Frequent Card holders \$8; Non Card holders \$10

I Will Start Exercising!

Aerobics: Focus Is You

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 am

Join us for group exercise with Ben Walker, certified exercise trainer. The focus is to improve your muscle strength, balance, and flexibility while incorporating aerobics to stimulate your heart rate. Bring hand weights. Try your first class free. Frequent Card holders \$32/10 classes; Non Card holders \$42/10 classes

I Will Be Healthier!

Blood Pressure Screenings

Tuesday, January 15, 10:15–11:15 am

Free.

I Will Travel!

Valentine Show Day Trip

Thursday, February 14, 10:45 am

Enjoy a buffet lunch at Chaska's River City Event Center followed by a Valentine performance of Monroe Crossing, the midwest's premier Bluegrass and Gospel Quintet. Space is limited. Register by January 21. \$50.

I Will Learn Something New!

Bridge Lessons

Mondays, January 14 – 28

Beginners 9 am & Refresher 10 am

500 Lessons

Thursdays, January 17 – 31, 9 am

Frequent Card holders \$19; Non Card holders \$22

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Ave N in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 with questions or to register.



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Refuse & Recycling

Public Works will be closed Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Refuse and recycling collection for this week will take place Tuesday through Friday.



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City Council Calendar

January 8, 6:30 pm
Work Session

January 15, 7:30 pm
Meeting

January 22, 6:30 pm
Work Session

February 5, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/citycouncil/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

January 7, 7 pm
Human Rights Commission

January 21, 6:30 pm
Park Board

January 29, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

February 5, 6:30 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/boards/.

Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning & Planning Commission meetings can be seen on cable channel 16 live and are replayed on:

Monday & Wednesday
7:30 pm

Thursday
2:00 pm

Sunday
1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan
Rick Brausen ■ Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Monday, January 21
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Ice Rinks and Indoor Warming Houses

Depending on the weather, the City's ice rinks will be open the following days and times. Additionally, all the sites will be open from 12-9 pm during winter break (Dec 24-Jan 4), on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan 21), and President's Day (Feb 18). All sites are closed on Dec 25. For weather information relating to the ice rinks call 952-939-8355. ❄️

Rink Schedule	Burnes 301 2nd St N	Central 101 17th Ave S	Harley 502 1st St S	Interlachen 262 Homedale Rd	Oakes 900 Lake St NE	Valley 801 7th Ave S
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Sun	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm*
Mon	4:30-9 pm	4:30-9 pm	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	closed
Tue	closed	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	4:30-9 pm	4:30-9 pm
Wed	4:30-9 pm	4:30-9 pm	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	closed
Thu	closed	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	4:30-9 pm	4:30-9 pm*
Fri	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	4:30-9 pm	closed	closed
Sat	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm	12-5 pm

O = Open Skating Rink H = Hockey Rink

*Due to Adult Broomball, only the general skating rink is available for public use at Valley Park on Thursdays from 6-9 pm and Sundays from 3-6 pm.

Hopkins Park Survey Results

The Hopkins Park Board surveyed hundreds of residents over the past summer and fall to find out how they feel about their parks and how the parks might be improved. Thanks to everyone who returned their completed survey—the feedback is very valuable to the City and the Park Board.

The survey first asked what the number one way a resident's neighborhood park could be improved. The most often mentioned improvement was to upgrade play equipment. Other suggestions included:

- more shade trees
- improve safety
- allow dogs
- improve or add picnic shelters
- add or keep restrooms open year-around
- resurface tennis courts
- add drinking fountains and benches



Valley Park

There was a great number of positive comments on the parks and many people expressed a strong belief in the importance of our parks for both the neighborhoods and the city as a whole.

The feedback from the surveys has been given to Park Board members. It will be used to help plan the most cost-effective way to maintain and improve Hopkins' parks in the years ahead.

More detailed, park-by-park information will soon be posted on the City of Hopkins Web site.

Park Board Members

Doug Datta, Chair	Ron Helgeson
Molly Cummings	Sharon Paulson
Aaron Kuznia	

Address

Attn: _____, Park Board Member
City of Hopkins
1010 1st Street South
Hopkins, MN 55343

If you have additional thoughts or comments please do not hesitate to contact a Park Board Member, at left, or the Park Board liaison, Steve Stadler, at the Public Works Department, 952-939-1382 or ssadler@hopkinsmn.com. ❄️