



Hopkins Highlights

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Step To It! Get Moving This May

REGISTER TODAY FOR A FUN, FOUR-WEEK CHALLENGE

Build healthy habits by tracking your activity through the Step to it Challenge, a fun, free program that encourages people of all ages and abilities to become more active.

Join the Challenge this May on behalf of your community, school, workplace or organization. The Challenge is not just about walking; almost any activity counts, including running, cycling, dancing, manual wheelchair use or many others. Participants have a chance to win Twins Tickets or other prizes.

How does it work?

As a Step to it Challenge participant, you keep an ongoing total of the steps you take during the challenge. You can use the activity conversion chart at www.steptoit.org to count steps from your activities. Record your steps online, or your step total can be called in or faxed. Best of all, it's FREE! Go to the Step To It Challenge website (www.steptoit.org) to sign-up. 🍓

Upcoming Fun at the Hopkins Pavilion

The Hopkins Pavilion is located at 11000 Excelsior Boulevard in Hopkins.

- TurfTots runs through April 22**
 Don't miss out on this fun program for kids ages 1 to 5. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$5/child. Adults must stay and supervise.
- Gopher State Cat Show**
 The Gopher State Cat Club is hosting the Cat Show April 25 and 26. Stop by and see the best of the spring!
- Just Between Friends**
 This kids consignment sale will be held April 30 through May 2. Come shop the best of the spring!

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More information is available at www.hopkinspavilion.com. 🍓

HREI Community Event is April 14

Join the Hopkins Race and Equity Initiative on Tuesday, April 14, for a special screening of the TPT documentary, "Jim Crow of the North," revealing the history and impact of racist real estate covenants in the Twin Cities metro area.

A moderated panel discussion will follow, featuring Dan B. ... of the ... regard, project director ... Mapping Prejudice Project; and Kersten Elverum, director, City of Hopkins Planning and Economic Development.

POSTPONED

The event will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Eisenhower Community Center theater. More information is available at www.hopkinsmn.com/516/Hopkins-Race-Equity-Initiative. 🍓

Cops and Community Bingo

The Hopkins Police Department is hosting Cops and Community Bingo on Saturday, April 25, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Hopkins Activity Center.

For \$5 tickets and help support the Hopkins Crime Prevention Fund and Youth Outreach. Cash only. Refreshments will be available for purchase. 🍓

POSTPONED

Save the Date: Kick-Off to Summer Safety

The Hopkins Police and Fire Departments are hosting their annual Kick-Off to Summer Safety event Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Hopkins City Hall.

This event will feature a variety of giveaways for families, as well as ice cream and prize giveaways, including bikes, locks, helmets, life jackets, car seats and more. 🍓

POSTPONED



Upcoming at the City

City Council Calendar

CANCELLED

Monday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Work Session

CANCELLED

Tuesday, April 7, 7:05 p.m.

Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m.

Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 7:05 p.m.

Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

CANCELLED

Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.

Park Board

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m.

Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions.

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

Jason Gadd

City Council

Alan Beck

Rick Brausen

Kristi Halverson

Brian Hunke

May Day Music on Main is May 2

ARTS CENTER HOSTS 4TH ANNUAL STREET CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER

May Day on Main is a street celebration and fundraiser featuring free live outdoor music, food trucks, a beer garden, a silent auction and more. All funds raised will benefit programs provided by the Hopkins Center for the Arts and Blank Canvas Arts, a Hopkins youth mentorship program.

POSTPONED

Festivities will begin at 2 p.m. outside the Hopkins Center for the Arts, with an evening headliner performance by Grammy Award winning Asleep at the Wheel beginning at 7:30 p.m. inside the theater.

Tickets for Asleep at the Wheel start at \$45. Arts Center members receive \$5 off. To purchase tickets, call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com. The Hopkins Center for the Arts is located at 1111 Mainstreet. 🍷

Make Your Next Event Zero Waste

Without thoughtful planning, a considerable amount of waste can be generated at events, no matter the size of event. Courtesy of Hennepin County, the City of Hopkins now has portable event recycling and organics containers available for rent to help reduce your waste!

To learn more and reserve containers for your event, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/1042/Event-Recycling-Containers. 🍷

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Garbage collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days.

Recycling collection weeks this month are April 1-2, April 13-16 and April 27-30. 🌱

Rain Barrels Now Available for Purchase

The City of Hopkins, in cooperation with the Recycling Association of Minnesota, is holding a rain barrel sale. The cost for a single rain barrel is \$79, but Hopkins residents can receive a \$20 discount by using the coupon code HOPKINS20.

To purchase a rain barrel, you must pre-order online at <https://recycleminnesota.payscapecommerce.com/>. Quantities are limited.

Rain barrels must be picked up on Monday, May 11, or Tuesday, May 12, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. 🍷



Stay Active at the Hopkins Activity Center

Experience the UPSIDE of aging at the Activity Center, located at 33 14th Ave. N. in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or register online at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter.

Discover Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, April 15-May 27, 1-3 p.m.

Learn to play Mah Jongg, an ancient Chinese board game. \$32 for members (others \$55). Registration required. 🍷

Ongoing Paper Shredding

Mondays-Thursdays in April, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Declutter and dispose of confidential documents securely by purchasing a Shred Bag at the Activity Center for \$10. Return the filled bag for document destruction and recycling of shredded material into post-consumer paper products (paper towels, tissues) by #ShredRight4Good. 🍷

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Hopkins Highlights EXTRA



Clean Up Your Lawn During Free Yard Waste & Brush Pick Up

Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off Site Opens April 4

The free drop-off site will open Saturday, April 4, weather permitting. Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential garbage customers will be accepted. Driver's licenses will be checked to verify eligibility.

Drop Off Site Hours

- Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-7 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Location

3100 Hopkins Crossroad, one block north of the Hopkins Crossroad & Minnetonka Blvd. intersection (only driveway on west side of Hopkins Crossroad).

Accepted items

- Tree limbs
- Twigs, branches, and woody vines up to six inches in diameter and 15 feet long
- Leaves with twig stems not longer than four inches
- Grass clippings
- Similar garden waste
- Soft, pliable vines (yard waste)

Residents will need to unload and debag their materials at the site, and take used bags home with them.

Not accepted items

- Sod waste
- Animal feces
- Garden products
- Logs or lumber
- Dirt
- Stump grindings
- Material from contractors or commercial firms. 🍓

Free Yard Waste Pickup

April 20-30

YARD WASTE will be collected for free on your regular garbage day from April 20-30. **You do not need to call to schedule this pickup.** Place bagged yard waste at the normal refuse collection site at least four feet away from your refuse and recycling containers.

- You must use compostable bags.
- Items NOT accepted include: animal feces (clean up after pets before raking your lawn), branches, woody vines, long twigs, stump grindings, sod waste, and shrub clippings.
- NO garden products such as pumpkins, potatoes, and apples should be placed in yard waste bags. Place unused garden products such as these into your regular garbage container.
- Yard waste is defined as leaves with twig stems no longer than four inches, grass clippings, green, pliable vines, and similar garden waste.

After April 30, bags will be collected on Thursdays and must display yard waste stickers, available for purchase at City Hall or Public Works. To schedule a yard waste pick up after May 2, call 952-939-1382 before 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Free Brush Pickup

April 6-16

BRUSH will be picked up for free on your regular garbage day from April 8-18. **You do not need to call to schedule this pickup.**

- Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard, NOT in the street (NO alley pick up)—butt ends all one way, laid parallel with the street.
- Keep brush at least five feet away from poles, signs, overhead wires, guide wires, trees, fences, garbage containers, parked cars, etc.
- Do not use tarps under or on top of your brush (we use machinery to pick up the brush and the tarps hamper the pick up).
- DO NOT put brush in your refuse containers.
- Only brush which is generated on City of Hopkins' residential refuse customer properties will be picked up.
- Brush is defined as tree limbs, twigs, woody vines, and branches up to a maximum of six inches in diameter and 15 feet in length. No logs or lumber are accepted.

After April 16, brush will be collected on Tuesdays, weather permitting. To schedule a brush pick up after April 18, call 952-939-1382 before 2 p.m. on Monday. Fees apply.

For more information, call 952-939-1382 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/594/Brush-Yard-Waste. Both free pickups are provided only for City of Hopkins residential refuse customers and only for yard waste and brush generated on Hopkins residential properties. 🍓



Check Water Before Doing Laundry

Depending on where you live in Hopkins, hydrant flushing and sanitary sewer cleaning could affect your water color this month.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community in April. *Schedules may be adjusted due to weather conditions.*

If you own or manage a business or townhome/apartment complex, please arrange for your private hydrants to be flushed by a contractor during the same time frame that the City is flushing in your area.

- **April 13–17:** Hydrants north of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- **April 20–24:** Hydrants south of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- **April 27–May 1:** Hydrants east of Highway 169

During hydrant flushing it is normal to experience some discolored water. **Residents are cautioned against doing laundry—particularly whites—while crews are in the neighborhood.** This water is safe to drink and can be cleared up by running the cold water in your laundry tub. If you experience problems, please contact Public Works at 952-939-1382.

Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Area

The City of Hopkins cleans sanitary sewers on a three-year revolving schedule. **The area to be cleaned in 2020 is located south of Excelsior Boulevard, including Excelsior Boulevard, and Blake Road from Lake Street to Excelsior Boulevard.**

The high-pressure water used to clean the sewers may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing. You may experience gurgling water in your toilet bowl or smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If this occurs, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains. This does not damage your sewer system. In some instances the crew will need to draw water off of a fire hydrant which could cause discoloration of your water.

If your home is located within the sewer cleaning area, check your water before doing laundry. For more information, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/445/Sewer-Cleaning-Program.

Bulk Item Drop-Off Is April 24–25

Broken grill taking up space in the garage? Old microwave in the basement you need to toss? Twice a year the City holds a bulk drop-off event for **City of Hopkins residential garbage customers only**. For a \$20 fee you can drop off one appliance and up to 3 cubic yards worth of trash (the equivalent of one pick-up truck load). Additional appliances are \$20 each.

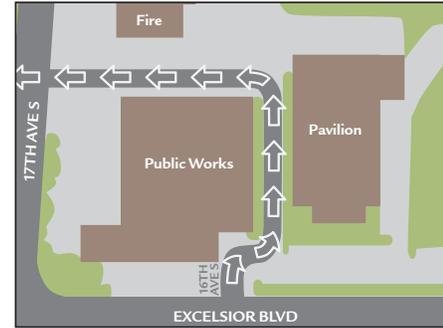
2020 Bulk Item Drop Off

- **Friday, April 24, 3–7 p.m.**
 - **Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.**
- Location: Excelsior Boulevard (Public Works)



Guidelines

- A valid Minnesota ID or current paid utility bill must be shown for eligibility.
- Each eligible residence is allowed disposal of 3 cubic yards of material, equivalent of one pick-up truck load.
- \$20 gate fee per vehicle includes one appliance. Additional appliances will be \$20 each. Fees will be placed on your utility bill.
- Residents must separate materials into the proper areas at the site. Construction and metal materials and appliances will be separated/recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs and wheels must be removed prior to deposit at the drop-off site.
- Electronics and concrete products will be accepted. (Concrete products containing steel will not be accepted.)
- Items not accepted include tires, waste oil, car parts, fluorescent bulbs, paint products, gas refrigerators, car batteries, metal barrels/drums, and hazardous waste. (Hazardous wastes must be taken to Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call 612-348-3777.)



Traffic route for drop-off disposal

Shred-N-Go

As part of the \$20 gate fee, a truck and operator will be on-site courtesy of Shred-N-Go for confidential destruction of documents.



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Making Sense of Recycling

Have you ever stood over your recycling bin holding an item that seems like it should be recyclable, but you weren't sure? Have you ever wondered how what is and what's not accepted is decided?

Waste Management has established our "Accepted Items" list for very specific reasons. These items have met all three of the following criteria:

- 1) Someone wants to buy that material;
- 2) They will be able to consistently collect necessary volumes of that material; and
- 3) They have local sorting facilities that are able to process those materials.

If the item in question is not on the "Accepted Items" list, then it does not meet one or more of these criteria for Waste Management and is garbage.

For a full list of accepted items, visit our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/312/Accepted-Recycling-Items.

