



# Hopkins Highlights

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## Serve on Planning Commission

The City of Hopkins is seeking residents to serve on the City's Planning and Zoning Commission. Residents interested in serving may request an application be sent to them or apply online at [www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions). Applications are due by May 13.

For more information, please contact City Hall at 952-935-8474 or by email at [cityofhopkins@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:cityofhopkins@hopkinsmn.com).

## Adopt-a-Drain This Summer

While the Hopkins Police Department's annual spring clean-up event at Nine Mile Creek in Valley Park has been cancelled, you can still do your part to clean up the creek by adopting a drain. The simple act of sweeping up around a storm drain protects local lakes and rivers by preventing pollution from entering our shared waterways.

Residents can sign up to adopt a storm drain at [Adopt-a-Drain.org](http://Adopt-a-Drain.org). Simply create an account with your name and address to claim your storm drain. Once you've signed up, Adopt-a-Drain will send you tips on how to clean up safely.

When you adopt a storm drain, you become part of Adopt-a-Drain's network, which invites you to share stories and photos with neighbors through social media, encouraging others to take action on behalf of local waterways. The quantity of debris you collect will inform annual reports on the collective impact we've had on local lakes and streams through the Adopt-a-Drain program.

If the surface of a lake or river is covered with a green film of algae, it prevents oxygen from reaching the bottom and chokes out native plants and animals. When you adopt a drain, you prevent harmful pollutants of all kinds from entering bodies of water. Sweeping up around drains will help create healthier habitat for all the plants and creatures that depend on our waterways.

### EXPLORE AREA TRAILS

**Hopkins-Minnetonka Senior Bicyclers** are looking forward to getting back on the trails. Check out the spring bike schedule at Visit [www.andersendennis.com/bike-ski.html](http://www.andersendennis.com/bike-ski.html).



## Yard Waste Reminders

FOR HOPKINS GARBAGE CUSTOMERS

### Drop-Off Site Now Open

The free yard waste and brush drop off site located at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad is now open. Hours of operation are Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For details visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site).

### Yard Waste Pick-Up

Free yard waste pick-up ends April 30. After April 30, you must call 952-939-1382 by 2 p.m. on Wednesday to schedule a pick-up for Thursday. Yard waste stickers must be affixed to each bag and be visible to the drivers (make sure they face the street or alley) after the free pick up period. Find more information and purchase yard waste stickers on our website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up).

## Household Hazards of Spring Cleaning

Do you have leftover items like paint, cleaners, oils, batteries, or pesticides lurking in your garage or basement? Often these products contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients and are considered to be household hazardous waste.

Improper disposal of this waste includes pouring it down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers or putting them out with the trash. The dangers of these disposal methods might not be directly obvious, but incorrect disposal of these wastes can hurt the environment and even harm human health.

Learn how to correctly dispose of household hazardous waste on the Hennepin County website at [www.hennepin.us/residents#recycling-hazardous-waste](http://www.hennepin.us/residents#recycling-hazardous-waste).

## 2019 Drinking Water Report

The City of Hopkins has issued the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. View the full 2019 Drinking Water Report at [www.hopkinsmn.com/500/Water-Quality](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/500/Water-Quality).



## Upcoming at the City

### City Offices Closed

Monday, May 25  
Memorial Day

### City Council Calendar

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

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Work Session

Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m.  
Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 7:05 p.m.  
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council). Watch City Council meetings live at [www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand).

### Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m.  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.  
Park Board

Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m.  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://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

## Yard Maintenance Reminders

As the weather turns warm and things begin to grow again, please remember to keep your yard well-maintained. Here are some tips and ordinance reminders as you work outdoors.



### Check the Date Before Watering Your Lawn

To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, residents and businesses are required to water on an odd/even system. If your address ends with an odd number, you can water on odd-numbered dates (1st, 3rd, etc.). If your address ends in an even number, you can water on even-numbered dates (2nd, 4th, etc.).

Lawn watering is also not allowed between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Activities such as play toys, car washing, and hand-watering of flowerbeds are exempt from this policy as long as the activity is attended. Exemptions are also available for private wells and items such as new sod or new seed. Call 952-548-6373 with any questions.

### Tree Trimming

From now until November 1, ash, elm, and oak trees should not be trimmed. City staff will not be trimming these types of trees in the boulevard or on public property until after November 1, unless it is an emergency situation (disease, damage, etc.).



### Keep Weeds Under Control

City ordinance prohibits weeds and tall grass in excess of 10 inches. This also includes any area of your property that abuts an alley. Don't forget to mow or prune those areas as well. City ordinance states that alleyways need to be kept trimmed back 1 foot off the alley edge and 13 feet above the alley surface. These ordinances are enforced—please be proactive and tend to your property.



### Keep Our Water Clean by Sweeping the Curb

Lawn care, landscaping and pest control practices are major contributors to storm water pollution. Homeowners, not farmers, are the biggest consumers of pesticides and herbicides. The phosphorus and nitrogen levels from fertilizers pollute local watersheds, promoting excess weed and algae growth, choking out fish life and reducing water clarity. When mowing the lawn, avoid blowing grass clippings into the street, and sweep clippings off paved surfaces, back onto the lawn.

### Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Garbage and recycling collection for the week of May 25 will be delayed one day due to Memorial Day.

May recycling pick up weeks are May 11-14 and May 26-29.

## Don't Fall for COVID-19 Scams

The Hopkins Police Department warns residents not to fall for COVID-19-related scams. According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the United States Department of Justice, there have been reports of:

- Individuals and businesses selling fake cures for COVID-19
- Phishing emails from entities posing as the World Health Organization or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Malicious websites and apps that appear to share virus-related information to gain and lock access to your devices until payment is received
- Seeking donations fraudulently for illegitimate or non-existent charitable organizations.

Protect yourself from scams by not responding to calls or texts from unknown numbers; never sharing your personal or financial information by phone, email or text message; not clicking on links in text messages or emails; and always checking on a charity before donating.

Visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/) for up-to-date information on the virus. More information on COVID-19 related scams is on the FCC website at [www.fcc.gov/covid-scams](http://www.fcc.gov/covid-scams).

### Apply: Summer Recreation Jobs

Applications are now being accepted for a variety of summer recreation positions, which offer valuable experience and training in a fun atmosphere. To apply online, visit [minnetonkamn.gov/employment](http://minnetonkamn.gov/employment).