



# Hopkins Highlights

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## Funding Available for Hopkins Small Businesses Affected by COVID-19

The City of Hopkins is offering a Small Business Emergency Assistance Loan (SBEAL) Program to provide forgivable, no-interest loans of up to \$5,000 to assist local small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible businesses with between one and 25 full time equivalents may apply for forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 to be used for working capital purposes. Funding for the SBEAL Program is made possible by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, September 11, at 3 p.m. Learn more and apply on the City of Hopkins website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/SBEAL](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/SBEAL).

## Free Brush Pick-Up Begins September 21

The City will be picking up brush free of charge for residential garbage customers the same day as your garbage day the week of September 21. No call-in is required for the free pick-up.

**Brush may be no longer than 15 feet and no larger than six inches in diameter. One large pile is preferred, but if you must make multiple piles, make sure they are clearly separated. Piles can NOT touch.**

Piles must be stacked in the boulevard, lying parallel with the street (see photos) with a minimum of five feet around and above them for accessibility—do not stack near trees, poles, vehicles, fences, etc.



## Free Brush & Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

The free brush and yard waste drop off site at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad will remain open from 2 to 7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, until October 12. (After October 12, Monday and Wednesday hours will change to 1 to 5 p.m., weather permitting).

Brush must be no longer than 15 feet or larger than 6 inches in diameter. **Unacceptable items** include:

- Vegetable garden products (place unused produce in garbage can)
- Stump grindings or wood chips
- Sod and dirt
- Animal feces
- Lumber
- Logs

Check the City website for updates at [www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site).

## Plan Ahead to Vote in General Election

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3. If you are looking to minimize your direct contact with others and practice social distancing, you have the option to vote by mail. All Minnesota voters are eligible to vote by mail. You may apply for an absentee ballot online at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) to vote by mail or contact City Hall for more information at 952-548-6302. Hopkins residents may vote in-person at City Hall starting on September 18.

Find your polling location, view a sample ballot, see your early voting options and learn how to register to vote on the City's website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/352/Voting-Elections](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/352/Voting-Elections) or at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

## Register for Youth Basketball League

Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation's in-house Youth Basketball League for grades 2-6 is a great opportunity for new and experienced players to develop their basketball skills, character and build new friendships. Boys and girls teams are formed by grade level.

Games for all ages are Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Hopkins West Junior High. Grades 3-6 will have one night of practice each week and second graders will practice Saturdays before each game. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Each course number represents one team. If you would like to register with a friend, you must register for the same course number.

- Grade 2: Register for any course number
- Grades 3-6: Select a course number based on desired practice night/location.

Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register) or call 952-939-8203 to learn more, or to register for the league and volunteer coaching. The registration deadline is Friday, October 2. League status subject to change due to COVID-19.



## Upcoming at the City

### City Offices Closed

**Monday, September 7**  
Labor Day

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, September 1, 7:05 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, September 15, 7 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, October 6, 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, September 1, 7 p.m.**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.**  
Planning and Zoning Commission

**Monday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, October 6, 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



## Bulk Item Drop-Off is September 24-26

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 \$20, plus taxes, you can drop off one appliance and up to three cubic yards worth of trash (the equivalent of one pick-up truck load). Additional appliances are \$20, plus taxes, each. This is a great opportunity to get rid of your extra or oversized garbage for *cheap!*

### When and where

- **Thursday, September 24, 3-7 p.m.**
- **Friday, September 25, 3-7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, September 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Drop-Off Site:** 11100 Excelsior Boulevard (Public Works)

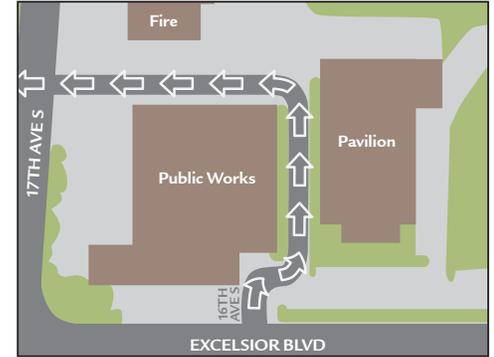
### New this year due to COVID-19

- Extra day added (Thursday)
- Contactless check-in
- Masks are required
- Residents will be responsible for unloading items.

### 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 (plus taxes) per vehicle includes one appliance. Additional appliances will be \$20 each (plus taxes). Fees will be placed on your utility bill under "additional billing" (see image above).
- Residents must separate materials into the proper areas at the site.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed.
- 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.)

BILL SUMMARY	
PREVIOUS BALANCE	65.44
PAYMENTS RECEIVED	-65.44
ADJUSTMENTS	0.00
ADDITIONAL BILLING	0.00
CURRENT CHARGES	61.19
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	<b>61.19</b>



Traffic drop-off route for 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.



**SHRED-N-GO, Inc.**  
Secure - Mobile - Document Destruction

## Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. **Garbage collection for the week of Labor Day will be delayed by one day.**

September recycling pick up weeks are **September 1-3, 14-17 and September 28-October 1.**

## National Night Out is October 6

Hopkins is an amazing community and we have a lot to celebrate! However, given the current pandemic, National Night Out is looking to be unique this year. Unfortunately, there will not be a large kick-off gathering hosted by the Hopkins Police Department. The department is currently exploring various new ideas for how neighborhoods and community members can safely celebrate while adhering to CDC and Governor Walz's recommendations. Those plans will be announced mid-September on the police department Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/hopkinspolice/](http://www.facebook.com/hopkinspolice/). Neighborhoods that are interested in participating in the re-imagined National Night Out on October 6 are encouraged to register online at [www.hopkinsmn.com/448/National-Night-Out](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/448/National-Night-Out).

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE CANCELLED

Due to COVID-19, the annual Hopkins Fire Department Open House scheduled for October 12 has been cancelled.