



Hopkins Highlights

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Are You Prepared to Vote?

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Hopkins election team wants to ensure that every eligible Hopkins resident can cast their ballot safely and securely. Whether you plan to vote early or on Election Day, be prepared for a lengthier process, longer lines and inclement weather, as social distancing requirements may mean lines will need to extend outdoors.

Election staff and judges will follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines by wearing personal protective equipment, enforcing social distancing and disinfecting surfaces regularly. Voters are required to wear a mask. If you are COVID-positive or symptomatic, please do not enter City Hall or any polling locations.

Are You Registered?

Go to mnvotes.org to check your registration status. If you are not registered, you will need your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number to do so.

Vote Early by Absentee Ballot

You do not have to wait until Election Day to vote. You can vote early by absentee ballot. Eligible voters may vote in-person at City Hall or by mail.

Learn how to vote by mail at mnvotes.org. Ballots must be received by Election Day to count. Consider mailing from the post office or a blue postal service box to ensure your ballot is mailed securely. If you receive a ballot by mail, you may return the ballot to City Hall during normal business hours.

Vote in-person at Hopkins City Hall Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., now through October 30; Saturday, October 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Monday, November 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. An absentee ballot application must be completed before voting.

Vote on Election Day

If you plan to vote on Election Day, you will need to vote at your local voting precinct. Polls will be open on November 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Find your polling location at mnvotes.org. Absentee ballots cannot be dropped-off at voting precincts on Election Day.

Questions?

City staff is available for voting questions. Please contact us at 952-548-6300 or visit our website www.hopkinsmn.com/352/Voting-Elections for more information. 🍷

Activity Center Open for Limited Activities

As the cool weather falls upon us, the Hopkins Activity Center will slowly begin opening its doors for select senior activities. Participants are required to make a reservation to attend and follow all COVID-related protocols. All current virtual classes and meet-ups will continue to be offered online.

As soon as the Activity Center can safely accommodate additional in-person senior activities, they will be incorporated into the programming schedule.

Find the Activity Center's calendar of activities at <https://schedulesplus.com/hac/kiosk/>. 🍷

Sunday Open Skate

Sunday Open Skates are back at the Pavilion beginning Sunday, October 4. Bring your whole family and skate from 1-2:30 pm. No sticks or pucks allowed.

All Open Skates are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, and free for kids under 5. Learn more about activities at the Pavilion at www.hopkinspavilion.com. 🍷

Save the Date!

HALLOWEEN WITH THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Save the date for some Halloween fun with the Hopkins Police and Fire Departments on Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Police and fire personnel will be facilitating a drive-through trick-or-treat event at the Public Works facility.

Keep an eye on the Hopkins Police Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hopkinspolice for further event details. 🍷



Upcoming at the City

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, October 6, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 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

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

Monday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Wednesday, November 4, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Campaign Sign Guidelines

FOLLOW GUIDELINES WHEN DISPLAYING SIGNS ON YOUR PROPERTY

Temporary signs may be displayed beginning 46 days prior Election Day on November 3. Temporary signs of any size and number are allowed during the general election as long as they are not:

- On public property or within the public right-of-way. Typically, this is the land within 15 feet of any street surface.
- Attached to trees, utility poles or fences, or placed on roofs.
- Within five feet of any property line.
- Obstructing visibility at intersection.
- Placed without the property owner's consent.

All signs must be removed by November 13 (10 days after Election Day). 🍁



Take Advantage of Free Leaf and Yard Waste Pick-Up This Fall

City Service Area Resident Free Bag Pick Up

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be on your regular garbage day October 26 through November 19. You do not need to schedule this pick-up.

If you live in Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge and Interlachen Park:

There will not be free leaf and yard waste bag pick-up in these areas. The City provides free street leaf and yard waste pick-up in your area using front-end loaders and dump trucks. Pick-up in these areas will be November 5-8. Refer to schedule below for your neighborhood's pick-up day:

- Bellgrove: Monday, November 2
- Interlachen Park: Tuesday, November 3 (Meadowbrook Road up to and including Maple Hill Road)
- Park Ridge: Wednesday, November 4
- Hobby Acres: Wednesday, November 4
- Interlachen Park: Thursday, November 5 (Interlachen Road to Blake Road)

Place leaves in loose, unbagged piles in the street along the curb line. Leaves should be placed on the street no later than 7 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day and no earlier than the day before your scheduled pick-up day.

For 5th Avenue North, Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka Mills Road, Oakridge Road and Blake Road Residents: Due to county restrictions and high traffic levels, residents will have free leaf and yard waste bag pick-up October 26 through November 19.

NOTE: The last week of all yard waste bag pick up will be November 16-19. 🍁

Yard Waste/Brush Drop-Off Site

The free brush and yard waste drop-off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroad) will be open regular hours (Monday and Wednesday 2-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) through October 12.

From October 12-November 21, the free brush and yard waste drop-off site will be open Monday and Wednesday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed on Veterans Day).

The drop-off site will be closed after November 21. All services are subject to change or cancellation due to weather. 🍁

Fire Department Open House Cancelled

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

Visit the City website at www.hopkinsmn.com/252/Fire and the Fire Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HopkinsFD/ October 5 through 12 for fire safety week games and information. 🍁

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection is **October 1, 12-15, and 26-29**. Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday, as usual. 🍁