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Hilltop Park

When It Snows in Hopkins

REMEMBER THESE RULES AND SAIL SMOOTHLY THROUGH WINTER

1 Move Your Car

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicle from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency is declared.

Snow emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall.

Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements. To receive a message when a snow emergency is declared, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/255/Emergency-Notification-System to register your phone number for the Rave Emergency Notification System.

During a snow emergency, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb, and the parking lots and parking ramp are completely plowed.

If your vehicle is towed during a snow emergency, call TOWCOM LLC at 651-968-6880 to confirm the location of your vehicle. Vehicles are released only to the registered owners, so you will need to bring proof of ownership, proof of insurance and a valid driver's license to claim your vehicle. Payment is accepted by cash (exact change only) or credit card. Vehicles will be impounded at 5200 Shady Oak Road for two days and then moved to 776 Desoto Street in St. Paul at the owner's additional expense. *Note: The City receives no money when cars are towed — all fees go to the towing company.*



2 Shovel The Sidewalk

As mandated by City ordinance, Hopkins residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from public sidewalks within 12 hours of a snowfall. This is necessary for the safety of all who use the sidewalks. Remember, it is

against the law for individuals to plow, shovel, blow or place snow onto streets, alleys and boulevards.

3 Clear The Fire Hydrants

While the City tries to clean snow from fire hydrants as soon as possible after a snow, we could use your help. Please adopt a nearby fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow through the winter. Hydrants should be cleared five feet on each side to give the Fire Department the quickest and best access. 🍷

CALL THE SNOW LINE:
952-939-1399

DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Hopkins has 85 miles of streets and alleys, nine parking lots, eight municipal buildings with parking lots and sidewalks, and many more miles of public sidewalks and trails to maintain. It takes a minimum of seven hours to plow the city after a snowfall, and much more if the snowfall is six inches or greater. The day after a snowfall, efforts are largely dedicated to heavy snow removal from the Central Business District and Blake Road Corridor.

HOW IS A SNOW EMERGENCY CALLED?

The City determines when to call snow emergencies based on a combination of the amount of snow falling and the time of day it falls.

Outdoor Ice Rinks Open December 19

Weather permitting, skating rinks will be open December 19 and will remain open until February 15. Rinks with warming houses are available for your enjoyment at six Hopkins park locations.

Regular Open Hours

- Monday–Thursday: 4:30–9 p.m.
- Friday: 4:30–9:45 p.m.
- Saturday: Noon–9:45 p.m.
- Sunday: Noon–7 p.m.



Call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates. **For extended holiday and winter break hours**, please visit www.hopkinsmn.com/400/Ice-Skating-Rinks. 🍷

Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates

Increase January 1

In order to cover current operating costs and adequately fund capital projects, the City Council adopted rate increases. The new rates are effective on January 1 and will first appear on utility bills received in February. Storm sewer, refuse and recycling fees remain the same.

To view the rate increases, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/493/Fees-on-Your-Utility-Bill. 🍷

2021 Parking Permits Now

Available Online

2021 parking permits are now available for purchase online. To purchase a permit or find more information about parking in Downtown Hopkins, visit our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/485/Downtown-Parking. 🍷



Upcoming at the City

City Offices Closed

Thursday, December 24
Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25
Christmas Day

Friday, January 1
New Year's Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, December 1, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, December 15, 7 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, December 1, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Monday, December 28, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

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

Holiday Tree Pick-Up is January 11-14

Holiday trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential garbage customers the week of January 11. Trees will be picked up on your garbage day, subject to change due to the weather.

Lay trees in the boulevard, parallel with the street, and at least five feet from overhead wires, trees, fences, garbage carts and parked cars. Trees must be free of all ornaments, plastic bags and metal. you do not need to call to schedule this service. 🍷

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Garbage will be picked-up Monday through Thursday every week.

Recycling collection will be the weeks of December 7-10 and December 21-24. 🌱

Winter-Spring Recreation Registration Begins December 15

Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation will offer an array of safe winter-spring recreation programming, including fitness classes, arts and crafts, kids' programs and athletic leagues. Registration begins Tuesday, December 15, at 8 a.m. Due to uncertainty caused by COVID-19, a winter-spring recreation brochure was not published and programming is subject to change. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/register to browse programs, learn more and register online. Call 952-939-8203 to register by phone Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 🍷

Hopkins Activity Center Says Goodbye to Susan Newville After 40 Years

There are some big changes happening at the Hopkins Activity Center! After 40 years of service, Hopkins Activity Center Coordinator Susan Newville will be departing at the end of the month to enjoy her much-deserved retirement.

The City hired Susan to open the Hopkins Activity Center in 1980, which serves as the home of the community's senior program. Over the course of her 40 years at the Center, Susan was never afraid to test out a new program or activity. From Pickleball, which is now one of the most popular activities at the facility, to their famous raspberry sundaes, Susan was always thinking outside the box when it came to keeping local seniors active and engaged. Many of the relationships she helped develop early on with community organizations are still active today.

"It was a pleasure to travel this 40 year journey alongside Assistant Program Coordinator Debbie Vold for 35 years, Administrative Assistant Sharon Nelson for 25 years, and now Tricia Falk, our present administrative assistant for the past eight years. We all traveled along with our committed part-time employees and so many, many volunteers," said Susan. "This journey did not come without some tag-a-longs; my husband Al, and our children Aubree, Ian and Kaisa. Thank you to them for allowing me to travel this path knowing they cared for and understood the work I was doing."

Thank you, Susan, for everything you have done for the City of Hopkins and the greater Hopkins community over the last 40 years. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed and you will be greatly missed by so many!

Beginning December 18, Beth Kivett will assume the role of Activity Center Program Coordinator. For the past 12 years, Beth has served as Scheduling Coordinator at the Hopkins Pavilion, working with local hockey organizations, turf groups and room rental customers, and planning large events.

"Although this winter will look a little different than in the past, I look forward to the challenge of finding new and innovative ways for us to connect," said Beth.



From left: Tricia Falk, Debbie Vold and Susan Newville