



# Hopkins Highlights **March 2011**

## Shake Off Those Winter Blues With Award-Winning Music

No need to travel far to see nationally-acclaimed musicians. Catch one of these upcoming concerts at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, located right on Mainstreet. To buy tickets, call the box office at 952-979-1111 (Tues-Sat, noon-6 pm) or go to [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com) and click "Buy Tickets."



### Tommy Castro

**Tuesday, March 8, 7 pm** (social hour at 6 pm)  
*Blues Music Award winner for Entertainer of the Year*

### ◀ The Elders

**Saturday, March 19, 7:30 pm**  
*Celtic roots meet American rock*

### Tina and the B-Sides Reunion Concert

**Tuesday, April 5, 7 pm** (social hour at 6 pm)  
*One of the most popular bands in the Midwest reunites*



## Learning Opportunities at the Hopkins Activity Center

Call 952-939-1333 with questions or to register.

### Travel Show

*Tuesday, March 8, 1 pm*

Be the first to find out about the fabulous trips planned by the Hopkins Activity Center and its partners in 2011. Enjoy dessert and a beverage. Meet the tour escort and tour director.

### Know Before You Throw

*Wednesday, March 9, 9:30 am*

Do you have any treasures in your attic? Cheryl of Heirloom Jewelry will help you discover information about your collectible.

### 4 Hour Defensive Driving Refresher Course

*Wednesday, March 16, 6-10 pm*

A 4-hour course to qualify for the senior auto discount. Prerequisite: 8 hr course. Instructed by Lt. John Nagel, Minnesota State Patrol. Preregistration required. Frequent User members \$15; Others \$18.

### Facebook Review

*Thursday, March 24, noon*

Lisa will give you a taste of the latest trend, "Facebook," a free-access social networking website to connect to your family and friends.

### Healthy Living Group

*Monday, March 28, 10:30 am*

Learn about acupuncture and acupressure with a demonstration of acupressure points that you could do on your own. Facilitated by Ashley Elmer, D.C. Avalon Chiropractic.

### Adult Piano Lessons with Carol

*½ hour lessons, call for available days and times*

Learning to play the piano is fun. It's never too late to start...or start again! Reconnect with your musical self and fuel your brain.

## Storm Water Meeting Is April 13

The City of Hopkins will hold its annual Storm Water Informational Meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 6 pm.

Staff will make a brief presentation outlining the City of Hopkins Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), followed by a question and answer period. Public input will be taken on the content of the SWPPP, and public participation is encouraged.

The goals of this meeting are to inform the public on the current SWPPP, receive oral and written public comment on the SWPPP, and raise awareness of the importance of good storm water management. You can view a copy of the SWPPP at City Hall.

Contact the City's Engineering Department for more information at 952-548-6357.

## Report A Pothole

Keeping City streets in good repair is especially challenging this time of year due to the freeze-thaw cycles that occur during winter and early spring.

If you would like to report any street repairs that need attention please visit the City website at [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com) and click on "Report a Pothole" in the Quick Links box on the right. You may also contact Public Works at 952-939-1382.

## Recycle CDs, DVDs, Cassettes, and More

Hennepin County is now accepting electronic media at its two drop-off facilities. This includes computer disks, DVDs, CDs, Blu-ray discs, video cassettes, audio cassettes, game cartridges, SD memory cards, flash drives, plastic cases and jewel cases, ink jet and laser toner cartridges, and vinyl records.

Hennepin County drop-off facilities are located at 1400 W 96th St in Bloomington and 8100 Jefferson Highway in Brooklyn Park. Open hours are Tues, Thurs, Fri, 10 am to 6 pm; Wed, 10 am to 8 pm; and Sat, 8 am to 5 pm.

For more information on this program, call Hennepin County Environmental Services at 612-348-3777, or visit [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us) and search A to Z Disposal Guide.





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## Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is March 14-17 and 28-31.

Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday of every week.

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### City Council Calendar

March 8, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

March 15, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

March 22, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

April 5, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/).

### Boards & Commissions Calendar

March 21, 6:30 pm  
Park Board

March 29, 6:30 pm  
Zoning & Planning Commission

April 5, 7:25 pm  
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/).

### Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning & Planning Commission meetings can be seen on cable channel 16 live and are replayed on:

Monday & Wednesday  
7:30 pm

Thursday                      Sunday  
2:00 pm                      1:00 pm

### Elected Officials

Mayor  
Gene Maxwell  
(952-935-5270)

City Council  
Rick Brausen              Bruce Rowan  
Kristi Halverson              Cheryl Youakim

### Mark Your Calendar

Hopkins' **Spring Bulk Drop Off** will take place April 14-16. Complete information will be in the April Highlights and at [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com).



## Buy A Brick Before March 31

The "Buy A Brick" program gives you an opportunity to be a special part of Hopkins history.

Individuals, families, groups, businesses, and organizations can purchase bricks with their names imprinted that will be placed in the Clock Tower Plaza at the southwest corner of 9th and Mainstreet.

Bricks are a great gift idea for family and friends. With each order, you will also receive a free copy of the "Hopkins Through the Years" historical book. Brick pricing starts at \$65 for individuals.

For more information on ordering, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com), call 952-939-1333, or stop by the Hopkins Activity Center, Hopkins City Hall, or Hopkins Public Works. **Deadline to order is March 31.**

## Sewer Backups: What You Need To Know

**If a property owner has reason to believe that there is a problem with their sewer service, the City should be notified immediately.** The Public Works Department can be reached day or night at 952-939-1382 (weekdays 7:30 am-4 pm) or 952-938-8885 (weekends, holidays, and off-hours).

Sewer backups are a potential problem for all property owners. Prompt action by the property owner in notifying the City may prevent damages to the home or business. The City will dispatch a Public Works employee to investigate the sewer main line for problems and take action if appropriate. **If the problem is found to be in the sanitary sewer service from the home or structure to the sewer main in the street, including the connection, it is the responsibility of the property owner.**

### Damage From Sewer Backups

Claims for damages to people's homes caused by sewer backups probably lead to more misunderstanding and hard feelings than any other single kind of claim. Property owners should be aware of three basic points regarding sewer backups and the resulting damage:

1. **The City is not automatically liable for resulting damages whenever a sewer backs up.** The City is only liable for damages if the backup was caused by the City's negligence.
2. **Many property owner insurance policies exclude damage resulting from sewer backups.** Thus, property owners often end up looking to the City to pay their damages when their own insurer denies their claim.
3. Some insurance companies *do* provide sewer backup coverage. Therefore it is possible for property owners to protect themselves against this risk.

### Cleaning Your Sanitary Sewer

**Please notify the Public Works Department if you contract a private contractor to clean your sanitary sewer service line.** The City will check/clear the City's main service line for/of debris that could affect you or your neighbors' sanitary sewer service.

### Questions?

**If you have any questions or concerns about your sewer service, please call the Public Works Department at 952-939-1382.**

## Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community from April 11-29. **Flushing the hydrants may cause water discoloration problems.** Residents are cautioned against doing laundry—particularly whites—while crews are in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, it is not possible to determine where sediment or discoloration problems will occur.

**April 11-15:** Hydrants north of Co Rd 3 and west of Hwy 169

**April 18-22:** Hydrants south of Co Rd 3 and west of Hwy 169

**April 25-29:** Hydrants east of Hwy 169

