



Hopkins Highlights

September
2011

ART STREET

Voting Extended For Hopkins Artstreet

If you haven't had a chance to cast your ballot for People's Choice or Children's Choice for Hopkins Artstreet 2011, you have a bit more time to do so. The deadline for voting has been extended to **September 13**. To vote, pick up a ballot at the Hopkins Center for the Arts (1111 Mainstreet), Hopkins City Hall (1010 1st St S), or Frame Design (811 Mainstreet Suite C).

The winning sculptures will be announced at the Hopkins In Motion event on September 17. For more information about Hopkins Artstreet, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/artstreet.



coming Saturday,
September 17...

Don't miss Hopkins' most invigorating event! See insert for details.

Meet Your Sister City: Boryspol, Ukraine

The City of Hopkins is excited to announce the forming of a sister city relationship with Boryspol, Ukraine.

On September 27, a delegation from Boryspol will be in Hopkins for the day to meet with various civic organizations and business leaders. A **Sister City Celebration will be held at the Hopkins Center for the Arts from 7-8:30 pm on September 27**. The public is invited to attend this special evening, which will include a sister cities announcement and ceremony, a short performance by Stages Theatre Company, and music by the JT Bates Quartet and Crooked Grass. Tickets are \$5 and available at Hopkins City Hall, Driskill's, and Midnite Market.



Hopkins' mayor Gene Maxwell was one of nine Twin Cities representatives who visited Boryspol in May as part of a civic-cultural exchange program. Boryspol lies just outside Kiev and is home to Kiev International Airport.

Two Free Options For Brush Disposal This Fall

Free, One Day Only Brush Pick Up

Free, **one day only** brush pick up will take place on **Tuesday, September 20**. Call 952-939-1382 beginning Tuesday, September 13, to schedule your free

pick up. The last day to schedule the free pick up is Monday, September 19, before 2 pm. **This will be the only free brush pick up this fall.**

Free Brush & Yard Waste Drop Off Site

The free brush & yard waste drop off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroads) will be open regular hours through Oct 29 (Mon & Wed, 2-7 pm; Sat 9 am-3 pm). **Beginning Oct 31**, Monday and Wednesday hours will change to 1-5 pm. **After Nov 12**, the site will be open Saturdays only through Nov 26. The drop off site will be closed as of Nov 27.*

Brush must not be longer than 15 feet and no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Unacceptable Yard Waste

- Vegetable Garden Products (*please place unused garden products in your regular refuse container*)
- Animal Feces
- Sod
- Logs or Lumber
- Dirt

*All dates are subject to change or cancellation due to weather.

Ice Season Returns To The Pavilion

Open Skate at the Hopkins Pavilion will begin **Tuesday, September 6**. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for youth under 18 and free for children under 4. Open Skate for all ages is held on Mondays through Fridays from 12:30-1:30 pm. The rink will be divided for skaters with and without sticks and pucks.

Adult Open Skate (pick up games allowed) takes place Monday-Friday, 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

Sunday Open Skate begins October 2 from 1-2:30 pm. No sticks or pucks allowed.

You can also rent ice time starting at \$130/non-prime hour. Plan your pick-up game or birthday party today! More information at www.hopkinspavilion.com/ice.

Celebrate Somali Culture On Sept 18

Sunday, Sept 18, 2-4 pm
Oakes Park 900 Lake St NE

Join the Hopkins Joint Community Police Partnership and your neighbors to learn more about Somali culture and celebrate the multicultural identity of Hopkins. This free event will feature food, entertainment, and prizes.





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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection will take place Sept 12-15 and 26-29.

Due to Labor Day, refuse collection for the week of Sept 5 will be delayed one day.

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City Council Calendar

September 6, 7:30 pm
Meeting

September 13, 6:30 pm
Work Session

September 20, 7:30 pm
Work Session
at Rosewood Apartments

September 27, 4:30 pm
Meeting

October 4, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

September 6, 7:20 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

September 19, 6:30 pm
Park Board

September 27, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

October 4, 7:25 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be found at 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
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan
Rick Brausen ■ Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Monday, Sept 5
Labor Day

Get Rid Of Your Unwanted Items At Bulk Item Drop Off

Drop off is available for Hopkins residential refuse customers only. A valid Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota ID, or current paid utility bill must be shown to prove eligibility.

When: October 6 & 7, 3-7 pm and October 8, 9 am-4 pm
Where: 1414 7th St S (old landfill site)

User Fee: \$10 per vehicle depositing material at drop site, plus \$20 for each recyclable appliance. (Fee will not be collected the day of drop off, but placed on your utility bill.)

Guidelines

- Maximum 3 cubic yards (one pick-up truck load) per household.
- Residents must separate recyclable materials into the proper areas at the site. Construction materials, appliances, and metal materials will be separated and recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have wheels and fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs, and wheels must also be removed prior to taking them to the drop off site.
- Electronics and concrete products (with no iron) are accepted at the drop off site.

Items NOT accepted in the Bulk Item Drop Off include, but are not limited to...

- Tires
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Car Parts
- Car Batteries
- Metal Barrels or Drums
- Junk Cars
- Waste Oil
- Gas Refrigerators
- Concrete with iron in it
- Hazardous Waste
- Creosote Treated Lumber (RR Ties)
- Paint Products

Please refer to your *Recyclopedia* for options on discarding or recycling these items. Hazardous wastes must be taken to the Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 for more information.

More Upcoming Drop-Off Events



Household Hazardous Waste

Hennepin County will sponsor a household hazardous waste collection event for residents **September 15-17**, 9 am-4 pm, at the Shorewood Public Works Facility (24200 Smithtown Road, Shorewood). Visit hennepin.us/collectionevents for details.



Medicine Collection

The County is also offering residents an opportunity to properly and safely dispose of their unwanted, unused, and expired medicines on **September 24**, 10 am - 2 pm, at 7250 State Hwy 7 in St Louis Park (Parking lot in the southwest quadrant of Hwy 7 and Louisiana Ave S). Find out more at hennepin.us/medicine.

Do Work In The Right-Of-Way The Right Way: Get Your Permit

Adjacent to each city street is a strip of land often called the boulevard. This strip of land, along with the street, makes up the public **right-of-way**. The right-of-way can be anywhere from 40 feet to 66 feet wide, and may or may not include a public sidewalk.

In Hopkins and most other cities, property owners are responsible for maintenance in the boulevard area: lawn mowing, trimming, snow/ice removal on sidewalks, etc. The Hopkins City Code also states that a City permit is required for non-maintenance types of work in the right-of-way. The permit helps ensure that the proposed project is appropriate and will not diminish the public health, safety, or welfare, or impose future expense on the City.

Examples of actions in the right-of-way requiring a permit include planting a tree, trimming branches on a boulevard tree, installing vegetation other than turf, and installing a walkway or landscape features such as rocks, monuments, etc.

Please contact the Public Works Department, Engineering Division, 952-935-8474, before installing landscaping or doing construction in the right-of-way.



The right-of-way includes the sidewalk, boulevard, and street.

Try Pickle-ball

To kick off its drop-in Monday pickle-ball program, the Hopkins Activity Center is offering a pickle-ball demonstration on Monday, September 19, at 12:30 pm. Pickle-ball is played like mini-tennis using a paddle racquet and a wiffle-type ball. Drop-in play for age 50+ begins Monday, September 26, at 12:30 pm at the Activity Center.