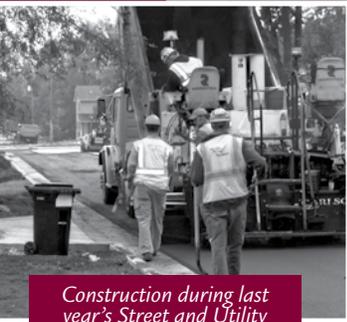


Hopkins Highlights May 2012



Construction during last year's Street and Utility Improvement Project.

2012 Improvement Project Begins Later This Month

One significant construction project will take place in Hopkins this construction season, in addition to the ongoing maintenance of the City's street and sidewalk system (which includes seal coating, crack sealing, light pole painting, and sidewalk/alley repairs).

The 2012 Street and Utility Improvement Project is slated to begin later this month. The project will replace streets in the area south of Highway 7 and north of 2nd Street N between 5th

and 10th Avenues N, as well as the alley between 8th and 9th Avenues S near Mainstreet. Utility repairs and storm sewer upgrades will also take place in this area. Construction is anticipated to wrap up in October.

If you have any questions regarding construction projects this year, please contact City Engineer John Bradford at 952-548-6356 or jbradford@hopkinsmn.com.

Suit Up! Shady Oak Beach Opens June 8

Shady Oak Beach opens June 8 for the summer season and will remain open through August 26. Hours at the beach are 10 am–9 pm through August 1, and 10 am–8 pm after August 1. Swimming in the lake ends one half hour before sunset.

This 85-acre, fully recreational area offers 76 feet of sandy beach shoreline and clear spring-fed waters, as well as great amenities including a multi-age playground area (newly installed in 2011), lifeguards, swimming, high dive, concessions, changing area, canoe rental, sand volleyball, fishing, and free parking. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Season passes offer substantial savings and are sold through Minnetonka Recreation Services, Monday–Friday, 8 am–4:30 pm. Call 952-939-8203 or visit Minnetonka City Hall. (*Season passes are not available at Hopkins City Hall.*) Season passes are also available at the beach. Fee information can be found at www.eminnetonka.com.

Single-Day Passes can be purchased at the gate for \$6/person (twilight rates of \$3/person apply after 6 pm). Ages 2 and under are free.



The community play area is open April–October.

Dispose Of Medicine Safely In Drop Boxes NEW!



Storing unused medicines in the home poses safety and health threats. Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem, as are accidental poisonings from medicines. Medicines flushed down the drain or disposed of in the trash can contaminate bodies of water, harm wildlife, and end up in drinking water.

Now residents can safely dispose of unused medicines at **Hennepin County's medicine drop boxes located in Brooklyn Park, Minneapolis, and Spring Park**. For drop box locations, hours, and info go to www.hennepin.us/medicine or call Hennepin County Environmental Services at 612-348-3777.

Reserve Your Spot To Sell At The Sweet Pickins' Sale

The Sweet Pickins' Sale at the Hopkins Pavilion will feature the pick of the crop in antique, vintage, and random treasures, all under one big roof. This giant community sale will take place the last weekend of the Raspberry Festival, July 13–15.

Reserve a spot to sell your treasures beginning at \$25 for all three days. For more information visit www.hopkinspavilion.com/sweetpickins or call 952-939-1410.

Live Well, Age Well at Hopkins Activity Center

Nancy's Fit & Fun Aerobic Walk Wednesdays, 9–9:45 am

Join instructor Nancy Shields as she leads this indoor, multi-muscle walking class that is basic, boosts your metabolism, and burns a lot of calories. Classes sold on a fitness punch card so you have flexibility when you can attend. Try your first class free. Frequent User Members \$32/10 classes; others \$42/10 classes.

Hopkins/Mtka Senior Bicyclers Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:15 am

Join the bicyclers for 20–30 mile rides on local metro trails. Visit www.martywirth.com for bike schedule or call 952-939-1333 for more information.

Healthy Living Group

Monday, May 21, 10:30 am
“The Truth About Fats in the Diet”—learn about the different categories of fats and how to discern the good from the bad. Facilitator: Ashley Elmer, Avalon Chiropractic. Call to register. Frequent User Members free; others \$1.

The Activity Center is located at 33 14th Ave N. Call 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com with questions or to register.



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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is May 7-10 and 21-24.

Refuse collection for the week of May 28 will be delayed one day due to Memorial Day.



May 2012

City Council Calendar

May 8, 6:30 pm
Work Session

May 15, 7:30 pm
Meeting

June 5, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

May 21, 6:30 pm
Park Board

May 29, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

June 5, 7:20 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
2:00 pm

Sunday
1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Molly Cummings Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

music at the center



Lee Engele presents Trad Jazz All-Stars with Evan Christopher & Clarinet Road
Saturday, May 12, 8 pm

Local vocalist Lee Engele is assembling a group of vocal and instrumental all-stars. Guest appearance by nationally-recognized clarinetist Evan Christopher.

Tickets on sale now. Call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com.

Yard Waste & Brush Disposal Options

FREE DROP OFF SITE

The Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off location at 3100 Hopkins Crossroads (the west side of County Road 73, approximately two blocks north of County Road 5) is now open Saturdays from 9 am-3 pm and Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-7 pm.

Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential properties will be accepted. Driver's licenses will be checked to ensure residency requirements. Residents must unload and debag their materials at the site. Branches must be no longer than 15 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter.

Yard waste may be transported to the drop off site in the "old" yard waste bags. These bags need to be dumped out and residents are encouraged to take the used bags home with them. Yard waste brought to the site in **compostable** bags does not need to be dumped out.

YARD WASTE PICK UP

Yard waste is picked up the same day as your refuse. Beginning the week of May 7, yard waste bags must have a yard waste sticker on them to be picked up. Stickers must face the street or alley and be visible to our drivers. Yard waste stickers are \$2 each and may be purchased at City Hall or Public Works. Residents may also call Public Works at 952-939-1382 and request stickers be sent in the mail; however, a minimum of ten stickers must be purchased for phone orders. Phone order charges will be placed on your utility bill.

Remember, if you bag your yard waste for collection, it must be placed in a **compostable bag**. Black plastic bags will not be picked up. Yard waste bags should weigh no more than 40 pounds.

BRUSH PICK UP—MUST CALL TO SCHEDULE

Brush pick ups take place on Tuesdays. **The last free brush pick up will be Tuesday, May 8.** Call 952-939-1382 to **schedule your brush pick up** no later than 2 pm on Monday. A fee (based upon volume) will be charged for brush pick up beginning May 15 (fee placed on residents' utility bill).

Check The Date Before Watering Your Lawn

Lawn watering has a large impact on the City's ability to supply water to those who use water in the city. To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City of Hopkins enforces year-round watering restrictions.

Residents and businesses are required to water on an odd/even system. If your address ends with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, or 9), you can water on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, etc.). If your address ends in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, or 8), you can water on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, etc.).

Lawn watering is also not allowed between the hours of 11 am and 5 pm when the evaporation rate is the highest. Activities such as play toys, car washing, and hand-watering of flowerbeds are exempt from this policy as long as the activity is attended.

Exemptions are also available for private wells and items such as new sod or new seed. Please call the Public Works Department at 952-548-6373 with any questions.

GET RID OF YOUR HHW

Drop off your **household hazardous waste** and problem materials at these Hennepin County collection events:



May 17-19, 9 am-4 pm
City of Minnetonka Public Works parking lot (11522 Minnetonka Blvd)

June 7-9, 9 am-4 pm
Parking lot in the southwest quadrant of Hwy 7 & Louisiana Ave (7250 State Hwy 7, St Louis Park)

For more information, additional dates, and a list of items that are accepted, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/waste/hhw-events.php.