



Hopkins Highlights

October
2012

Plan to Vote on Tuesday, November 6

The State and Presidential General Election will be held on November 6, 2012.

Registering to Vote

Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. The last day to pre-register before Election Day is October 16, 2012. If you register early, the county will verify your residence with a postcard. If you do not have a chance to register before October 16, you may register at your polling place on Election Day with an approved ID or a registered voter in your precinct can vouch for you. For a list of approved identification, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/registration.



Absentee Voting

If you expect to be out of your precinct on Election Day or are unable to attend your polling place due to illness, disability or religious observance, you may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are available September 21 to November 5, 2012. To request an application for an absentee ballot, visit or call City Hall (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm). You will receive your ballot upon completing the application and returning it to City Hall. Absentee voting can be done in person at City Hall or by mail. City Hall will be open for absentee voting on Saturday, November 3 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm and until 5 pm on Monday, November 5.

To find out where your polling place is, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/ or call 952-935-8474. If you have any question regarding voting, please call Kris Luedke, City Clerk, at 952-548-6304. 🍷

Hopkins Activity Center Program

33-14th Avenue North, Hopkins, Minnesota, 55343
952-939-1333
activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com
Call for registration information

Fall Festivities at the Hopkins Activity Center

Harvest Supper

Thurs, October 4, 5:00 pm

West Suburban Senior Fair: Connecting the pieces for health, wellbeing & vitality

Sat, October 6, 8 am-3 pm
Minnetonka High School

4-hour Defensive Driving

Wed, October 17, 6-10 pm

Halloween Lunch Buffet

Thurs, October 25, 11:30 am

Cell Phone, Texting & Facebook Review

Thurs, October 25, 12 pm



Hopkins Farmers Market

October is our last month of providing fresh locally grown produce, delicious baked goods, breads, BBQ sauce, canned goods, pickles, local raw honey, jams, woolen wear, apples, wood creations, flowers, gourds and pumpkins to our wonderful shoppers. Other markets close in September, but we are open through Saturday, October 27th. Bring your carved or decorated pumpkin on the 27th for a competition with prizes, open to all ages! Open 7:30-noon, just south of the clock tower. We vendors at HFM appreciate all our loyal customers and look forward to serving you in October! 🍷

Home Fire Safety Program: Free Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The Hopkins Fire Department is offering a free home safety program to renters and homeowners in Hopkins. Firefighters will come to your home, conduct a free home fire safety survey, provide a wealth of fire and safety information, and provide and install free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. There are no fines/fees related to the home safety program. To schedule your home fire safety visit, email homefiresafety@hopkinsmn.com or call 952-548-6465. 🍷



Free Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Up

For Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge and Interlachen Park Residents: 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 Nov 5-Nov 8. Refer to schedule below for your neighborhood's pick up day.

- Bellgrove: Mon, Nov 5
- Interlachen Park: Tues, Nov 6 (Meadowbrook Rd up to & including Interlachen Rd)
- Park Ridge: Wed, Nov 7
- Hobby Acres: Wed, Nov 7
- Interlachen Park: Thurs, Nov 8 (Interlachen Rd to Blake Rd)

Place leaves in loose piles (unbagged) in the street along the curb line. Leaves should be placed on the street no later than 7 am on your pick up day and no earlier than the day before. There will not be free-bagged yard waste pick up in these neighborhoods. Collection of bags with stickers will resume Nov 12-Nov 22 (weather permitting). **For 5th Ave N, County Roads 73 and 5 and Blake**

Road Residents: Due to County restrictions and high traffic levels, residents will have free leaf/yard waste bag pick up Oct 29-Nov 15. Collection of bags with stickers will resume Nov 19-Nov 21, weather permitting. **For all Other City Service Area Residents:** Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be Oct 29-Nov 15. Collection of bags with stickers will resume Nov 19-Nov 21, weather permitting.

The last week of curbside/alley yard waste bag pick up will be Nov 19-Nov 21.

Note: Before and after the scheduled pick up dates, waste stickers must be affixed to bags. Bags of leaf/yard waste in all areas are collected on the same day as regular refuse. Pick up of bags with waste stickers will continue through Nov 21, weather permitting. 🍷





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Refuse & Recycling

Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday as usual.

Recycle collection will be Oct. 8-11 and 22-25.

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City Council Calendar

Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 5-7 pm
Joint Work Session with Zoning & Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 9, 7:15 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Monday, October 23, 6 pm
Special Meeting

Tuesday, October 30, 5-7 pm
Work Session

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

October 2, 7:25 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

October 22, 6:30 pm
Park Board

October 22, 6:30 pm
Special Zoning & Planning Commission Meeting

Agendas and minutes found at www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/.

Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning & Planning Commission meetings can be seen on cable channel 16 **live**. Meetings are replayed on Channel 16 at the following days and times:

Every day, except Tues - 7:30 pm
Thurs - 2:00 pm & Sun - 1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell
(952-935-5270)

City Council
Molly Cummings
Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson
Cheryl Youakim

Pavilion Ice Season Returns

Sunday Public Skate:
Oct 7, 2012-Feb 17, 2013
Sticks & Pucks (Mon-Fri)
Oct 1, 2012-Feb 23, 2013

2013 General Fund Budget

At the Sep 4th Council meeting the Council set the 2013 General Fund budget at \$10,605,477. This is a 0.46% increase over 2012. The lower than expected increase is due primarily to the \$300,000 annual savings realized by moving dispatch to Hennepin County. The Council also set the 2013 preliminary levy at \$10,352,720, a 0.99% increase over 2012. The levy was kept down despite adding over \$231,000 in debt levies for street improvements and equipment purchases. We were able to use other revenue sources including the increase in the gas and electric franchise fees to offset the new debt levies.

The public is invited to comment on the 2013 budget at the budget hearing to be held Dec 4th at 7:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. 🍷

Get Your Free Fall Prevention Survey

- One in three older adults fall each year (Hausdorff JM, Rios DA, Edelber HK, 2001)
- Over 2 millions older adults were treated in emergency departments in 2009 and over 580,000 of those were hospitalized (CDC, 2010)
- For people 65 or older, falls are the leading cause of injury death (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2010)
- Over 90% of hip fracture are caused by falls (National Center for Healthcare Statistics, 2011)
- In a recent study, 17% of women died within one year after suffering a broken hip (LeBlanc, 2011)

Because falls can be so devastating to older adults, the Hopkins Fire Department is offering free fall prevention surveys for older adults in Hopkins as part of a free home fire safety program.

Please call 952-548-6465 or email homefiresafety@hopkinsmn.com to set up your free fall prevention survey today. 🍷

The Mysstory Image Quest: The Quest Is On!

The Hopkins Center for the Arts is inviting everyone to participate in a new cell phone art project, the Mysstory Image Quest. As the Elder says, "I will cause a story to be made. It will have five pictures, each with a secret name. You will capture the pictures using only the magic in the palm of your hand. You will deliver them to me". Here is how the quest works:

- All you need is your phone
- The Elder requires five pictures, and each has a secret name
- Accept the Quest at mysstory.com
- Get the first secret name
- Grab your phone and capture the picture
- Send the picture in and when you succeed
- You will get the next secret name when you succeed



Mysstory Image Quest is a project of the Friends of the HCA.

Yard Waste/Brush Drop Off Site

The Free Brush & Yard Waste Drop Off site (3100 Hopkins Crossroads) will be open regular hours (Mon & Wed 2 pm-7 pm and Sat 9 am-3 pm) through Oct 27th. From Oct 29th-Nov 24th the Drop Off site will be open Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 pm-5 pm and Saturdays, 9 am-3 pm. Drop off site will be closed after Nov 24th. All services are subject to change or cancellation due to weather. 🍷

One-Day: Free Brush Pick-Up

Tues, Oct 16 will be the only free brush pick up this fall. Call 952-939-1382 beginning Tues, Oct 9 to schedule your free pick-up. The last day to schedule free pick-up is Mon, Oct 15, before 2 pm. 🍷

Learn the Life Saving Skill of CPR

Hopkins Fire Department is offering free hands-only CPR and AED classes. Open registration classes are open now for enrollment! Groups or businesses with 10+ people can schedule their own class on site or at the fire station. For more information and class dates visit <http://www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/index.php>. Call 952-548-6465 or email heartsafe@hopkinsmn.com. 🍷

Meter Reading Upgrade

In an effort to adapt to the advancements in meter reading technology, the City has been upgrading our radio read water meter reading system. This new flexible technology is expected to meet the City's water meter reading needs for the next 20 years. In Nov 2012, the City will resume ongoing efforts to replace the transponders. The focus is on 9th Ave N west to Shady Oak Rd and south of Highway 7 to Mainstreet. Residents in these areas will receive transponder change out notification letters in Oct 2012. 🍷