



Hopkins Highlights

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Tell The City How To Improve Your Park

The City of Hopkins is in the process of evaluating its community parks in order to guide future investments in the park system. The City has started to identify changes and updates that will improve the parks, but needs your input on what projects should be priority.

Make plans to attend the Hopkins Parks Reinvestment Plan Open House on **Thursday, June 18**, from 6–8 pm at Hopkins City Hall (1010 1st St S). From playgrounds and new features to athletic fields and natural areas, the City wants to hear from you.

For more information, contact Steve Stadler, Public Works director, at SJStadler@hopkinsmn.com or 952-548-6350. 🍷

Community Image Award Nominations Due August 21

Each year the City of Hopkins honors property owners and business owners whose pride shines through their property. The Community Image Award recognizes significant improvements to property, including landscaping, accessibility, lighting, signs or exterior updates. The award also honors continued, superior maintenance of property.



2014 Award Winner

The award has three categories: Commercial/Industrial/Office; Multi-Family Residential; and Single Family Residential. Properties that have received an award within the last 10 years are not eligible.

If you would like to nominate a property (including your own) for this award, please send a nomination form to City Hall by August 21, 2015. Nomination forms are available at City Hall, online at www.hopkinsmn.com/departments/planning/award/, or by calling 952-548-6341. 🍷

Drop Off Hazardous Waste June 11–13

Drop off your household hazardous waste and problem materials at the Hennepin County collection event being held Thursday, June 11–Saturday, June 13, 9 am–4 pm, at St Louis Park Junior High (2025 Texas Ave S—enter off 22nd St W). For a complete list of other event dates and locations, as well as items that are accepted, visit www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events. 🍷

Farmers' Market Opens June 20

Celebrate the beginning of summer at opening day of the Hopkins Farmers' Market, Saturday, June 20, from 7:30 am–noon. The market, which is just south of the clock tower, will be open every Saturday through the end of October providing fresh produce from local growers and lots more.



Change To Utility Bill Due Date



For consistency and budget planning on behalf of its customers, the City has implemented a fixed due date for utility bills.

Effective with the May statements, utility bills will be due on the 20th of each month (or the next business day if that day falls on a weekend or federal holiday). There will be a three calendar day grace period following the due date before penalties will be applied.

Utility bills will be mailed no later than the third business day of the month. 🍷

Permit Required For Alcohol In City Parks

Beer and wine in non-glass containers are allowed with a permit in Downtown, Central, Valley, and Burnes parks. Alcohol use in all other City parks is strictly prohibited.

Residents interested in obtaining an alcohol permit for a picnic shelter reservation should contact Facility Services at 952-939-8390. For an alcohol permit not affiliated with a picnic shelter, call Hopkins City Hall at 952-935-8474. Permits are \$25 per day. 🍷

Get Active at the Pavilion

Visit www.hopkinspavilion.com for more details on these programs.

Elite Summer Soccer Program Tuesdays, June 16–July 14

An action-packed 45 minutes of soccer for kids ages 3–7. \$65.

Aikido

Monday nights, ongoing

Youth and adults can sign up to learn this form of martial arts. \$45/month.

Skyhawks Summer Sport Camps

Weeklong camps for kids ages 4–12 throughout the summer. Cost varies. 🍷



Upcoming at City Hall

City Offices Closed

Friday, July 3
Independence Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, June 16, 7 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, July 7, 7:05 pm
Meeting

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

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, June 15, 6:30 pm
Park Board

Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 pm
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 7, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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

Meeting Broadcasts

City Council and Zoning and Planning Commission meetings can be seen live on Cable Channel 16. Meetings are also replayed every day (except Tuesdays) at 7 pm; Thursdays at 2 pm; and Sundays at 1 pm.

Elected Officials

Mayor
Eugene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Molly Cummings Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson Aaron Kuznia

TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

This month's recycling pick up weeks are June 1-4, 15-18, and 29-July 2.

Refuse will be picked up on your regular day, Monday-Thursday. ♻️

My Hip, Knee, or Shoulder Hurts—Now What?

The Hopkins Activity Center invites you to a free seminar on **Tuesday, June 23** at 2 pm to learn about the treatment options for hip, knee, or shoulder pain. This program is part of an education series from the Joint Replacement Center. Surgeons Dr. Robert Tuttle and Dr. Frank Norberg of Twin Cities Orthopedics and Abbott Northwestern will present. Register at www.hipkneeshoulderpain.eventbrite.com or 952-939-1333. 🍷



Check Before You Post Garage Sale Signs

If you are planning a garage sale this summer, please remember that posting signs on utility poles, light poles, traffic light poles, stop sign poles, or in the public right-of-way, including boulevards and intersections, is not allowed in the City of Hopkins. Unauthorized signs placed on public property will be removed and destroyed. Signs cannot be posted on private property without obtaining prior permission from the property owner.

Residents are allowed to host up to two garage sales per year, with each one lasting no more than three days. 🍷

FAQ: Lawn Care In Hopkins



Q. How high is too high for grass?

A. Grass and weeds higher than 10 inches are considered a nuisance, and the City will issue a citation. If City crews have to maintain your grass and weeds, you will be charged for the service.

Q. What can I do with my grass clippings?

A. The easiest and best way to handle grass clippings is to leave them on the lawn. Set your mower to a height of 2 to 3 inches. This may mean that you will mow more frequently, but you will save time by not bagging your grass clippings, and you will save money by not buying bags and purchasing stickers to have them picked up. You will also have healthier grass.

For yard waste and brush that needs to go, read "What can I do with my brush and yard waste?" at right.

Q. When can I water?

A. To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City enforces year-round watering restrictions. No watering is allowed from 11 am-5 pm, and odd/even sprinkling is allowed at other times. Homes with even-numbered addresses water on even-numbered dates; homes with odd-numbered addresses water on odd-numbered dates. Please call 952-939-1382 with any questions.

Q. What can I do with my brush and yard waste?

A. The City provides bagged yard waste pick up on Thursdays and brush pick up on Tuesdays for additional fees. For details and how to schedule a pick up, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/.

A free alternative to this service is taking your yard waste and brush to the City's drop-off site at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad. The site is open Mondays & Wednesdays, 2-7 pm and Saturdays, 9 am-3 pm. The site will be closed on July 4. Use of this site is free to Hopkins residential refuse customers. 🍷



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RASPBERRY BUCK challenge



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