



Hopkins Highlights

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Christmas Tree Disposal **FREE** Until January 8



Through January 8, Public Works crews will be collecting Christmas trees free of charge from residential refuse customers. You do not need to call to schedule this service—simply place your tree on the boulevard for pick-up. Wreaths or decorations containing metal pieces will not be accepted, and bags and stands must be removed.

Beginning the week of January 11, holiday tree disposal will be done on Tuesdays as part of the residential refuse customer brush pick-up program. A fee will be charged and residents must call before 2 pm on Monday to schedule a pick-up.

Trees from multi-housing, commercial, or industrial properties will NOT be collected by the City. 🍷

State Of The City Is January 28

The 2015 State of the City/Taste of Hopkins will be held on Thursday, January 28, at the Hopkins Center for the Arts (1111 Mainstreet, downtown Hopkins). Taste of Hopkins will be available from 5 to 6 pm and the State of the City will start at 6 pm.

Sponsored by the City of Hopkins, Hopkins Business & Civic Association, and Twin West Chamber of Commerce, the event offers an opportunity for citizens and business owners to learn more about the workings of the City in a relaxed setting.

The Taste of Hopkins, sponsored by the HBCA, is a sampling of appetizers, entrées, beverages, and desserts designed to showcase offerings from businesses in the Hopkins community. 🍷

Broken Lights? Don't Toss Them!

Don't throw those broken or unwanted holiday lights in the trash. Instead take them to City Hall (1010 1st St S), the Activity Center (33 14th Ave N) or Public Works (11100 Excelsior Blvd). All stringed lights and electrical cords are accepted, including extension cords, phone cords, and computer cables. 🍷



Strolling Mainstreet?

TAKE NOTE OF CHANGES TO CROSSWALKS

As part of this year's Mainstreet project, the City upgraded crosswalks throughout downtown Hopkins to bring them into conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These upgrades included:

- addition of truncated domes at pedestrian ramps;
- grade improvements to the ramps;
- additional pushbuttons to activate pedestrian signals;
- replacement of flashing "DON'T WALK" symbols with countdown timers on pedestrian signals; and
- audible controls for the vision impaired, including a tone for locating the device, an audible indication when the button has been pressed, and informational messages for when the "WALK" signal is on and for which street.

Additionally, pedestrians must now push the button to indicate they want to cross, and then wait for a "WALK" signal. Otherwise the system will cycle through without displaying the signal to walk. 🍷



Upcoming Concerts

AT HOPKINS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

For tickets, call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com. Discounts available for students, those age 60 and over, and Hopkins residents.

Guitar Masters

Saturday, January 9, 8 pm (7 pm social hour;

7:15 talk by Kevin Barnes, host of "String Theory," KBEM radio)

Dazzling, finger-style guitar playing by three Minnesota masters—Tim Sparks, Phil Heywood, and Dean Magraw. \$22.



Jeremy Messersmith

Tuesday, January 26, 7 pm

(6 pm social hour with free hors d'oeuvres and cash bar)

Indie pop/rock songsmith and his band perform unforgettable songs, packed with equal parts ecstasy and grief. \$25. 🍷





Upcoming at City Hall

City Offices Closed

Monday, January 18
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, January 5, 7:05 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, January 19, 7 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 7:05 pm
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, January 5, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 pm
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, February 2, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/.

Meeting Broadcasts

Watch City Council and Zoning and Planning Commission meetings 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
Molly Cummings (952-933-4452)

City Council
Katy Campbell Kristi Halverson
Jason Gadd Aaron Kuznia

City Increases Refuse And Recycling Rates

In order to cover current operating costs and adequately fund all aspects of the refuse and recycling program, including yard waste, brush and bulk pick-ups*, the City Council has adopted increases in the following rates, effective January 1, 2016.

Refuse and Recycling—Monthly Fees

		Old Rate	New Rate
REFUSE	30 gallon	\$16.85	\$17.85
	60 gallon	\$20.85	\$21.85
	90 gallon	\$24.30	\$25.30
RECYCLING		\$4.50	\$5.00

*While there are separate fees associated with yard waste, brush and bulk pick-ups, the fees are not enough to cover all the costs of providing the service. 🍷

TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. **Refuse collection the week of the 18th will be delayed by one day.**

Recycling pick up weeks are January 11-14 and 25-28. ♻️

Containers: Put Away Within A Day

Refuse and recycle containers may remain at their pick-up location only on pick-up day. (If normal pick-up is delayed, they can remain until collected.) Within 24 hours of collection, refuse and recycle containers need to be moved to a storage location. The storage location should be next to the house or garage, or inside the garage.

Moving the containers away from the alley or street pick-up location is important for the safety and cleanliness of our streets and alleys. During the winter, the chance of damaging the carts or burying them in a snow bank due to plowing makes it even more important to move them to your storage location. 🍷



From Aikido to Zamboni Lessons:

UPCOMING FUN AT THE HOPKINS PAVILION

The Hopkins Pavilion is located at 11000 Excelsior Blvd. For more information on any of these programs or to register, call 952-548-6390 or visit www.hopkinspavilion.com.

- **Aikido**
Learn to defend yourself using this unique martial art. Aikido is purely defensive using redirection of force to neutralize an attack. Mondays, 6:30 pm (youth beginners) or 7:30 pm (adult beginners).
- **Elite Youth Soccer Clinics**
Kids 3-8 years old will have a fun, action-packed hour while developing their soccer skills. Saturdays or Tuesdays, Feb 27-April 5. \$5 discount if registered by February 1.
- **I want to drive the Zamboni!**
Check it off your bucket list... The Pavilion provides two choices: learn how to make a sheet of ice from start to finish, or just take a joy ride on the zamboni. 🍷
- **Pavilion Chess**
Chess School & Training Tournaments. Sundays, January 10-March 13. All ages and abilities welcome.

Losing Money On Energy This Winter?

The City partners with the Home Energy Squad to offer \$50 visits to residents. At the visit, energy professionals help you find ways to improve your home comfort, lower your heating bills, and put a stop to energy waste. Find out more at mncee.org/hes-hopkins. 🍷

SAVE THE DATE: 🏠 🗓️ 🗑️

The 2016 Home Remodeling Fair will be on February 21. Check for details in the next *Highlights*.