



# Hopkins Highlights

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## Kick Off to Summer Safety

**Saturday, May 21, 10 am–1 pm @ Fire Department, 101 17th Ave S**  
Is your family ready for summer? Come to this FREE event, featuring ice cream and prize giveaways, including bikes, locks, helmets, life jackets, and car seats.



Bring the whole family to learn about water, bike, fire, and internet safety. Bike helmets will be available for purchase for only \$10. You can also make an appointment to have your child seat installed and inspected. (Call 952-548-6407 to reserve a time slot.)

*This event is brought to you by the Hopkins Police and Fire Departments in partnership with Hopkins/Minnetonka Park & Recreation and Minnesota Safe Kids Coalition.*



## Firefighters Wanted

**The Hopkins Fire Department is seeking candidates for the position of part-time firefighter.** If you live within eight minutes of the Hopkins Fire Department and are interested in providing the community with a wide range of emergency services, apply by May 31 at 4 pm. No prior experience is necessary. Applications and more information can be obtained at City Hall, the Fire Department, or online at [www.hopkinsmn.com/jobs](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/jobs).

## Yard Waste Reminders

### Drop Off Site Open

The free yard waste & brush drop off site located at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad is now open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–7 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am–3 pm. For details, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste).

### Yard Waste Pick Up

Free yard waste pick up ends May 5. Beginning May 9 you must call 952-939-1382 by 2 pm Wednesday to schedule a pick up for Thursday. Yard waste stickers must be affixed to each bag and be visible to the drivers (make sure they face the street or alley) after the free pick up period.

Purchase yard waste stickers at City Hall or Public Works for \$3 each. To order by mail, call Public Works at 952-939-1382. (A minimum purchase of ten stickers applies to phone orders. Charges for orders taken by phone will be applied to your utility bill.)



### Help Re-Raspberry Hopkins

If you have raspberry bushes to split, consider donating your divisions to the City. Call Public Works at 952-939-1382 before dropping off plants. Donations accepted Monday–Thursday. Visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/about/raspberry](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/about/raspberry) for more about the history of the raspberry in Hopkins. Help us maintain our community's signature icon!

## Nominate Sparkling Property in Hopkins

COMMUNITY IMAGE AWARD  
NOMINATIONS DUE AUGUST 19

The City of Hopkins annually honors property owners and business owners who have made significant improvements to their property, including landscaping, accessibility, signs, or exterior improvements. The award also honors those who demonstrate continued, superior property maintenance.

Community Image Awards are given in three categories: Single Family Residential; Multi-Family Residential; and Commercial/Industrial/Office.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please complete a nomination form by August 19. Forms are available at City Hall or at [www.hopkinsmn.com/departments/planning/award/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/departments/planning/award/).

## Let's Talk About Race in Hopkins



Join us on Wednesday, May 18, 6:30–8 pm, for a guided community conversation on race and the impact it has on our life together. Hosted at Eisenhower Community Center by the Hopkins Race and Equity Initiative. Find out more at [www.hopkinsmn.com/police/equity](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/police/equity).

## Summer Playground Programs—FREE!

Don't miss the opportunity to enroll your child in a free summer playground program: Summer Adventure for ages 4–5 year olds and Supervised Playgrounds for ages 6–12. Programs run weekdays from June 6–July 19, with morning and afternoon sessions.

Programs are filling fast. To register, call 952-939-8203 or visit us online at [www.eminnetonka.com/register](http://www.eminnetonka.com/register). No programs July 4 or 5.



## Upcoming at City Hall

### City Offices Closed

**Monday, May 30**  
Memorial Day

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, May 3, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 pm**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, June 7, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/). Watch City Council meetings live at [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/).

### Boards and Commissions Calendar

**Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, May 16, 6:30 pm**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 pm**  
Zoning and Planning Commission

**Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/](http://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  
Jason Gadd  
Kristi Halverson  
Aaron Kuznia

### EXPLORE AREA TRAILS

**Hopkins Minnetonka Senior Bicyclers** meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15 am. Visit [www.andersendennis.com/bike-ski.html](http://www.andersendennis.com/bike-ski.html) for current bike schedule.



**Walking Group** meets on Mondays, 4 pm, at the Activity Center to walk area trails.

## GET RID OF IT! Hazardous Waste & Medication

### Household Hazardous Waste

Drop off your household hazardous waste and materials at the Hennepin County collection event in Minnetonka on **May 12-14**. Bring items to the Minnetonka Public Works parking lot (11522 Minnetonka Blvd) between 9 am and 4 pm during the collection period.

For more information, additional drop off dates, and a list of items that are accepted, visit [www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events).

### Medicine Disposal

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

**Residents can safely dispose of unused medicines at medicine drop boxes located in Minnetonka, Minneapolis, and Edina.** For more information, including drop box locations and hours, go to [www.hennepin.us/medicine](http://www.hennepin.us/medicine) or call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777.



### TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

Refuse and recycling collection for the week of May 30 will be delayed one day due to Memorial Day.

**May recycling pick up weeks are May 2-5, 16-19 and 31-June 3.**

## Yard Maintenance Reminders

As the weather turns warm and things begin to grow again, please remember to keep your yard well-maintained. Here are some tips and ordinance reminders as you work outdoors.



### Check the Date Before Watering Your Lawn

**To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, residents and businesses are required to water on an odd/even system.** If your address ends with an odd number, you can water on odd-numbered dates (1st, 3rd, etc.). If your address ends in an even number, you can water on even-numbered dates (2nd, 4th, etc.).

Lawn watering is also not allowed between the hours of 11 am and 5 pm. 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. Call 952-548-6373 with any questions.

### Keep Weeds Under Control

**City ordinance prohibits weeds and tall grass in excess of 10 inches.** This also includes any area of your property that abuts an alley. Don't forget to mow or prune those areas as well. City ordinance states that alleyways need to be kept trimmed back 1 foot off the alley edge and 13 feet above the alley surface. These ordinances are enforced—please be proactive and tend to your property.



### Tree Trimming

From now until November 1, **ash, elm, and oak trees should not be trimmed.** City staff will not be trimming these types of trees in the boulevard or on public property until after November 1, unless it is an emergency situation (disease, damage, etc.).



## Happenings @ the Pavilion

### Just Between Friends Kids Consignment Sale

May 12 & 13, 10 am-7 pm  
May 14 (half-price day) 10 am-6 pm

### Hennepin County Master Gardeners Plant Sale

Saturday, May 21, 9 am-2 pm

More information at [www.hopkinspavilion.com](http://www.hopkinspavilion.com).





# Hopkins Highlights **EXTRA**

## 2015 Drinking Water Report

The City of Hopkins is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2015. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

### Source of Water

The City of Hopkins provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: three wells ranging from 495 to 548 feet deep that draw water from the Prairie Du Chien-Jordan aquifer.

The Minnesota Department of Health has made a determination as to how vulnerable our systems' source(s) of water may be to future contamination incidents. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/).

Call 952-548-6373 if you have questions about the City of Hopkins drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water.

### Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2015. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

### Key to Table Abbreviations

#### MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)–

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

#### MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)–

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

#### MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)

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**AL (Action Level)–**The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

**90th Percentile Level–**This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples. Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

**pCi/l (PicoCuries per liter)–**A measure of radioactivity.

**ppb (parts per billion)–**Can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (ug/l).

**ppm (parts per million)–**Can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

**nd–**No detection.

**N/A–**Does not apply.

Contaminants (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range 2015	Average/Result*	
<b>Alpha Emitters</b> (pCi/l)	0	15.4	N/A	3.8	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Barium</b> (ppm)	2	2	N/A	0.14	Discharge of drilling wastes, discharge from metal refineries, and erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Combined Radium</b> (pCi/l)	0	5.4	N/A	1.1	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Fluoride</b> (ppm)	4	4	0.77-1.0	1.04	Erosion of natural deposits, discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories, and the State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth.
<b>Haloacetic Acids</b> (HAA5) (ppb)	0	60	1-1.2	1.2	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Nitrate</b> (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10.4	10.4	nd-.05	0.05	Runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks and sewage, and erosion of natural deposits.
<b>TTHM</b> (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	0	80	0.5-0.6	.6	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

\*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.



Contaminants (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	Highest and Lowest Monthly Average	Highest Quarterly Average	Typical Source of Contaminant
<b>Chlorine</b> (ppm)	4	4	0.6-0.9	0.9	Water additive used to control microbes.

Contaminants (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# Sites Over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
<b>Copper</b> (ppm) 6/28/2013	1.3	1.3	0.93	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems and erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Lead</b> (ppb) 6/28/2013	0	15	2.8	1 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems and erosion of natural deposits.

## Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Hopkins is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

## Additional Contaminants

Monitoring may have been done for additional contaminants that do not have MCLs established for them and are not required to be monitored under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Results may be available by calling 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours.



## Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. 🍷

*Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.*