



Hopkins Highlights

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Adopt-a-Drain This Summer

The simple act of sweeping up around a storm drain protects local lakes and rivers by preventing pollution from entering our shared waterways.

Residents can sign up to adopt a storm drain at Adopt-a-Drain.org. Simply create an account with your name and address to claim your storm drain. Once you've signed up, Adopt-a-Drain will send you tips on how to clean up safely.

When you adopt a storm drain, you become part of Adopt-a-Drain's network, which invites you to share stories and photos with neighbors through social media, encouraging others to take action on behalf of local waterways. The quantity of debris you collect will inform annual reports on the collective impact we've had on local lakes and streams through the Adopt-a-Drain program.

If the surface of a lake or river is covered with a green film of algae, it prevents oxygen from reaching the bottom and chokes out native plants and animals. When you adopt a drain, you prevent harmful pollutants of all kinds from entering bodies of water. Sweeping up around drains will help create healthier habitat for all the plants and creatures that depend on our waterways. 🍷

Yard Waste Reminders FOR HOPKINS GARBAGE CUSTOMERS

Drop-Off Site Now Open

The free yard waste and brush drop off site located at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad is now open. Hours of operation are Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For details visit www.hopkinsmn.com/599/Drop-Off-Site.

Yard Waste Pick-Up

After the free pick up period, yard waste stickers must be affixed to each bag and be visible to the drivers (make sure they face the street or alley). Find more information and purchase yard waste stickers on our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/651/Leaf-Yard-Waste-Pick-Up. 🍷

Summer Recreation Jobs:

Apply Today

Applications are now being accepted for a variety of summer recreation positions, which offer valuable experience and training in a fun atmosphere. To apply online, visit minnetonkamn.gov/employment.



Garden Plot Kick-Off Event May 22

Start gardening season off on the right foot! The City of Hopkins invites you to come meet your neighbors for a Garden Plot Kick-off event at the Valley Park Garden Plots in Hopkins (weather permitting). The event is open to everyone, no registration required. Please wear masks and practice social distancing at the event.



For questions regarding the event, contact the City of Hopkins at 952-935-8474. 🍷

Get Rid of It!

Household Hazardous Waste

Drop off your household hazardous waste at the Hennepin County collection event on Friday and Saturday, May 7-8. Bring your items to Minnetonka Public Works (11522 Minnetonka Blvd) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. either day.

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. 🍷

2020 Drinking Water Report

The City of Hopkins has issued the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2020. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. View the full 2020 Drinking Water Report at www.hopkinsmn.com/500/Water-Quality. 🍷





Upcoming at the City

City Offices Closed

Monday, May 31
Memorial Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, May 4, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, May 18, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions.

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 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 p.m.; and Sundays at 1 p.m.

Elected Officials

Mayor
Jason Gadd

City Council
Alan Beck
Rick Brausen
Kristi Halverson
Brian Hunke

Make Your Next Event

Zero Waste

Courtesy of Hennepin County, the City of Hopkins has portable recycling and organics containers available for your next event! Containers are free to use with a refundable damage deposit. Learn more by visiting www.hopkinsmn.com/1042/Event-Recycling-Containers.

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 a.m. and 5 p.m. 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 952-548-6378 with any questions.

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.).



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.



Republic Services is Hopkins' New Recycling Service Provider

Hopkins refuse customers should have noticed that their green and yellow Waste Management recycling carts have been replaced with blue Republic Services carts. Information, including a recycling calendar, was attached to each cart. Your pick-up day, cost, and the items accepted, have not changed and collection will continue to be every other week. Effort has been made to exchange the same size and quantity of carts at each property, however, please contact Public Works with all requests, concerns or questions at (952) 939-1382 or www.hopkinsmn.com/861/RefuseRecycling-Container-Request.

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Garbage will be delayed one day the week of May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday.

May recycling pick up weeks are May 10-13 and May 24-27.

Registration System Integration

Coming Soon

A new program management software is scheduled to be implemented soon by the City's Activity Center, Arts Center, and Pavilion departments. This new software program, called ActiveNet, was selected to replace software that the Pavilion was using that will soon be obsolete. ActiveNet is used by many cities operating community recreational programs and arenas as a tool for scheduling, booking facility rentals, and planning activity registrations.

Not only will the use of one customer database provide a cost savings in shared expenses among the departments, the customers will benefit from a one stop shopping experience for activity registrations, and for booking events or rental requests.

Each department will have varying "Go Live" dates for when the system will be in use for their customers. Customers of the Activity Center, Arts Center, and Pavilion can watch for notices to be published about when that facilities' registrations will begin.