

# Hopkins Highlights July 2008

## Reduce Lawn Water Use: Follow Year-Round Watering Restrictions

Lawn watering has a large impact on the City's ability to supply water to everyone who needs water in the City. To ensure there is enough for all uses, including firefighting, the City of Hopkins has established year-round watering restrictions (*City Code, Water Systems 710.40*).

Residents and businesses are to water on an odd/even system. For example, if your address ends with a 1 (an odd number), you can water on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.). If your address ends in a 0 or 2 (even numbers), you can water on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, 6th, etc.). Lawn watering should not be done between the hours of 11 am and 5 pm when the evaporation rate is the highest. Activities such as play toys, car washing, and hand watering of flowerbeds are exempt from this policy as long as the activity is not unattended.



Help make sure there's enough water for every use in Hopkins.

Exemptions are also available for private wells, and items such as new sod, new seed, or landscaping. Please call the Water Department at 952-548-6373 with any questions. 🍷

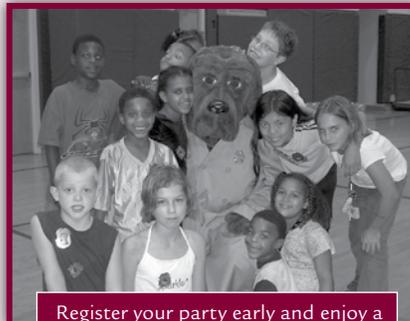
## Plan Ahead For National Night Out

★ *America's Night Out Against Crime* ★

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 5, 2008 and celebrate the "25th Annual National Night Out" against crime and drugs. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Hopkins Police Department, will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

National Night Out (NNO) is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and to provide an opportunity to promote and celebrate police-community partnerships in crime prevention efforts.

From 5:30 to 9 pm on August 5, residents in neighborhoods throughout Hopkins and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors. Many neighborhoods throughout Hopkins will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cook-outs, ice cream socials, potlucks, and games. Last year, 45 neighborhoods in Hopkins registered and took part in NNO!



Register your party early and enjoy a visit from McGruff (above), Sparky, or the Police or Fire Departments.

We encourage every neighborhood to get out and participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime." Register your party early and enjoy a visit from McGruff, Sparky, the Police Department, or the Fire Department! Registration forms can be obtained at [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com) or you can contact Anne Marie Buck of the Hopkins Police Department, 952-548-6407 or [abuck@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:abuck@hopkinsmn.com) before July 15, 2008.

Get the word out—join your neighbors & "give crime and drugs a going away party!" 🍷

## Summer Fun Events

at the Hopkins Activity Center

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14<sup>th</sup> Ave N in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 with questions or to register.

### Raspberry Festival Senior Game Day

Monday, July 14

#### Bridge and Cribbage Card Tournaments, 9 am

Refreshments and cash prizes. Hopkins Activity Center, 33 14<sup>th</sup> Ave N. Call to register. Cost is \$2 with a Raspberry Button.

#### Senior Bingo, 3 pm

Bingo, prizes, and buffet included. Hopkins American Legion, 10 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Co-sponsored by Hopkins American Legion, Hopkins Raspberry Festival, St. Therese SW, The Hearing Stores, and Hopkins Activity Center. Call to register. Admission with a \$5 reservation (\$5 refunded at the door) and Raspberry Button.

### Dancing with the Seniors

Tuesday, July 15, 7 pm

Raspberry Festival Senior Ambassadors Marge Albrecht & Dale Stiele invite you to dance and celebrate the end of their reign and welcome the new Senior Ambassadors for 2008-2009. All ages welcome. Enjoy the music of the Big Band sound of Dick Macko, dancing, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Registration and payment due by Thursday, July 10. Cost \$10 per person in advance with a Raspberry Button.

### 500 Card Lessons with Mae

Mondays, July 10–31, 9–10 am

500 is an extension of Euchre and was originally invented in the United States in the early 1900s. Call to register to learn or refresh your skills on how to play this social game. Frequent Card holders \$19/4 lessons; Non Card holders \$22/4. 🍷



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## Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is July 7-10 & 21-24.

Refuse will be picked up Monday through Thursday every week.

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### City Council Calendar

July 8, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

July 15, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

July 22, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

August 5, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/citycouncil/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/citycouncil/).

### Boards & Commissions Calendar

July 7, 7 pm  
Human Rights Commission

July 21, 7 pm  
Park Board

July 29, 6:30 pm  
Zoning & Planning Commission

August 4, 7 pm  
Human Rights Commission

August 5, 7 pm  
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/boards/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/boards/).

### Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning & Planning Commission meetings can be seen on cable channel 16 live and are replayed on:

Monday & Wednesday  
7:30 pm

Thursday	Sunday
2:00 pm	1:00 pm

### Elected Officials

Mayor  
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council  
Rick Brausen ■ Kristi Halverson  
Bruce Rowan ■ Cheryl Youakim

### City Offices Closed

Friday, July 4  
Independence Day

## City To Allow Leashed Dogs In Parks

Many residents want to walk dogs in city parks—this was one conclusion of the Park Board's 2007 survey. The City Council has approved an ordinance that will allow leashed dogs along the trails and open spaces in the city's four largest parks: Valley, Burnes, Oakes, and Central. Dogs would not be allowed to run at large. Dogs would also not be allowed in picnic areas, play areas, athletic fields, or other improved park areas.



Leashed dogs will be allowed in the City's largest parks: Valley, Burnes, Oakes, and Central.

Signs at trail ends will list rules for dog owners (i.e. picking up after them, must be leashed at all times, areas where they are not allowed). "Add-a-bag/Take-a-bag" dispensers will be provided at some locations for dog owners to store bags used for dog clean-up. 🍷

## Farmers' Market Now Open

The 2008 Hopkins Farmers' Market is open every Saturday from 7:30 am to 12 pm. The Market is located at 16 9th Ave S, in the parking lot just north of Downtown Park.

The Hopkins Farmers' Market features Minnesota grown vegetables, fruits, herbs, meat, poultry, honey, flowers, annual plants, handmade soaps, crafts, jewelry, kettle corn, pet toys, herb cookbooks, jams and jellies, bakery items, bread, and snacks. WIC coupons are accepted. 🍷

## Campfire Reminders

The City of Hopkins receives many calls from people wishing to have campfires. Recreational fires in Hopkins do not require a permit (except during a burning ban) if they meet the requirements below, set forth by the Department of Natural Resources, the State of Minnesota, and the City of Hopkins.

- The material to be burned must be limited to a pile no larger than 3 feet in diameter by 3 feet high.
- Only unpainted and untreated wood, coal, or charcoal may be burned.
- Fire must not be within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread to within 25 feet of a structure must be eliminated before starting the fire.
- Buckets, shovels, garden hoses, or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating must be readily available.
- Recreational fires must be constantly attended by someone who knows how to use fire-extinguishing equipment. The fire must be attended until it has been extinguished.
- If the chief determines a recreational fire to be hazardous, the fire must be immediately extinguished.

If you plan to have a fire that does not meet the above requirements, you must obtain a combination permit from the City of Hopkins and the DNR through the Hopkins Fire Marshal.

If you are concerned that neighbors might confuse your recreational fire with a destructive one and call 911, you may call the Hopkins Police and Fire Dispatcher at 952-938-8885 and tell them you are having a recreational fire. If a neighbor complains because of smoke or fear of the fire spreading, your fire will be considered a "Public Nuisance" and will need to be extinguished. Be a good neighbor. Keep your fire well away from the property line. Use only clean dry wood, don't allow the fire to smolder, and keep it burning good and hot to minimize smoke. 🍷

## Music In The Park

Come to Downtown Park every Thursday in July for Music in the Park. Concerts begin at 7 pm. Refreshments are available. The complete 2008 schedule can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/community/festivals/musicinthepark.html](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/community/festivals/musicinthepark.html).

