

Hopkins Highlights January 2009

Attend '09 Citizens Academy For An Inside Look At The City Of Hopkins

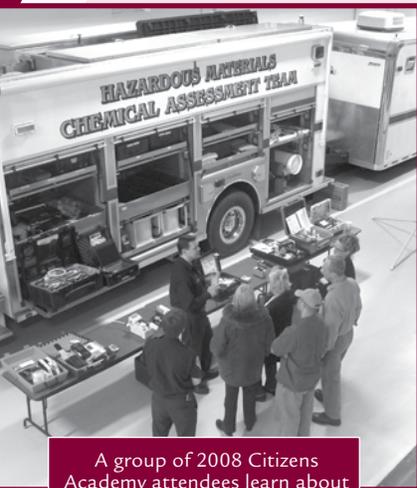
What is "very informative and entertaining," "energetic and fun," and a "wonderful time"? The Hopkins' Citizens Academy!

The City of Hopkins is again offering a free opportunity to learn more about the operations, facilities, and services of the City in the 2009 Citizens Academy.

Participate in a felony traffic stop. Take the position of a firefighter on an engine and learn how a firefighter prepares to fight fires. Find out how the City's budget is created and where the money goes. Discover how economic development projects are put together.

Classes are designed to be fun and informative. Classes will be held at 6:30 pm on five Thursdays beginning March 5, each at a different location within the City.

If you are interested in the Citizens Academy, application forms can be found on the City's website or you can contact Jim Genellie at citizensacademy@hopkinsmn.com or 952-548-6303.



A group of 2008 Citizens Academy attendees learn about the Fire Department's Chemical Assessment Team

Fulfill Your 2009 New Years Resolutions at the Hopkins Activity Center

I will get organized!

Scrapbooking Basics Class

Thursday, January 22, 10 am–noon

Pat Arent, Creative Memories Consultant, will show you how to use basic tools and methods to display your photos. Bring a current pack of photos. Frequent Card holders \$8; Non Card holders \$10.

I will start exercising!

Have fun, get fit with EnhanceFitness!

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:15 am

Certified instructor Ben Walker offers personal attention while participants work at their own pace to improve their overall health and well-being. Sponsored by UCare, the classes are offered at no charge to UCare for Seniors members. Otherwise, Frequent Card holders \$32/10 classes; Non Card holders \$42/10 classes.

I will be healthier!

Blood Pressure Screenings

Tues, Jan 6 & 20, 10:15–11:15 am

Free.

I will learn something new!

Stampin' Up Class

Thursday, January 22, 7–9 pm

For beginners or seasoned card makers—enjoy making Valentine and Birthday cards. Frequent Card holders \$11; Non Card holders \$13.

Bridge Lessons

Monday, January 5 – 26

Beginners 9 am & Refresher 10 am

Frequent Card holders \$19; Non Card holders \$22.

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

Skate Into Winter: Enjoy Hopkins' Ice Rinks And Warming Houses

Depending on the weather, the City's ice rinks will be open the following days and times. Additionally, all the sites will be open from 12–9 pm during winter break (Dec 22–Jan 2), on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan 19), and President's Day (Feb 17). All sites are closed on Dec 25. For weather information relating to the ice rinks, call 952-939-8355.

Rink Schedule	Burnes	Central	Harley	Interlachen	Oakes	Valley
	301 2nd St N	101 17th Ave S	502 1st St S	262 Homedale Rd	900 Lake St NE	801 7th Ave S
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Sun	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm*
Mon	4:30–9 pm	4:30–9 pm	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	closed
Tue	closed	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	4:30–9 pm	4:30–9 pm
Wed	4:30–9 pm	4:30–9 pm	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	closed
Thu	closed	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	4:30–9 pm	4:30–9 pm*
Fri	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	4:30–9 pm	closed	closed
Sat	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm	12–5 pm

O = Open Skating Rink H = Hockey Rink

*Due to Adult Broomball, only the general skating rink is available for public use at Valley Park on Thursdays from 6–9 pm and Sundays from 3–6 pm.



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Refuse & Recycling

Public Works will be closed Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Refuse and recycling collection for this week will take place Tuesday through Friday.



January 2009

City Council Calendar

January 6, 7:30 pm
Meeting

January 13, 6:30 pm
Work Session

January 20, 7:30 pm
Meeting

January 27, 6:30 pm
Work Session

February 3, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/citycouncil/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

January 6, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

January 27, 6:30 pm
Park Board

January 27, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

February 2, 7 pm
Human Rights Commission

February 3, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

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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
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan
Rick Brausen ■ Cheryl Youakim

Refuse/Recycling Containers: Put Away Within A Day

According to City of Hopkins' policies, 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 if space allows.



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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.

Help keep Hopkins' neighborhoods safe and clean by following these policies. 🍓

Getting Rid Of Your Holiday Tree

Until January 16, Public Works crews will be collecting Christmas trees for free from Hopkins residential refuse customers. **You do not need to call** to schedule this service. Just place your tree on the boulevard and a City crew will pick it up.

Beginning the week of January 19, holiday tree removal 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. Arrangements for disposal should be made through their private refuse contract handlers.

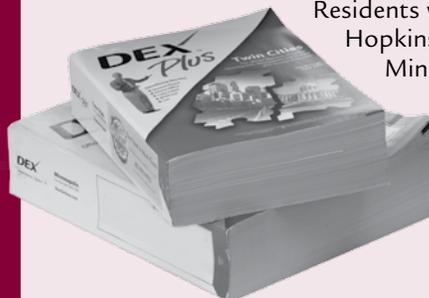
- Trees must be placed on the boulevard for collection.
- Wreaths or decorations containing metal pieces will not be accepted.
- Bags and stands must be removed.
- Unacceptable waste may be discarded in your refuse container. 🍓

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Recycle Old Phone Books

Residents participating in the City's curbside recycling program may recycle old phone books by placing them in their green and yellow recycling cart.



Residents without curbside recycling may drop off phone books at the Hopkins/Minnetonka Recycling Center, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka. **The recycling center is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.**

If you have any questions regarding recycling your phone books, please call the recycling coordinator at 952-939-1382. If you would like to opt out of receiving unsolicited telephone books, or learn more about the green movement to eliminate unsolicited delivery, visit www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org/. 🍓