

Hopkins Highlights

January
2010

Citizens Academy Offers You An Inside Look At The City Of Hopkins

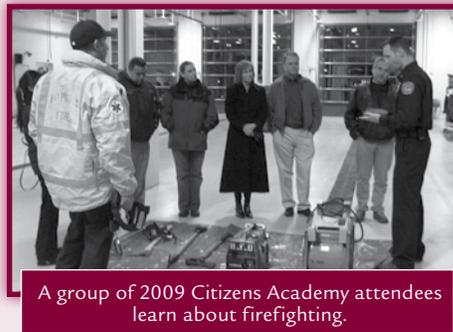


Want a chance to participate in a felony traffic stop or take the position of a firefighter on an engine? Or find out how the City's budget is created and where the money goes? Discover how economic development projects are put together?

The City of Hopkins is again offering a free opportunity to learn more about the operations, facilities, and services of the City through the 2010 Citizens Academy.

Classes will be held 6:30-9 pm on five Thursdays beginning March 4, each at a different location within the City. Classes are designed to be fun and informative. A Citizens Academy graduation ceremony will be held at a City Council meeting after the classes are complete.

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



A group of 2009 Citizens Academy attendees learn about firefighting.

City Adopts New Irrigation Meter Rate

In 2008, the State of Minnesota adopted a law requiring all publicly owned water utilities to adopt a water rate structure that will promote conservation. To comply with this law, the City has adopted an irrigation meter rate of \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons, \$0.50 higher than the normal water rate of \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons.

This rate will go into effect in January 2010. The new rate only applies to customers who have a separate water meter for lawn irrigation. In 2010, the City will examine other rate strategies to conserve water use. Questions? Call John Bradford at 952-548-6356.

Holiday Tree Disposal Free Through Jan 14

Until January 14, Public Works crews will be collecting holiday 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 18, 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.

Snow Line

For snow emergency
announcements in Hopkins:
952-939-1399

- 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.

Fulfill Your New Years Resolutions at the Hopkins Activity Center

I will get organized!

Scrapbooking Basics Class

Thursday, January 14, 10 am-noon

Trudy Reintz, 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!

Healthy Living Group

Tues, Jan 12, 10:30 am

Are you tired of making New Years resolutions that won't stick and returning to old habits by February? Learn specific strategies to radically transform your health and life. Facilitated by Dr. Mike Madison, Total Chiropractic.

I will learn something new!

What is Facebook?

Thurs, Jan 28, noon

Learn about the free-access social networking website to connect to your family and friends. Already have an account? Come and have your questions answered. Frequent Card holders free; Non Card holders \$1.

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



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Refuse & Recycling Schedule Change

Public Works will be closed Monday, Jan 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Refuse and recycling collection for this week will take place Tuesday through Friday.



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City Council Calendar

January 5, 7:30 pm Meeting

January 12, 6:30 pm Work Session

January 19, 7:30 pm Meeting

January 26, 6:30 pm Work Session

February 2, 7:30 pm Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

January 5, 7 pm Housing & Redevelopment Authority

January 25, 6:30 pm Park Board

January 26, 6:30 pm Zoning & Planning Commission

February 2, 7 pm Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be found at 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 2:00 pm Sunday 1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council Rick Brausen Kristi Halverson Bruce Rowan Cheryl Youakim

Enjoy Winter At Hopkins' Ice Rinks & 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 21-Jan 1), on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Jan 18), and President's Day (Feb 15). 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.

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.

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.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed **Monday, January 18**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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/.