



Hopkins Highlights

January
 2006

Holiday Tree Removal

Until January 13, Public Works crews will be collecting residents' holiday trees free of charge. After January 13, tree removal will be done for a fee and on a call in basis only.

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 🍷

Ice Rinks & Indoor Warming Houses

The City of Hopkins has six parks with supervised ice rinks and warming houses. Depending on the weather the warming houses will be open from mid-December to mid-February.

Rink Schedule	Burnes 301 2nd St N	Central 101 17th Ave S	Harley 502 1st St S	Interlachen 262 Homedale Rd	Oakes 900 Lake St NE	Valley 801 7th Ave S	Hilltop 2014 4th St N
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Sun	12-5:30 pm	12-5:30 pm	12-5:30 pm	12-5:30 pm	12-5:30 pm	12-5:30 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	6:30-8:30 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	6-9 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

Weather Hotline 952-939-8355

Part-time Hopkins Firefighters Needed

The Hopkins Fire Department is currently accepting applications for the positions of Firefighter.

Application Deadline:

Friday, January 21, 4:30 pm
 Hopkins Fire Department

Information Session:

Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 pm
 Hopkins Fire Department

Applications and information packets are available at Hopkins City Hall. For more information, call 952-935-8474. 🍷



Hopkins Firefighters At 2001 House Burn Training

hopkins center for the arts

building community through the arts

Events

Butch Thompson Trio

Saturday, January 28, 7:30 pm

Pianist Butch Thompson is joined by bassist Marty Eggers and drummer Hal Smith in a concert exploring early jazz traditions.



Butch Thompson

Neal & Leandra

Saturday, February 18, 7:30 pm

This folk duo presents an evening of songs layered with the textures of everyday life and love.



Neal & Leandra

To purchase tickets, call the box office at 952-979-1105 (Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00-6:00 pm) or visit www.hopkinsartscenter.com. 🍷



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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is January 9-12 and 23-26.

Refuse collection is January 3-6, 9-12, 17-20 (due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), 23-26, and 30-February 2.

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City Council Calendar

January 3, 7:30 pm
Meeting

January 10, 6:30 pm
Work Session

January 17, 7:30 pm
Meeting

January 24, 6:30 pm
Work Session

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

January 3, 7:15 pm
HRA

January 9, 7:00 pm
Human Rights Commission

January 17, 7:00 pm
Park Board

January 31, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

February 6, 7:00 pm
Human Rights Commission

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 Sunday
2:00 pm 1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Kristi Halverson
Jay Thompson
Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

January 2
New Year's

January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Snow Removal

When any amount of snowfall occurs, residents must remove vehicles from Hopkins City streets, parking lots, right-of-ways and the Municipal Parking Ramp. A snow emergency may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Parking restrictions will remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb, and parking lots and the Municipal Ramp are completely plowed.

Snow depths are measured in Hopkins and may not coincide with the snow depths reported at the Minneapolis Twin Cities Airport. Local media including WCCO-AM radio and WCCO-TV are notified of Hopkins' snow emergency; however, the stations do not guarantee the announcement will be broadcast. When in doubt you should call the Snow Line.



Snow emergencies are announced on the Snow Line at 952-939-1399.

If a snow emergency is declared in Hopkins during the afternoon or early evening, crews could begin plowing shortly after midnight; however, tagging and towing enforcement will begin at 10:00 pm. When a snow emergency is declared after 10:00 pm, tagging and towing operations will begin at 8:00 am on the following day. To avoid being towed, residents should remove vehicles from the City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency has been declared. 🍷

Property Tax Refunds

Minnesota has two property tax refund programs for homeowners: the regular property tax refund, and the special property tax refund. You may be eligible for one or both, depending on your income and the size of your property tax bill.

- The regular property tax refund is based upon your total household income.
- The special property tax refund is available to all property tax payers. You can be eligible for a refund if your property taxes increased by more than 12 percent from 2005 to 2006; and the increase is at least \$100.

Information about these programs can be found on the Department of Revenue Web site: www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/property/

The State of Minnesota also has programs for property tax deferral for senior citizens as well as special homestead classifications for individuals who are disabled or blind. Information on these programs can also be found at www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/property/. 🍷

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 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you have any questions regarding recycling your phone books please call the Recycling Coordinator at 952-939-1382. 🍷

