

# Hopkins Highlights

May  
2006

## Park Bench Dedication

**A place for your dedications to live**

The Park Bench Dedication Program provides a unique opportunity for residents and the business community to make a lasting remembrance. Eight park benches remain to be purchased for the Downtown Park. For only \$700 individuals, families or businesses can dedicate one of the park benches in honor of a family name, business or in memory of a loved one. Each 6 foot stylistic bench will proudly display your dedication on a 4" X 6" cast aluminum plaque.

The Anderson family dedicated the first bench in loving memory of Bob and Pat Anderson. This bench is one of eighteen benches purchased since the program started in 2003.

Whether you visit Downtown Park to drink that first cup of coffee, listen to Music in the Park, eat lunch or to just escape from life's pressures, a dedicated park bench will help others enjoy the generous gift that you have given.

If you are interested in dedicating a bench, please contact Ray Vogtman at 952-548-6372. 🍷



Park Bench At Downtown Park

## Park Board Considering Dog Park In Valley Park

The Hopkins Park Board is considering a project to build a dog park in Hopkins. Simply stated, a dog park is a fenced, off-leash play area for dogs to play and their owners to socialize. If approved, the park would open this year with the proposed location at the south end of Valley Park, just north of the archery range and just east of Westbrooke Way. The Park Board will hold a public informational meeting on this proposed project as a part of its May 15, 2006 Park Board meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at Hopkins City Hall, 1010 1st Street South. The Park Board encourages all residents with interest in a dog park or with questions or concerns to attend this important meeting. 🍷

## 2006 Road Construction Projects

### Residential Street Reconstruction (18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Avenues South)

This project includes the removal and replacement of the asphalt streets and selected utility repairs. Work is scheduled to begin in early June with the replacement of natural gas services. Construction of the street segments will start in late June and continue through the summer. Access to all homes will be maintained during the project.

### County Road 73 & 5 (Hopkins Crossroads & Minnetonka Blvd)

This project continues this year with the construction of walking trails, and the final lift of asphalt pavement. We do not anticipate the closing the intersection for this work and the contractor should conclude by the end of July.

### Seal Coating

The Public Works Division is working to set up seal coating of residential streets in the Interlachen neighborhoods this summer. Parking will be restricted for a few days during this work. Watch for parking restriction signs to be posted prior to the start of the project.

### Excelsior Boulevard Landscaping

This project includes center medians with landscaping, new street lights, City monument sign and upgraded 8th Avenue intersection. Expect lane closures during the project work on the boulevard and medians. Completion is expected in September.

For more information about upcoming construction projects, go to [www.hopkinsmn.com/publicworks/construction/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/publicworks/construction/). 🍷

## REMINDER

### Yard Waste Bags & Brush Pick Up

Free curbside yard waste and brush pick up ends **Thursday, May 11**.

Beginning the week of **May 15**, yard waste bags must have a yard waste sticker on them to be picked up and the fee for brush pick up will be placed on residents' utility bills.

## Spring Collection Of Residents' Household Hazardous Waste

Hennepin County has three community events scheduled this spring for household hazardous waste and problem materials collection from Hopkins residents:

**May 4-6, 9:00 am-4:00 pm**

Independence City Hall  
Parking Lot (1920 Co Rd 90,  
Independence, MN)

**May 18-20, 9:00 am-4:00 pm**

City of Minnetonka Public Works  
Department (11522 Minnetonka  
Blvd, Minnetonka, MN)

**June 8-10, 9:00 am-4:00 pm**

Louisiana Oaks Park, South  
Parking Lot( 3500 Louisiana Ave,  
St Louis Park, MN)

For more information and a list of items that are accepted, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/publicworks/recycling/hhw-events.html](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/publicworks/recycling/hhw-events.html). 🍷



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## Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is May 1-4, 15-18, and 30-June 2 (due to Memorial Day).

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## May 2006

### City Council Calendar

May 2, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

May 9, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

May 16, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

May 23, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

June 6, 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

May 2, 6:30 pm  
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

May 15, 6:30 pm  
Park Board

May 30, 6:30 pm  
Zoning & Planning Commission

June 5, 7:00 pm  
Human Rights Commission

June 6, 6:30 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  
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan  
Jay Thompson ■ Cheryl Youakim

### City Office Closed

May 29  
Closed for Memorial Day

## Keep Hopkins Clean

One person can make a difference. One property owner can remove that accumulated pile of stuff out by the alley, or paint the garage, or keep the yard looking neat. One resident can pick up that plastic bottle in the street, or that piece of paper blowing around in the park. One person can call the Razzle line 952-939-1421 to report that junk car.

The City places a high priority on maintaining a clean nuisance-free environment. The City's Code Enforcement Officer, Liz Page (952-548-6323), follows up on nuisance complaints. She will work with the property owners to resolve the nuisance. She also has the ability to issue citations when property owners do not cooperate.

One person can make a difference but one person cannot do it alone. It is important for every resident to take an ownership role in the maintaining Hopkins quality of life. All of us need to do our part to keep Hopkins a clean and attractive place to live, work, and play. 🍷

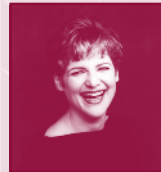
## Music at the Center for the Arts



Thursday, May 18, 6:00-8:00 pm

**3 Photographers On Site:** Jay Anderson, Sylvia Horwitz, James H. Sullivan, *Charles D. Redepening Gallery*

**Design Invitational:** Capstone projects by selected University of Minnesota graduate students in architecture, *Lobby Gallery (both levels)*



Saturday, May 20, 7:30 pm

**Sax Summit (hosted by Laura Caviani):** The Caviani Trio back up 7 of the area's leading jazz sax players in a one-of-a-kind performance. For tickets, call 952-979-1111 or visit [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com). (The public is invited to come at 6:30 pm for our 2006/07 concert season kick-off reception and the chance to purchase season tickets at a discount.) 🍷

## Free Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off

The Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off location at 3100 Hopkins Crossroads (the west side of County Road 73, approximately two blocks north of County Road 5) will open **Saturday, May 6**. The scheduled hours of operation will be **Wednesdays, 2:00-7:00 pm** and **Saturdays, 9:00 am-3:00 pm**.

Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential properties will be accepted. Driver licenses will be checked to ensure residency requirements. Residents must unload and debag their materials at the site. Branches must be no longer than 15 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter. 🍷

## Summer Vandalism Concerns

With the onset of warmer weather several buildings in Hopkins have been vandalized with graffiti. None of the graffiti has been linked to gang activity; most appears to be simple vandalism called tagging. Officers have arrested two juveniles for tagging in the last month. Both of the suspects charged by officers were responsible for multiple vandalism events.

A reward of \$250 has been offered by the Hopkins Crime Fund Board for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in spraying graffiti in Hopkins.

If you have information on possible suspects, please contact the Hopkins Police Department at 952-938-8885. Persons providing information may be able to have their identity protected. If you suffer graffiti on your home or business, please contact the Police Department before cleaning or painting over the damage. In many cases photographs of past cases can be linked to suspects once they are identified. 🍷



# Hopkins Highlights Extra

## 2005 Drinking Water Report

The City of Hopkins is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2005. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

### Source of Water

The City of Hopkins provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: three wells ranging from 495 to 548 feet deep, that draw water from the Prairie Du Chien-Jordan aquifer.

The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards, but the Minnesota Department of Health has determined that one or more of the sources of water is potentially susceptible to contamination. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4670 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours, or view it online at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/).

Call 952-548-6373 if you have questions about the City of Hopkins drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water.

### Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2005. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.

### Key to Table Abbreviations

**MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)**—The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)**—The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)**

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**AL (Action Level)**—The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

**90<sup>th</sup> Percentile Level**—This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples. Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile.

**pCi/l (PicoCuries per liter)**—A measure of radioactivity.

**ppb (parts per billion)**—Can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (ug/l).

**ppm (parts per million)**—Can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

**nd**—No detection.

**N/A (Not applicable)**—Does not apply.

Contaminants (units)	Level Found				Typical Source of Contaminant
	MCLG	MCL	Range 2005	Average/Result*	
<b>Arsenic</b> (ppb) (7/8/02)	0	50.0	N/A	1.48	Erosion of natural deposits and runoff from orchards and glass and electronics production wastes.
<b>Barium</b> (ppm) (7/8/02)	2.0	2.0	N/A	0.16	Discharge of drilling wastes and from metal refineries and erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Fluoride</b> (ppm)	4.0	4.0	0.18–1.1	0.94	Erosion of natural deposits, discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories, and the State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth.
<b>Nitrate</b> (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10.0	10.0	nd–0.15	0.15	Runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks (sewage), and erosion of natural deposits.
<b>TTHM</b> (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	0	80.0	N/A	1.3	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Radon</b> (pCi/l) (11/27/01)	–	–	N/A	133.0	Erosion of natural deposits.

\*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.



## 2005 Drinking Water Report *continued*

**Radon** is a radioactive gas which is naturally occurring in some groundwater. It poses a lung cancer risk when gas is released from water into air (as occurs during showering, bathing, or washing dishes or clothes) and a stomach cancer risk when it is ingested. Because radon in indoor air poses a much greater health risk than radon in drinking water, an Alternative Maximum Contaminant Level (AMCL) of 4,000 picoCuries per liter may apply in states that have adopted an Indoor Air Program, which compels citizens, homeowners, schools, and communities to reduce the radon threat from indoor air. For states without such a program, the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 300 pCi/l may apply. Minnesota plans to adopt an Indoor Air Program once the Radon Rule is finalized.

Contaminants (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	Highest and Lowest Monthly Average	Highest Quarterly Average	Typical Source of Contaminant
<b>Chlorine</b> (ppm)	4.0	4.0	0.4-1.0	0.87	Water additive used to control microbes.

Contaminants (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# Sites Over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
<b>Copper</b> (ppm)	N/A	1.3	1.18	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems and erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Lead</b> (ppb)	N/A	15.0	4.0	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems and erosion of natural deposits.

Some contaminants do not have Maximum Contaminant Levels established for them. These "unregulated contaminants" are assessed using state standards known as health risk limits to determine if they pose a threat to human health. If unacceptable levels of an unregulated contaminant are found, the response is the same as if an MCL has been exceeded; the water system must inform its customers and take other corrective actions. Unregulated contaminants were detected as shown in the table at the right.

Contaminants (units)	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
	Range 2005	Average/Result	
<b>Sodium</b> (ppm) (7/8/02)	N/A	18.0	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Sulfate</b> (ppm) (7/8/02)	N/A	19.0	Erosion of natural deposits.

## Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800 426 4791.

*Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.*