

Hopkins Highlights

March
2007

Think Hopkins Web Site & Campaign Launched

Want information about arts, entertainment, shopping, and dining in Hopkins? Check out the new web site www.thinkhopkins.com.

The web site is part of the two-year marketing campaign *Think Hopkins*, launched in January by the City of Hopkins in collaboration with the Hopkins Business and Civic Association.



Think
Hopkins
Business • Education • Arts

The goal of the campaign is three-fold:

- to encourage Hopkins residents, business owners, and employees to support Hopkins businesses
- to encourage new visitors to Hopkins from the metro area and beyond
- to encourage new businesses to locate in Hopkins

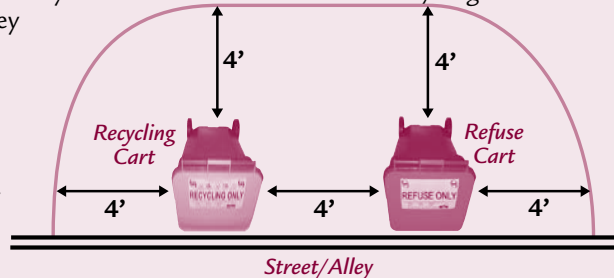
Check out the website www.thinkhopkins.com today! 🍷

Follow Rules To Ensure Garbage Pick-Up

The City provides refuse containers and weekly refuse collection in the City service areas. Refuse containers must be set out by 6 am on the collection day. Containers should be large enough to contain and confine weekly refuse. **Refuse drivers cannot collect containers with overflowing refuse.** Contact City Hall if you need a larger container.

Where To Put Your Container

Refuse containers are to be placed in the alley one to four feet behind the alley edge line with the handle positioned away from the alley and away from any building, obstacle, or other containers. In areas without an alley, containers are to be placed in the street or boulevard one to three feet behind the curb line with the handle positioned away from the street. In alley locations requiring trucks to be backed in, refuse cans must be placed on the street side of the residence.



For more information about garbage collection, go to www.hopkinsmn.com/publicworks/garbage/ or call the Public Works Department at 952-939-1382. 🍷

Fire Hydrant Flushing Begins Soon

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community from April 9–May 4. Flushing the hydrants may cause water discoloration problems. Residents are cautioned against doing laundry—particularly whites—while crews are in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, it is not possible to determine where sediment or discoloration problems will occur.

April 9–13 Hydrants north of Co Rd 3 and west of Hwy 169

April 23–27 Hydrants south of Co Rd 3 and west of Hwy 169

April 30–May 4 Hydrants east of Hwy 169 🍷

Lessons for Life At The Hopkins Activity Center

The Facts on Hearing & Hearing Loss

Monday, March 19, 11:30 am
Steve Chargo, MA, Audiologist, Affinity Hearing presents information on how we hear, hearing loss and hearing aids. Free hearing screenings will be available for those who are interested. Hearing aid cleaning and checks will be provided at no charge. Call to register. Frequent Card holders free Non Card holders \$1

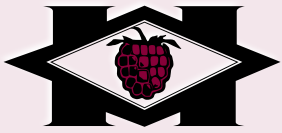
CPR For Seniors

Tuesday, March 20, 12:30–3:30 pm
If a cardiac arrest happened to your loved one, would you know how to perform life-saving CPR? If your grandchild was choking, would you know what to do? Learn basic CPR and life saving skills in a non-stressful setting. No testing involved. Class includes adult, child, and infant CPR training, Heimlich maneuver training, AED demonstration, manual and 2-year American Heart Association certification card. Class size is limited. Call to register. \$48 individuals \$83 couples

4-Hour Defensive Driving Class

Wednesday, March 21, 6–10 pm
A refresher driving course for people at least 55, includes lecture, films, and discussion. Participants are entitled to a 10% discount on their auto insurance upon completing the course. This course is available for individuals who have completed an 8-hour course. Advance registration. Frequent Card holders \$15 Non Card holders \$18

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

Refuse collection is
March 5-8, 12-15,
19-22, and 26-29.

Recycling collection is
March 5-8 and 19-22.



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City Council Calendar

March 13, 6:30 pm
Work Session

March 20, 7:30 pm
Meeting

March 27, 6:30 pm
Work Session

April 3, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

March 27, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

April 2, 7 pm
Human Rights Commission

April 3, 6:30 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
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan
Jay Thompson ■ Cheryl Youakim

Bulk Item Drop-Off *Just In Time For Spring Cleaning!*

April 12 & 13
3:00 – 7:00 pm

April 14
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Drop-Off Site: 1414 7th St. S (old landfill site)

Bulk item drop-off is again available for Hopkins residential refuse customers in the City service area. A valid Minnesota ID or current paid utility bill must be shown to prove eligibility.

Guidelines

- \$20 fee for each recyclable appliance. Fee will not be collected the day of drop off. Fee will be placed on your utility bill. All other bulk items are free.
- Maximum 3 cubic yards (one pick-up truck load) per household
- Residents must separate recyclable materials into the proper areas at the site. Construction materials, appliances, and metal materials will be separated and recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs, and wheels must also be removed prior to taking them to the drop-off site.
- Electronics and concrete products are accepted at the drop-off site (concrete products containing iron will not be accepted).

Not Accepted Items

Items not accepted at the bulk drop-off include, but are not limited to:

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| ■ Tires | ■ Junk Cars | ■ Treated Lumber |
| ■ Car Parts | ■ Fluorescent Bulbs | ■ Concrete w/iron in it |
| ■ Waste Oil | ■ Paint Products | ■ Hazardous Waste |
| ■ Car Batteries | ■ Gas Refrigerators | ■ Metal Barrels or Drums |

Hazardous wastes must be taken to the Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 for more information. ♻️

Sewer Backups: What You Need To Know

Sewer backups are a potential problem for all property owners. Claims for damages to people's homes caused by sewer backups probably lead to more misunderstanding and hard feelings than any other single kind of claim. It might be possible to avoid some of these problems if property owners are made aware of three basic points regarding sewer back-ups and the resulting damage:

1. The City is not automatically liable for resulting damages whenever a sewer backs up. The City is only liable for those damages if the backup was caused by the City's negligence.
2. Many property owner insurance policies exclude damage resulting from sewer backups. Thus, property owners often end up looking to the City to pay their damages when their own insurer denies their claim.
3. Some insurance companies do provide sewer backup coverage. Therefore it is possible for property owners to protect themselves against this risk.

If a property owner has reason to believe that there is a problem with their sewer service, the City should be notified immediately. The City will dispatch a Public Works employee to investigate the sewer main line for problems and take action if appropriate. A problem in the sanitary sewer service from the home or structure to the sewer main in the street, including the "Y" or "T" connection, is the responsibility of the property owner.

The Public Works Department can be reached day or night at 952-939-1382 (weekdays 7:30 am-4 pm) or 952-938-8885 (weekends, holidays, and off-hours).

Prompt action by the property owner in notifying the City immediately may prevent damages to the home or business. If you have any questions or concerns about your sewer service, please call the Public Works Department at 952-939-1382. **Please notify the City's Utility Department if you contract a private contractor to clean your sanitary sewer service line.** The City will check/clear the City's main service line for/of debris that could affect you or your neighbors' sanitary sewer service. ♻️