

# Hopkins Highlights **September 2007**

## Get Rid Of Your Unwanted Items

### Bulk Item Drop Off

**When:** October 4 & 5, 3-7 pm and October 6, 9 am-4 pm  
**Where:** 1414 7<sup>th</sup> St S (old landfill site)

Drop off is available for Hopkins refuse customers in the City service area. A valid Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota ID, or current paid utility bill must be shown to prove eligibility.

#### Guidelines

- \$20 fee for each recyclable appliance. Fees will not be collected the day of drop off but will be reflected 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 wheels and fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs, and wheels must also be removed prior to taking them to the drop off site.
- Electronics and concrete products (with no iron) are accepted at the drop off site.



Old appliances are separated and recycled at the Bulk Item Drop Off.

#### Items NOT accepted in the Bulk Item Drop Off include, but are not limited to...

- Tires      ▪ Car Parts      ▪ Fluorescent Bulbs      ▪ Car Batteries      ▪ Metal Barrels or Drums
- Junk Cars      ▪ Waste Oil      ▪ Gas Refrigerators      ▪ Paint Products      ▪ Hazardous Waste

### Bulk Pick Up

Bulk pick up is available on Thursdays for Hopkins refuse customers in the City service area. Residents must call 952-939-1382 by 2 pm on Wednesdays to schedule a Thursday pick up.

**Cost:** \$25 per bulk item / \$25 per  $\frac{3}{4}$  cubic yard of loose volume material (All charges are subject to SCORE tax and Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Fee.)

- Material must fit into a rear load refuse truck or one-ton truck.
- Material must be easily transported by two people.
- Bag or box small items. Bags or boxes should not exceed 35 pounds.
- Maximum item size is 4' x 6'. Carpet must be cut into rolls 3' or less in length and 1' in diameter.
- Place items at your normal refuse collection site.
- Items must be placed at least 4' away from your refuse & recycling container.
- Includes appliances, furniture, sofas, stuffed chairs, mattresses, box springs, carpet and other miscellaneous household items.
- Concrete pieces should not exceed a weight of 35 pounds.
- Construction materials should not exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$  cubic yard with a maximum size of 4' by 6'.

#### Items NOT accepted in the Bulk Item Pick Up include, but are not limited to...

- Tires      ▪ Landscape Timbers      ▪ Gas Refrigerators      ▪ Electronics
- Junk Cars      ▪ Paint Products      ▪ Hazardous Waste      ▪ Waste Oil
- Car Parts      ▪ Treated Lumber      ▪ Concrete over 35 pounds
- Car Batteries      ▪ Fluorescent Bulbs      ▪ Metal Barrels or Drums

Please refer to your *Recyclopedia* for options on how to dispose of and recycle these items. Hazardous wastes must be taken to Hennepin County hazardous waste drop off sites. Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 for more information. 🍷

## Back to School

### for Adult Learners at the Hopkins Activity Center

🍷 Bridge Lessons With Mae  
Mondays, Sept 17, 24, Oct 1 & 8  
Beginning: 9 - 10 am  
Refresher: 10 - 11 am

Call to register to learn or refresh your bridge skills. Frequent Card holders \$19/4 lessons; Non Card holders \$22/4 lessons.

🍷 Defensive Driving Class  
September 19, 6 - 10 pm OR  
October 17, 6 - 10 pm

This 4-hour course is available for individuals at least 55-years old who have completed the 8-hour course. Lieutenant John Nagel of the Minnesota State Patrol leads lecture, films, and discussion. Upon course completion, participants are entitled to a 10%, 3-year discount on their auto insurance. Advance registration required. Frequent Card holders \$15; Non Card holders \$18.

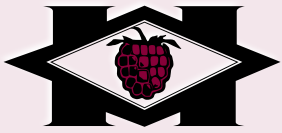
🍷 Know Before You Throw Antiquing  
September 12, 9:30 am

Do you have any treasures in your attic? Bring your collectibles and Cheryl of Hopkins Antique Mall will help you discover information about your special treasure. Call to schedule your antique appraisals. Frequent Card holders free; Non Card holders \$1.

🍷 Banking And Credit Card Fraud  
September 17, 11 am

Think how many times we give our credit card number over the phone and how often we receive credit solicitation in the mail. Learn more about being fraud conscience with a speaker from Citizens Independent Bank. Call to register. Frequent Card holders free; Non Card holders \$1.

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



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## Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is Sept 4-7 (due to Labor Day), 17-20, and Oct 1-4.

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## September 2007

### City Council Calendar

September 4, 7:30 pm

Meeting

September 11, 6:30 pm

Work Session

September 18, 7:30 pm

Meeting

September 25, 6:30 pm

Work Session

October 2, 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

September 4, 6:30 pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

September 10, 7 pm

Human Rights Commission

September 17, 6:30 pm

Park Board

September 25, 6:30 pm

Zoning & Planning Commission

October 2, 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

2:00 pm

Sunday

1:00 pm

### City Council

Mayor

Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

Council Members

Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan  
Rick Brausen ■ Cheryl Youakim

## Remember Your Permit For Driveway & Parking Lot Work

A reminder to Hopkins business owners and residents: a permit is required for driveway or parking lot construction or replacement (City Code 810.01). Requiring a permit enables the City to set construction standards, inspect work done within the right-of-way at the street connection, and ensure proper pavement restoration. Permit fees start at \$40 for driveways and go up to \$250 for large parking lots (over 50 parking spots). You can pick up a permit application at the City Hall between 8 am and 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday, or print one online at [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com). If you have any questions, contact Rich Hill at 952-548-6361 or Joe Fawcett at 952-548-6357. 🍷



## Free Brush & Yard Waste Drop Off

The free brush and yard waste drop off site will remain open **through December 1** (weather permitting) at **3100 Hopkins Crossroads** (west side of Co Rd 73, approximately two blocks north of the Co Rd 5 intersection). **Beginning November 1**, the site will be open on Saturdays only.

### Unacceptable Yard Waste

- Garden Products (*please place unused garden products in your regular refuse container*)
- Vines
- Sod
- Animal Feces
- Logs or Lumber
- Dirt
- Brush longer than 15 feet or larger than 6 inches in diameter. 🍷

### Free Brush Pick Up

Free, one-day only, brush pick up is on **Tuesday, Sept 11**. Call 952-939-1382 between Tuesday, Sept 4 and Monday, Sept 10 (no later than 2 pm) to schedule the free pick up for Sept 11.

This will be the **only free brush pick up** this fall!

## Mayor, Council Member, And School Board Positions On The Ballot In 2007 City Elections



On November 6, 2007, the residents of Hopkins will vote for the Mayor's position and two Council Member positions. The Mayor's position is a two year term. The Council Member positions are four year terms. All positions are at large positions.

Filing for these positions opened on Tuesday, August 28, 2007.

The filing period will remain open until 4:30 pm on September 11, 2007.

At the same time, the residents of Hopkins will elect four school board members. Filing for the school board position was held in July.

If you have not already registered to vote, we encourage you to do so before the election. You can register anytime between now and 5:00 pm on October 16. The wait time on election day is shorter for those who are pre-registered.

Absentee ballots for the November election will be available on October 5, 2007.

If you have any questions about the elections or filing for office, please call Terry Obermaier at 952-548-6304. 🍷