

Hopkins Highlights

October
2007



Plan To Vote On November 6

The City of Hopkins and the Hopkins School District will be holding a General Election to elect a mayor, two city council members, and four school board members on November 6, 2007. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day. Please take the time to register to vote before October 16, 2007. If you do not have a chance to register before Election Day, you may register at the polls.

Registering To Vote

You may register with one of these IDs if it contains your current name and address in the precinct.

- Valid Minnesota Driver's License or Learner's Permit or receipt for either showing current name and address in the precinct
- Valid Minnesota identification card or receipt showing current name and address in precinct
- Tribal ID issued by the tribal government by a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Dept of the Interior, containing the name, address in the precinct, signature, and picture of individual
- "Notice of Late Registration" card mailed by election headquarters within the two weeks prior to Election Day, showing name & address of voter in the precinct
- Prior registration in the same precinct if voter has moved within the same precinct
- Voter voucher: Oath of a pre-registered voter in the same precinct or of a voter who registers in the same precinct on Election Day with one of the other authorized identifications; May vouch for a limit of 15 voters; A voter who is vouched for cannot vouch for another voter.
- Employee voucher: Voucher on a certified list of employees of a residential facility within the precinct; May vouch for an unlimited number of people; Facilities must provide the certified list of employees to election officials 20 days prior to the election.

If you do not have one ID that contains your current name and address in the precinct, you can register with one approved photo ID **AND** one approved utility bill. The photo ID must contain your current name, photo, and old address or no address (MN Driver's License, MN State ID, MN post-secondary Student ID, Tribal ID, U.S. Military ID, U.S. Passport). The utility bill (cable television, electric, gas, phone, sewer, solid waste, or water) must contain your current name, current address in precinct, and be due within 30 days before or after the election day.

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots will be available beginning October 5, 2007. To request an application for an absentee ballot, visit or call City Hall at 952-935-8474 (Monday–Friday, 8 am–4:30 pm) through November 5. You will receive your ballot upon completing the application and returning it to City Hall. Absentee voting can be done in person at City Hall or by mail. City Hall will be open from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, November 3 and until 5 pm on Monday, November 5 for absentee voting. If you have any questions about voting, you may call Terry Obermaier, City Clerk, at 952-548-6304.

Proposed 2008 Tax Levy Set

At the September 4 City Council meeting, the City Council approved a proposed tax levy of \$9,223,377, which is a 4.74% increase over 2007, yet represents a rate **decrease** of 1.53% due to the overall market growth in Hopkins tax base. The increase is a result of increased demand for City services and increases in the City's debt levies.

The City Council also approved a preliminary balanced budget for 2008 of \$9,589,349, which is an increase of 3.45% over 2007. Budgeted expenditures rose as demand for City services increased, especially for police and fire services. Other factors impacting the 2008 budget include inflationary increases for fuel, fuel-related products, property, and liability insurance and utilities.

A public hearing is set for December 3 at 6:30 pm. The public is invited to attend and provide input.

HEALTHY AGING OPPORTUNITIES at the Hopkins Activity Center

AEROBICS: FOCUS IS YOU!
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 am

SENIOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 am

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
Tuesdays, Oct 2 & 16, 10:15-11:15 am

FOOT CARE
Thursday, Oct 11, 12:30 - 3 pm

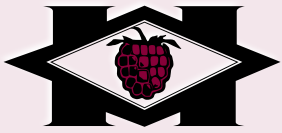
FLU SHOT CLINIC
Monday, Oct 29, 1 - 3 pm

Fire Department Open House

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week (October 7-13), the Hopkins Fire Department will be holding an open house on Saturday, October 13, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Hopkins Fire Station (101 17th Ave S). Stop by for a ride in the fire truck, free t-shirts and fire helmets for the kids, and free food and drink. Adults—be a firefighter for a day and practice fighting fire in a burn trailer.



For more information or to register, contact the Hopkins Activity Center at 952-939-1333. The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Ave N.



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Refuse & Recycling

Refuse collection is Oct 1-4, 8-11, 15-18, 22-25, and 29-Nov 1.

Recycling collection is Oct 1-4, 15-18, and 29-Nov 1.

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City Council Calendar

October 9, 6:30 pm
Work Session

October 16, 7:30 pm
Meeting

October 23, 6:30 pm
Work Session

November 7, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

October 30, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

November 5, 7 pm
Human Rights Commission

November 7, 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 **Sunday**
2:00 pm 1:00 pm

City Council

Mayor
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

Council Members
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan
Rick Brausen ■ Cheryl Youakim

Jaycees' Haunted House

The Dungeons of Darkness and Doom, a theatrical haunted house that takes visitors on a journey through over a dozen rooms of mayhem and madness, opens October 17. The Dungeons is a joint project of the Hopkins Area Jaycees, the Main Street School of Performing Arts, and Evilhill Productions. For dates, times and location, visit www.evilhill.net.

Choose To Reuse In October

Residents can choose to reuse and help reduce the volume of waste thrown away by supporting businesses and organizations in our community that provide opportunities to rent, repair, resell, consign, trade, sell bulk, and exchange used goods.

Hennepin County has partnered with 80 businesses and organizations to offer discount coupons to popular shops including Goodwill Stores, Plato's Closet, Play It Again Sports, and many more. Pick up a "Save Cash, Save the Planet! Get Great Stuff" Choose To Reuse Month Coupon Book at Hopkins City Hall, the Public Works Offices, Depot Coffee House, Hopkins Activity Center, or the Family Resource Center. Coupon books are also available at Hennepin County Services Centers and libraries, all Three Rivers Park District locations, and online at www.hennepin.us, search "Choose To Reuse Month." Helping the environment has never been so much fun! ♻️

Free Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Up

The City will be picking up leaf and yard waste free of charge for a limited time this fall. Locate your neighborhood below to plan for your free pick up.

Yard Waste/Brush Drop Off

The yard waste and brush drop off site will remain open Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm through October 27.

From November 3 through December 1 the site will only be open on Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, weather permitting.

Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge, and Interlachen Park Residents

The City provides free street leaf and yard waste pick-up in your area using front-end loaders and dump trucks. Pick up in these areas will be October 29 through November 1. Refer to the schedule below for your neighborhood's pick up day.

- Bellgrove:** Monday, October 29
- Interlachen Park:** Tuesday, October 30 (*Meadowbrook Rd up to and including Interlachen Rd.*)
- Park Ridge:** Wednesday, October 31
- Hobby Acres:** Wednesday, October 31
- Interlachen Park:** Thursday, November 1 (*Interlachen Rd to Blake Rd*)

Yard Waste Stickers

Miss the free pick up dates? Yard waste stickers are \$2.00 each and must be affixed to each bag as payment for pick up. Stickers must be visible from the street or alley. Stickers may be purchased at City Hall or Public Works. A minimum of ten stickers must be ordered to purchase stickers by phone (952-939-1382). Stickers will be sent via mail and the fee will be added to your utility bill.



Place leaves in loose piles (unbagged) in the street along the curb line. Leaves should be placed on the street no later than 7:00 am on your scheduled pick up day and no earlier than the day before your scheduled pick up day. There will not be free bagged yard waste pick up in these neighborhoods. Collection of bags with stickers will resume November 5 through November 29 (weather permitting).

5th Ave N, County Roads 73 and 5, and Blake Road Residents

Due to county restrictions and high traffic levels, residents will have free leaf and yard waste bag pick up October 15 through November 15. Collection of bags with stickers will resume November 19 through November 29, weather permitting.

All Other City Service Area Residents

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be October 15 through November 15. Collection of bags with stickers will resume November 19 through November 29, weather permitting.

Note: Before or after these scheduled free pick up dates, yard waste stickers must be affixed to bags in all community areas. Bags of leaf and yard waste in all City service areas are collected on the same day as regular refuse. Pick up of bags with yard waste stickers will continue through November 29, weather permitting. ♻️

