



Hopkins Highlights

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Buy A Brick Before March 31

The "Buy A Brick" program gives you an opportunity to be a special part of Hopkins history. Individuals, families, groups, businesses, and organizations can purchase bricks with their names imprinted to be installed in Clock Tower Plaza (southwest corner of 9th and Mainstreet). Bricks are a great way to commemorate something or someone. Ideas include: *Dedicated to*; *In memory of*; or *To honor*; but are limited only by your imagination and a maximum of 13 characters per line, including spaces.

Brick pricing starts at \$68 for individuals. For more information on ordering, visit www.hopkinsmn.com, call 952-939-1333, or stop by the Hopkins Activity Center, Hopkins City Hall, or Hopkins Public Works. Deadline to order is March 31.

Report A Pothole

If you would like to report streets that need repair, visit the City website and click "Report a Pothole" in the Quick Links box or call Public Works at 952-939-1382.

Help Local Seniors This Spring

The Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) program is looking for volunteers to help local seniors with leaf raking and yard cleanup this spring. This is a great opportunity to get your family, friends, and coworkers together to support the seniors living in our community. This is a one-time, fun and flexible activity that can be done for 2-4 hours, weekdays or weekends. Interested? Please contact the HOME program's Volunteer Coordinator at scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org or call 952-767-7894 for more information.



New Hopkins App Coming Soon

Check the Android and iPhone stores later this month to download a free, new app promoting Hopkins. The City has partnered with CITYCENTER on a new Think Hopkins app that will promote our city and its businesses. For more info, visit www.thinkhopkins.com/app.



Empty Bowls Fundraiser Is March 24

Make plans to attend the 17th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser for local food shelves. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, March 24, from 11 am-7 pm at Hopkins Center for the Arts. Choose your favorite handmade bowl from over 1,000 free bowls created by artists and students, and keep it as a reminder of all the "empty bowls" in our community. Then enjoy local entertainment and a simple meal of soup and bread donated by local restaurants. Your free-will donation supports the work of ICA Food Shelf & ResourceWest. You can also make a bid on unique fine art in the silent auction.

For more information or to volunteer, call the Hopkins Schools Volunteer Office at 952-988-4066 or visit www.HopkinsSchools.org/EmptyBowls.



Youth Artwork On Display At HCA

Stop by the galleries at the Hopkins Center for the Arts now through March 26 to see work from artists in kindergarten through high school. Artwork is on display both from Hopkins Public Schools students and as part of the Minnesota Youth Art Month Show sponsored by Art Educators of Minnesota. Galleries are free and open to the public Monday-Friday, 8 am-8 pm; Saturday, 10 am-8 pm; and Sunday, 12-5 pm.



Stay Up To Date With Latest Tech

Stay current on technology topics at the Hopkins Activity Center. Our volunteer experts help you keep up with social media and learn to use your device better.

Upcoming classes this month:

- **Instagram**
Thursday, March 12, 10 am
- **Tablet Lab**
Thursday, March 19, 10 am
- **Facebook Review**
Thursday, March 26, 12 pm
- **Cell Phone Lab**
Thursday, March 26, 1 pm

Call the Activity Center at 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com to register or with questions. Classes are free for members and \$2 otherwise.



Upcoming at City Hall

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Monday, March 16, 7:05 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 7:05 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, March 16, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 pm
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 7, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes found at www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/.

Meeting Broadcasts

City Council and Zoning and Planning Commission meetings can be seen live on Cable Channel 16. Meetings are also replayed every day (except Tuesdays) at 7 pm; Thursdays at 2 pm; and Sundays at 1 pm.

Elected Officials

Mayor

Eugene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council

Molly Cummings Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson Aaron Kuznia

Get The Wiggles Out At Turf Tots

Every weekday from 9 am–2 pm; \$4/session per child

Bring your children (aged 5 and under) to the Hopkins Pavilion for Turf Tots, a drop-in freeplay program. Kids can run and play with provided equipment, including sport balls, crawl tunnels, bounce houses, hula hoops, and more. Parents are required to stay on the field and supervise during the event. For more information, visit www.hopkinspavilion.com.



Upcoming Hydrant Flushing Could Affect Your Water

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community April 6–24. 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 6-10

Hydrants north of Excelsior Blvd and west of Hwy 169

April 13-17

Hydrants south of Excelsior Blvd and west of Hwy 169

April 20-24

Hydrants east of Hwy 169

Sewer Backups: What You Need to Know

If a property owner has reason to believe that there is a problem with their sewer service, the City should be notified immediately. The Public Works Department can be reached day or night at 952-939-1382 (weekdays, 7:30 am–4 pm) or 952-258-5321 (weekends, holidays, and off-hours).

Prompt action in notifying the City may prevent damage to the home or business. The City will dispatch a Public Works employee to investigate the sewer main for problems and take action if appropriate. If the problem is found to be in the sanitary sewer service from the home or structure to the sewer main in the street, including the connection, it is the responsibility of the property owner.

Damage From Sewer Backups

Property owners should be aware of three points regarding sewer backups and resulting damage:

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



Cleaning Your Sanitary Sewer

Please notify the Public Works Department if you hire 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.

Questions? Call the Public Works Department at 952-939-1382.

TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection weeks this month are March 9–12 and March 23–26. Recycling is picked up the same day as your refuse collection.