



Hopkins Highlights

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Tickets On Sale For 2015–2016 Music Season At The Center

Don't miss this year's line-up of award-winning musical talent coming to the main stage at Hopkins Center for the Arts. As of August 1, you may purchase tickets to these upcoming concerts by calling the box office at 952-979-1111 or going online to www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com.

Saturday Sets

Saturday concerts begin at 8 pm with a 7 pm social hour (cash bar and free hors d'oeuvres). The set list for this year:

- **OCT 10** Joan Armatrading solo *(above left)*
- **NOV 7** Monroe Crossing *(above right)*
- **DEC 12** Michael Johnson
- **JAN 9** Guitar Masters
- **FEB 13** Sounds of Blackness
- **MAR 5** Pete Whitman X-tet
- **APR 16** Shaun Johnson Big Band
- **MAY 14** Spyro Gyra

Take Five Tuesdays

Tuesday concerts begin at 7 pm with a 6 pm social hour.

- **JAN 26** Jeremy Messersmith
- **MAR 8** Dessa
- **APR 26** The Galactic Cowboy Orchestra
- **MAY 3** Davina and the Vagabonds



Filing for City Office Closes August 11

The filing period to run for mayor or Council member in 2015 began on July 28 and closes August 11. The City election will take place on November 3. Questions? Contact Amy Domeier, City Clerk, at 952-548-6304 or adomeier@hopkinsmn.com.

LAST CHANCE! Provide Your Input For Hopkins Parks

The City is completing its evaluation of Hopkins community parks. An open house on the park system reinvestment plan was held in June. You can provide input through mid-September on the proposed park improvements and funding priorities. To take a survey and see what was shown at the open house, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/parks.



Upcoming at the Hopkins Activity Center

Tax Assistance Tuesday, August 11, 1-4 pm *(Drop-in, no appointments)*

Free renter, property, state, and federal tax assistance provided by AARP volunteers.

Free Ice Cream Social & Music Thursday, August 13, 6:30 pm

A fun event for all ages featuring ice cream sundaes and the Aquatennial Senior Singers. Bring a non-perishable food item for ICA Food Shelf or a school supply for the Back to School Drive. *Sponsored by Augustana Care.*



House (and Garage) Numbers: Not Just For Looks



In an emergency, every minute counts. To make sure emergency vehicles do not spend precious time locating a home, City Code requires every house **and alley-facing garage** to have house numbers that are at least 4 inches high and of contrasting color so they can be read easily from the street or alley.

Sewer Backing Up?

If you believe there is a problem with your sewer, notify the City immediately.

The Public Works Department can be reached 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 your home or business.

The City will send an employee to investigate the sewer main 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.

Property owners should know:

- **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.
- Though many property owner insurance policies exclude damage resulting from sewer backup, some insurance companies do provide sewer backup coverage. Therefore, it is possible to protect yourself against this risk.

Please notify the Public Works Department if you hire a private contractor to clean your sanitary sewer service line. The City will check the City's main service line for debris that could affect you or your neighbors' sanitary sewer service.

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



Upcoming at City Hall

City Council Calendar

Monday, August 3, 7:05 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, August 18, 7 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 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, August 3, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, August 17, 6:30 pm
Park Board

Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 pm
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 1, 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



Visit the Hopkins Farmer's Market

Saturdays, 7:30 am–noon
Through the end of October.

Open House On Proposed Improvements To Highway 169 Is August 19

You are invited to learn about future improvements to Highway 169 between Highway 55 and Highway 62 at an open house scheduled for August 19. The informal open house will be held from 4–6 pm at Hopkins Center for the Arts (1111 Mainstreet).

MnDOT is proposing to rebuild and rehabilitate the infrastructure on Highway 169 between Highway 55 and Highway 62. The work is scheduled for fall 2016 through fall 2017 and will include:

- Replacing the Highway 169 bridge over Nine Mile Creek in Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Edina.
- Closing sub-standard highway ramps at 16th Street.
- Improving the safety of entrances and exit ramps at Cedar Lake Road interchange.
- Repairing pavement throughout the corridor.

These projects will improve driver safety and accessibility, and provide a smoother road surface and longer lasting bridge.

This work is expected to cause major traffic impacts during the construction phase as Highway 169 will be closed for one year at the bridge location. The remaining project areas will be reduced to one lane for the pavement improvement work.

Open house attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the overall project and get details about specific project elements, project schedule, and next steps in the overall plans for Highway 169. Representatives from the Minnesota Department of Transportation and project staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Please visit the project website for upcoming event dates and times, in addition to project updates, at www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy169hopkins.



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Help Trees Beat The Heat

Please remember to soak your trees, including boulevard trees, when watering this summer. Very young trees need 20 to 25 gallons of water a week and those that have been in the ground 5 years or less need a weekly soaking. Watering the lawn around trees helps keep their roots healthy. Putting a layer of mulch around them helps retain moisture.

Trees stressed by heat are more susceptible to die back, pests, and diseases, so save your trees by giving them the water they need. And don't forget to check the date before you turn on the sprinkler—Hopkins watering restrictions apply.

TAKE NOTE: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection weeks are August 10–13 and 24–27. Garbage pick-up will take place on your normal collection day every week in August.



...Don't Forget The Alleys

City ordinance prohibits weeds and tall grass in excess of 10 inches. **This includes any area of your property that borders an alley**, so don't forget to mow or prune those areas, too. The ordinance requires alleyways be trimmed 1 foot off the alley edge and 13 feet above the alley surface.

These ordinances are enforced—please be proactive and tend to your property.