



# Hopkins Highlights

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## Plant Your Garden In Valley Park

The City provides a community garden site in Hopkins Valley Park in the Westbrooke/Nine Mile Creek area where residents can lease a 20-foot by 20-foot garden plot for \$25 per plot.

Registration begins March 7 for residents and is on a first come, first served basis. (Limit two plots per household.) You must provide proof of residency and register in person at Hopkins City Hall. Non-residents may register beginning March 14. 🍷

## WEST METRO HOME REMODELING FAIR

**WHEN:** Sunday, Feb 21, 10:30 am-3:30 pm

**WHERE:** Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Hwy 7, Hopkins

**COST:** Free!

## Get Expert Advice, Ideas At Free Home Remodeling Fair

The West Metro Home Remodeling Fair on February 21 will feature seminars and mini-demonstrations for the do-it-yourselfer. In addition to over 100 exhibitors, you also have the opportunity to talk to a variety of professionals, including architects, landscape architects, master gardeners, and interior designers, who will provide free, no obligation advice. Visit [www.HomeRemodelingFair.com](http://www.HomeRemodelingFair.com) for details of all the day's activities. 🍷

## Celebrate Black History Month

THE SOUNDS OF BLACKNESS PERFORMS FEBRUARY 13

Honor Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and enjoy uplifting messages of hope and unity from the many genres within the rich musical heritage of Black Americans by this Grammy-winning ensemble, performing at the Hopkins Center for the Arts on Saturday, February 13. Concert begins at 8 pm with a social hour at 7 pm and a 7:15 pm pre-concert talk by Gary Hines, artistic director of Sounds of Blackness. Tickets: \$40 (discounts available for seniors, residents of Hopkins, students and members). To purchase, call 952-979-1111 or visit [www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com](http://www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com). 🍷



## Citizens Academy To Be Offered In April

Over 300 residents have attended this free, four-week course through the years. Participate in a felony traffic stop, take the position of a firefighter on an engine, learn about new development projects, and more. Classes will be held at 6:30 pm on four Thursdays beginning April 7, each at a different location within the City. If you are interested in attending this year's Academy, call Jim Genellie at 952-548-6303. 🍷

## Upcoming Highway 169 Improvements

### Second Open House Is Feb. 10

Learn more about future improvements planned for Highway 169 between Highway 55 and Highway 62 at an open house on February 10, 2016. The informal open house will be held from 4-6 pm at Hopkins High School (2400 Lindbergh Drive, Minnetonka).

This project is expected to have major traffic impacts and delays.

Open house attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the project, construction staging timeline, and project schedule. Representatives from MnDOT 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](http://www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy169hopkins). 🍷



View larger map online.

## Tea & Treasures:

JEWELRY + WEARABLE ART BOUTIQUE

The Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts and the Minnesota Jewelry Arts Guild invite you to Tea and Treasures on Saturday, February 27, at the Hopkins Center for the Arts.



This event showcases work by regional jewelry and wearable art artists while raising funds for arts activities. The Jewelry and Wearable Art Show and sale is open free of charge 11 am-4 pm.

Advance tickets are being sold now for the Afternoon Tea, featuring delicious tea sandwiches, scones and special treats at 1 pm. Tea is served at tables styled by Hopkins' famed dealers in antiques. Tea tickets are \$30 and available on the HCA website or by calling 952-979-1107. 🍷



## Upcoming at City Hall

### City Offices Closed

**Monday, February 15**  
Presidents' Day

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 pm**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, February 16, 7 pm**  
Meeting

**Monday, February 29, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/). Watch City Council meetings live at [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/).

### Boards and Commissions Calendar

**Monday, February 8, 6:30 pm**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 pm**  
Zoning & Planning Commission

**Monday, February 29, 7 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/).

### Meeting Broadcasts

Watch City Council and Zoning and Planning Commission meetings 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**  
Molly Cummings (952-933-4452)

**City Council**  
Katy Campbell      Kristi Halverson  
Jason Gadd          Aaron Kuznia

## Winter Is Not Yet Over: Snow Reminders

### Snow Emergency? Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399

Snow emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Parking restrictions will remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb and the parking lots and parking ramps are completely plowed. Visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/snow.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/snow.php) for more information on where to park and what to do if your vehicle is towed.

### Keep Refuse & Recycling Carts Clear

Refuse and recycling collection requires a minimum clearance of four feet around each container. Sometimes a spot is carved out in the snow to create a pocket for the container, but this does not allow enough room for the automated arm on the truck to reach. Although alleys and driveways can be narrow because of snow piling up, it is necessary that the 4-foot clearance be maintained.

### Keep Fire Hydrants Shoveled Out

If you have a hydrant on your block, help keep Hopkins safe by shoveling it out after it snows. If possible, hydrants should be cleared four feet on each side for fire department access. The property you save may be your own! ❄️

### TAKE NOTE Refuse and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, February 15 for Presidents' Day. Refuse collection that week will be one day later than normal.

**February recycling pick up weeks are Feb 8-11 and 22-25.** ♻️



## Hopkins Needs You! Serve As An Election Judge

On Election Day, Hopkins' polling locations are staffed by citizens who serve as election judges. Election judges are responsible for legally administering election procedures and guarantee that the rights of voters are protected.

Election judges are chosen based on needs for each election and appointed by the City Council. Training is required and election judges are paid an hourly wage.

To view requirements and to apply, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/judges/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/judges/). You can also apply at City Hall. With questions, contact City Clerk Amy Domeier at [adomeier@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:adomeier@hopkinsmn.com) or 952-548-6304. 🗳️

### ELECTION 2016

Caucuses will be held on March 1. For locations, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/elections](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/elections).

## Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Deposit Disclosure

Minnesota Statue 115A.9302 requires that a person who collects mixed municipal solid waste for transportation to a waste facility disclose to each waste generator from whom waste is collected the name, location, type of facility and the number of the permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or its counterpart in another state, for the processing or disposal facility or facilities at which the waste will be deposited.

The City of Hopkins (hauler) hereby discloses that the mixed municipal solid waste collected from January 1-December 31, 2016, will be delivered to the following facilities during that time. If an additional facility becomes either a primary facility or an alternative facility during this time, the City of Hopkins will provide you with updated information within 30 days.

**Primary Facility:**  
Hennepin Energy Resource Company  
505 6th Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55405  
**Type:** Mass burn waste-to-energy  
**MPCA Permit Number:** SW-396

**Primary Facility:**  
NRG Elk River (NSP) Resource Recovery  
10700 165th Ave NW, Elk River, MN 55330  
**Type:** Refuse-derived fuel waste-to-energy  
**MPCA Permit Number:** SW-305

The following facility is used for disposal of construction and demolition material collected through our twice-yearly bulk item drop-off and weekly bulk item collection.

**Alternative Facility:** Dem Con Landfill, Inc., 331 Akers Lane, Jordan, MN 55352  
**Type:** Construction demolition landfill      **MPCA Permit Number:** SW-290

You may be responsible for any liability that results from contamination at a facility where your waste has been deposited. Minnesota believes that its waste management system provides more financial and environmental protection than depositing waste in landfills in other states. Managing your waste in Minnesota may minimize your potential liability. 🗳️

## Free Tax Assistance

AARP Tax-Assistance offers free help for older taxpayers and people with limited incomes. Drop by the Hopkins Activity Center on **Mondays and Tuesdays between 9 am and 1 pm**. No appointment necessary. 🍷

