



Hopkins Highlights

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Buy A Seat At The HCA

SUPPORT THE ARTS AND LEAVE YOUR MARK ON MAINSTREET

Please take your seat! After close to 20 years and over 3 million Center visitors, the theater seats at the Hopkins Center for the Arts have reached the breaking point. This month, the task of installing new seats begins. We ask you to consider a special donation to help cover the very considerable cost of replacing over 700 seats.

Your gift of \$250 will entitle you to “name” a seat. Your name, that of someone you wish to honor, or an event you wish to commemorate, will be engraved onto a metal donor plaque on the seat as well as listed in the lobby—and will acknowledge your generosity for the next 12–15 years.

For those of you who have visited the Hopkins Center for the Arts, thank you for being part of our theater’s history and success. And, whether you have been to the Center in the past or plan on making your first visit, please consider this once-in-15-years request and be part of its future. To learn more or make a gift, call 952-979-1105. 🍷



EMPTY BOWLS

@ Hopkins Center for the Arts
Tuesday, March 15
11 am–7 pm

Join us for Hopkins Schools’ 18th annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser for the ICA Food Shelf and ResourceWest. Choose from bowls created by local artists and students. Enjoy soup and bread with your neighbors, make a free will donation, and more. 🍷



Changes To Utility Billing Coming Soon

The City of Hopkins is in the process of converting to new utility billing software which will result in changes for you as a utility customer.



The bills will have a new look and provide you with additional information. You will also be able to access and manage your account via an online portal, where you can pay your bill online.

Due to new credit card industry rules, the City is unable to roll over any existing automatic **credit card** payments. If you wish to continue autopay with your credit card, you will need to go to the online portal and register for automatic credit card payments. (This affects credit card customers only, who should have received a notice with their February bill.)

In the future, any customer who wishes to set up automatic payments or make a one time payment can do so through the online portal.

More information will be shared once the portal is up and running this month. 🍷

Travel Along Highway 169? MnDOT Wants Your Thoughts



Provide input on travel along Highway 169 by completing MnDOT’s short online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Hwy169. Your feedback will help determine the best options for reducing congestion, providing reliable trip times, and improving transit along Highway 169.

Initiated by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Scott County and the Metropolitan Council, the purpose of the study is to evaluate cost-effective options for improving transit and reducing congestion on Highway 169 between Shakopee and Golden Valley.

Share the survey with your neighbors and coworkers who travel on Highway 169. To learn more about the Highway 169 Mobility Study, please visit www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy169study/. 🍷

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. 🍷

Get The Wiggles Out At Turf Tots

Weekdays 9 am–2 pm
\$4/session per child

Bring your children (ages 1–5) 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 info, visit www.hopkinspavilion.com. 🍷





Upcoming at City Hall

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 pm

Work Session

Tuesday, March 15, 7 pm

Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 7:05 pm

Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Monday, March 21, 6:30 pm

Park Board

Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 pm

Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 5, 7 pm

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Find agendas and minutes at 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

Coming in April...

Public Works will begin flushing hydrants in Hopkins on April 11. Full details in the April *Highlights* or at www.hopkinsmn.com.

Don't Miss Citizens Academy

There is still time to sign up for this year's Citizens Academy. During this free, four-week course you will have an opportunity to:

- Participate in a felony traffic stop.
- Take the position of a firefighter on an engine and learn how a firefighter prepares to fight fires.
- Visit the water treatment plant.
- Learn about new development projects.

Classes will be held at 6:30 pm on four Thursdays beginning April 7. If you are interested in attending this year's Academy, call Jim Genellie at 952-548-6303 before April 1.



Over 300 residents and community members have attended Citizens Academy.



Pick Up Pickleball At The Activity Center

Want to try the fastest growing sport in the U.S.? The Hopkins Activity Center offers lots of opportunities to play pickleball this spring:

Beginning Pickleball

Tuesday, March 29, 2-3 pm: Instructor Catherine will give you an overview of pickleball so you learn scoring and gain confidence. Equipment is available. \$6 (\$4/members). Call 952-939-1333 or email activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com to register.

Indoor Pickleball Age 50+

Drop-in play on two courts is offered four times each week: Mondays at 1:30 pm; Tuesdays at 11:30 am; Wednesdays at 3:30 pm; and Thursdays at 4:45 pm. \$2/time (members free).



REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMPS AT THE PAVILION

The Pavilion is excited to host several new opportunities this summer, as well as returning classics. Go to www.hopkinspavilion.com for information on Skyhawks sport camps, Robots-4-U camps, Play-Well TEKnologies LEGO® engineering camps, and Aikido.

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 these 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 if the backup was caused by the City's negligence.
- Many property owner insurance policies exclude damage resulting from sewer backups. Some insurance companies, however, do provide sewer backup coverage. Property owners should check with their insurance company 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.

Refuse & Recycling Schedule

Garbage collection in March will take place every week on your normal pick up day. **Recycling will be picked up the weeks of March 7-10 and 21-24.**