



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 Tuesday, April 7 for residents and is on a first come, first served basis (limit two plots per household). Residents must provide proof of residency and register in-person at Hopkins City Hall, 1010 First Street S. Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, April 14. 🍷

Get Expert Advice, Ideas at Free West Metro Home Remodeling Fair

The West Metro Home Remodeling Fair on February 9 will feature seminars and mini-demonstrations for the do-it-yourselfer. In addition to over 60 exhibitors, guests will 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 <https://homeremodelingfair.com> for details of all the day's activities.

WEST METRO HOME
REMODELING FAIR

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WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
WHERE: Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Hwy. 7, Hopkins
COST: Free!

Save Water - Request a Rebate!

The City of Hopkins, in partnership with the Metropolitan Council, is now offering Water Efficiency Rebates to Hopkins property owners to lower the cost of the purchase and installation of products that reduce water use (limit one rebate per property owner).

Rebates are available for:

- Energy Star-certified washing machines: 75 percent rebate, not to exceed \$500
- EPA WaterSense-certified low-flow toilets: 75 percent rebate, not to exceed \$150
- EPA WaterSense-certified irrigation controller replacement: 75 percent rebate, not to exceed \$400
- EPA WaterSense-certified sprinkler body replacements: 75 percent rebate, not to exceed \$400 per system
- EPA WaterSense-certified irrigation system audits: 75 percent rebate, not to exceed \$200

Homeowners are encouraged to get pre-approved before making a purchase to ensure rebate eligibility and available grant funds.

More information about the program is available on our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/1034/water-efficiency-rebates. 🍷

Become a Part-Time Firefighter

The Hopkins Fire Department is seeking candidates for paid, on-call firefighters who live within eight minutes of the department and are interested in serving Hopkins residents on a wide range of emergency calls and services.

All uniforms, equipment and training is paid for by the department. Firefighters who spend at least 10 years with the department will receive a pension.

Applications are due March 30 by 4 p.m. For more information about the department or to apply online, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/256/FirefightersHiring. 🍷

Kids' Fest is February 9



Join friends and family for the annual Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Kids' Fest Sunday, February 9, from 11 to 2:30 p.m., at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard.

Enjoy dog sled rides, caricatures, face painting, horse-drawn trolley rides and much more! 🍷

Learn Defensive Driving Skills

An eight-hour defensive driving course for adults over 55 will be held on Tuesday, February 18, and Wednesday, February 19, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Hopkins Activity Center.

The course, taught by an instructor from the Minnesota Safety Council, includes a lecture, films and discussion, and entitles participants to a three-year, 10 percent discount on auto insurance.

Advance registration required online at www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter or by calling 952-939-1333. 🍷



Upcoming at the City

City Offices Closed

Monday, February 17
Presidents' Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, February 4, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, February 18, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, February 4, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board Meeting

Monday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Agendas and minutes found at www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions.

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 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 p.m.; and Sundays at 1 p.m.

Elected Officials

Mayor
Jason Gadd

City Council
Alan Beck Rick Brausen
Kristi Halverson Brian Hunke

Free Tax Assistance

AARP Tax Assistance offers free help for older taxpayers and people with limited incomes. Drop by the Hopkins Activity Center beginning February 3 on **Mondays and Tuesdays between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** First come, first served. No appointments. 🍏



Winter Isn't Over Yet! 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/488/Snow-Emergencies for more information on where to park and what to do if your vehicle is towed.

Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, February 17 for Presidents' Day. Garbage and recycling collection that week will be delayed by one day.

February recycling pick up weeks are February 3-6 and 18-21. 🍏

Keep Garbage and 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 four-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! 🍏

Register for Summer Fun at the Pavilion

The Hopkins Pavilion is excited to host AKA Sport Camps, a summer option for kids entering first through ninth grades. Each week provides a different sport for kids to master. Choose from full summer registration or the individual weeks that works for you. Camps are offered Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration is available at www.akasport.org. 🍏

Apply Now for Summer Seasonal Employment

It is already time for high school and college students – or anyone looking for a part-time job – to start thinking about summer employment. Positions include swim instructors and lifeguards; Shady Oak Beach staff; Grays Bay Marina attendants; Kid's Corner Day Camp staff; Park Adventures leaders and coordinators; park attendants; Rec on the Go leaders; and Inclusion specialists. These are great opportunities for anyone interested in gaining valuable experience and training. For more information or to apply online, visit minnetonkamn.gov/employment. 🍏

Keep Plastic Bags out of Recycling

Hopkins residents are reminded that all recyclables should be placed in recycling carts loose – never use plastic bags. Plastic bags are enemy #1 at the sorting facilities that process recyclables. They cause major equipment problems and shut-downs, and must be kept out of recycling carts. It is important to know what is accepted in your area when it comes to recycling. Visit our website at www.hopkinsmn.com/312/Accepted-Recycling-Items to learn what can be recycled in Hopkins. 🍏

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Deposit Disclosure

Minnesota Statute 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 full 2020 mixed municipal solid waste deposit disclosure can be viewed on the City website at www.hopkinsmn.com/386/Garbage. 🍏