



# Hopkins Highlights

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## Provide Input on 2021 Budget

The City of Hopkins is asking residents, business owners and property owners to provide input on the 2021 Budget through a short survey. The survey is available online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/hopkinsbudget2021](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hopkinsbudget2021). Paper copies are available at City Hall. The deadline to complete the survey is April 30.

The City will also be holding budget engagement sessions on May 19 and August 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. at City Hall. More information on the budget can be found on our website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process).

## Garden Plot Registration Begins April 7

Registration for community garden plots begins at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, for Hopkins 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.

## This Spring at the Hopkins Activity Center

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Avenue North in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or email [activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com) with questions or to register.

### SENIOR OUTREACH

Bob Anderson, a social worker from Senior Community Services, will be at the Activity Center on Tuesday, March 10, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., to provide community resources and connections to older adults and caregivers to stay safe, stable, independent and active members in the community.

### SENIOR BIKING SEASON OPENER EVENT

Stop by The Depot Coffee House on Tuesday, April 7, at 9 a.m., for a presentation from the Southwest Light Rail Project Office and Three Rivers Park District regarding present and future bike trail route closures and detours due to the light rail construction. The Hopkins Police Department will also present information on the newly organized bike/pedestrian advisory group "Access Hopkins," and will address road, trail and bike safety questions. Tonka Cycle & Ski will introduce new bicycling products.

### EMPTY BOWLS

@ Hopkins Center for the Arts  
Tuesday, March 10  
11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Join us for Hopkins Schools' 21st 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.



## Apply by March 10 for Hopkins Academy

Hopkins Academy is a free opportunity to find out more about how the City works. The 2020 session will be held over four Thursdays in April.

Find more information and apply online at [www.hopkinsmn.com/425/Hopkins-Academy](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/425/Hopkins-Academy).

## Happenings at the Hopkins Pavilion

### SIGN-UP FOR AKA SPORT CAMPS

The Pavilion is excited to host AKA Sport Camps this summer at the Hopkins Pavilion! Kids will enjoy a new sport and ultimate field trip each week. Learn new sports and improve on specific skills, along with plenty of free play. Visit [akasport.org](http://akasport.org) for more information.

### GET THE WIGGLES OUT AT TURF TOTS

Bring your children (ages 1-5) to the Hopkins Pavilion for Turf Tots, a drop-in program open through April 22. Kids can run and play with provided equipment including sport balls, crawl tunnels, bounce houses, hula hoops and more. Adults are required to stay on the field and supervise during the event.

New this year:

- Fit 4 Mom Strides 360 classes will be held on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. Strides 360 is a total body workout where mamas work through stations of cardio, strength and core with your kid in tow!
- Yoga for you and your tot will be held Fridays at 10 a.m. Registration is required.

Turf Tots is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is \$5/session, per child. For more information, visit [www.hopkinspavilion.com](http://www.hopkinspavilion.com).



## Upcoming at the City

### City Council Calendar

Wednesday, March 4, 7:05 p.m.  
Meeting

Monday, March 16, 7 p.m.  
Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.  
Work Session

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council). Watch City Council meetings live at [www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand).

### Boards and Commissions Calendar

Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m.  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.  
Park Board

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.  
Planning and Zoning Commission

Find agendas and minutes at [www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://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

## Check Your Water Before Doing Laundry

Depending on where you live in Hopkins, hydrant flushing and sanitary sewer cleaning could affect your water color in April.

### HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community in April. Schedules may be adjusted due to weather conditions.

**If you own or manage a business or townhome/apartment complex, please arrange for your private hydrants to be flushed by a contractor during the same time frame that the City is flushing in your area.**



- **April 6–10:** Hydrants north of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- **April 13–17:** Hydrants south of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- **April 20–24:** Hydrants east of Highway 169

During hydrant flushing it is normal to experience some discolored water. **Residents are cautioned against doing laundry—particularly whites—while crews are in the neighborhood.** This water is safe to drink and can be cleared up by running the cold water in your laundry tub.

Public Works will also be doing routine sewer cleaning starting in mid-March, weather permitting. The cleaning area will be south of Excelsior Boulevard, including Excelsior Boulevard, and Blake Road from Lake Street to Excelsior Boulevard.

If you experience problems, please contact Public Works at 952-548-6373. 🍷

### Take Note: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Garbage collection will take place every week on normal pick-up days.

Recycling will be collected the weeks of March 2-5 and March 16-19. ♻️

## Upcoming Events at the Art Center

### Squirrel Nut Zippers Concert • Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m. (7 p.m. social hour)

Squirrel Nut Zippers burst on the scene in the mid-90s with a quirky mix of jazz chords, folk music and punk rock leanings that sold millions of albums and filled concert halls coast to coast. Tickets: Members: \$54, Non-Members: \$59.

### David Wilcox Concert • Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m. (7 p.m. social hour)

Considered a “songwriter’s songwriter,” David Wilcox returns to the Hopkins Center for the Arts stage with some old favorites, as well as his latest album, “The View from the Edge.” Tickets: Members \$23, Non-Members: \$28.

For concert tickets, call 952-979-1111 or visit [www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com](http://www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com).

### Spring Members Non-Juried Exhibition • Thursday, March 26, 6 to 8 p.m.

The opening reception of this annual spring show of work by Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts member artists will be held March 26, with all galleries on view through May 9.

Exhibitions and opening receptions are free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.hopkinsartscenter.com/223/Exhibitions](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com/223/Exhibitions).

## City Seeking Water Sampling Locations

The City of Hopkins’ Water Department is seeking additional drinking water sampling locations (homes) for lead and copper water sampling and testing in order to comply with Minnesota Department of Health requirements. At each sample site, one test must be conducted prior to June 2020 and another between the dates of July 2020 and January 2021. Homeowners will receive the test results.

The sampling is a simple procedure that can be done by Water Department personnel or by the homeowner (sample bottles and instructions will be provided by the City and staff will pick-up the sample after it has been taken).

If you are interested in volunteering as a water sampling/testing location, please contact Hopkins Public Works at 952-939-1382. 🍷

### REGISTER YOUR ALARMS!

Residents and business owners must register fire and/or police alarms with the City. The cost is \$20 per alarm type. Permit applications are available on the City’s website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/669/Alarm-Registration](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/669/Alarm-Registration). Note: Unmonitored smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are not included in this alarm registration requirement. 🍷