



# Hopkins Highlights

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## Stay Involved With the Hopkins Activity Center

The Hopkins Activity Center is welcoming back participants for safe, in-person programming activities, by registration only.

- Work on your fitness goals with the encouragement of others in a small group exercise class or Yoga.
- Get outside for Nordic Walking on local trails each Friday in March.
- Join the Book Club discussion of the book *Where The Crawdads Sing* on April 5.
- Many programs and social groups continue to be offered on Zoom.
- Do you knit or sew? Look for volunteer opportunities on our website.

Registration for any of these listed programs can be found on the Activity Center's website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter).

## Garden Plot Registration Begins April 6

Registration for community garden plots begins at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, for Hopkins residents. Registration 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. Be prepared for the weather conditions, as social distance requirements may mean lines will extend outdoors. Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, April 13.



Don't Forget:

### Recycle Your Salt This Spring

Don't know what to do with all that leftover sidewalk salt once the snow stops falling? The City of Hopkins is now offering the first-ever sidewalk salt recycling program in Minnesota.

Simply bring your leftover salt to Hopkins Public Works and dispose of it in the black garbage bin located near the front door. All salt must be shaken out of the bag or other original container when going into the bin. No pellet salt will be accepted.

### Happening Now: Boards and Commissions Recruitment

The City is now accepting applications for Boards and Commissions. The application deadline is April 19. For more information, visit the City website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions).

## Now Available: Hilltop

### Park Activity Guide

Did you know Hopkins is home to over a dozen parks? The City of Hopkins encourages residents to climb, swim, skate, sled, and swing their way through them all!

The Hopkins Park Board wants to help families and community members explore and enjoy Hopkins beautiful parks. Check out the activity guide highlighting Hilltop Park at [www.hopkinsmn.com/1077/Exploring-Hopkins-Parks](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/1077/Exploring-Hopkins-Parks).

## 2021 Walk Hopkins Challenge



Did you know if you walked the length of every public street in Hopkins you would have walked 53 miles? The City of Hopkins is introducing the Walk Hopkins Challenge in which challenges community members to walk the streets of Hopkins while tracking your progress along the way.

### Here's how it works:

1. Print the maps or pick up a copy at City Hall.
2. Plan your routes, walk and track your progress all year long.
3. Use the #WalkHopkins hashtag along the way when posting to social media.
4. When finished, turn in your completed sheets and your information at City Hall by December 31, 2021 at 12 p.m.
5. Finishers will see their names on the City's website and be entered in a drawing to win Depot Gift Cards.

For more information and the link to printable maps, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/1076/Walk-Hopkins-Challenge](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/1076/Walk-Hopkins-Challenge).



## Upcoming at the City

### City Council Calendar

Tuesday, March 2, 7:05 p.m.  
Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Work Session

Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 2, 7 p.m.  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.  
Park Board

Tuesday, March 23, 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 5–9:** Hydrants north of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- **April 12–16:** Hydrants south of Excelsior Boulevard and west of Highway 169
- **April 19–23:** 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 north of Highway 7, East of 5th Avenue and north of Excelsior to the St. Louis Park border.

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 1-4, March 15-18 and March 29-April 1. 🌱

## Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Join in the 2021 Empty Bowls Fundraiser taking place Tuesday, March 2, through Tuesday, March 9. For safety reasons, the event will not be held in-person at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, as usual. However, the needs of the community persist and the community can still come together virtually to help meet the needs of neighbors.

### 2021 Covid-Friendly Format

**Soup and Art:** All donors are welcome to stop by ICA Food Shelf to choose a piece of community-created art and a coupon for a free cup of soup from one of Hopkins' favorite local restaurants.

**Silent Auction:** The popular community art silent auction will be held online. This year's auction will also feature fun food items.

**Community Updates:** Online updates from ICA and ResourceWest Executive Directors Dan Narr and Tarrah Palm, as well as surprise guests.

For more information on this year's fundraiser, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/431/Empty-Bowls](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/431/Empty-Bowls). 🍷



### 2022 BUDGET PROCESS

Approving the City's Annual Budget is one of the most important decisions made by City Council. The 2022 budget will be based on staff recommendations and input received from the community. For more information, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/466/City-Budget-Process). 🍷

## 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; 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/government/employment](http://minnetonkamn.gov/government/employment). 🍷