



Hopkins Highlights

April
2009

City Launches Updated & Improved Website

The City launched a redesigned version of its website in mid-March. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com for a fresh look at the City of Hopkins, and to find the latest information about upcoming events, City services, places and departments, and more. 🍷



Celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Month

with the Hopkins Activity Center

Walker Bag Project

Share your sewing talents and make a simple walker bag for our local hospital. Kits include simple pattern, fabric & Velcro—you only need to provide the binding. Pick up your kit at the Hopkins Activity Center. Call for information.

Helping Hands

Mondays, April 13 & 27, 9 am–12 pm
Community service group that knits or crochets finger puppets, prayer shawls, and hats, mittens, and scarves for infants, children, and adults for area service groups. Work with the group or at home. Yarn donations accepted.

Premie Blanket Bee

Thursday, April 16, 3–9 pm
Community service group that makes comforting quilts for preemie babies in our local hospital. Cut quilt squares, sew, press fabric, & assemble preemie quilts. Donations of infant-themed cotton fabrics needed.

Recycling Opportunities

"Save It Program"
The following items are being collected at the Hopkins Activity Center and are passed onto area organizations so that they might benefit from their value.

Things to save: beverage tabs, Kemps milk caps, used greeting cards (entire card), Campbell's Labels for Education, household & button batteries, Box Tops for Education, eyeglasses, canceled postage stamps, hearing aids, 100% wool cloth for rug hooking, cell phones, acrylic yarn, infant-themed cotton fabric.

Volunteer Opportunities

Community members are invited to volunteer for the Hopkins Activity Center. Call for current needs and to receive a volunteer application.

The Hopkins Activity Center is located at 33 14th Ave N in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 with questions or to register. 🍷

Tidy Up Your Lawn During Free Brush & Yard Waste Pick Ups



Brush Pick Up

Brush is collected on **Tuesdays** weather permitting (excluding holidays). To schedule a pick-up, call before 2 pm on Monday. **Brush is collected FREE from April 21–May 5.** After May 5, fees apply. Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard NOT in the street (NO alley pick-up)—butt ends all one way, parallel to the street. Keep brush at least 5 feet away from overhead wires, fences, refuse containers, parked cars, etc. DO NOT put brush in your refuse containers. Only brush that is generated on Hopkins' residential properties will be picked up. Brush is defined as tree limbs, twigs, and branches up to a maximum of 6 inches in diameter and 15 feet in length. No logs or lumber are accepted.

Yard Waste Pick Up

Yard waste is collected the same day as regular refuse. **Pick up is FREE April 20–May 7.** Starting May 11, bags must display yard waste stickers. Place bagged yard waste at the normal refuse collection site at least 4 feet away from your refuse and recycling containers. Yard waste is defined as leaves with grass stems no longer than 4 inches, grass clippings, and similar garden waste.

For more information, call 952-939-1382 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/. 🍷

Drop Off Site Opens May 2

The Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off location at 3100 Hopkins Crossroads (the west side of County Road 73, approximately two blocks north of County Road 5) will open Saturday, May 2. It will be open on Wednesdays, 2–7 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am–3 pm.

Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential properties will be accepted. Driver licenses will be checked to ensure residency requirements. Residents must unload and debag their materials at the site. Branches must be no longer than 15 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter.

Get A Jump Start On Your Health This Spring: Community Health & Fitness Expo

Sunday, April 19, 1–4 pm at the Lindbergh Center (2400 Lindbergh Drive, Minnetonka)

Join us for the Community Health & Fitness Expo, sponsored by Hopkins Public Schools and Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services. Experience everything the Lindbergh Center has to offer. Take part in fitness class demos, participate in wellness activities, learn about community offerings, and much more. Bring the whole family for a day of fitness and fun...and it's FREE!

For a complete schedule of events, go to: www.eminnetonka.com. 🍷



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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is April 13-16 and 27-30.

Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday of every week.



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City Council Calendar

April 7, 7:30 pm
Meeting

April 14, 6:30 pm
Work Session

April 21, 7:30 pm
Meeting

April 28, 6:30 pm
Work Session

May 5, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

April 6, 7 pm
Human Rights Commission

April 7, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

April 20, 6:30 pm
Park Board

April 21, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

April 28, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

May 4, 7 pm
Human Rights Commission

May 5, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com.

Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning & Planning Commission meetings can be seen on cable channel 16 live and are replayed on:

Monday & Wednesday
7:30 pm

Thursday Sunday
2:00 pm 1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan
Rick Brausen ■ Cheryl Youakim

Need Summer Childcare For Your School-Aged Child?

This summer, Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services introduces a new 11-week active day program to meet the needs of area families. Based at the Williston Fitness Center, the Kid's Corner summer program will offer field trips, sporting activities, arts and crafts, and much more. The goal of this program is to provide a fun and active summer for the children.



Kid's Corner Details

Dates: Monday-Friday, June 8-August 21

Time: 7 am-5 pm

Cost: \$135/week (10 weeks minimum required)

Grades: 1-5

For more information and to register call 952-939-8203. 🍓

New Recycling Calendars Are In The Mail

2009-2010 Recycling Calendars are in the mail. If you are a Hopkins refuse customer and do not receive one, please call 952-939-1382. 🍓

Spring Cleaning Time For Sanitary Sewers

The City of Hopkins has a sanitary sewer cleaning program that includes cleaning the sanitary sewers on a three-year revolving schedule. The areas to be cleaned in 2009 are:

- Excelsior Blvd north to Highway 7 and east of 5th Avenue North
- All Hopkins sanitary sewers north of Hwy 7

If you live in the cleaning area...

A sanitary sewer jet-cleaning machine uses high-pressure water to clean the sanitary sewer. This high water pressure may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing. You may experience gurgling or bubbling water in the toilet bowl or you may smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If this does occur, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains. This does not damage your sewer system. The water that comes out is the water that is normally in the home's system (drain traps), not the water from the sanitary sewer in the street.

For more information on the sanitary sewer cleaning program call the Utilities Superintendent at 952-548-6373 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/services/water/cleaning.php. 🍓

Reminder: Bulk Item Drop Off

Hopkins Residential Refuse Customers only

***2009 change: \$10 per vehicle charge**

1414 7th St S

April 23 & 24, 3-7 pm

April 25, 9 am-4 pm

Visit www.hopkinsmn.com or call 952-939-1382 for more information.

City's 2008 Annual Report Now Available

2008 was another interesting year for the City of Hopkins. Find out about the programs and projects from last year and the plans and goals for 2009. You can get copies of the annual report at City Hall. You can also find it online at www.hopkinsmn.com. 🍓

