

# Hopkins Highlights July 2009

## City Elections: Filing For Council Member & Mayor Begins August 25

Hopkins municipal elections are held in odd numbered years. On November 3, 2009, the residents of Hopkins will elect the Mayor and two Council Members. Filing for these positions will open on Tuesday, August 25, 2009. The filing period will remain open until 5 pm on September 8. You may file for office at City Hall (1010 1st St S) between 8 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and until 5 pm on Tuesday, September 8.

If you have any questions about the elections or filing for office, please call Terry Obermaier at 952-548-6304. 🍷

## Attend First Annual Hopkins Arts Festival

Saturday, July 11, 10 am–6 pm & Sunday, July 12, 10 am–5 pm

Artists' tents will line historic Mainstreet during the second weekend in July for the first annual Hopkins Arts Festival. The Festival will feature artwork for sale—paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, and much more—made by fine artists from across the region, family activities and crafts by Stages Theatre Company, musical performances, and summertime fare. The Festival is free and open to all! The Hopkins Arts Festival is being sponsored by the Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts.



For further information about the Hopkins Arts Festival or Hopkins Center for the Arts, please visit [www.hopkinsartscenter.com](http://www.hopkinsartscenter.com). 🍷

## 2009 Raspberry Festival: "A Tradition Preserved"

July 11–19, 2009

The Hopkins Raspberry Festival will be celebrating its 75th annual festival this year! New events/returning events include fireworks and softball and kickball tournaments. These three events will take place on Saturday, July 18, in Central Park.

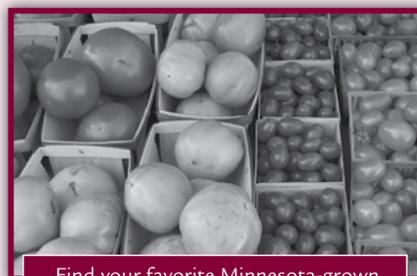
Other events include street dances, coronation of royalty, Family Day, and the Grande Day Parade on July 19. For a complete list of events, go to [www.raspberrycapital.com](http://www.raspberrycapital.com). 🍷



## Farmers' Market Now Open

The 2009 Hopkins Farmers' Market is open every Saturday from 7:30 am to 12 pm. The Market is located at 16 9th Ave S, in the parking lot just north of Downtown Park.

The Hopkins Farmers' Market features Minnesota-grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs, as well as meat, poultry, and more. Just remember: the Farmers' Market features Minnesota-grown items, so the amount and types of produce will vary throughout the summer. 🍷



Find your favorite Minnesota-grown vegetables, fruits, and more at the Hopkins Farmer's Market.

## Meet Your Neighbors

Wed, July 8, 7:30–8:30 pm

Hopkins City Hall

Immigrants have been coming to Hopkins for over 100 years. The Hopkins Human Rights Commission is offering an opportunity to meet some immigrants, find out why they came to the United States, and how their lives have changed. We will be talking with recent immigrants and immigrants who have lived here more than thirty years. This event is free and open to the public.

## Raspberry Festival Events at the Hopkins Activity Center

### Raspberry Festival Senior Game Day

Sunday, July 12, 3 pm

Enjoy bingo, great prizes, and a buffet. Co-sponsored by Hopkins American Legion, Hopkins Raspberry Festival, St. Therese SW, and Hopkins Activity Center. Cost is \$5 per person in advance with a Raspberry button.

### Dancing through the Decades (1934-2009)

Tuesday, July 14, 7 pm

Raspberry Festival Senior Ambassadors Dodie Mord & Josef Obermaier invite you to celebrate the end of their reign and welcome the new Senior Ambassadors. Enjoy the music of the Big Band Sound of Dick Macko, dancing, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. All ages welcome. Co-sponsored by the Hopkins Raspberry Festival, Hopkins Jaycees and Hopkins Activity Center. Cost \$15 per person in advance with a Raspberry Button. Registration and payment due by Tuesday, July 7.

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



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## Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is  
July 6-9 & 20-23

Refuse will be picked  
up Monday through  
Thursday every week.

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### City Council Calendar

July 7, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

July 14, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

July 21, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

July 28, 6:30 pm  
Work Session

August 3, 7:30 pm  
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be  
found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/  
cityhall/citycouncil/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/citycouncil/).

### Boards & Commissions Calendar

July 7, 7 pm  
Housing & Redevelopment  
Authority

July 20, 6:30 pm  
Park Board

July 28, 6:30 pm  
Zoning & Planning Commission

August 3, 7 pm  
Housing & Redevelopment  
Authority

Agendas and minutes can be  
found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/  
cityhall/boards/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/boards/).

### 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  
2:00 pm

Sunday  
1:00 pm

### Elected Officials

Mayor  
Gene Maxwell  
(952-935-5270)

City Council  
Rick Brausen  
Kristi Halverson  
Bruce Rowan  
Cheryl Youakim

Photo by Leah Pechmann,  
2008 Hopkins Photo Contest



## Celebrate National Night Out On August 4

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, August 4, 2009**  
and celebrate the 26th annual National Night Out  
against crime and drugs.

National Night Out (NNO) is designed to heighten  
crime and drug prevention awareness and to provide  
an opportunity to promote and celebrate police-  
community partnerships in crime prevention efforts. NNO is sponsored by the  
Hopkins Police Department.

From 5:30 to 9 pm on August 4, residents in neighborhoods throughout Hopkins and  
across the nation are asked to lock their  
doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the  
evening outside with neighbors. Many neigh-  
borhoods throughout Hopkins will be hosting  
a variety of special events such as block par-  
ties, cookouts, ice cream socials, potlucks  
and games. Last year, 45 neighborhoods in  
Hopkins registered and took part in NNO!

We encourage every neighborhood to get  
out and participate in "America's Night Out  
Against Crime." Register your party early  
and enjoy a visit from McGruff, Sparky, the  
Police Department, or the Fire Department!  
A registration form can be obtained at  
[www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com) or you can contact  
Anne Marie Buck of the Hopkins Police  
Department at 952-548-6407 or by e-mail  
at [abuck@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:abuck@hopkinsmn.com) before July 14. 🍓

## REMINDER:

### Don't Feed Wildlife

Many people enjoy feeding wildlife because  
it allows them to have closer contact with  
these animals. Often they think they are  
helping the animals to survive, but this is not  
correct. Most urban wildlife eat a variety of  
vegetation and small vertebrates (such as  
mice) which are plentiful even in the most  
settled residential neighborhoods. If an  
animal is in your neighborhood, you can rest  
assured that there is plenty of food available, or the animal would not be living there.

While feeding the animals can be fun for humans, it will harm animals more than it helps them.

- When wild animals begin to depend on humans for food they may become less experienced at foraging and consequently less likely to survive.
- The food fed to animals by humans is inadequate nutritionally and can cause serious health problems for the animals, especially when they are young and still developing.
- When food is readily available, animals will gather in abnormally large numbers. By gathering these animals together in unnatural groups, diseases can spread much more quickly.

Many people do not think about the neighborhood impact when they start feeding wildlife. Wild animals do not usually discriminate between one human and another and will often start pestering other neighbors. They may also cause damage to homes and property because they expect to be fed and have lost their fear of people. 🍓



### Refuse Cart Maintenance

With the heat of summer in full swing, those refuse and recycle containers may start to smell. Here are a few simple tips to keep your container clean and reduce the odor.

- Place your refuse in paper or plastic bags before putting them in the refuse cart.
- Place your recycling in paper bags before putting them in the recycling cart.
- Rinse bottles and cans before placing them in the recycling cart.
- If you have decomposable refuse such as kitchen scraps, place it in a plastic bag and freeze it until your collection day.
- Wash the interior of your carts with a household cleaner\* and water. 🍓

\*Green Idea: A good substitute for commercial household cleaners is "Alice's Wonder Spray." In a 32-ounce spray bottle, mix:

1/4 cup white vinegar  
2 tsp. Borax  
1/4 cup Palmolive liquid soap

Fill the remainder of the bottle with hot water. Optional:  
Add 20 drops of an essential oil like peppermint.

This is an environmentally-friendly, non-toxic, all-around household cleaner—even works for woodwork.