



Hopkins Highlights

August
2010



Park Board To Consider Tobacco-Free Policy For Parks

The City is considering a new city-wide policy that would prohibit tobacco use in all public parks and recreation areas. The Park Board will discuss the proposed change and receive public input at its September 20 meeting. They will then make a final decision on whether or not to recommend the tobacco-free policy to the City Council for adoption.

The proposed policy would prohibit tobacco use in all city parks, recreation areas and buildings, except within the confines of a vehicle in a designated parking space. If adopted, Hopkins would join several other metro cities with tobacco-free policies, including Edina, Eden Prairie, Golden Valley, and Plymouth.

The new policy is being considered as a way to improve the park experience for all users, prevent litter, and promote a healthier lifestyle. Tobacco Free Youth Recreation, an organization consisting of young adult leaders and several Hopkins Junior High students, originally brought forward the idea for the new policy.

The Hopkins Park Board will meet at 6:30 pm on September 20, 2010, at Hopkins City Hall, 1010 First Street South. Questions may be directed to Park Board Liaison Steve Stadler, 952-548-6350 or ssadler@hopkinsmn.com.

Primary Election: Aug 10

Don't forget to vote in the August 10 primary election. Polls are open 7 am-8 pm. For more information, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/elections.

Upcoming Events @ Hopkins Activity Center

Ice Cream Social & Barbershop Quartet

Monday, August 9, 6:30 pm
Enjoy the music of The Clipp-Tones Barbershop Quartet, Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundaes, and drawings for prizes. Fun for all ages! Event partner: Comfort Keepers. **FREE!**



Grandparents Photo Contest

Bring your cutest grandchild or special young friend photo to the Activity Center August 2-31. Photos displayed September 7-30 with category winners announced October 4. This year's categories include "So Sad," "Kids & Pets," "Sleeping Angel," "Looking for Trouble," and "Cute as a Bug." One picture per category may be entered.



Senior Surf Day

Tuesday, August 10, 1 pm
Become familiar with the computer and learn the basics of surfing the internet. Learn to type in web addresses and navigate from one webpage to the next, determine if a website is secure, conduct searches, and learn websites that will assist you in obtaining information important to you. Space is limited. Presented by the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging. Call 952-939-1333 to register.



Become Involved With The Arts During The 2010-2011 Season At The Center

music at the center

Two distinct concert series and two holiday specials add up to our biggest concert season yet! The Saturday Series features nine concerts showcasing a variety of artists from John Gorka to Cantus to Dick Hyman. The Take Five Tuesdays series, presented in partnership with Sue McLean & Associates, expands to 10 concerts and features a social hour before each concert. This year's exciting line-up includes R&B, blues, contemporary jazz, and some of the best songwriters out there. Finally, celebrate the holidays with one or both of our family-friendly holiday shows—Robert Robinson's 2010 Holiday concert on Dec 18, and The O'Neill Brothers Christmas Tour with Katie McMahon on Dec 21.

Tickets are now on sale through the box office at 952-979-1111 (Tues-Sat, noon-6 pm) or online at www.hopkinsartscenter.com.

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Hiroshima kicks off the season on Sept 28.

more at the center

HCA also continues to host Hennepin Library Association's Pen Pals author lecture series, writing workshops through The Loft Around Town, arts and wellness classes through Hopkins Schools' Adult Community Education, the Hopkins Arts Festival and ambitious and diverse visual arts exhibitions.

These activities, added to the extensive theater and educational programming of Stages Theatre Company, and offerings by community groups such as the Hopkins Westwind Community Band and Shoestring Players, provide a spectrum of options for people of all ages to be engaged in the arts this upcoming season.

Lawn Watering Reminder

To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City has established year round watering restrictions.

Residents & businesses are to water on an odd/even system based on your address number. There should be no watering between 11 am and 5 pm.

Please call the Public Works Department at 952-548-6373 with any questions.



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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection will take place Aug 2-5, 16-19, and 30-Sept 2.

Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday every week.

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City Council Calendar

August 2, 7:30 pm
Meeting

August 10, 6:30 pm
Work Session

August 17, 7:30 pm
Meeting

August 24, 6:30 pm
Meeting

September 7, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/citycouncil/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

August 2, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

August 16, 6:30 pm
Park Board

August 31, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

September 7, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be found at 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 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

City Offices Closed

Monday, Sept 6
Labor Day

Fall Recreation Brochure To Be Published Online Only

The 2010 Recreation Services fall brochure will not be mailed to homes late this summer. This trial of online-only publishing of the Recreation Services brochure is an effort to save tax dollars involved in printing and bulk mailing 35,000 brochures to Hopkins and Minnetonka residents.

Residents without Internet access who wish to receive a printed copy of the brochure may call 952-939-8203 or send a request to recservices@eminnetonka.com. A black-and-white copy of the brochure will be printed by the recreation department and mailed to your household. Non-residents requesting a copy of the brochure will be charged \$3 to cover mailing costs.



This test trial will affect the 2010 fall brochure only—the winter and summer brochures will continue to be printed and mailed. We welcome your feedback and appreciate your patience and cooperation as we strive to enhance our services, reduce printing costs and become a more environmentally

friendly organization. Please let us know what you think by emailing recservices@eminnetonka.com.

Join The Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee

The Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MAC) is seeking two long-term Hopkins' residents to serve on the Committee. The MAC provides advice, suggestions, and assistance to the Police Department to aid them in better serving, communicating with, and understanding the many cultures that reside in, work in, or visit the Hopkins area.

The Committee is now seeking to expand its role in the community. The Committee would like to add some new members who have been living in Hopkins for at least ten years. In particular, they are seeking persons who:

- are open and experienced in working with and living among diverse people.
- are accepting of persons different than themselves and respectful of persons of different faiths and cultures.
- are willing to work cooperatively with the police in enhancing relationships between all cultural communities and the police.

The Committee meets once per month. Persons interested in serving on the MAC must fill out an application, pass a criminal background check, and be interviewed by representatives of the partnering agencies.

To apply, please call or email Tsehai Wodajo, PD Community Liaison, at 952-584-6428 or tsehai@hopkinsmn.com.

Freshen Up Your Refuse Container

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 it in the refuse cart.
- Place your recycling in paper bags before putting it 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 wood-work.

