



Hopkins Highlights

June
2011



Arts Festival Returns July 9–10

The third annual Hopkins Arts Festival will be held along historic Mainstreet on Saturday, July 9, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, July 10, 10 am to 5 pm. It includes a juried art fair, musical entertainment, and creative activities that highlight the Hopkins Center for the Arts. The event is open and free to the public.

The Hopkins Arts Festival is sponsored by the Friends of the Hopkins Center for the Arts, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation that raises funds to provide high quality and affordable exhibitions, concerts and other events for people of all ages at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Proceeds from the festival directly benefit arts programming at the Center. Find out more at hopkinsartsfestival.com.

Farmers' Market Opens June 18

The 2011 Hopkins Farmers' Market begins Saturday, June 18, 7:30 am to noon. An opening day celebration will feature free treats and beverages.

The Market is located in downtown Hopkins on 9th Avenue, ½ block south of the Mainstreet Clock Tower, next to the Downtown Park. It offers an excellent selection of fresh, locally-grown vegetables, organic produce, fruit, herbs, beef, pork, poultry, eggs, baked goods, breads, honey, cut flowers, plants, jams, pickles, salsa, soap, art and more. Farmers' Market Nutrition Program vouchers are accepted.

Find the Farmers' Market on Facebook, email hopkinsfarmersmarket@gmail.com, or call 952-583-3585 for more information. The Farmers Market will be open every Saturday from June 18 through October 29 from 7:30 am until noon.

REMINDER: Community Sale

Rent a booth to sell your treasures or come to shop at the second annual Community Sale, June 23–25, at the Hopkins Pavilion. Hours and more information at www.hopkinspavilion.com or by calling 952-939-1410.

Backyard Fires: Be Safe and Considerate

With the warm weather, campfire season has returned to Hopkins. Fires set for recreational or social purposes within Hopkins do not require a permit, except during a burning ban issued by the local authorities.

Be a good neighbor and keep the fire away from the property line and extinguish any fires that become extremely smoky. Use only clean dry wood and do not allow the fire to smolder. It should be kept burning hot to minimize smoke. A few more reminders:

- Recreational fires cannot be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material, unless contained in a barbecue pit.
- Buckets, shovels and a garden hose or fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4-A rating must be readily available for use.
- Until they're extinguished, recreational fires must be constantly supervised by a person who knows how to use fire extinguishing equipment.
- The chief or his designee is authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately extinguished if determined by him/her to constitute a hazardous condition.

If a neighbor complains about the smoke or is concerned of the fire spreading, the fire will be considered a "public nuisance" and will need to be extinguished. Please keep these requirements in mind while enjoying campfires this summer.

EXPLORE YOUR Creative Side @ Hopkins Activity Center

Beginning Watercolor Workshop

Tuesday, June 14, 1–4 pm

Explore the key techniques and tools of watercolor painting. Step-by-step demonstrations with instructor Jennifer Wigen. Frequent User Members \$25; Others \$28 (includes materials).

Introduction to Watercolor

Tuesdays, June 21, 28, July 12 & 19,
1–2:30 pm

Explore watercolor by focusing on key techniques, basic tools and ideas. No experience necessary. Instructor: Jennifer Wigen. Frequent User Members \$34; Others \$37 (bring supplies).

Scrapbooking Club & Open Studio

Mondays, 6 pm or Thursdays, 10 am

Get your photos out of unsafe albums and into scrapbooks. The Cricut machine is available for use—a fun way to cut shapes and letters. Frequent User Members free; Others \$1 (bring supplies).

Dress-A-Dollie

Volunteers are needed to sew or purchase doll clothes for the Hopkins School District's classroom dolls. Dolls can be picked up at the Hopkins Activity Center and need to be ready for the start of school in the fall.

Adult Piano Lessons with Carol

½ hour lessons, call for available days and times

Learning to play the piano is fun. It's never too late to start...or start again! Re-connect with your musical self and fuel your brain. Instructor: Carol Appel. Frequent User members \$17; Others \$19.

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



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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is June 6-9, 20-23, and July 5-8.

Refuse and recycling collection for the week of July 4 will be delayed one day due to Independence Day.

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City Council Calendar

June 7, 8:05 pm
Meeting

June 14, 6:30 pm
Work Session

June 21, 7:30 pm
Meeting

June 28, 6:30 pm
Work Session

July 5, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

June 7, 8 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

June 20, 6:30 pm
Park Board

June 28, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

July 5, 7:25 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

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

Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning & Planning Commission meetings can be seen on cable channel 16 live and are replayed on: Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30pm; Thursdays at 2 pm; and Sundays at 1 pm.

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell
(952-935-5270)

City Council
Rick Brausen Bruce Rowan
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Monday, July 4
Independence Day

FAQ: Lawn Care In Hopkins

How high is too high for my grass?

Grass and weeds **higher than 10 inches** are considered a nuisance and the City will issue a citation. Remember to groom the grass and weeds on your property. If City crews have to maintain your grass and weeds, you will be charged for the service.

When can I water?

To ensure there is enough water for all uses, including firefighting, the City enforces year-round watering restrictions. **No watering is allowed from 11 am to 5 pm, and odd/even sprinkling is allowed at other times.** Homes with even-numbered addresses water on even-numbered dates; homes with odd-numbered addresses water on odd-numbered dates. Please call 952-548-6343 with any questions.

What can I do with my grass clippings?

The easiest and best way to handle grass clippings is to **leave them on the lawn.** Set your mower to a height of two to three inches. Mow frequently enough so that no more than one-third of the grass blade is removed at any mowing. This may mean that you will mow more frequently, but you will spend less time doing it. Not only will you save time mowing and bagging and save money by not buying yard waste bags and having them picked up, you will also have healthier grass.

For yard waste and brush that needs to go, curbside pick up options and a free drop off site are available. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste.php for more information.



Sign Up For Skyhawks

Register now for youth summer sports camps at the Hopkins Pavilion. A variety of camps are available for kids ages 3½ to 12. More details at www.hopkinspavilion.com or call 952-939-1410.

Watch Where You Post Garage Sale Signs

If you are planning a garage sale this summer, please remember that posting signs on utility poles, light poles, traffic light poles, or stop sign poles on the public right-of-way, including boulevards and intersections, is strictly prohibited in the City of Hopkins.

City Code 800.03 states unauthorized signs placed on public property will be removed and destroyed. Signs cannot be posted on private property without obtaining prior permission from the property owner.

Residents are asked to limit themselves to two garage sales per year with each one lasting no more than three days.

LAST SPRING DROP OFF

Residents can drop off their **household hazardous waste** and problem materials at the final Hennepin County collection event of the spring:



June 9-11, 9 am-4 pm
7250 State Hwy 7, St Louis Park
(Parking lot in the SW corner of Hwy 7 and Louisiana Ave)

For a list of items that are accepted, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/waste/hhw-events.php.

Permit Required For Alcohol In City Parks

Beer and wine in non-glass containers are allowed with a permit in Downtown, Central, Valley, and Burnes parks. Alcohol use in all other City parks is strictly prohibited.

Residents interested in obtaining an alcohol permit for a picnic shelter reservation should contact Recreation Services at 952-939-8203. For an alcohol permit not affiliated with a picnic shelter, residents should call Hopkins City Hall, 952-935-8474. Permits are \$25 per requested date.

Refuse/Recycling Cart Reminder



Please keep refuse and recycle carts out of the streets and alleys. If your carts are picked up curbside they should be placed on the boulevard. Carts picked up in alley areas should be placed so they do not protrude into the alley. It is important that these public right of ways remain unobstructed for traffic flow and maintenance vehicles.