



Hopkins Highlights

February
2012



State Of The City Is Feb 28

The State of the City will be held at the Hopkins Center for the Arts on Tuesday, February 28, 5–7 pm. Mayor Gene Maxwell and the Hopkins City Council will provide an update of all things happening in Hopkins.

In support of our local food shelf, ICA, everyone is encouraged to donate and bring a non-perishable food item to the event. 🍓



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Home Remodeling Fair To Feature \$1000 Contest

Sunday, February 26, 2012, 10:30 am–3:30 pm
Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Hwy 7, Hopkins

The 20th annual West Metro Home Remodeling Fair will again feature a tremendous line-up of seminars and mini-demonstrations for the do-it-yourselfer, with everything you need to make your remodeling dreams come true.

In addition to over 100 exhibitors, you will also have the opportunity to talk to a variety of professionals, including architects, landscape architects, master gardeners, kitchen and interior designers, who will provide free, no obligation advice.



New this year: OPERATION RESCUE ROOM. Enter your greatest home improvement need by Feb 17 for a chance to win \$1000 at the Fair. Visit www.HomeRemodelingFair.com/Rescue to enter. See accompanying insert for more details.

The Home Remodeling Fair is a free event. Sponsored by the Cities of Golden Valley, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park, as well as Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park Community Education. 🍓

If Snowflakes Start To Fall...

It's been a relatively uneventful winter, but when the snow inevitably comes, here are some helpful reminders.



Snow Emergency? Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399

Snow Emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall. Parking restrictions will remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb and the parking lots and parking ramp are completely plowed. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/snow.php for more information on where to park during snow emergencies and what to do if your vehicle is towed.



Keep Refuse & Recycling Carts Clear

City of Hopkins refuse and recycling collection requires a minimum clearance of 4 feet around each container. Sometimes a spot is carved out in the snow to create a pocket for the container, but this does not allow sufficient area for the automated arm on the truck to reach. Although alleys and driveways can be narrow because of snow piling up, it is necessary that the clearance around each container be maintained to allow for collection.



Keep Fire Hydrants Shoveled Out

If you have a hydrant on your block, please help keep Hopkins safe by shoveling it out after it snows. If possible, hydrants should be cleared four feet on each side to give the Fire Department the fastest and best access. The property you save may be your own! 🍓

Neal & Leandra: CD Release Concert

Saturday, February 18, 8 pm
@ Hopkins Center for the Arts

The singer-songwriter duo will be releasing their new album, *A Hundred Years from Now*. Come see them in concert, be one of the first to get the new CD, and get it signed by the artists after the concert.

Tickets on sale now. Call 952-979-1111 or visit www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com. 🍓

The UPSIDE of Aging: Stay Active & Engaged At The Hopkins Activity Center

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.

Facebook Review

Thursday, February 23, 12 pm
Get a taste of the free-access social networking website, "Facebook."

OMG! My grandparents r my bff! Class

Thursday, February 23, 12:30 pm
Discover the world of texting.

Tax Assistance

Mondays & Tuesdays,
February 6–April 16,
9 am–2 pm

AARP Tax-Assistance offers free help for older taxpayers and people with limited incomes. No appointments necessary; available on a first come, first served basis. This site does efile only as well as property tax refunds. 🍓





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Refuse & Recycling
Public Works will be closed Mon, Feb 20 for Presidents' Day. Refuse collection for this week will take place Tuesday through Friday.

Recycling will be collected Feb 13-16 and 27-Mar 1.

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City Council Calendar

February 6, 7:30 pm (Monday)
Meeting

February 14, 6:30 pm
Work Session

February 21, 7:30 pm
Meeting

March 6, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

February 6, 7:20 pm (Monday)
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

February 27, 6:30 pm
Park Board

February 28, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

March 6, 7:20 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:

Monday & Wednesday
7:30 pm

Thursday Sunday
2:00 pm 1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Molly Cummings Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Monday, February 20
Presidents' Day



Lease A Garden Plot

The City of Hopkins provides a garden site area in Hopkins Valley Park in the Westbrooke/Nine Mile Creek area where residents can lease a 20' by 20' garden plot. Plots are ready to plant in mid-May.

Due to the high demand for plots, there is a limit of two plots per household. The rate is \$20 for one plot and \$50 for two plots.

Registration begins March 5 for residents and is on a first come first served basis. You must provide proof of residency. Non-residents may purchase plots starting March 12. **You must register in person at Hopkins City Hall.**



Turf Tots Returns March 1

\$3 per child | March 1–May 11, Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm

Turf Tots is a drop-in, free play program for children up to age 5 at the Hopkins Pavilion. Kids can run and play with equipment provided by the Pavilion including sport balls, crawl tunnels, bounce houses, hula hoops, and more! Parents are required to stay on the field and supervise during the event. No registration necessary.



Reserve Your Spot At The SWEET PICKINS' SALE

The Sweet Pickins' Sale at the Hopkins Pavilion will feature the pick of the crop in antique, vintage, and random treasures, all under one big roof. This giant community sale will take place the last weekend of the Raspberry Festival, July 13–15.

Reserve a spot to sell your treasures beginning at \$25 for all three days. For more information visit www.hopkinspavilion.com/sweetpickins or call 952-939-1410.

Landfill Construction Project Public Information Meeting

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency manages the closed Hopkins Landfill located at 1414 7th St S. MPCA will host a public information meeting at the Hopkins City Council Chambers on **February 13, 2012, at 7 pm** to present its proposed construction project which will include consolidating the waste into a smaller footprint and installing a new cover system over the waste. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin late this summer.

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Deposit Disclosure

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 115A.9302, which requires that a person who collects mixed municipal solid waste for transportation to a waste facility shall disclose to each waste generator from whom waste is collected the name, location, type of facility, and the number of the permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or its counterpart in another state, for the processing or disposal facility or facilities at which the waste will be deposited. The City of Hopkins (hauler), hereby discloses that the mixed municipal solid waste collected from January 1–December 31, 2012 will be delivered to the following facilities during that time period. If an additional facility becomes either a primary facility or an alternative facility during this time period, the City of Hopkins will provide you with updated information within 30 days.

Primary Facility Name: Hennepin Energy Resource Company (HERC)
Location: 505 6th Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55405
Type of Facility: Mass Burn Waste-to-Energy
MPCA Permit Number: SW-396

Primary Facility Name: NRG Elk River (NSP) Resource Recovery
Location: 10700 165th Ave NW, Elk River, MN 55330
Type of Facility: Refuse Derived Fuel Waste-to-Energy
MPCA Permit Number: SW-305

The following facility is used for disposal of construction and demolition material collected through our twice-yearly Bulk Item Drop-off and weekly Bulk Item Collection.

Alternative Facility Name: Dem Con Landfill, Inc.
Location: 331 Akers Lane, Jordan, MN 55352
Type of Facility: Construction Demolition Landfill
MPCA Permit Number: SW-290

You may be responsible for any liability that results from contamination at a facility where your waste has been deposited. Minnesota believes that its waste management system provides substantially more financial and environmental protection than depositing waste in landfills in other states. Managing your waste in Minnesota may minimize your potential liability.