

Hopkins Highlights July 2012



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out Is August 7

Celebrate the 29th annual National Night Out against crime and drugs with your neighbors on **Tuesday, August 7**.

From 5:30 to 9 pm, 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 Hopkins neighborhoods will be hosting special events—block parties, cookouts, ice cream socials, potlucks, and games. Last year, 54 neighborhoods in Hopkins registered and took part in NNO!

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 or contact Anne Marie Buck of the Hopkins Police Department at 952-548-6407 or abuck@hopkinsmn.com before July 19. 🍷

Stellar Line-Up Set For HCA's 2012-13 Concert Season

It's time to pull out your calendar and plan an evening of musical entertainment right here in Hopkins! The 2012-2013 concert season brings something for everyone. From up and coming local artists like Alison Scott to national standards such as Aaron Neville, the line-up offers downtown entertainment without the drive or parking fees. Tickets go on sale August 1 at www.hopkinsartscenter.com or at the box office 952-979-1111.



15 concerts light up the stage during the 2012-2013 season

**Made possible in part by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.*

Arts Festival July 7-8

Saturday, July 7, 10 am–6 pm

Sunday, July 8, 10 am–5 pm

Don't miss the fourth annual Hopkins Arts Festival this weekend along Mainstreet!
www.hopkinsartsfestival.com

Saturday Sets | concert at 8 pm, social hour at 7 pm

- **Oct 6** An Evening with Michael Johnson*
- **Oct 27** Monroe Crossing
- **Nov 17** Quartet San Francisco*
- **Jan 19** Aaron Neville solo*
- **Feb 23** The Calder Quartet*
- **Mar 9** McCoy Tyner Quartet*
- **Apr 13** Arne Fogel presents "We Love Our Pianos"
- **Apr 27** An Evening with Peter Yarrow
- **May 11** "From Bach to Bop" with the Laura Caviani Trio

Special Holiday Concert and Fundraiser for the Arts

- **Dec 29** The Peterson Family Presents A New Year Celebration

Take Five Tuesdays | concert at 7 pm, social hour at 6 pm

Co-presented with Sue McLean & Associates

- **Dec 18** Holiday Concert with Alison Scott
- **Jan 29** Ruthie Foster
- **Feb 5** Dala
- **Mar 26** The Pines
- **Apr 2** Halloween, Alaska 🍷

Keep Yard Waste Out Of Your Refuse Cart

State law prohibits residents from placing yard waste in their refuse container (MN Statute 115A.931). If yard waste is found in your refuse cart, the cart will not be picked up. The cart will be tagged with instructions to remove and dispose of the yard waste properly. 🍷

The Hopkins Raspberry Festival

"A Tradition Preserved"

July 7–15, 2012

The 78th annual Hopkins Raspberry Festival kicks off with the **Hopkins Arts Festival** (see box) on July 7 and will include events such as **street dances**, coronation of royalty, **Family Day**, and the **Grande Day Parade** on July 15. For a complete schedule, go to www.raspberrycapital.com. A few highlighted events:

Senior Game Day

Sunday, July 8, 3 pm

@ Hopkins Activity Center

Bingo, great prizes, and buffet included. Cost is \$6 per person in advance with a Raspberry button. Call 952-939-1333 to register.

Razz-Ma-Tazz Dance & Coronation

Tuesday, July 10, 7 pm

@ Hopkins Activity Center

Raspberry Festival Senior Royalty Trudy Reinitz & Jim Gall invite you to dance and celebrate the end of their reign and welcome the new Senior Ambassadors for 2012-2013. Enjoy the music of the Big Band Sound of Dick Macko, dancing, light supper, and dessert. Cost is \$15 per person in advance with a Raspberry Button. Call 952-939-1333 to register.

Grande Day Parade

Sunday, July 15, 1 pm

Mainstreet between 5th & 17th Ave

The Grande Day Parade is one of Minnesota's largest, with hundreds of participants including marching bands, floats, visiting dignitaries and much more. 🍷



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Refuse & Recycling

Wednesday & Thursday refuse and recycling collection the week of July 2 will be delayed one day due to Independence Day.

Recycling collection is July 16-19 and 30-Aug 2.

July 2012

City Council Calendar

July 10, 6:30 pm
Work Session

July 10, 7:30 pm
Meeting

July 17, 6:30 pm
Work Session

July 17, 7:30 pm
Meeting

July 24, 6:30 pm
Work Session

August 6, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

July 10, 7:25 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

July 16, 6:30 pm
Park Board

July 31, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

August 6, 7:15 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: Monday-Sunday at 7:30pm; Thursday at 2 pm; and Sunday at 1 pm.

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell
(952-935-5270)

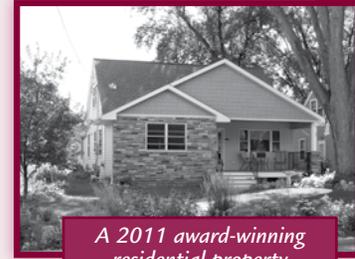
City Council
Molly Cummings Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

Community Image Award Nominations Due August 25

The City of Hopkins annually honors property owners and business owners whose pride shines through their property. The Community Image Award recognizes those who have made significant improvements to their property (including landscaping, accessibility improvements, lighting, signs, or exterior improvements) and those who have demonstrated continued, superior property maintenance. Properties that have received an award within the last 10 years are not eligible.

The award has three categories: Commercial, Industrial, or Office; Multi-Family Residential; and Single Family Residential.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please complete a nomination form and return it by **August 25**. Forms are available at City Hall, online at www.hopkinsmn.com/departments/planning/award/, or by calling 952-548-6341. 🍓



A 2011 award-winning residential property

Absentee Vote For Primary

The Primary Election is August 14. If you expect to be out of your precinct on Primary Election Day or are unable to attend your polling place due to illness, disability or religious observance, you may vote by absentee ballot by August 13. Absentee ballot applications are available on the City website, can be mailed to you, or can be filled out in person at Hopkins City Hall.

Questions? Call Kris Luedke, City Clerk, at 952-548-6304. 🍓

Don't Miss The Sweet Pickins' Sale

Drop by the Hopkins Pavilion during the last weekend of the Raspberry Festival (Fri-Sun, July 13-15) for the pick of the crop in antique, vintage, and random treasures—all under one big roof.

For more information about this giant community sale, visit www.hopkinspavilion.com/sweetpickins/. 🍓

Farmers Market Now Open

Join your neighbors at the Hopkins Farmers Market every Saturday, 7:30 am to noon. July produce is rolling in and there is also locally roasted coffee, fresh breads and sweet treats, jams and jellies, local raw honey, woolen products, pickles, flowers and much more—even tutus! Family-friendly and conveniently located just south of the clock tower. 🍓



Savor the Hometown Flavor

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 woodwork.

