



Hopkins Highlights

June
2012



Arts Festival Returns July 7-8

The fourth annual Hopkins Arts Festival will be held along historic Mainstreet on Saturday, July 7, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, July 8, 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 free and open 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 16

The 2012 Hopkins Farmers' Market begins Saturday, June 16, 7:30 am to noon. Opening day will feature early produce, bread, sweet treats, coffee, honey, jam, pickles, flowers and other offerings.



The Market is located just south of Mainstreet on 9th Avenue, near Downtown Park and will be open every Saturday from June 16 through October 27, 7:30 am until noon, rain or shine.

City Meetings To Stream Live & On-Demand

Too busy to make it in to City Hall for City Council meetings, but still want to stay informed on what's happening? Now you can watch City Council meetings online live or on-demand. Go to www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

In addition to City Council meetings (first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm), Zoning & Planning Commission meetings (last Tuesday at 6:30 pm) will also be webcast. Past meetings will be archived to watch after the meeting date.

If you have any questions about this service, please contact Jim Genellie at 952-548-6303 or jgenellie@hopkinsmn.com.

New Ordinance Bans Replica Firearms In Public Places In Hopkins

The City of Hopkins prohibits the firing or discharge of any firearm (including airsoft type guns) within city limits (City Code Section 2005.02).

Recently, the City adopted an additional ordinance banning the display of "airsoft" or replica firearms. The ordinance will ban the use or display of replica guns in public places, including yards surrounding residences visible from the street or neighboring structures. The ordinance went into effect on May 10, 2012.



Any violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both.

If you hear what sounds to be an "airsoft" or any gun being fired, please call 911 immediately and give us as much information as you can in regards to where the noise is coming from and a description of who may be involved. Also, please call 911 if you see any youth or adult in possession of what appears to be a gun or replica gun in a public place in Hopkins (this includes the backyard of a neighbor).

Trespass Ordinance Updated

The City of Hopkins has updated its trespass ordinance (City Code 2005.57). The change allows an individual to be trespassed from a location for a period of one year rather than 90 days. This change now conforms to Minnesota state statute.

Questions? Contact the Hopkins Police Department at 952-938-8885.

Sign Up Your Kids For Free Summer Fun

Register your 6- to 12-year-old kids for afternoon fun at Central Park. Supervised, kid-friendly activities are planned every weekday afternoon from 1-4 pm beginning June 11 through July 24 (no July 4). Play board games, get creative with cool arts & crafts projects, and get outside and play playground games.

11- to 16-year-olds can sign up for Rec-tivity at Katherine Curren (UBAH Academy) for something fun to do every afternoon from 1-4 pm beginning June 18 through July 20 (no July 4). Shoot ball in the gym, challenge your friends to board games, try something new, or just hang out and relax!

Programs are free and you can register on-site. To pre-register, call Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services at 952-939-8203 or online at www.eminnetonka.com.

Former Katherine Curren School will be open for a free, healthy lunch for youth (\$2 for adults) from 12:30-1 pm starting June 18.



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City Council Calendar

June 5, 7:30 pm
Meeting

June 12, 6:30 pm
Work Session

June 19, 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

June 5, 7:15 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

June 18, 6:30 pm
Park Board

June 26, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

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
Molly Cummings Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 4
Independence Day

National Night Out

is Tuesday, August 7!
Find out more at www.hopkinsmn.com/events/nno.php. Start planning your neighborhood get-together!



Check Before 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 inter-sections, is strictly prohibited in the City of Hopkins.



Keep signs out of the public right-of-way.

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. 🍷

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. 🍷

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. 🍷

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 7-9, 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. 🍷

Refuse/Recycling Cart Reminder

Please keep 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 rights-of-way remain unobstructed for traffic flow and maintenance vehicles. 🍷



Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is
June 4-7 and 18-21.

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