

Hopkins Highlights

October
2008



Plan To Vote On November 4

The State and Presidential General Election will be held on November 4, 2008. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm.

Registering To Vote

Please take the time to register to vote before October 14, 2008. If you register early, the county will verify your residence with a postcard.

If you do not have a chance to register before

Election Day, you may register at your polling place on election day with an approved ID or a voucher by another registered voter or employer. For a list of approved identification, visit

www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/elections/.

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots will be available beginning October 3, 2008. To request an application for an absentee ballot, visit or call City Hall at 952-935-8474 (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm) through November 3. You will receive your ballot upon completing the application and returning it to City Hall. Absentee voting can be done in person at City Hall or by mail. City Hall will be open from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, November 1 and until 5 pm on Monday, November 3 for absentee voting.

If you have any questions about voting, you may call Terry Obermaier, City Clerk, at 952-548-6304. 🍷

City Council Adopts Preliminary Levy & Budget

At the September 2, 2008 Council meeting, the City Council set the preliminary levy for 2009 at \$9,553,114—a 3.9% increase over 2008. This increase results in about an annual \$10 increase for an average priced home in Hopkins. Included in the levy are funds for general City operations and debt levies that paid for street and facility improvements.

Also at that same meeting the Council adopted a preliminary 2009 budget totaling \$10,075,492. The budget includes provisions for police, fire, street maintenance, snow plowing, parks, recreation, elections, and general City operations. The Council and staff continue to work at refining the budget in preparation for final approval.

The public is invited to attend the Truth-in-Taxation hearing set for December 8 at 6:30 pm where the budget and tax levy will be discussed in greater detail. 🍷

Southwest LRT Public Meetings

Join the conversation about the proposed Southwest Transitway (light rail transit), serving Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Edina, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, and Minneapolis. The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority is hosting public “scoping” meetings for the public to review and comment on alternatives for improving transit in the southwest metro. The meetings consist of an open house to learn more about the project and a public hearing. Open houses will be held **October 7** at 2 pm (Hennepin County Government Center), **October 14** at 5 pm (St. Louis Park City Hall) and **October 23** at 5 pm (Eden Prairie City Hall). Public hearings begin an hour later.

To learn more about the project or sign up for e-mail alerts, visit the project’s newly enhanced website at www.southwesttransitway.org. 🍷

Where do I vote?

To find out where your polling place is located, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/elections/ or call City Hall at 952-935-8474.

Health & Wellness Opportunities

at the Hopkins Activity Center

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

♥ Aerobics: Focus is you!

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 am
Join us for group exercise with Ben Walker, certified exercise trainer. Bring hand weights. Try your first class free. Frequent Card holders \$32/10 classes; Non Card holders \$42/10 classes

♥ Enhance Fitness NEW!

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:15 am,
October 2–December 11
Enhance Fitness is a relaxed, fun and social way to exercise. Enhance Fitness is a part of the UCare Activity Network, fitness programs for members of UCare for Seniors. Instructor: Ben Walker. UCare for Senior Members Free; Frequent Card holders \$32/10 classes; Non Card holders \$42/10 classes.

♥ Senior Men's Volleyball

Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:15 am
Get exercise while enjoying fun games of Volleyball with other men age 55+. Begins October 13! Frequent Card holders free; Non Card holders \$1.

♥ Blood Pressure Screenings

Tuesdays, October 7 & 21,
10:15–11:15 am
Free. Dee Lerman, R.N.

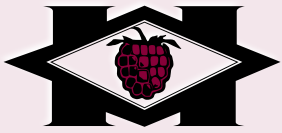
♥ Flu Shot Clinic

October 27, 1–3 pm
\$35/flu shot or free to seniors with Medicare Part B. Bring your Medicare card, insurance card and any vouchers received in the mail. Pneumonia shots are available. Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association Flu Shot Clinic is open to ages 4 years and older. 🍷

Fire Dept Open House

The Hopkins Fire Department will be holding its annual open house on Saturday, October 11, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Hopkins Fire Station (101 17th Ave S). Visit www.hopkinsmn.com for more information.





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Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is Oct 13-16, and 27-30.

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City Council Calendar

October 7, 7:30 pm
Meeting

October 14, 6:30 pm
Work Session

October 21, 7:30 pm
Meeting

October 28, 6:30 pm
Work Session

November 3, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

October 7, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

October 20, 6:30 pm
Park Board

October 28, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

November 3, 7 pm
Human Rights Commission

November 3, 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
Rick Brausen ■ Kristi Halverson
Bruce Rowan ■ Cheryl Youakim



Free Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Up

The City will be picking up leaf and yard waste free of charge for a limited time this fall. Locate your neighborhood below to plan for your free pick up.

Bellgrove, Hobby Acres, Park Ridge, and Interlachen Park Residents

The City provides free street leaf and yard waste pick-up in your area using front-end loaders and dump trucks. Pick up in these areas will be October 27-30.

Refer to the schedule below for your neighborhood's pick up day.

Bellgrove: Monday, October 27

Interlachen Park: Tuesday, October 28

(Meadowbrook Rd up to and including Interlachen Rd)

Park Ridge: Wednesday, October 29

Hobby Acres: Wednesday, October 29

Interlachen Park: Thursday, October 30 (Interlachen Rd to Blake Rd)

Place leaves in loose piles (unbagged) in the street along the curb line. Leaves should be placed on the street no later than 7:00 am on your scheduled

Yard Waste/Brush Drop Off

The yard waste and brush drop off site will remain open Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm through October 29.

From November 1-29, the site will only be open on Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, weather permitting.

pick up day and no earlier than the day before your scheduled pick up day. There will not be free bagged yard waste pick up in these neighborhoods. Collection of bags with stickers will resume November 3 through November 26 (weather permitting).

5th Ave N, County Roads 73 and 5, and Blake Road Residents

Due to county restrictions and high traffic levels, residents will have free leaf and yard waste bag pick up October 13 through November 14. Collection of bags with stickers will resume November 17 through November 26, weather permitting.

All Other City Service Area Residents

Free fall leaf/yard waste bag pick-up will be October 13 through November 14. Collection of bags with stickers will resume November 17 through November 26, weather permitting.

Note: Bags of leaf and yard waste in all City service areas are collected on the same day as regular refuse.

Fall Yard Clean-Up Opportunity

Hopkins senior citizens who need fall yard raking or window washing should call the Hopkins Activity Center at 952-939-1333 by October 9. Work done by volunteer service groups. Limited number of spaces. 🍷

Yard Waste Stickers

Before or after the free pick up dates, yard waste stickers must be affixed to bags and be visible from the street or alley. Stickers are \$2 each and may be purchased at City Hall or Public Works. A minimum of ten stickers must be ordered to purchase stickers by phone (952-939-1382). Stickers will be sent via mail and the fee will be added to your utility bill.

Annual Human Rights Award

Each year the Hopkins Human Rights Commission presents its Human Rights Award to individuals, organizations, or businesses whose activities during the past year help foster a community that embraces diversity, mutual respect, and principles of equal opportunity.

Nominations may be submitted for an individual, non-profit organization or business. If you are aware of a deserving individual or organization, nomination forms can be found on the City's website at www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/boards/hrc/ or by calling the Human Rights phone line, 952-939-1426. The nomination deadline is October 17, 2008. 🍷

On Stage at the HCA

The R Factor

October 25, 2008, 7:30 pm

A ten-piece band with four vocalists present hits from the forties to today. For tickets, call 952-979-1111 (Tues-Sat, 12-6 pm) or visit www.hopkinsartscenter.com.

