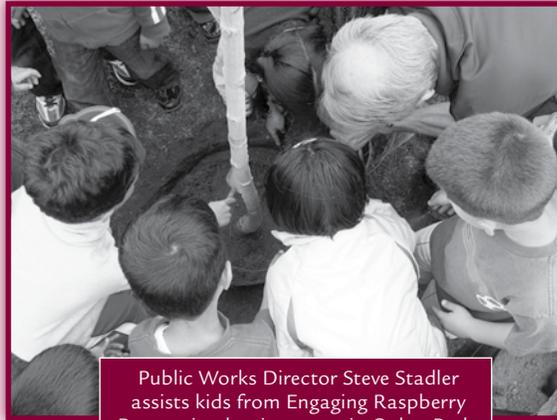


Hopkins Highlights June 2010

Earth Day Event A Community Success, Thanks To Volunteers

The City of Hopkins would like to recognize those community groups who volunteered to clean up various parts of the city to commemorate Earth Day 2010. Numerous volunteers picked up several miles of trails and roadsides, cleaned parks, and planted trees.

Highlights from this year's activities include:



Public Works Director Steve Stadler assists kids from Engaging Raspberry Renters in planting a tree in Oakes Park.

- **Engaging Raspberry Renters** planted a tree and cleaned up Oakes Park.
- **Opportunity Partners** provided nine people to clean up in Central Park.
- As a fundraiser, **Hopkins Royals Rugby** sold over 50 trees to be planted in Hopkins and adjoining suburbs.
- **Hopkins Jaycees** cleaned up along Excelsior Blvd from Hwy 169 east to Colorado Avenue.
- The **City of Hopkins "Green Team"** cleaned up along the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional trail from Highway 7 south to Mainstreet.
- **Boy Scout Troop #123** and a team of **Walgreens** employees and their family members cleaned up in the Blake Road Neighborhood. This project was initiated by the **Blake Road Community Collaborative**.
- The **Hopkins Lions Club** assembled and sold over 40 rain barrels to residents.
- **Seth Asleson** cleaned up Valley Park.
- **SUPERVALU** hosted its second annual Earth Day event at its Hopkins facility. The focus this year was on recyclable packaging, organic foods, and the event also showcased city and county green initiatives. Don Shelby was the featured speaker.

The City proudly recognizes all who participated in Earth Day, for their dedication to taking a proactive role in shaping the future of our environment and in protecting Hopkins' precious natural resources. For more information about the event or environmentally-friendly partnerships with the City of Hopkins, please contact Green Team member Debbie Sperling at dsperling@hopkinsmn.com or 952-548-6302. 🍷

Drop Off Your HHW

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

June 10-12, 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. 🍷



Upcoming at the Pavilion

ISLA PTO Rummage Sale (Fundraiser for International Spanish Language Academy)
June 17-19, doors open at 9 am
\$3 admission on Thursday

Skyhawks Summer Camps

Register your kids (ages 3 1/2 to 12) for these week-long sports day camps, June through mid-August, offering everything from sand volleyball to golf. Call 952-939-1410 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/pavilion/. 🍷



MUSIC IN THE PARK

Music In The Park, sponsored by the Hopkins Business & Civic Association, kicks off its 2010 season on June 24. These free concerts are held at Downtown Park at 16 9th Ave S (just south of the clock tower).

Bring lawn chairs or a blanket—refreshments are always available. The rainout location is the Hopkins Activity Center (33 14th Ave N).

2010 Schedule

Thursday, June 24

6:15 pm – Fife & Drum at Clock Tower

7:00 pm – 1st John Philip Sousa Memorial Band

Thursday, July 1—7 pm

Jumpin' Jehosafats

Thursday, July 8—7 pm

Jazz on the Prairie

Thursday, July 15

Lunchtime (noon-1pm) – Dixie Kats Jazz Band

7 pm – Hopkins Westwind Concert Band

Thursday, July 22—7 pm

St Louis Park Community Band

Thursday, July 29—7 pm

Teddy Bear Band/Resistors

Thursday, August 5—7 pm

Twin Cities Seven with Vocalist Charmin Michelle 🍷



Hopkins Highlights



Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is June 7-10 and 21-24.

Refuse collection will take place on your normal pick up day, Monday-Thursday each week.

June 2010

City Council Calendar

June 8, 6:30 pm
Work Session

June 15, 7:30 pm
Meeting

June 22, 6:30 pm
Work Session

July 6, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

June 21, 6:30 pm
Park Board

June 29, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

July 6, 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 2:00 pm Sunday 1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan
Rick Brausen ■ Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

Monday, July 5
Independence Day

Walkers, Bikers, Drivers: Obey Laws For Safe Crossings

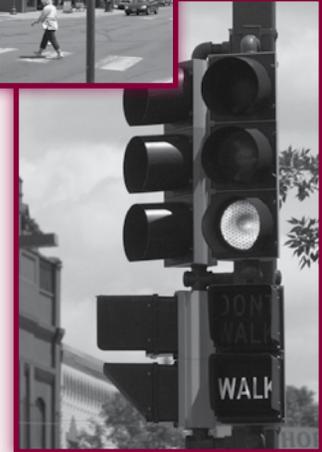
The numerous and well-traveled sidewalks and trails in Hopkins intersect often with busy roads. Whether you're traveling by tire or foot, do your part to keep the sidewalks and trails safe and enjoyable for all. Be alert and obey the traffic signs and rules. A few reminders:

Walkers & Joggers: Stop at all uncontrolled street crossings and wait until it is safe to cross the street. Street traffic has the right-of-way until the pedestrian is on the street. If you're crossing at a signalized crossing, push the walk button on the signal pole and wait for the pedestrian walk indication.

Bicyclers: Avoid the temptation to simply slow down at street crossings. STOP, as required by the traffic sign, look both ways and proceed only when safe to do so.

Drivers: Be alert for pedestrians within the crosswalks and be ready to yield to them. This is especially true downtown, where there are many intersections, crossings, and pedestrians!

Have a safety concern? For regional trails, contact Three Rivers Park District (763-559-9000 or www.ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org). For any other trail or sidewalk crossing concerns, contact the Public Works Department (952-939-1382 or www.hopkinsmn.com).



Grandchild Fun at the Hopkins Activity Center Bingo & Ice Cream Sundaes

June 24—11:15 am, \$6.50

Bring your grandkids to the Hopkins Activity Center and enjoy bingo with fun prizes followed by a taco bar lunch and make-your-own ice cream sundaes. After lunch, stay and play Wii games. Fun for kids of all ages and the young at heart!

To register, call 952-939-1333. Payment due at time of reservation. *Sponsored by the Hopkins Primitive Rug Hookers and Golden Living Center Hopkins.*



Grandparents Photo Contest

Start looking for those cute kid photos! This year's categories include "So Sad," "Kids and Pets," "Sleeping Angel," "Looking for Trouble," and "Cute as a Bug." Drop off photos anytime; contest is September 7-30. Winners determined by your votes. One photo per category.

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. *Note: The drop off site will be open regular hours on July 3.*