

Hopkins Highlights December 2010

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Celebrate 20 Years Of The Pavilion

Sunday, December 12, 1–2:30 pm—Free Open Skate

Join us for a free Open Skate with complimentary hot cocoa, coffee, and cake to celebrate the Pavilion's twentieth anniversary! Remember, the Pavilion does not have skate rental, so bring your skates. To find out more about the Hopkins Pavilion ice arena, visit www.hopkinspavilion.com/ice.

In 1990 the City of Hopkins used money from the 1989 park bond referendum to build the Pavilion, accommodating the growing needs of the community and the park and recreation program. The Pavilion changes with the seasons, offering an ice arena in the fall and winter, indoor turf in the spring, and a dry floor in the summer. 🍓

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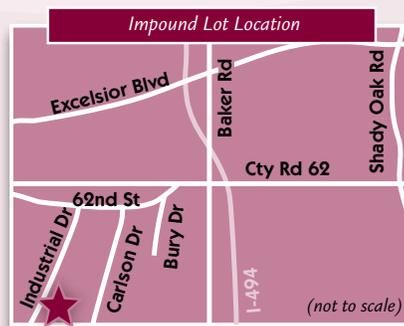
Your Guide To **SNOW** In Hopkins

Snow & Parking — Snow Emergencies

Call the Snow Line: 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. Please move your vehicle off the street during snow emergencies so that plowing is possible. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/transportation/snow.php for more information on where to park during snow emergencies.

If your vehicle is towed during a snow emergency, call Matt's Towing at 952-949-2385 to confirm the location of your vehicle. Vehicles are released only to the registered owners. Owners need to bring proof of ownership, proof of insurance, and a valid driver's license in order to claim their vehicles. Payment is accepted by cash, Visa, or MasterCard. No checks. The impound lot is located at 6282 Industrial Drive (Baker Road and Crosstown Hwy) in Eden Prairie.



Minimum Towing Charges 2010/2011 Snow Season

NOTE: The City would prefer not to tow a single vehicle. Hopkins receives no money when cars are towed—all fees go the towing company.

Regular truck towing with same day pick up – \$103

Flatbed towing with same day pick up – \$113

Additional daily storage – \$30

Snow & Sidewalks

Hopkins residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from public sidewalks. Even a small snowfall can pose a safety hazard. Hopkins has an ordinance that mandates snow or ice be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours after a snowfall. This is necessary to ensure the safety of all people who use the sidewalks.

Remember—it is against State and City laws for individuals to plow, shovel, blow, or place snow onto streets, alleys, and boulevards (Hopkins City Code 800-01).

Snow & Fire Hydrants

While the Public Works Department and Fire Department try to clean snow from fire hydrants as soon as possible after a snowstorm, the City could use your help. Please consider adopting a fire hydrant close to your residence and keeping it clear of snow through the winter. If possible, hydrants should be cleared five feet on each side to give the Fire Department the quickest and best access. Thanks for your help. 🍓

Holiday Best Events 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.

🍷 **Giving Tree Donation Drive**
Accepting donations through Dec 16!
The Hopkins Activity Center Giving Tree is accepting items of warmth, new toys, food, gifts for seniors, and cash donated to area families. A list of needed items is available at the Hopkins Activity Center.

🍷 **Christmas Carols**
Tues, December 7 & 14, 10 am
Tues, December 21, 12:30 pm
Add sparkle to your day with live, vibrant Christmas music on the piano.

🍷 **Holiday Bingo**
Tues, December 28, 12:45 pm
Enjoy regular bingo and Santa Bingo with fun prizes. Fun for kids of all ages and the young at heart! Kids are off school—bring the grandkids and enjoy a fun afternoon. Light refreshments served. Cost 50¢ per card or \$2.50 for six cards. Kids play free. Event sponsor: Home Health Care, Inc. 🍓



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Refuse & Recycling
Because the Christmas and New Year's holidays are on Saturdays, refuse & recycling will be collected on normal days all month.

Recycling collection is Dec 6-9 and 20-23.

December 2010

City Council Calendar

December 7, 7:30 pm
Meeting

December 14, 6:30 pm
Work Session

December 21, 7:30 pm
Meeting

January 4, 7:30 pm
Meeting

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

Boards & Commissions Calendar

December 7, 7:15 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

December 20, 6:30 pm
Park Board

December 28, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

January 4, 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 Bruce Rowan
Kristi Halverson Cheryl Youakim

City Offices Closed

December 24 for Christmas Eve
December 31 for New Year's Day

Parking Permit Fees To Increase Jan 1

Due to increasing costs in the operation and maintenance of the City's parking lots and parking ramp, fees which have been in place since 2009 will be increased for 2011.

The daily fee of \$3 will remain unchanged. New rates, effective January 1, 2011, are as follows:

- Monthly: \$25 (previously \$20)
- Quarterly: \$55 (previously \$47)
- Annual: \$185 (previously \$160)

The fees for electric car permits will remain at \$77/quarter and \$280/year. 🍷

Give The Gift Of Hopkins

In search of that perfect gift? Give a gift that supports your community as well as delights the recipient. Consider these meaningful, local gift ideas:

Hopkins Memorabilia, Coffee, & Art

- **Hopkins notecards, postcards, or poster.** Visit the City's online store at www.hopkinsmn.com/shop. \$5-\$6 plus tax and shipping.
- **"Hopkins: Through The Years" history book.** Covering Hopkins history from the 1880s to 2000s, this book can be ordered through the City's online store: www.hopkinsmn.com/shop. \$20 plus tax and shipping.
- **Shop The Depot.** Stop by The Depot Coffee House for gift items like "Depot Blend" coffee beans, mugs, gift cards, and Depot T-shirts. Don't forget to look at the artwork on the walls—many of the pieces are for sale.

A Lasting Gift

- **Dedicate a tree or bench in a Hopkins park.** Add to the beauty of your favorite Hopkins park and honor a loved one simultaneously through the City's memorial tree and bench program. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/parks/parks/dedication.php to view available parks and get started. \$300-\$1000.
- **Buy a brick.** Honor a loved one with their name on a brick under clock tower plaza. Visit www.hopkinsmn.com/news/2009/buy-a-brick.php for more information. (Bonus: Receive a free copy of "Hopkins: Through The Years" with each brick order.) \$65-\$250.

A Good Time

- **Concert tickets to the Hopkins Center for the Arts.** Choose from a variety of shows coming up next year, or give an early gift to a holiday concert (see box). Visit www.hopkinsartscenter.com to see upcoming performance information and purchase tickets online.
- **Open Skate punch cards for the Hopkins Pavilion.** Punch cards cost \$20 but have a value of \$24 and are valid for any open skate for any age. Stop by the Pavilion to purchase a card. 🍷

Holiday Tree Pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential refuse customers from **Monday, January 3, through Friday, January 14**. Pick up days will be dependent on snow plowing and weather conditions. Trees should be placed on the boulevard and must be free of all ornaments, plastic bags, and metal. **You do not need to call to schedule this service.**



Holidays at the Center



Robert Robinson's 2010 Holiday Concert Saturday, December 18, 8pm

Modern holiday arrangements and soaring vocals add up to an event *Metro Magazine* named one of the "ten best holiday shows" in the Midwest.



The O'Neill Brothers Christmas Tour Concert with Katie McMahon (the original voice of Riverdance) Tuesday, December 21, 8pm

Traditional holiday songs and other favorites performed on two grand pianos. Requests will be taken!

The Hopkins Center for the Arts is located at 1111 Mainstreet. For tickets, call 952-979-1111 (Tues-Sat, noon-6pm) or visit www.hopkinsartscenter.com.

