

# Hopkins Highlights

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Hilltop Park

## When It Snows In Hopkins...

REMEMBER THESE RULES AND SAIL SMOOTHLY THROUGH WINTER

### 1 Move Your Car

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicle from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency is declared.

**Snow emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall.**

Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements. To receive a message when a snow emergency is declared, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/codered](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/fire/codered) to register your phone number for the Code Red Emergency Notification System.

During a snow emergency, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb and the parking lots and parking ramp are completely plowed.

If your vehicle is towed during a snow emergency, call Bobby & Steve's at 952-944-9955 to confirm the location of your vehicle. Vehicles are released only to the registered owners, so you will need to bring proof of ownership, proof of insurance, and a valid driver's license to claim your vehicle. Payment is accepted by cash (exact change only) or credit card. The impound lot is located at 5100 Park Glen Rd, St. Louis Park. *Note: The City receives no money when cars are towed—all fees go to the towing company.*



### 2 Shovel The Sidewalk

As mandated by City ordinance, Hopkins residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from public sidewalks within 12 hours of a snowfall. This is necessary for the safety of all who use the sidewalks. Remember—it is against the law for individuals to plow, shovel, blow, or place snow onto streets, alleys, and boulevards.

### 3 Clear The Fire Hydrants

While the City tries to clean snow from fire hydrants as soon as possible after a snow, we could use your help. Please adopt a nearby fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow through the winter. Hydrants should be cleared 5 feet on each side to give the Fire Department the quickest and best access.

CALL THE SNOW LINE:  
**952-939-1399**

### DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Hopkins has 85 miles of streets and alleys, nine parking lots, eight municipal buildings with parking lots and sidewalks, and many more miles of public sidewalks and trails to maintain. It takes a minimum of seven hours to plow the city after a snowfall, and much more if the snowfall is 6 inches or greater. The day after a snowfall, efforts are largely dedicated to heavy snow removal from the Central Business District and Blake Road Corridor.

### HOW IS A SNOW EMERGENCY CALLED?

The City determines when to call snow emergencies based on a combination of the amount of snow falling and the time of day it falls. Snow emergencies are typically called before 6 pm.

## Outdoor Ice Rinks Open December 19

Weather permitting, skating rinks will be open Saturday, December 19, and will remain open until Monday, February 15. Rinks with warming houses are available for your enjoyment at six Hopkins park locations.



### Regular Open Hours UPDATED!

- Monday–Thursday: 4:30–9 pm
- Friday: 4:30–9:45 pm
- Saturday: 12 noon–9:45 pm
- Sunday: 12 noon–7 pm

Call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates. **For extended holiday and winter break hours, please visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/places/ice-skating.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/places/ice-skating.php).**

## Giving Tree Accepting Donations Until Dec 17

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 Activity Center.



## 2015 Election Results

On November 3, 2015, voters elected Molly Cummings to a two-year term as mayor and Jason Gadd and Aaron Kuznia to four-year terms on the City Council. The new Council members and mayor will be sworn in on January 5, 2016.

Voters also elected Katy Campbell to serve a two-year term to fill the Council seat vacated by Cheryl Youakim. Campbell was sworn in on November 17.

Complete official results can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/elections/)





## Upcoming at City Hall

### City Offices Closed

**Thursday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve

**Friday, December 25**  
Christmas Day

**Friday, January 1**  
New Year's Day

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 pm**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, December 15, 7 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, January 5, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/). Watch City Council meetings live at [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/).

### Boards and Commissions Calendar

**Monday, December 21, 6:30 pm**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, January 5, 7 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/).

### Meeting Broadcasts

Watch City Council and Zoning and Planning Commission meetings live on Cable Channel 16. Meetings are also replayed every day (except Tuesdays) at 7 pm; Thursdays at 2 pm; and Sundays at 1 pm.

### Elected Officials

**Mayor**  
Eugene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

**City Council**  
Katy Campbell Molly Cummings  
Jason Gadd Kristi Halverson

### Ring In 2016 Dec 31 at 11 am

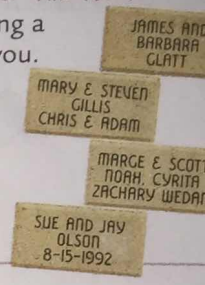
Senior adults are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve at the Activity Center with hors d'oeuvres, games, dinner and more. \$9/\$8 members. To register, call 952-939-1333.

## Buy-A-Brick For Holiday Gift Giving

*GREAT GIFT IDEA AND SPECIAL WAY TO BE PART OF HOPKINS HISTORY*

Participate in the ongoing enhancement of Clock Tower Plaza by purchasing a brick to be imprinted with your name or the name of someone special to you. Individuals, families, and businesses can purchase bricks for the plaza located in the southwest corner of 9th Avenue and Mainstreet.

Buy-A-Brick order forms are available online at [www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter/buyabrick/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/activitycenter/buyabrick/) or by contacting the Activity Center at 952-939-1333 or [activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com).



## Four Hopkins Properties Honored

A panel of judges has selected four properties for the 2015 City of Hopkins Community Image Awards. The City Council honored the winners with an award presentation at its meeting on November 2.

Community Image Awards recognize significant improvements to a residence or business, including landscaping, accessibility, lighting, signs, and exterior improvements. They also honor continued superior maintenance of property that exemplifies pride of ownership and contributes to a positive image of the community. Awards are given in three categories.

Congratulations to this year's winners.



**Commercial/Industrial/Office:**  
Wilkus Architects, PA, 15 9th Ave N



**Commercial/Industrial/Office:**  
Pub 819, 819 Mainstreet



**Multi-Family Residential:**  
Tricia Carlson & Jack Buss



**Single Family Residential:**  
Pat and Bob Stacken

## Free Holiday Tree Pickup Is January 4-8

Holiday trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential refuse customers, the week of January 4. Trees will be picked up on your refuse day, subject to change due to weather. Lay trees in the boulevard, parallel with the street, and at least 5 feet from overhead wires, trees, fences, refuse carts, parked cars, etc. Trees must be free of all ornaments, plastic bags, and metal. You do not need to call to schedule this service.

### TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

The City of Hopkins will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1 for Christmas and New Year's. Refuse collection will take place Monday through Thursday as usual.

**Recycling collection will take place December 14-17 and 28-31.**

## HOME Chore Program Helps Seniors Stay At Home

Are you a senior? Do you need help with indoor or outdoor chores? Let Senior Community Services HOME program help you. The HOME program can help with a wide variety of chores including housekeeping, handyman tasks, snow shoveling and much more. Call to schedule your service today at 952-746-4046.

