

# Hopkinton Cultural District

Arts and Cultural Hubs		
Hopkinton Center for the Arts	98 Hayden Rowe Street	The Hopkinton Center for the Arts is a vibrant hub for artistic expression, offering a diverse lineup of events, performances, and hands-on workshops for all interests and age groups. The HCA is the home of Enter Stage Left Theater and the Treblemakers Chorus. From gallery exhibitions featuring regional talent to interactive classes in visual arts, dance, and ceramics, there's something for everyone to enjoy. For more information: <a href="https://www.hopartscenter.org/">https://www.hopartscenter.org/</a>
HCA Ceramic Studio	34 Hayden Rowe Street	The HCA pottery program is extremely popular, resulting in an expansion to a second location here at 34 Hayden Rowe.
Hopkinton Public Library	13 Main Street	Since 1895, the Hopkinton Public Library has been located at the heart of downtown, steps away from the Town Common. Housed in the historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Library underwent a major expansion in 2017. For more information: <a href="https://hopkintonlibrary.org/">https://hopkintonlibrary.org/</a>
Hopkinton Town Common	6 Hayden Rowe Street	Located in the heart of Hopkinton and part of the Hopkinton Historic District, the Town Common is a central public space and a popular spot for community events and gatherings such as outdoor movies, Concerts on the Common, the Farmer's Market, and the annual Polyarts Festival.
Monuments and Landmarks		
Boston Marathon Start Line	Near 1 Ash Street and the north side of the Town Common	The Boston Marathon is hosted annually by the Boston Athletic Association in collaboration with eight cities and towns. The event is traditionally held on Patriots' Day, the third Monday of April. The Marathon began in 1897 and has originated in Hopkinton since 1924. This is the world's oldest annual marathon and ranks as one of the world's best-known road racing events. The Boston Marathon is considered to be one of the more difficult marathon courses because of the Newton hills, which culminate in Heartbreak Hill near Boston College.

<p>"The Doughboy" Monument and Veterans' Memorial</p>	<p>North side of the Town Common</p>	<p>"The Doughboy" monument is a bronze statue of a World War I soldier, also known as a "doughboy," located on the Town Common. It was erected in 1931 to honor the town's soldiers who served in World War I. The statue faces west and has a granite base with a bronze tablet listing the names of the soldiers who served.</p> <p>A separate three-panel monument nearby, the "Veterans' Memorial," honors those who served in World War II and the Korean Conflict, with a central panel dedicated to those who died in service.</p>
<p>George V Brown Statue</p>	<p>North side of the Town Common</p>	<p>George V. Brown was the legendary starter of the Boston Marathon from 1905 to 1937. This bronze sculpture honors his role in the race and his influence on athletics both locally and internationally. Brown was a lifetime resident of Hopkinton and a member of his family has started the race each year since his death in 1937, a tradition that continues today.</p> <p>The statue was sculpted by local artist Michael Alfano and unveiled in 2008.</p>
<p>Spirit of the Marathon Statue</p>	<p>Corner of East Main Street and Legacy Farms North, one mile from the Marathon start line</p>	<p>"Spirit of the Marathon" is a twelve foot tall statue that stands at the one mile mark of the Boston Marathon route. Sculpted by Mico Kaufman and unveiled in 2006, the statue depicts Greek marathoner Stylianos Kyriakides, who represents one of the Boston Marathon's greatest underdog stories.</p> <p>Kyriakides won the 50th Boston Marathon in 1946 against all odds, having survived the horrors and deprivations of the Axis occupation of WWII Greece. He then turned his achievement into an opportunity to highlight the plight of his nation, which was still starving and rebuilding from the war. He returned home to a hero's welcome with boatloads of food, medicine, clothing and other essentials donated by the American people. As a result of those efforts, he is considered by many to be the first Boston Marathon "charity" runner.</p> <p>Flanking him in the sculpture is a fellow Greek, Spyridon Louis, winner of the first modern Olympic marathon, held in Athens Greece in 1896, showing Kyriakides the way forward.</p>

First Meeting House Plaque and WW II Honor Roll Plaque	North side of the Town Common	<p>The First Meeting House Plaque, located on the north side of the Town Common, marks the spot of our town's original meeting house, which hosted both religious worship and civic gatherings. The inscription reads, "Near this spot stood the first Meetinghouse in Hopkinton. Built in 1724. Removed in 1830." The plaque was erected by the First Congregational Church in 1911.</p> <p>The meeting house had separate sections for men and women, with the rich sitting in the front and the poor in the rear. Children and enslaved individuals sat in the gallery. The original building was 48 feet long and 35 feet wide, lacked a cupola or steeple, and was unpainted until 1773.</p> <p>The World War II Honor Roll Plaque was installed in 2023, to replace a wooden one installed in 1943. The plaque honors 416 Hopkinton residents who served in World War II.</p>
Bobbi Gibb Statue	98 Hayden Rowe Street	<p>Prior to 1966, the longest Amateur Athletic Union sanctioned race for women was only one and a half miles. After having been told that women were not physiologically capable of running a marathon, Bobbi Gibb donned her brother's Bermuda shorts and a blue hooded sweatshirt over a black, tank top swim suit and headed toward the start line of the Boston Marathon. She hid in the bushes near the starting pen and waited until about half the pack had started and before jumping into the race. She finished in three hours, twenty-one minutes and forty seconds, ahead of two-thirds of the runners, becoming the first woman ever to complete the Marathon.</p> <p>A former student at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Gibb completed this sculpture as a self portrait in 2021. Currently the statue may be viewed outside the Hopkinton Center for the Arts. Eventually it will be moved to 2 Hayden Rowe Street, near the Marathon start line. The sculpture's official title is "The Girl Who Ran."</p>
<b>Historic Buildings</b>		
Hopkinton Historical Society	168 Hayden Rowe Street	<p>The Hopkinton Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history of our town. Established in 1951, it aims to protect historical artifacts, explain early New England life, and educate the public about the town's rich past. The society sponsors various events, maintains archives, and collaborates with other organizations such as the Hopkinton Public Library to preserve historical records. For more information: <a href="https://www.hopkhistsoc.org/">https://www.hopkhistsoc.org/</a></p>

Center School	11 Ash Street	<p>Hopkinton’s Center School is a 1928 Classical Revival building. Designed by architect William H. Brainerd, the school was constructed to house all of the elementary grades in town. A large addition was constructed at the rear of the building in 1950</p> <p>Historically, this area to the east of Hopkinton Common has been reserved for school buildings as early as the 18th century. During the late 19th century, a smaller school was located here until the Hopkinton School No. 1 (1 Ash Street) was built two lots to the north of the subject building. In the 1910s and 1920s, like other communities, Hopkinton made the shift to a more centralized school system.</p> <p>The building has not been used as a school since 2018, and a committee is evaluating its potential reuse as a mixed use space with a significant arts and cultural presence. The historic 1928 structure will be preserved, while the modern addition in the rear will be completely rebuilt to suit.</p>
"Hopkinton School No. 1" / BAA building	1 Ash Street	<p>The building, "Hopkinton School No. 1," is an Italianate style building constructed in 1875 to provide additional room for the town’s growing educational needs. The school was built on the site of the former St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, which had burned down ten years prior. The building served as a school until Center School (11 Ash Street) was constructed to the south in the late 1920s. Hopkinton School No. 1 was converted into a community center in the 1930s, and into a parish hall in 1957 for St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. Later in the 20th century, the building was converted into office space. It was purchased by the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) in 2016, and freshly remodeled. The building now serves as a BAA office as well as a space for museum-like exhibits related to the Marathon.</p>
Town Hall	18 Main Street	<p>Hopkinton’s Town Hall is a Classical Revival building typical of the early 20th century. The west pediment bears the date of 1715, Hopkinton’s incorporation, while the east pediment bears the date 1902, the building’s construction date. A Massachusetts Tercentennial Commission sign marking the location of the old Bay Path is located in front of the building at its west end.</p> <p>At the end of the 19th century, this downtown area was devastated by a series of fires that destroyed many of the boot and shoe factories, leaving almost no trace of the community’s industrial past. The previous Town Hall was destroyed by the final fire in 1900.</p>

Hopkinton Supply Company Building	28 Main Street	<p>The Hopkinton Supply Company Building, constructed in 1906, is one of the more unusual buildings in town. The building is a pressed metal mail-order building from the George L. Mesker Company of Evansville, Indiana. The building underwent numerous renovations over the years, but in 1983 it was restored to its original appearance minus the cloth awning that was likely an original feature. The building is capped by a signboard reading “HOPKINTON SUPPLY CO. BLDG./1906.”</p> <p>The building has served as a supply store, grocery store, barber shop, gift shop, hardware store, restaurant. It is now a barbershop once again.</p>
Stone Tavern	5 East Main Street	<p>The early history of the Stone Tavern is difficult to determine, but most sources agree that it was constructed in the mid- to late-18th century. The two-story building is constructed of locally-quarried cut granite block. The house is a prominent feature in images of the Boston Marathon, as it sits a few feet east of the start line.</p> <p>In the early part of the 19th century, the Stone Tavern served as a residence, public house, and store. It is now a private residence.</p>
St. John the Evangelist Church	20 Church Street	<p>Constructed between 1877 and 1889, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is an example of High Victorian Gothic and was an ambitious building for a small town. The building is constructed of cut granite and retains its historic slate roof.</p> <p>In the 1850s, local Catholics organized and erected St. Malachi’s, a wooden church building on Cedar Street (no longer extant). These Catholics, many of whom were Irish immigrants, were part of a population boom created by the boot and shoe factories on Main Street. By 1872 Hopkinton had 2,000 Catholics, and soon after was designated its own parish. Arrangements were made for the construction of a larger church, with plans finalized in 1875.</p> <p>Throughout the church building process, the parish acquired heavy debt. The situation was complicated by a fire in 1882 that destroyed several of the major factories in Hopkinton, putting many of the parishioners out of work. The church was finally dedicated on September 2, 1889 and remains in use today.</p>
Dr. Jefferson and Harriet J. Pratt House	25 Main Street	<p>This high-style Greek Revival house was built in 1849 as a private home. In 1901 it was donated to the Catholic church and was used as a rectory. In 1995 a new rectory was established directly across from St. John the Evangelist church, and the Pratt House was converted into a professional office building.</p>

Eliakim A. Bates House ("Dr. Joe's House")	17 Main Street	<p>The Eliakim A. Bates House is a c. 1850 end house with Italianate and later Victorian style trim. In 1944 the house was purchased by the Annunziata family. The building became known as "Dr. Joe's house" after Dr. Joseph Annunziata, the town's only physician for 35 years. A memorial to Dr. Annunziata stands on Hopkinton Common.</p> <p>In 2020 a three-alarm fire broke out in the top floor of the building, which by then was used for business and housing. Two residents were displaced and the building required substantial reconstruction. The owner rebuilt with an eye toward retaining the home's historical character.</p>
Erastus and Catherine Thompson House	35 Main Street	<p>The Erastus and Catherine Thompson House, an example of high-style Greek Revival architecture, was likely constructed c. 1850 by Erastus Thompson (c. 1815-1885), one of the major boot and shoe factory owners in Hopkinton during the 19th century. Mr. Thompson had purchased the land in 1849 for \$750.</p> <p>The building has been used as a professional office space since 1972. The land is currently worth considerably more than \$750.</p>
Col. Joseph and Fanny Valentine House	2 Hayden Rowe Street	<p>2 Hayden Rowe was one of the earliest settled sites in Hopkinton, serving in the 18th century as the home of Hopkinton's first Episcopal minister, Rev. Roger Price. Unfortunately, the original home burned down in the 1820s. Col. Joseph Valentine, a storekeeper from Boston, purchased the lot around 1830.</p> <p>The present building a brick Federal style house that was used by Col. Valentine as a shop as well as a home. By 1875, the property was the location of the Hopkinton National Bank, which remained at this location through the end of the century. Currently the building is used as a business space.</p>
<b>Historic Cemeteries</b>		
Mount Auburn Cemetery	Mount Auburn Street	<p>The Mount Auburn Cemetery was officially opened as a town cemetery in 1820 to supplement the town center burial grounds behind the Congregational meeting house and on Hayden Rowe. The cemetery was extended during the 1890s and additional land was purchased in 1906 and 1964.</p> <p>Burials include 4 Revolutionary War veterans, and 54 Civil War soldiers.</p>
St. John the Evangelist Cemetery	24 Mayhew Street	<p>Also known as St. John's Cemetery, St. John the Evangelist Cemetery abuts Mt. Auburn Cemetery.</p>

Main Street Cemetery	Directly across from the Town Common, on the north side	Main Street Cemetery is sometimes referred to as Church Cemetery. Over one hundred and fifty years of Hopkinton history is contained within the confines of this small Church Cemetery. Laid out in 1726 following the construction of the first Hopkinton church on the commons, the cemetery is the resting place of many prominent Hopkinton family members as well as approximately eighteen soldiers and sailors of the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. The earliest recorded date is 1744.
Valentine Cemetery	East Main Street, across from Ray Street	The Valentine Cemetery is also referred to as the East Main St. Cemetery, Valentine Tombs, and Episcopal Cemetery. This cemetery is not noticeable in spite of its prominent location on East Main Street as one approaches the center of Town. A series of crypts or tombs are built into the slope and a granite block retaining wall with tomb doors is all that one sees of the cemetery.  Once the Episcopal burial ground, the Valentine Cemetery is location on the 1745 land grant to the Church of England, hence the Episcopal Church. The Church was located on the corner of Ash and Main Streets just west of this burying ground. It burned in 1865 and was rebuilt further west on Main Street. This cemetery was used only by a few families including the Valentines, Clafins, and Gouldings during the nineteenth century.
Granite Street Cemetery	North side of Granite Street between Hayden Rowe and Deer Run	Also known as Hayden Rowe Cemetery, the Granite Street Cemetery sits on 1.1 acres. There are approximately 80 headstones in the cemetery. The earliest death date is 1813 and the latest 1976.
<b>Restaurants with Live Music</b>		
BoMain Pizza Bar & Grill	14 Main Street	Live music every Saturday, 7-10 pm, with no cover charge.  For over 25 years, BoMain has been serving up hand tossed pizzas, paninis, pasta, and unique appetizers. The restaurant also offers a full bar with signature cocktails and sixteen choices of beer on tap. For more information: <a href="https://www.bomainhopkinton.com/">https://www.bomainhopkinton.com/</a>
Start Line Brewery	151R Hayden Rowe Street	Live music on selected weekends. Start Line Brewery offers indoor and seasonal patio dining, craft beer pours, beer to go, carryout food, and fun merchandise. For more information: <a href="https://www.startlinebrewing.com/">https://www.startlinebrewing.com/</a>
<b>Restaurants</b>		
Muffin House Cafe	43 Main Street	Muffin house serves up muffins (of course), pastry, bagels, breakfast and lunch sandwiches, salads, quesadillas, and a full coffee and drink menu. For more information: <a href="https://www.muffinhousecafe.com/">https://www.muffinhousecafe.com/</a>  The cafe occupies the site of the old William Burrage Coburn Meat Market, probably constructed in the 1860s.

Pan Thai Restaurant	15 Main Street	<p>Nestled in the heart of Hopkinton, Pan Thai exudes warmth friendliness. It's the perfect place to unwind and enjoy a leisurely dinner or a quick lunch. Signature drinks are a specialty. For more information: <a href="https://panthairestaurant.com/">https://panthairestaurant.com/</a></p> <p>Pan Thai Restaurant's home is the historic Charles C. and Cora E. Tufts House, which is unique for several reasons. Constructed between 1922 and 1928, it is one of the few early 20th century buildings at Hopkinton Center. It was built of concrete block, a rare building material for residential buildings in Hopkinton and Massachusetts generally.</p>
Snappy Dogs	At the back (south side) of the CVS / Marty's Liquors parking lot, 61 Main Street	<p>A Hopkinton institution, Snappy Dogs is a little hot dog trailer that serves up BIG flavor. Customers enjoy the Pearl all-beef dogs grilled to order on a well-seasoned Weber grill. Vegans and vegetarians are delighted to know we serve up Smart Dogs as well, with most of our original condiments made without dairy. There are seasonal toppings and seasonal desserts and if you're early enough, there might even be a whoopie dog available!</p> <p>Weather permitting, Snappy Dogs is open Thursday- Sunday, mid-April through mid-December. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.</p>
Orale Mexican Restaurant	22 Main Street	<p>Authentic Mexican cuisine offering onsite dining, catering, and takeout for lunch and dinner. Sunday brunches now offered as well. Full bar. Try out the fresh juices! For more information: <a href="https://oralemexrestaurant.com/">https://oralemexrestaurant.com/</a></p>
ARCOS Cucina and Bar	42 Main Street	<p>Classic Italian cuisine with Spanish and Portuguese fusion. Handcrafted cocktails, eccentric wine list, local craft beers and fun with friends, all in an atmosphere designed for memorable gatherings. For more information: <a href="https://www.arcoscucina.com/">https://www.arcoscucina.com/</a></p> <p>Parking is available in our lot in the rear of the building on Walcott Street or in the public parking lot directly across the street from us. On street parking is also available.</p>
Hop-Yo	36 Main Street	<p>Hop-Yo is a fun frozen yogurt shop. Create your own sundaes at the toppings bar. Dairy free and no sugar added options available. Also available: Italian ices, shakes, and açai bowls. For more information: <a href="https://braid.ai/hop-yo">https://braid.ai/hop-yo</a></p>
Blue Square Pizza	30 Main Street	<p>Blue Square Pizza is a sourdough pizzeria founded in Hopkinton. The restaurant offers artisan pizza in four exciting styles: Detroit-style pizza, grandma-style (a.k.a. the grandma pie), Chicago cracker thin, and the New York-style round pie. Salads, house-made meatballs, and fresh chicken wings are also available, as are vegetarian pizza options. Winner of Pizza Today's "Startup Pizzeria of the Year" award in 2023. For more information: <a href="https://bluesquarepizza.com/">https://bluesquarepizza.com/</a></p>

Shops and Services		
Bee's Knees Interior Design	1 Main Street	Bee's Knees Interior Design is a full-service design firm that specializes in New England charm, crafting beautiful and functional homes for clients in the Greater Boston area. In partnership with their colony of revered contractors and worker bees, the team blends high-level creative with technical expertise that adds value to clients' homes through purposeful design. For more information: <a href="https://www.beeskneesinteriordesign.com/">https://www.beeskneesinteriordesign.com/</a>
Olde Thyme Cupboard	95 Hayden Rowe Street	The Olde Thyme Cupboard and Gardens Gift Shop features gifts, home decor, and antiques. Vintage style items include scarves, jewelry, purses, and linens.
Morrissey Guitars	33 Smith Road	Patrick Morrissey is dedicated to crafting custom acoustic guitars that cater to the tastes of passionate guitar enthusiasts. He specializes in steel-string acoustic guitars, meticulously selecting the finest tonewoods to create instruments that are as unique as their owners. For more information: <a href="https://www.morrisseyguitars.com/">https://www.morrisseyguitars.com/</a>  This is a working studio, so please contact Patrick to arrange a time to visit. 617-359-1867 or <a href="mailto:patrick@morrisseyguitars.com">patrick@morrisseyguitars.com</a>
Swoon	5 Walcott Street	Gifts, clothing, jewelry, accessories, and much more. Private shopping appointments available in addition to regular store hours. For more information: <a href="https://swooncentral.com/">https://swooncentral.com/</a>
Jenny Baby's Doll Hospital	1 B Street	Bring your dolls or stuffed animals to Jenny Baby's Doll Hospital, where Janice McIntyre offers repair and restoration done with love. She is a certified and licensed restorer of vintage and antique dolls as well as newer ones such as American Girl. She will carefully restring, repaint, re-stuff and add new wigs, eyes, or clothing as needed.  For best response, please call (617) 980-6642 or send a photo of your doll to <a href="mailto:Jennybabys26@yahoo.com">Jennybabys26@yahoo.com</a> . For more information: <a href="https://jennybabysdollhospital.com/">https://jennybabysdollhospital.com/</a>
Under Development		
International Marathon Center	Near 51 East Main Street (address not yet assigned)	The International Marathon Center is being designed to honor, celebrate and inspire the sport of marathoning. Plans call for a state-of-the-art education and conference facility, a marathon museum, and a hall of fame. As a destination designed to engage multi-generational visitors intellectually, emotionally and physically, the center will feature compelling programs on history, democracy, civics, fitness, nutrition, health and human potential. Funded by individual and corporate philanthropy, the IMC will be located on the Boston Marathon race course, less than a mile from the start line. For more information: <a href="https://www.26-2.org/">https://www.26-2.org/</a>