



VIEWS of the VALLEY

PHOTO CONTEST

Hey Golden Valley, here's your chance to show off the beauty and uniqueness of your city. What makes it special? Why is it so wonderful to live here? The goal of the Views of the Valley photo contest is to promote Golden Valley and civic pride in a way that's entertaining, educational, and fun.

Entries will be judged on subject matter, composition, clarity, lighting, depth of field, artistry/drama, degree of difficulty, technical excellence, overall impact. The judges also appreciate creative photo titles.

All photo entries become the property of the City of Golden Valley and will not be returned.

2012 Entry Form	2012 Entry Form	2012 Entry Form
Name _____	Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____	Address _____
Zip _____	Zip _____	Zip _____
Day Phone _____	Day Phone _____	Day Phone _____
Age (if under 18) _____	Age (if under 18) _____	Age (if under 18) _____
Category	Category	Category
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Golden Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Golden Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Golden Valley
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Valley Lifestyle	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Valley Lifestyle	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Valley Lifestyle
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced*	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced*	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced*
Title of Photo _____	Title of Photo _____	Title of Photo _____
_____	_____	_____
*Enhancement Explanation _____	*Enhancement Explanation _____	*Enhancement Explanation _____
_____	_____	_____
<i>I agree to let the City of Golden Valley publish my photo(s) in City publications with proper credit.</i>	<i>I agree to let the City of Golden Valley publish my photo(s) in City publications with proper credit.</i>	<i>I agree to let the City of Golden Valley publish my photo(s) in City publications with proper credit.</i>
Signature _____	Signature _____	Signature _____

Mail or drop off complete entries to: Photo Contest, City of Golden Valley, 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427. City employees and their families are not eligible to enter. Questions? Call 763-593-8004.

Rules

- You must be a Golden Valley resident.
- Submit each photo in one of three categories:
 - Natural Golden Valley** (landscapes, flora, fauna, etc)
 - Golden Valley Lifestyle** (cityscapes, buildings, people, activities, etc)
 - Enhanced** (photos significantly altered by editing software, lenses, etc). On the entry form, explain what alterations were made to each enhanced photo.
- Submit up to three color or black-and-white photo finish prints.
 - Do not submit slides, photocopies or prints that aren't on photo-quality paper.
 - Digital files must be accompanied by a print on photo-quality paper.
 - All photos must be trimmed to 5x7.
- Do not mat or frame photos.
- Include complete entry information for each photo (see form). Be sure to indicate the category.
- All entries submitted must be your own work.
- All decisions will be final, and judges reserve the right not to award in any category.
- The City of Golden Valley will not be responsible for lost entries.
- The contest organizers reserve the right to recategorize or disqualify any entrant.
- If there are identifiable people in the photo and it was taken in a non-public space, it is the responsibility of the photographer to obtain permission to use the photo.
- Deadline is June 6, 2012, 4:30 pm.**

Awards

- Overall Grand Prize:** Additional \$50.
- First Place Prize:** \$100 in each of the three categories, publication of photo on City web site and in *CityNews*, and a certificate of appreciation presented at a City Council meeting.
- People's Choice:** \$25, publication on the City web site and in *CityNews*, and a certificate of appreciation presented at a City Council meeting.
- All entries will be displayed in City Hall. From June 8–22, Golden Valley residents may cast their vote for the "People's Choice" award online or at City Hall during business hours (8 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday). Winners will be notified in early July.