



# 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.

A panel of judges evaluates each entry on originality, composition and framing, clarity and focus, lighting and exposure, quality of color/B&W, artistry/drama, difficulty level/tech skill, and 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.*

### 2016 Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Age (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Category

- Natural Golden Valley
- People, Events, & Urban Scenes
- Art & Design

Title of Photo \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree to let the City of Golden Valley publish my photo(s) in City publications with proper credit.*

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**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, animals, flora, etc)
  - **People, Events, & Urban Scenes** (residents, interactions, activities, cityscapes, etc)
  - **Art & Design** (shots focusing on structural design, man-made beauty and art; highly artistic shots of everyday things; or photos significantly altered by editing software for artistic effect, etc)
- 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

### 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.
- **People's Choice:** \$25, publication on the City web site and in *CityNews*, and a certificate of appreciation.
- All entries will be displayed in City Hall. From June 15–26, 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.