

Golden Valley

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CITYNEWS

General Mills, an international food corporation with world headquarters in Golden Valley, is proposing a two-phase office expansion on its campus at Number One General Mills Blvd. Phase one includes construction of a six-story, 324,000-square-foot office building; a two-story, 138,000-square-foot employee services building; a four-level parking facility; and a new heating/cooling facility adjacent to existing buildings. Phase two includes construction of up to 270,000 additional square feet of offices. The expanded facilities would accommodate the company's growth by serving up to 1,700 more employees.

City Hears Comments on General Mills EAW

In compliance with state regulations, General Mills completed an EAW to identify potential environmental impacts (both negative and positive) of the proposed project. The EAW was reviewed by City staff, engineering consultants Short Elliott

Hendrickson, Inc (SEH), and the City Council and was distributed according to State Environmental Quality Board (EQB) rules. A 30-day public comment period, which ended May 2, 2001, generated approximately 20 comments from agencies, municipalities, citizens, and other groups.

At a public hearing at it's May 15 meeting (which had not yet occurred at press time), the Golden Valley City Council considered comments received on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the proposed General Mills office expansion to determine whether or not the project requires further environmental study. Updates on the outcome of the public hearing will be published on the City web site (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us) and in the *SunPost* newspaper.

If further environmental study is required, the City of Golden Valley will proceed with an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under rules set forth by the EQB. If no further environmental study is needed, it is anticipated that General Mills will apply to the City for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to move forward with the project.

For more information about the General Mills proposal, call City Planning Director Mark Grimes at 763-593-8097.

In a related matter, the City anticipates that General Mills will make a formal request to the three major taxing jurisdictions (City, School, County) for abatement of all, or a portion of, its property taxes on the *new* development. Each jurisdiction will separately consider the request at a public hearing. Jurisdictions have the option to target the amount of taxes abated towards public improvements to roads and other infrastructure impacted by the project. The maximum term of any abatement would be 10 years if all jurisdictions agree to abate and 15 years if at least one jurisdiction decides not to abate.

For more information on the abatement process, call City Finance Director Don Taylor at 763-593-8012. 

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GV Road Bridge to Close for Reconstruction in July

Motorists who use Golden Valley Road (County Road 66) east of Hwy 100 will encounter a detour beginning July 2001 when the bridge over the BNSF Railroad is removed and reconstructed. Work is expected to begin July 2001 and be completed by November 23, 2001. The aggressive construction schedule dictates that the bridge must be closed. During closure, traffic will be detoured to Hwy 100, Hwy 55, and Penn Ave (County Road 2).

During a routine inspection last year, Hennepin County Transportation Department officials found the bridge to be structurally deficient and in need of replacement. The bridge was closed to traffic periodically from June 15 - 26, 2000 while extensive repairs were made to the steel beams. This established the bridge as a priority for replacement.

Hennepin County will host an open house to discuss project details May 31, 2001, from 5:30 to 7 pm, at the Golden Valley City Hall Council Chambers.

To help the project run smoothly, Hennepin County Transportation staff asks for your patience and understanding during construction. If you have questions about the project, contact the appropriate person (see box at right).

Who to Call

For more information on reconstruction of the Golden Valley Road Bridge, contact one of these Hennepin County employees:

Bernie Jahn.....763-745-7680
Bridge Engineer

Paul Backer.....763-745-7569
Construction Project Engineer

Bruce Polaczyk.....763-745-7650
Design Engineer

For construction updates, check the City web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/streetconst.htm.

Bus Route Changes Planned for Golden Valley

Metro Transit bus routes serving the Golden Valley area will soon change due to the upcoming closure and reconstruction of the Golden Valley Rd bridge this summer (see article at left).

Route 19 currently uses this bridge and, as a result, must be restructured temporarily. Most Route 19 trips will end at Golden Valley Rd and Xerxes Ave in north Minneapolis. Transit customers who currently ride Route 19 to reach Courage Center, Spring Gate Center, and many other Golden Valley destinations will have new transit options beginning Saturday, June 9.

Route 19L is a temporary branch of Route 19 that will serve Courage Center and Golden Valley Rd. Route 759 is an interim route that will serve commuters along Douglas Dr, 36th Ave N, Noble Ave, and Golden Valley Rd before traveling to downtown Minneapolis. Select trips also will serve Courage Center.

A new service, Route 719, will connect customers in Golden Valley to new transit hubs in Robbinsdale and St Louis Park. Route 719 will travel on Noble Ave, 36th Ave N, Douglas Dr, and St Croix Ave. Finally, another morning trip has been added to Route 58, which will be renumbered Route 758.

For details about these changes or any Metro Transit services, please call the Transit Information Center at 612-373-3333.

Human Rights Commission Seeks Nominees for Award

The Golden Valley Human Rights Commission is accepting applications for the 2001 Bill Hobbs Human Rights Award, which recognizes and supports people who work to build an environment that promotes fair and equal treatment for everyone. The award will be presented during a City Council Meeting in November 2001. Deadline for nominations is Friday, June 29, 2001.

Individuals or organizations may nominate individuals or groups that have positively impacted or clearly improved understanding or cooperation in the areas of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, or familial status. Nominee services must be either voluntary or above-and-beyond a paid employee's usual job responsibilities. Nominees must have lived, worked, or conducted business in Golden Valley during 2000-2001.

To receive a nomination form, call Golden Valley City Hall at 763-593-8012 or check the City web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/community/HRCaward.htm. Submit nominations to: Golden Valley Human Rights Commission, 7800 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN 55427-4588.

Run the Valley Raises \$5,400 for Local Human Service Organizations



The seventh annual *Run the Valley* 5 - 10K Run and 5K Walk drew 554 runners and walkers to Brookview Park April 21 to compete for prizes and raise funds for the Golden Valley Human Services Foundation. The event raised \$5,400 for the Foundation, which allocates the funds to local human service organizations such as Home Free Shelter, YMCA Detached Worker Program, Suburban Northwest Dinner at Your Door, Senior Community Services, and PRISM.

Mary Brekke, a Golden Valley graphic designer, won the annual Run The Valley T-shirt design contest with this entry.

Corporate sponsors for this year's event were Liberty Carton and the Lupient Automotive Group. Other sponsors included Einstein Bros Bagels, Golden Valley Country Club, Golden Valley Rotary, Cable 12, Wells Fargo Golden Valley, Orange Julius, Perkins, Super America, Valley Pastries, and Yoplait.

In the 10K, the top three male finishers were Christopher Kartschoke, Eden Prairie (33:37); Michael Bjornberg, Minneapolis (37:53); and Duane Kimme, Champaign, IL (38:06). The top three female finishers were Kristine Steven, Crystal (45:47); Claudia Dizon, Minneapolis (46:35); and Barb Ankrum, Vadnais Heights (47:12).

In the 5K, the top three male finishers were Rick Taplin, Champlin (16:59); Derek Podratz, Minneapolis (17:26); and Douglas Keller, Plymouth (17:37). The top three female finishers were Jessica Young, St Louis Park (18:52); Amy Norby, Albertville (21:58); and Elizabeth Pringle, Northfield (22:08).

All participants received Golden Valley T-shirts, and medallions were awarded to the top three finishers in each age group. The Foundation thanks all who participated. Next year's race is scheduled for April 2002. For more information, check the City web site for updates (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/community/runvalley), or contact Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010. 

The Winners

Under 19

Elizabeth Pringle, Northfield, 22:08 (5K)
Daniel Chiat, Golden Valley, 22:53 (5K)
Anthony Leblanc, Golden Valley, 23:18 (5K)
Wesley Derubeis, Golden Valley, 24:22 (5K)
Beth Magnuson, Minnetonka, 26:01 (5K)
Brittanny Seaburg, Minnetonka, 26:02 (5K)
George Hanscom, Golden Valley, 50:01 (10K)
Regan Meyer, River Falls, 53:54 (10K)

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Derek Podratz, Minneapolis, 17:26 (5K)
Salomon Leyua, Minneapolis, 17:41 (5K)
Wes Schwie, St Paul, 17:44 (5K)
Amy Norby, Albertville, 21:58 (5K)
Alita Russ, Fridley, 24:08 (5K)
Molly Warden, Golden Valley, 24:38 (5K)
Daniel Abercrombie, Carine Perth, AUS, 41:54 (10K)

Matt Beatty, Minneapolis, 42:09 (10K)
Paul Darda, Minneapolis, 42:49(10K)
Carrie Bakken, Minneapolis, 49:12(10K)
Tammy Sturm, Lino Lakes, 51:01 (10K)
Dawn Bowden, Chaska, 51:17 (10K)

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Rick Taplin, Champlin, 16:59 (5K)
Dave Berger, Inver Grove Heights, 18:27 (5K)
Jessica Young, St Louis Park, 18:52 (5K)
Kurt Jewell, St Louis Park, 19:01 (5K)
Betsy Murray, Edina, 24:17 (5K)
Diane Palkert, Minneapolis, 25:45 (5K)
Christopher Kartschoke, Eden Prairie, 33:37 (10K)
Chris Patton, Plymouth, 39:58 (10K)
Mark Grondahl, St Paul, 42:14 (10K)
Kristine Steven, Crystal, 45:47 (10K)
Barb Ankrum, Vadnais Heights, 47:12 (10K)
Lori Wall, Chanhassen, 47:37 (10K)

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Douglas Keller, Plymouth, 17:37 (5K)
Mike Kilcoyne, Long Lake, 18:00 (5K)
Paul Brown, Waconia, 18:02 (5K)
Karen Canon, Golden Valley, 23:16 (5K)
Kathleen Gebhardt, Plymouth, 24:28 (5K)
Joanne Bartel, Eden Prairie, 25:19 (5K)
Michael Bjornberg, Minneapolis, 37:53 (10K)
Duane Kimme, Champaign, IL 38:06 (10K)
Michael Wondra, Minneapolis, 39:12 (10K)
Claudia Dizon, Minneapolis, 46:35 (10K)
Cathy Jewett, Golden Valley, 52:38 (10K)
Patricia Langum, Brooklyn Park, 52:52 (10K)

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Paul Pentel, Golden Valley, 20:25 (5K)
Steven Fossen, Plymouth, 22:14 (5K)
Kati Campbell, Long Lake, 22:45 (5K)
Connie Foster, River Falls, 23:14 (5K)
Francine LaPage, Minneapolis, 23:18 (5K)
Wayland Campbell, West St Paul, 24:11 (5K)
Art Mugalian, Minneapolis, 39:38 (10K)
Keith Tvedten, St Louis Park, 44:58 (10K)
John Krawczak, Minnetonka, 45:29 (10K)
Terry Janecky, Excelsior, 55:11 (10K)
Robyn Hanscom, Golden Valley, 59:44 (10K)

60 and Over

Thom Weddle, Burnsville, 19:49 (5K)
Ernest Ogren, Aitkin, 23:29 (5K)
Ed Dee, Minnetonka, 29:33 (5K)
Betty Hammond, Stoddard, 31:19 (5K)
Myron Anderson, Coon Rapids, 44:54 (10K)
David Stahl, New Brighton, 49:55 (10K)
Roger H. Anderson, Bloomington, 50:33 (10K)

It's UGH Time Again

If you're planning any spring cleaning this year, here's some information that will help you get rid of the UGH—"Unwanted Garden and Household" chemicals and waste—you may come across. Just plan your cleaning days in conjunction with the following free household hazardous waste collection in St Louis Park:

Thursday, June 14 - Saturday, June 16
9 am - 4 pm
St Louis Park Senior High School
6425 W 33 St, St Louis Park
(N of Hwy 7 on Dakota to 33 St)

The event, sponsored by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and the City of St Louis Park, provides County residents with an opportunity to conveniently and properly dispose of garden and household hazardous wastes (see list of accepted materials below).

Toilet cleaner, disinfectant, windshield washer fluid, and cleaners with bleach and ammonia (never mix products containing bleach with those containing ammonia—a toxic gas can form) can be flushed with lots of water down your sink or toilet (but not in septic tank systems). Latex paints and caulks, glaze, spackle, empty aerosols, cosmetics, putty, grout, and empty containers can be dried completely and placed in the trash with lids removed.

You can get rid of UGH any time of the year at Hennepin County's two permanent household hazardous waste drop-off sites:

- Hennepin County Recycling Center & Transfer Station
8100 Jefferson Hwy
Brooklyn Park
- South Hennepin Recycling & Problem Waste Drop-Off Center
1400 West 96th St
Bloomington

For materials accepted at these facilities and hours of operation, call Hennepin County's 24-Hour INFOLine at 612-348-6500. 

Accepted Materials*

- auto batteries and tires
- automotive wastes
- cleaning solvents and adhesives
- consumer electronics (TVs, radios, etc)
- fluorescent and HID lamps
- household batteries
- lighted athletic shoes (lights contain mercury switches)
- rechargeable appliances
- paint & lead-based paint chips
- paint thinners and solvents
- pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, etc)
- photographic and hobby chemicals
- wood preservatives

* Not a complete list. Call 612-348-6509 for more information about what is accepted.

Materials Not Accepted

- any waste from businesses
- appliances* (refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc)
- asbestos
- compressed gas cylinders and tanks
- explosives
- medical or infectious wastes
- motor oil and oil filters*
- radioactive wastes (eg, smoke detectors)

* Accepted at County's permanent drop-off sites (see article at left).

Holiday Notice

Recycling pick-up the week of the Memorial Day holiday will be one day later than usual. Have your recyclables at the curb by 7 am Saturday, June 2.



The Golden Valley Recycling Program is partially funded by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

24-Hour Recycling Info-Line

Recorded answers to your recycling questions 24 hours a day. Just call 763-593-8119 to reach the Golden Valley Recycling Information Line (directions for rotary phone users are on the message). For information on:

- curbside recycling, press 1
- apartment recycling, press 2
- yard waste disposal, press 3
- household hazardous waste disposal, press 4

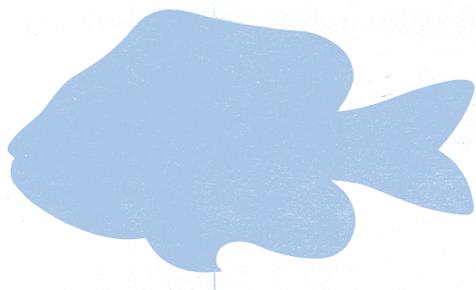
**763-
593-8119**

Missed Pick-Ups

If your recycling is missed on Friday, call Waste Management at 952-890-1100 before noon on the following Monday.

If you have specific recycling questions, call 763-593-8119.

THERE'S A FISH
ON YOUR STREET



City Storm Drain Stenciling Program Is All About Water Quality

If you notice fish on Golden Valley streets this summer, take it as yet another indication that the City is working to protect your water quality.

This summer volunteers from Cub Scout Pack #350 and the King of Grace Lutheran School Eighth Grade will stencil City storm drains that lead to either a neighborhood pond, lake, or directly to Bassett Creek. The fish symbol stencil, combined with a "Dump No Waste" message, is an educational component of Golden Valley's Surface Water Management Plan, which was adopted in 1999.

City streets are much like waterfront property—everything that rinses off your roof, yard, and driveway can eventually get to Bassett Creek through the City's storm water system under the streets. Depending upon where you live, this water may also flow through a pond, wetland, or lake first.

Education is vital to protecting water resources. Each year, people dump thousands of gallons of used oil, antifreeze, and other wastes into storm drains. In addition, rainwater runoff picks up street litter, yard waste, excess lawn fertilizers and pesticides, residue from oil leaks and gas on streets and parking lots, and sediment from construction sites. Many people are unaware that storm water is not treated before discharging into Golden Valley's water resources.

Storm drain stenciling helps increase awareness and reminds citizens to protect water resources within their community and far beyond. Watch for the fish, and remember, we are all responsible for the quality of our water (see box above for more ways you can help).

If you have questions about Golden Valley's Surface Water Management Plan, or if your group is interested in volunteering to stencil storm drains, contact the Public Works Department at 763-593-8030.

How You Can Help

It's easier than you think!

- ✓ Dump nothing down a storm drain you wouldn't drink or swim in.
- ✓ Use less fertilizer on your lawn, and no phosphorous.
- ✓ Avoid pesticides, or use only if necessary.
- ✓ Recycle used oil.
- ✓ Pick up pet wastes (see article on page 7).
- ✓ Compost garden trimmings.
- ✓ Don't litter.
- ✓ Bring leftover paints and pesticides to the Hennepin County Citizen Drop Off Center (612-348-6509).



Messages like the one shown above will be stenciled on the street in front of City storm drains as part of Golden Valley's Surface Water Management Program to protect local ponds, lakes, and streams.

"Eco-Yard" Grand Opening

**Saturday, June 9, 2001
10 am to 3 pm**

**Hennepin County Recycling and Transfer Station
8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park**

Stop in at this environmentally-friendly demonstration site to view native plants and rainwater gardens. There will also be guided tours, seminars, children's activities, giveaways, and a chance to talk with landscape architects, horticulturists, and master gardeners. Call 612-348-6509 for more information.



Give Your Home and Lawn The Old 1-2-3 For Summer

With the end of a long winter and the advent of spring and summer storm season, now is a good time to give your home and yard the old one-two-three: inspect, clean, and fix.

The following information is a seasonal home maintenance guide from the organizers of the Home Remodeling Fair. If you need help funding this work, call the Golden Valley Planning Department (763-593-8095) to receive a list of repair/remodel fund sources available to Golden Valley and surrounding communities.



1 Inspect

Check:

- roofs for missing, loose, or damaged shingles, blisters, open seams, and bald spots, and chimneys for cracks.
- roof louvers for damage or blockage.
- around the antenna for potential leaks.
- floors, decks, patios, porches, and external railings for cracks, heaving, and other signs of deterioration.
- all wood surfaces, especially near the ground, for signs of weathering, peeling, or dry rot.
- grading for a proper slope away from foundation walls, and build up soil if necessary.
- fascia and soffits for damage or deterioration.
- crawl spaces and basements for water leakage and moisture.
- smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- your cooling system. Lubricate motors and change filters once a month.
- your yard. Are there areas of grass that never do well? Consider replacing grass with shrubs, perennials, or ground covers. Take photos now for winter planning.

Clean-Up

- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts.
- Remove lawn debris, such as leaves and dead plants.
- Clear slow or backed-up drains.



3 Fix-Up



- Plant trees, flowers, shrubs, and flower/vegetable gardens.
- Do interior painting and varnishing while it's warm and the windows can be left open for ventilation.
- Seal decks, paint siding and trim, etc.
- Trim bushes and shrubs near the house, but wait to prune trees until fall or winter (unless necessary due to storm damage).

Lawn Season: Keep It Groomed

Healthy lawns need to be maintained. They help clean pollution from the air, prevent soil erosion and contaminants from entering storm drains and waterways, and need fewer chemicals to keep them healthy. Most of all, healthy lawns keep our neighborhoods and community looking great.

Golden Valley residents are required by City ordinance to keep their lawns mowed and maintained. If a lawn is left to grow taller than eight inches, the resident is notified of the ordinance violation and required to correct the situation within five days. If there's no compliance, the City will have the lawn mowed and then bill the homeowner.

This summer, if you plan to be away from home longer than two weeks, make arrangements to have your lawn mowed. If the City attempts to notify you and is unsuccessful over time, it may be forced to have your lawn mowed while you are gone.

During the lawn season, please be considerate of your neighbors and community by keeping your residence looking nice. If you need to report a yard maintenance complaint, call the Park Maintenance Department at 763-593-8045.

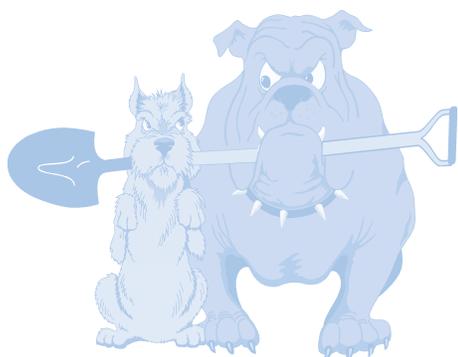
Lawn Care Tips

Follow these basic tips for a healthier lawn with fewer weeds:

- Mow grass no shorter than 2 to 2-1/2 inches. Adjust the lawn mower blade height so it cuts no more than the top one-third of the grass blade.
- If it doesn't rain, water lawn weekly. Deep watering is better than frequent, shallow watering.

If you have questions about other horticultural topics, try leaving a message for a Master Gardener at the Hennepin County Extension Service (612-374-8400). These trained volunteers will return your call when they can and try to help.

*Ron Hammer,
Park Maintenance
Supervisor*



Pick Up That Poop, Please!

Golden Valley residents have had it up to their shoelaces with folks who don't pick up after their pets in public. Lately, more and more people are calling various City departments to complain about pet feces left in City parks, on sidewalks, and especially on walking trails.

Picking up after your pet in public places is part of responsible pet ownership. It's also required by the City's animal control ordinance. And if that isn't enough, it's just plain neighborly. If you don't own a pet, keep in mind that it's not the animal's fault if its owner doesn't keep it restrained or pick up after it. If you own a pet, this is a friendly reminder that the City of Golden Valley, its public safety officers, and everyone who lives here appreciates your cooperation in following the rules below:

- An owner is anyone who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog or cat. When a pet is at large, it is off the owner's property and not under the control of the owner or other competent person. It is illegal for any Golden Valley resident to have more than three dogs and three cats.
- Licenses are required for all dogs more than 150 days old. They cost \$6 and can be picked up 24 hours a day, any day of the week, at the Public Safety building at 7800 Golden Valley Rd.
- Whenever a dog is off its owner's property, it must be restrained by a leash no longer than six feet. Dogs that are restrained by an owner's voice commands as effectively as a leash are exempt from the leash rule. However, in City parks all dogs must be leashed at all times.
- Owners shall not allow their dogs or cats to foul any lawn, garden, or other property. Dog owners are required to carry supplies for excrement removal when walking their dogs. Any mess made by a dog must be cleaned up (including in public parks).

Complete copies of the animal control ordinance are available at the reception window in the Public Safety building. If you have questions, call 763-593-8079. 

Golden Valley Water Tower to Get Makeover

In July, the Golden Valley water tower will go undercover when workers bag it in preparation for a new paint job. When it emerges about 10 weeks later, it will be sporting fresh color and an updated City logo.

Before the bag goes on, workers will do structural repairs to the tower. During the painting, the upper parking lot in the City Hall complex will be closed to allow workers enough space.

For a preview of the water tower's new look, stop by the City Open House Wednesday, June 27 (see information on page 12). Public Works staff will be on hand to conduct tours and answer questions. 

Concerts In The Park

7 pm Brookview Park

Monday, June 18

Sentimental Swing

(Jazz, swing, blues, and standards)

Monday, June 25

Stoney Savanna Tropical Band

(Caribbean music)

Monday, July 9

Golden Valley Puppet Wagon followed by Hoot & Annie

(Lively & interactive music for children & families)

Monday, July 16

Colt 45

(Contemporary Country)

Monday, July 23

Medicine Show

(Vaudeville)

Monday, July 30

Golden Valley Puppet Wagon

followed by Stomp'n' Dixie

(Trumpet, trombone, bass, & banjo)

Monday, August 6

Greenwood Tree

(Music of Ireland, Scotland, England, and American Folk Songs)

Monday, August 13

The Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

(Good wholesome variety, ethnic)

These free concerts last one to one-and-a-half hours and will be cancelled if it rains. Bring lawn chairs or blanket and picnic supper.

Sponsored by:
Golden Valley Park & Recreation
763-512-2345

Protect Your Identity With These Tips

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in America, affecting half a million new victims each year. Identity theft is the taking of a victim's identity to obtain credit, credit cards from banks and retailers, steal money from a victim's existing accounts, apply for loans, and establish accounts with utility companies. It can occur when you write a check, charge over the phone, call home on your cell phone, or apply for a credit card. You probably don't give these routine transactions a second thought, but others may.

Identity Theft Prevention Tips

- Give no personal information by phone, mail, or Internet unless you have initiated the contact. Identity thieves pose as bank representatives, Internet service providers, and even government officials to get identifying information.
- Shred all discarded financial documents, including pre-approved credit applications, insurance forms, and bank checks and statements.
- Don't use your mother's maiden name, your birth date, the last four digits of your social security number, or a similar series of numbers as a password for anything.
- Carry as little identification as possible. Don't carry your social security card, birth certificate, or passport unless absolutely necessary.
- Do not put your social security number on checks or credit receipts. If it is requested, give them an alternate number and explain why. Requests from government agencies must be accompanied by a privacy notice.
- Use care with ATMs and phone cards. Someone may look over your shoulder and get your PIN numbers.
- Keep a list of all your credit card and bank account numbers with customer service phone numbers in a safe place.
- Do not put your credit card number on the Internet unless it is an encrypted, secured site.
- Cancel all credit cards that you have not used in the last six months. Open credit is a prime target.
- Get your credit report at least twice a year. Obtain reports from all three major sources (see list in box at right).

If your identity is stolen, you may be asked by banks and credit grantors to fill out and notarize fraud affidavits. This is not required by law. A written statement and supporting documentation should be enough (unless the creditor offers to pay for the notary). Overly burdensome requirements by creditors should be reported to federal government authorities. For help in determining which agency to contact, call the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse at 619-298-3396.

For more information on Golden Valley Crime Prevention programs, call Golden Valley Crime Prevention Specialist Joanne Paul at 763-593-8058.

Fighting For Your Identity

Here is a to-do list if various forms of your identity are stolen.

ID, Passport, Social Security Card, or Birth Certificate

- ✓ Call the fraud units of the three credit reporting companies immediately: Equifax 1-800-525-6285; Trans Union 1-800-680-7289; Experian (TRW) 1-800-397-3742.
- ✓ Ask that your account be flagged, how long the fraud alert is posted, and how you can extend it if necessary.
- ✓ Beware that these measures may not stop new fraudulent accounts from being opened, so ask the credit bureaus in writing for free copies every few months to monitor your credit report.
- ✓ If a fraudulent account is opened in your name, ask the credit bureaus for names and phone numbers of the credit grantors, and to remove inquiries due to the fraudulent account access.

Checkbook

- ✓ Report to your bank the checks that were stolen and put stop payments on them.
- ✓ Close out the checking account completely and re-open a new account. If the checking account is not closed there is the possibility that someone could order new checks and use them months after the loss.
- ✓ Give the bank a secret password for your account (do NOT use your mother's maiden name as a password).

Credit Card

- ✓ Contact all creditors immediately.
- ✓ Get replacement cards with new account numbers for your own accounts that have been used fraudulently.
- ✓ Request that old accounts be processed as "Account closed at consumer's request." (This is better than "card lost or stolen" because when this statement is reported to credit bureaus it can be interpreted as blaming you for the loss.)
- ✓ Carefully monitor your mail and credit card bills for evidence of new fraudulent activity and report it immediately to credit grantors.

ATM or Debit Card

- ✓ Report it immediately.
- ✓ Get a new card, account number, and password. Do NOT use your old password.

Firefighter Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must live within six minutes of a Golden Valley fire station
- Must pass written exam
- Must have a valid Minnesota drivers license
- Must have dependable transportation
- Must be in good health and pass a physical exam and physical ability test
- Must pass a background investigation
- Must complete a probation period
- Must complete basic recruit training
- Must complete first aid training
- Must be available for a reasonable number of fire calls, drills, and meetings
- Must be available for standby duty and work details when assigned
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent

Your Fire Department Needs You

If not for paid, on-call firefighters, three-fourths of the United States would be without adequate fire protection, including the community you live in. Golden Valley's firefighters are all men and women who have a variety of other jobs in addition to their commitment to the fire service. What they have in common is a desire to serve their community and help make a difference in the lives of others. Neighbors helping neighbors.



The Golden Valley Fire Department has maintained this tradition of community service for more than 56 years. Each year the Department responds to about 700 runs, including all types of fires, emergencies, auto accidents, medicals, and mutual aid calls to other communities. And each year it searches for recruits to keep its ranks strong. The Department is especially recruiting people available between 6 am and

6 pm Monday through Friday.

Joining the paid on-call fire service is a great way to do something important for your community and for yourself. Few jobs offer the same challenges and rewards. Because

this job is important, Golden Valley firefighters are expertly trained and properly equipped. Applicants must meet certain requirements to be accepted (see box), and firefighters are paid between \$7.01 and \$11.08 per hour for firefighting, training, and special duty. Pensions are provided to firefighters who retire after 10 years of service.

For more information, a list of requirements, or an application, call 763-593-8055 or visit any fire station on Wednesday evenings when firefighters are training.

*Mark Kuhnly,
Chief of Fire
and Inspections*

Former Police Secretary Mary Schut Dies

Mary Schut, the Golden Valley Police Department's first secretary, died in February. She was employed by the City of Golden Valley for more than 33 years before retiring in 1993. During her tenure with the Police Department, Schut worked for five different police chiefs.

"She was a faithful and good friend," says Judy Smith, administrative secretary for the Golden Valley Fire Department who worked with Schut for 16 years in the public safety building. 

Safety For Kids

Here's a list of things to help assure a safe summer for children:

- Wear seat belts and put kids in the back seat.
- Don't let kids play near driveways, roads, or streets.
- Insist on helmets when riding bikes, skateboards, or in-line skates.
- Walk with children under age 10. It's hard for vehicles to see them. Make sure they wear retroreflective materials and carry a flashlight when it's dark.
- Keep garage doors in good working order.
- Lock up chemicals and medicines.
- Provide constant supervision for children around water.
- Prepare children for emergencies like fire, tornadoes, and thunderstorms.
- Finally, know where children are at all times.

For more information on safety, have children call Safety Safari at 651-602-3242. This free phone line is sponsored by the Minnesota Safety Council and provides information on poisoning, storms, toys, playgrounds, water sports, street safety, and more.

Work on Hwy 100 Swings Into High Gear for Summer

While construction of portions of Hwy 100 continued through the winter, spring brings an increased flurry of activity. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) project will upgrade Hwy 100 through Golden Valley, Crystal, Robbinsdale, and Brooklyn Center in five phases over the next several years. The reconstructed freeway will be six lanes (three in each direction) from I-394 to County Road 81 and four lanes (two in each direction) north of County Road 81.

This summer, most of the work on Hwy 100 through Golden Valley will be on the southbound lanes, including removal of the existing road so crews can begin constructing the new road. Work continues on the Hwy 55 bridge, and after traffic is shifted to the new northbound bridge sometime late this summer, crews will begin working on the southbound bridge. On the east frontage road, crews are finishing driveways, placing sod in yards, and starting construction of a noise wall. Work is nearing completion on both the east and west frontage roads, and crews are starting work on the bridges.

Just north of Golden Valley, traffic on Hwy 100 will be moved between the bypass roads and new roads throughout the summer so the contractor can finish building the new road. By approximately the end of June, traffic will be moved onto the new 36th Ave bridge (one lane in each direction), and the temporary signals at Hwy 100 and 36th Ave will be taken out of service. Until the 36th Ave ramps are completed, there will be no access from southbound Hwy 100 to 36th Ave or from 36th Ave to northbound Hwy 100. Motorists should plan to use alternate routes.

During construction, motorists can expect traffic delays and temporary lane shifts. Please watch for signs, allow additional time to reach destinations, and

plan to take alternate routes whenever possible. Play it safe while driving through construction zones by watching the road and not equipment or construction activity. Remember, fines double in work zones. MnDOT and the contractors appreciate your patience and cooperation.

If you have further questions about the Hwy 100 project, contact the appropriate person (see box at right). For a comprehensive overview, please refer to MnDOT's *Highway 100 Reconstruction Guide* enclosed within this newsletter. 

Who to Call

For more information on the Highway 100 reconstruction project, contact one of these MnDOT employees:

Dave Raley.....763-797-3069
(Segment I Construction)

Joe Forpahl.....763-797-3070
(Segment II Construction)

For construction updates, check the City web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/streetconst.htm, which includes links to MnDOT's web site.

Senior Stuff

PRISM Express provides seniors with door-to-door transportation service for medical appointments, personal shopping, etc. Schedule in advance at 763-529-1252.

Five Cities Transportation Program offers rides to seniors living in senior housing buildings, apartments, and in their own homes for shopping, social activities, and senior program events. Dates and times are listed in the Golden Valley Senior Newsletter each month. Reserve a ride by calling the Five Cities office (763-537-0229) Monday - Friday, 8 am - 3 pm.

Defensive Driving Course—Eight-hour course: June 7 - 8, 9 am - 1 pm, Brookview

Continental Breakfast—June 27: "You Have Not Won A Prize: Scams & Fraud," 9:30 am, Brookview

Blood Pressure Screenings—June 27, 11 am - noon, Brookview

Upcoming Trips (register early) June 6: Omni Theater; June 8: Bernadette Peters at Orchestra Hall; June 30: "Once In A Lifetime" at Guthrie Theatre; July 12: Plainview - Hassler Theater; July 20: Coffee Concert at Orchestra Hall; July 29: "South Pacific" at the Ordway

Health Insurance Help—Second Tuesday of each month, 9 am - noon, Brookview. Trained volunteer counselors help sort out health and Medicare forms, file insurance claims, and obtain information about Medicare supplemental or long-term care policies. Schedule in advance at 763-512-2339. Sponsored by Senior Community Services.

For more information and to register, contact:

**Golden Valley Seniors Program
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Golden Valley, MN 55426
763-512-2339
8 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday**

Photo Contest Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Title of the Photo: _____

Day Phone: _____ Age (if under 18): _____

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

Signature: _____

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

NorthWest Cities Wins Awards for Coverage of Local Issues

Northwest Cities, a weekly Cable 12 TV news magazine program that covers city government, recently received two awards—one for overall excellence and one for coverage of a Golden Valley issue.

The first, an award of merit for Overall Excellence in Cable Television, was granted by the Northwest Broadcast News Association to *Northwest Cities* producer and host Jason Ziemer. The second, a 2001 Hometown Video Festival award, was for an informational piece by Ziemer and staff photographer/videographer Chris Ritchie. "Nature Preserve" covered General Mills' proposal to build a Nature Preserve in Golden Valley.

Northwest Cities airs on Cable 12 twice an hour each week to look at a wide variety of local topics. Coverage has included city budgets, environmental issues, senior citizen programs, local housing programs, introductions and interviews of City leaders, and events and activities in Golden Valley and surrounding communities in the northwest suburbs. For more information about Cable 12 programming, contact Northwest Community Television at 763-533-8196. 

Grand prize is \$100. Winning photos will be published in *CityNews* and reproduced for permanent display in City Hall. Winners will also receive certificates of appreciation at a City Council meeting. All entries will be displayed in City Hall.

Golden Valley residents may cast their vote for the "People's Choice" award at City Hall during business hours (8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday) from June 12 - 26 and during the June 27 City Open House (6 - 8:30 pm). Grand Prize and Honorable Mention winners will be notified by June 27. The People's Choice winner will be notified June 28.

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? Need more entry blanks? Call 763-593-8004. 

Photo Contest Deadline is June 8

Help promote Golden Valley and civic pride by participating in the City's Views of the Valley photo contest (see rules below). Enter by submitting your favorite photos depicting what makes Golden Valley so special, or vote for your favorite photo (details below) in the "People's Choice" award category.

Rules

- You must be a Golden Valley resident.
- Submit photos of Golden Valley nature, cityscapes, buildings, people, activities, etc.
- Submit color or black-and-white 5 x 7 photos (no slides).
- Enter up to three photos. Include complete entry information for each (see at right).
- Deadline is June 8, 2001, 4:30 pm.**

Park & Rec News

Youth and Adult Tennis Programs—The Golden Valley Park & Recreation Department offers a variety of tennis lessons, leagues, and teams for children (starting at age 5) and adults of all ages. For more information, call the Recreation office at 763-512-2345.

Pre-School Mini Music Camp—For youth ages 3-5 who would like to experience a variety of music activities. Monday-Thursday, June 18-21, at New Hope Ice Arena, 4949 Louisiana Ave N.

For more information about these or other City recreation programs, contact:

**Park & Recreation
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Golden Valley, MN 55426
763-512-2345
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm**

City Open House to Feature Expo Stage, New Activities

Belly dancing, fire truck rides, karate, big band swing music, a new bucket truck, and a real fire. . . the sights and sounds at the annual City Open House will be as varied as the array of services Golden Valley provides its residents. This year's event, set for Wednesday, June 27 from 6 to 8:30 pm, is your chance to visit the civic center or your neighborhood fire station and meet the staff and volunteers who serve you. Besides some familiar displays and demonstrations, there will be new entertainment, activities, and more (see highlights box below).

Parking will be available in City lots and on Rhode Island Ave. If it rains, all events and displays will be moved inside City buildings. For more information, call 763-593-8004.



Street Dance, Fireworks Set for June 23

Join the fun Saturday, June 23 at the annual Golden Valley Fire Relief Association Street Dance, featuring entertainment for the whole family. Festivities start at 3 pm with activities and games, face painting, karaoke, and refreshments, followed by live music in the evening and fireworks at dusk.

This free event, held at the Chester Bird American Legion at Hwy 100 and Glenwood Ave, is sponsored by the Golden Valley Fire Relief Association to celebrate its bond with the community.

Street Dance

**Saturday, June 23
3 - 11:30 pm**

**Music at 7:30 pm by
"The Hip Checks"
(Minnesota Wild House Band)**

Fireworks at Dusk

**Chester Bird American Legion
Hwy 100 & Glenwood Ave**

Open House Highlights

Wednesday, June 27 ❖ 6 - 8:30 pm

**Civic Center Campus and Fire Station 1
7800 Golden Valley Road**

Expo Stage

- 6:15 Line Dancing
- 6:30 Karate
- 6:45 Belly Dancing
- 7:00 Toni's Tap/Ballet Dance Show
- 7:30-8:30 Golden Sounds Big Band

Puppet Wagon

- 6 & 7:15 Puppet Show
- 7:30 Meet the Puppets/
Make Your Own Puppet

Fire Barn

- 8 pm Live Firefighting Demonstration

All Evening

- Fire Truck Rides ❖ Squirrt House ❖
- Water Tower Makeover ❖ McGruff
- and Sparky ❖ Face Painting/Balloon
- Animals ❖ Jazzy the Clown ❖ Fire
- Safety and Public Works T-Shirts for
- Kids ❖ Photo Contest Voting ❖
- Magnificent Aerial Map ❖ Kid's
- Coloring Corral ❖ "Our Park" Poster
- Project ❖ History Lane ❖ Machinery
- Hill ❖ Police Bike Patrol ❖ Sobriety
- Demo ❖ Jail Tours ❖ and more. . .

Fire Station 2

400 Turner's Crossroad S

- Tours ❖ Fire Truck Rides ❖
- Kid's Fire Safety T-Shirts

Fire Station 3

3700 Golden Valley Road

- Tours ❖ Fire Truck Rides ❖
- Kid's Fire Safety T-Shirts



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