

Golden Valley

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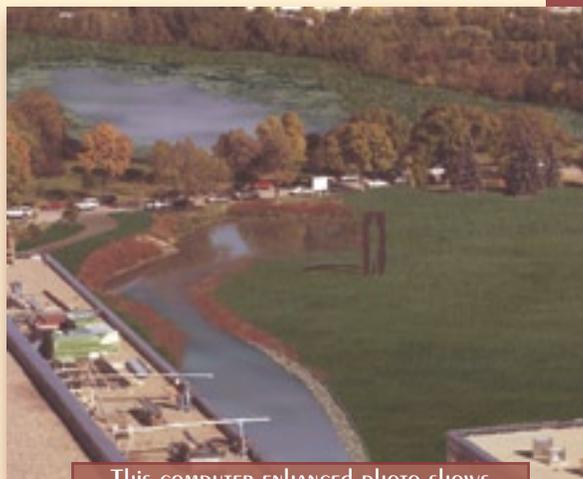
Work To Begin At Hwy 55/General Mills Blvd

In June, the City of Golden Valley will begin a major reconstruction project to improve traffic capacity in the area of Hwy 55, General Mills Blvd, and Boone Ave. Prompted by recent expansion at the General Mills headquarters campus (at General Mills Blvd between I-394 and Betty Crocker Dr), the reconstructed intersection will accommodate up to 1,700 additional employees based out of the new facility as well as remove Boone Ave north of Hwy 55 from the 100-year floodplain.

To make the project work, the City partnered with General Mills in a study that identified 26 acre-feet of flood storage that could be created on General Mills property north of Betty Crocker Dr (see article at right). After reviewing an Environmental Assessment Worksheet on the environmental effects of the project at a January 20, 2004 public hearing, the City Council authorized staff to proceed with final plan preparation.

The City hired consulting engineers WSB & Associates, Inc, to design the project, including the road improvements and the floodplain storage and wetland mitigation.

(see Hwy 55/General Mills Blvd on page 2)



THIS COMPUTER ENHANCED PHOTO SHOWS THE PROPOSED GENERAL MILLS NATURE AREA LOOKING NORTH FROM GENERAL MILLS.

GENERAL MILLS GIVES CITY 19 ACRES

In an example of public/private cooperation, General Mills is in the process of donating 19 acres of land to the City of Golden Valley to facilitate public improvements (see story at left for details). Located at the southeast corner of Hwys 169 and 55, the donated land will be developed for floodplain storage and wetland mitigation. A permanent conservation easement through the Minnesota Land Trust will preserve it as a nature area.

General Mills bought the land in the 1950s for future office development. Since then, it has been used by local residents and General Mills staff as a passive nature area.

The City will begin constructing the western portion of the project this year. General Mills plans to create floodplain storage and wetland mitigation within the eastern portion and use the excavated material as fill for two future building sites elsewhere on its property.

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Ever drive by excavation, erosion control fences, or actual buildings rising up and wonder "What's going in here?" If you're curious about what's happening around town, the following update on new development in the City may answer your questions.

Calvary Lutheran Church—Construction recently started at Calvary Lutheran Church near the intersection of Golden Valley Rd and Rhode Island Ave. The 148,500-square-foot addition will include a four-story north wing with office space, classrooms, administrative offices, and a main level child care center. On the east side, the existing administration building will be replaced with a new structure that expands the narthex and provides a new kitchen and additional space for youth. New parking will be added when the child care center is relocated to the main building and the existing child care facilities are demolished. Calvary is also in the final stages of approval for a new music wing proposed on the southwest side of the sanctuary. All construction should be completed by 2006, with some of the facilities occupied earlier.

Sunrise Assisted Living—An 80-unit senior assisted living facility is proposed for the vacant lot at Hwy 55 and Ottawa Ave N across from Schaper Park. The City is in the process of final review and approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) that includes the proposed new housing and the adjacent 32,000-square-foot office building partially occupied by Edina Realty. Before construction can begin on the new facility, the developer must purchase property from the Golden Valley Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and implement significant soil remediation. If final approvals are granted, construction could start later this summer, with units available for occupancy by 2006. For more information on the Sunrise project, call 1-888-4DIGNITY or go to www.sunriseseniorliving.com.

For further information about these projects or others you've noticed, contact Planning Director Mark Grimes (763-593-8097) or Assistant HRA Director Jeanne Andre (763-593-8014).

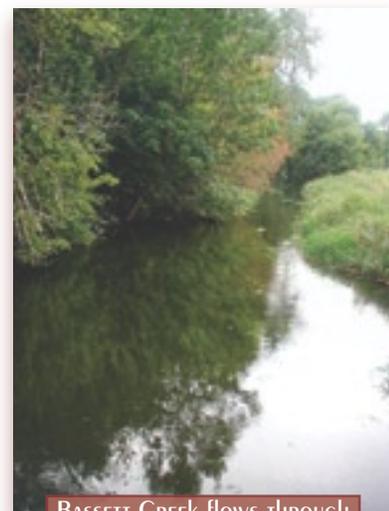
Hwy 55/General Mills Blvd (cont)

The road improvement work is scheduled to be substantially completed by winter, and the floodplain and wetland mitigation work should be completed by next summer.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The project will address several public safety and traffic concerns at Hwy 55 and General Mills Blvd/Boone Ave. Its major goals are to:

- widen General Mills Blvd from Hwy 55 south about 270 yards to accommodate the increased traffic volumes at its intersection with Hwy 55
- raise the grade of Boone Ave from Hwy 55 to just north of Golden Valley Rd to reduce flooding between those roadways
- reconstruct Hwy 55 from just west of Decatur Ave to Bassett Creek and reconfigure the intersection grade to eliminate the current rough grade and improve safety
- increase turning movement capacity at the Hwy 55/Boone Ave N/General Mills Blvd intersection
- upgrade traffic signals at Hwy 55 and General Mills Blvd (traffic signal improvements at Betty Crocker Dr and the north and south ramps of I-394 were completed in 2003)
- close the south Hwy 55 frontage road at General Mills Blvd to improve safety of access and egress, and construct a new frontage road between the KARE 11 and General Mills Bassett Creek office buildings
- create rate control and water quality ponding to improve flooding issues in the area
- bury existing overhead power lines along Boone Ave from Hwy 55 to just south of Plymouth Ave
- install new water main on 7th Ave between Boone and Decatur Ave and along Betty Crocker Dr and General Mills Blvd
- construct enhanced pedestrian facilities



BASSETT CREEK flows THROUGH A PORTION OF THE PROPOSED GENERAL MILLS NATURE AREA.

Floodplain Storage and Wetland Mitigation

To remove Boone Ave north of Hwy 55 from the 100-year floodplain, the City needed to develop about 26 acre-feet (a quantity of water one foot deep) of compensatory floodplain storage. And because the project impacts about an acre of wetland, the City needed to create compensatory wetland elsewhere.

Enter General Mills (see sidebar on page 1). Working with the City, General Mills identified 19.8 acres of land it owns in the area for floodplain storage and wetland mitigation. The City will develop the donated land to provide up to 72 acre-feet of floodplain storage and nine acres of wetland mitigation. The project will remove invasive plant species, preserve patches of floodplain forest, and create or restore native sedge meadow, shallow marsh, deep marsh, and floodplain forest.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Residents and businesses in the area will receive biweekly newsletters during construction to inform them of construction progress, access concerns, and schedules. The newsletters will also be available on the City's web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us or by calling the Golden Valley Public Works Department at 763-593-8030.

If you have questions about the Hwy 55/General Mills Blvd intersection project, please contact Public Works Project Coordinator Ron Nims at 763-593-8032.

Run the Valley Raises \$11,400 for GVHSF

The 10th annual *Run the Valley* 5 - 10K Run and 5K Walk drew 694 runners and walkers to Meadowbrook School April 17 to compete for medals and raise funds for the Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF). The event raised \$11,400 for the Foundation, which allocates the funds to local human service organizations such as Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Home Free Shelter, North Hennepin Mediation Program, PRISM, Senior Community Services, Suburban Northwest Dinner at Your Door, and YMCA Detached Work Program.

Corporate sponsors for this year's event were BNC National Bank, Liberty Carton, Lupient, and Wells Fargo. Other sponsors included Byerly's, Cable 12, Nestle's Water North America, Golden Valley Rotary, Perkins, Rainbow Foods-Plymouth, Super America Golden Valley, and Yoplait.

In the 10K, the top three male finishers were Robert Lease, Onamia (37:19), Colin Gardner-Spr, Golden Valley (37:29), and John Weiman, Eden Prairie (37:43). The top three female finishers were Amy Norby, Albertville (43:18), Chris Haldeman, Minneapolis (43:27), and Teresa Anderson, Red Wing (45:16).

In the 5K, the top three male finishers were Rick Taplin, Dayton (16:37), Christopher Babcock, St Paul (17:07), and Michael Seaman, Edina (17:14). The top three female finishers were Jessica Young, Plymouth (18:35), Kathleen Miller, Plymouth (20:41), and Kate Clarkin, Burnsville, (21:03).

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 16, 2005. For more information, check the City web site for updates (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/community/runvalley.htm) or contact Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010.



THIS YEAR 694 RUNNERS AND WALKERS PARTICIPATED IN RUN THE VALLEY.

Rolling, Splashing,

Field Trip Fun For Kids Ages 7 and Up

Cascade Bay Water Park—Friday, June 25, 9:45 am – 4 pm, \$20. Bring a bag lunch or \$\$ for concessions.

Roller Garden, St Louis Park—Friday, July 9, 11 am – 3 pm, \$10 (includes skate rental). Bring \$\$ for snacks.

Bunker Beach Water Park—Friday, July 16, 9:45 am – 4 pm, \$20. Bring a bag lunch or \$\$ for concessions.

Call Golden Valley Parks and Recreation at 763-512-2345 for more information or to register.



ENVISION Report

Envision Golden Valley generated thousands of ideas from all corners of the community through its online survey, small group meetings, and large community Summit. Since March, a team of citizen volunteers has been working to consider every idea submitted and categorize them as visionary in nature or current problems.

The *Envision* Report Team, led by Bruce Peterson and John Kluchka, used an affinity diagramming process to group similar visionary ideas to help identify themes. The team is using the results to create vision statements, with the goal of presenting a refined vision to the community that first voiced the ideas. The resulting Vision Guide will motivate individuals and groups in the community to reach for the vision and inspire them to make it happen. The goal is to present the Vision Guide to the City Council July 20.

If you want to know more about the Vision Guide or have ideas about presenting it in the community, contact Mayor Linda Loomis (763-593-8001) or Assistant to the City Manager Jeanne Andre (763-593-8014).

YOUTH COMMITTEE

To see what youth want for the future of Golden Valley, an *Envision* Golden Valley Youth Committee has prepared a survey for youth ages 12 to 18.

To participate, go to the City web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us or contact Jeanne Andre (see above) to receive a written questionnaire. Youth must have permission of parents to participate in either version of the survey.

All eligible participants will be placed in a raffle to win prizes, and although youth may submit ideas through the survey multiple times, each youth is only eligible for one raffle entry. Tell the young people you know about this opportunity to participate in planning the future of Golden Valley!



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

Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week—Pick-Up Date

Memorial Day—Sat, June 5
 Independence Day—regular pick-up
 Labor Day—Sat, Sep 11
 Thanksgiving—Sat, Nov 27
 Christmas—regular pick-up
 New Year's—regular pick-up

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 763-593-8030.

24-Hour Recycling Info-Line

Features 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

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 10 - Saturday, June 12

9 am - 4 pm

St Louis Park Senior High School

6425 W 33 St, St Louis Park

(north 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.

materials

NOT ACCEPTED

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

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

ACCEPTED*

- auto wastes (batteries, starter fluid, etc)
- cleaning solvents and adhesives
- consumer electronics (TVs, radios, etc)
- corrosives
- driveway sealers
- flammable liquids
- fluorescent and HID lamps
- household batteries
- paint & lead-based paint chips
- paint thinners and solvents
- pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, etc)
- photographic and hobby chemicals
- rechargeable appliances
- wood preservatives

*Not a complete list. Call 612-348-3777 for more information about what is accepted.

Ponds Proliferate To Prevent Pollution

Perhaps you've noticed more ponds popping up around the City, or native plant professionals working around existing ponds. Ponds have been widely used for years to reduce the risk of flooding and to filter runoff collected from the City's storm water system before tagalong pollutants reach natural waterways. Besides encouraging residents to minimize pollution, Golden Valley demonstrates its long-standing commitment to water quality by continuously improving and maintaining City ponds.

Ponds: An Overview

A variety of work is scheduled during the 2004 construction season as part of Golden Valley's Comprehensive Storm Water Management Plan (see box below). Along with new ponds, older ponds are being revitalized with native plants and maintenance. Native landscaping around storm water ponds is not just attractive. Natural, un-mowed plants in and around the pond help prevent erosion, provide a habitat for microorganisms that remove nutrients/pollution, improve the pond's appearance by hiding debris and water level changes, provide a habitat for mosquito-eating insects (such as dragonflies), discourage geese visits, and make ponds less attractive for wading or swimming. Though natural landscaping is, well, natural, it doesn't simply occur on its own.

"What's really unique here is that Golden Valley recognizes we just can't plant and run," says City Environmental Coordinator Al Lundstrom. "The City realizes that properly establishing native plants will, in the long run, require less maintenance."

Maintenance needs for various ponds throughout Golden Valley are determined monthly. When necessary, maintenance efforts can include controlled burns, spot mowing, and integrated plant management. Maintenance plans are designed to control and eliminate noxious plants, such as purple loosestrife and reed canary grass, and to allow native plant materials established for the pond buffer areas to flourish.

"Since there's no way the City can have experts on staff for every field, we hire professionals to help us establish and maintain pond areas," says Lundstrom. The specialized professionals Lundstrom refers to this year are from Prairie Restoration, Inc.

For more information on pond restoration or maintenance, contact Lundstrom at 763-593-8046 or

alundstrom@ci.golden-valley.mn.us.

CITY OUTLINES LAWN LAWS

Golden Valley residents are required by City ordinance to keep their lawns mowed and maintained. If a lawn grows 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 more than two weeks, make arrangements to have your lawn mowed. If the City attempts to notify you and is unsuccessful, it may be forced to have your lawn mowed while you are gone.

To report a yard maintenance complaint, call the Park Maintenance Division at 763-593-8045. For questions about other horticultural topics, try the Hennepin County Master Gardener Hotline (612-374-8433).

2004 Pond Work

RESTORATION

Golden Hills Drive Pond—controlled burning, reseeding, and native planting



CONTROLLED BURNS MAINTAIN HEALTHY NATIVE PLANTINGS.

Bassett Creek Park Pond—pond enlargement for floodplain mitigation, berm installation to separate the pond and the creek, bioengineering techniques to reinforce berms and creek banks, native plantings (this area will be a demonstration site of bio-engineering techniques to control erosion in Bassett Creek)

Brookview Park Pond—significant addition of buffer zones on existing three ponds (see story on page 6)

General Mills Wetland/Floodplain Creation Project—10-acre excavation of existing wetland, 11-acre upland grading to create up to 72 acre-feet of floodplain storage, and nine acres of wetland mitigation (see story on pages 1 and 2).



GOLDEN HILLS DRIVE POND AFTER A CONTROLLED BURN

MAINTENANCE

- **Xenia Pond** (established 2000)
- **Schaper Pond** (existing buffer added in 1997)
- **Hampshire Pond** (established 2001)
- **Sandburg Pond** (established 1999)
- **Minnaqua Pond** (established 1999)
- **South Tyrol Pond** (established 2003)



CONCERTS IN THE PARK

MONDAYS, 7 PM, BROOKVIEW PARK
June 7

5:45 pm: *Rusty's Rockin' Jamboree*
(Children's favorites)

7 pm: *Stompin' Dixie*
(Razz-matazz entertainment)

June 14

Golden Valley Orchestra
(Show tune medleys and light classical)

June 21

River City Saxophones
(Classic, Ragtime, and old favorites)

June 28

Joe Meyer Band
('60s - '90s variety)

July 12

Glen Helgeson & Gary Schultz
(Gypsy jazz and swing favorites)

July 19

Jeff Brooks
(Folk Country and originals)

July 26

Beacon Hill Brass
(Marches, etc)

August 2

Banjo Bandits
(Dixieland and oldies)

August 9

Bruno & Friends
(Children's favorites and new songs)

August 16

CODA
(Smooth jazz, instrumental, and swing)

August 23

Big Stoop Band
(Big Band sound)

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

Special thanks to the Golden Valley Federated Women's Club for its donation to Concerts In The Park.

Sponsored by
Golden Valley Parks & Recreation
763-512-2345

Brookview Park Will Reopen In June

Fans of Golden Valley's largest and most popular park will be glad to hear that the end is near. The end of their exile from Brookview Park, that is. The park closed last August so renovations could be done in conjunction with the full-scale street rehabilitation the City was doing in the area. And as the construction winds down this summer, the faithful will be back in droves to enjoy the park's many improvements.

STREETS AND TRAILS

As part of its Pavement Management Program, the City reconstructed all of the streets around Brookview in 2003 and 2004. This included adding curb and gutter on Brookview Parkway, Western Ave, and Winnetka Ave as well as rebuilding the parking lots, with curb and gutter, along Brookview Parkway and at Brookview Golf Course and Community Center. Other improvements include reconstructed trails throughout the park and new concrete walks along Brookview Parkway from Winnetka Ave to the Community Center parking lot. New signs along Winnetka Ave at Brookview Parkway and Western Ave will direct people to the park, golf course, and community center.

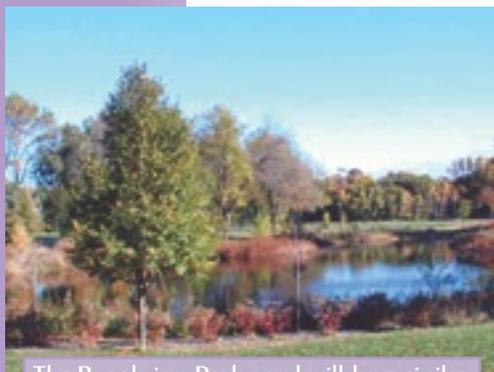
PARK AMENITIES

To spruce up both shelters, crews cleaned the brick and put new stain on all exposed wood. The small park shelter south of the tennis courts has a new water fountain, and the main shelter has new concrete aprons with grills set into concrete pads. The remodeled kitchen area in the main shelter features new tile, sink, and counters, and the bathrooms were modified to make them handicap accessible.

Other amenities include improved lighting and timing of the lights throughout the park, a new irrigation system to enhance turf maintenance, and drainage improvements near the ball field in the park's southwest corner.

Ponds

The City continuously demonstrates its long-standing commitment to water quality by taking every opportunity to improve and maintain storm water ponds (see article on page 5). The Brookview Park project included enlarging the park's ponds and stabilizing bank slopes. The City will also landscape the ponds with "buffer strips" of native plants to help filter pollution from storm water runoff before it enters the ponds.



THE BROOKVIEW PARK POND WILL HAVE SIMILAR BUFFER MATERIAL AS HAMPSHIRE PARK POND.

PARTY IN THE PARK

Brookview Park will reopen June 5, 2004, and everyone is invited to a celebration party in the park the evening of June 7 (see box). For more information about the Brookview Park renovation project, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030 or Parks & Recreation at 763-512-2345. ~

welcome back CELEBRATION & CONCERT

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2004 • 5:30 - 8 PM • BROOKVIEW PARK

Food for sale by Brookview Golf Course Grill	5:30 - 7:30 pm Summer program information for youth, adults, and seniors	Puppet Wagon show
4:45 - 6:30 pm <i>Rusty's Rockin' Jamboree</i>	6 - 8 pm Tennis "Free For All," Brookview Tennis Courts	7 - 8 pm Razz-matazz entertainment by <i>Stompin' Dixie</i>

Don't Let Neighborly Ties Go To The Dogs

Warm weather and longer days often cause many neighborhoods to go to the dogs (and cats). This annual increase of people and pet activity usually corresponds with an increase in pet-related complaints to the City. It can also strain good neighbor relations (for more on this topic, go to pages 8 and 9). Golden Valley's animal control ordinance is intended to provide residents with information to help them be good neighbors. This article provides an overview of the City's pet-related regulations and offers guidelines for resolving issues with neighbors.

ANIMAL CONTROL AT-A-GLANCE

Golden Valley's complete animal control ordinance is available on the City web site (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citycode1/chapter10index.htm), at City Hall, and at the Golden Valley Library. Some of the more common community concerns are highlighted below.

NUMBER OF PETS Residents may keep up to three dogs and three cats.

LICENSING All dogs older than five months must be licensed, and the license tag must be attached to their collars.

POOP PATROL Pet owners are required to carry supplies for excrement removal when walking their pets. Any mess made by a pet must be cleaned up (including in public parks).

LEASH LAW Dogs off the owner's property must be restrained by a leash no longer than six feet. Dogs restrained by an owner's voice commands as effectively as a leash are exempt from the leash rule; however, all dogs must be leashed at all times in public parks. Cats are not permitted to run at large.

NOISE Barking dogs account for one of the biggest issues people have with pets. City code prohibits excessive or continuous howling, barking, and/or meowing. This includes any noise by any dog or cat that can be heard outside where the animal is kept, occurring repeatedly over a five-minute period, with a 30-second or less lapse of time between each noise.

Problem-Solving Tips

If you have issues with the behavior of someone's pet, don't take it out on the pet. The best solution is to approach the owner. If you are not comfortable with that, you can call the Golden Valley Police Department for assistance. The following tips are meant to guide you through resolving pet issues with neighbors.

BE UNDERSTANDING It helps to forge good relations with neighbors before problems arise on either side. Remember that people could have other things going on in their lives. Offer help, resources, and assistance when you can.

BE OBJECTIVE First identify whether a pet owner is breaking an ordinance or simply acting unneighborly. If necessary, tactfully point out the ordinance in question. Speak calmly and stick with the facts.

BE OPEN Don't forget to examine your own behaviors. Be sure you are following the law before asking others to. And if your neighbor approaches you with a legitimate complaint—listen and be open.

If you have any questions about Golden Valley's animal ordinances or if you are unable to resolve a related issue, call the Golden Valley Police Department at 763-593-8079. 



OWNERS, NOT PETS, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADHERING TO CITY ORDINANCES.

PARK & REC UPDATE

Weekly Day Camp (ages 6 - 12)—9 am - 4:30 pm, Medley Park. Different emphasis each week.

Adult Classes at Brookview—Line Dancing: Wed, June 9 - 30, 6:30 - 8 pm, \$24; Chinese Wand Exercise: Mon, June 7 - 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, \$28; Beginning Yoga & Pilates: Thurs, July 15 - Aug 26, 6:45 - 7:45 pm, \$60; Power Yoga & Pilates Fitness Workout With Weights: Thurs, July 15 - Aug 26, 5:30 - 6:40 pm \$60; Couples Yoga Workshop: Sat, June 19, 2 - 4 pm, \$55/couple; Yoga: Tues, June 15 - Aug 10, 11 am - noon, \$63; Tennis Lessons: Beginner, 6 - 6:55 pm, Advanced Beginner, 7 - 7:55 pm, Intermediate, 8 - 8:55 pm, various start dates, \$25

Teen 3-on-3 Un-officiated Basketball League (ages 15 - 18)—Tues, June 15 - Aug 3, 7 - 9 pm, Davis Community Center, \$48

Teen Yoga (ages 12 and up)—Tues, June 15 - Aug 10, 10 - 11 am, Brookview, \$63

Youth Tennis Camps—Future Stars (ages 4 - 6): various weeks, 9 - 11 am, four-day camp \$44, five-day camp \$55; Tennis 'N' Fun (ages 6 - 14) various weeks, levels, prices

Youth Tennis Lessons (various dates and times)—Ages 7 - 9 and 10 - 15: Mon and Wed, Tues and Thurs, or Fri, six-week class - \$24, eight-week class - \$31.50, Brookview, Scheid, and Medley; Pee Wee: Mon and Wed, Tues and Thurs, or Fri, \$22

Youth Tennis Leagues—Junior (ages 9 - 12), Tues and Thurs, June 15 - July 29, 1 - 2:30 pm, \$30; Teen Team (ages 12 - 18), Mon and Wed, 1 - 4 pm, and Fri, 1 - 2:30 pm, \$42

Fall Adult Softball, Basketball, Soccer, and Volleyball League information will be available during the summer. Call the Recreation office to add your name to the mailing list.

For more information, contact:

**Parks & Recreation
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Golden Valley, MN 55426
763-512-2345**

Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Is It A Beautiful Day In Your Neighborhood?

You can't go an entire day any longer without hearing or reading the word community. Simply stated, communities are groups of people with something in common, and according to the last citizen survey in Golden Valley, community and neighborliness are high on residents' priority lists. People often fondly mention how things were better "in the good old days," and whether they're right or wrong, in the case of community the idea may have some validity. Earlier in our nation's history, people were community-oriented. Maybe they just had more time, or maybe they recognized they needed each other to survive, but people knew their neighbors and were willing to lend a hand, even if it was just as a greeting. So, with all the hoopla about building community, perhaps it's time for a little refresher course on being a good neighbor.

Won't You Be My Neighbor

In Mister Roger's neighborhood everyone is friendly. In the real world, where residents are flesh and bone and not cloth puppets, it can be a little more challenging. Still, it's important to know who your neighbors are. It goes a long way in creating a positive environment and keeping the lines of communication open if a problem should arise.

In neighbor relations, there are generally two dissatisfactions: safety or health issues and individual taste issues. Golden Valley has ordinances to protect overall community safety and health (animal waste, noise, weeds, outside storage, garbage, and parking on public streets), but when it comes to matters of taste, neighbors sometimes just have to work through it together. Either way, if you have a problem with something your neighbor is (or isn't) doing, there are often neighborly ways to resolve it.

Good Neighbor Golden Rules

DO

- keep your lawn and yard neat and clean (see lawn ordinance article on page 5)
- keep your house and outbuildings painted and in good repair
- keep sidewalks clear and well maintained year around
- control and pick up garbage, trash, and loose paper
- keep trees and shrubs trimmed
- keep garbage containers concealed
- keep your yard free of all waste and junk
- keep firewood in neat secure stacks

DON'T

- park old vehicles, boats, or trailers in your driveway or yard
 - accumulate junk and debris
 - let your pets become a nuisance

Mind Your Fences

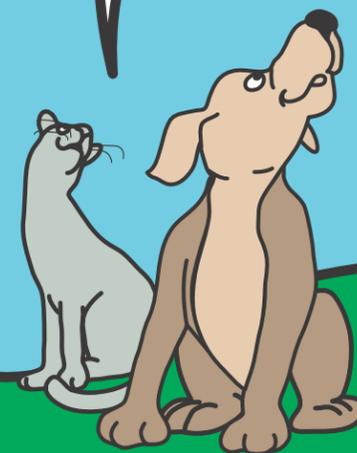
Perhaps you follow the Robert Frost adage which claims good fences make good neighbors. If you do, there are a few things to keep in mind.

- The entire fence structure must be built on the owner's side of the property line with the finished side facing your neighbor.
- Fences more than six feet high require a building permit.
- Fences six feet high and less do not require a permit.
- Visibility must be maintained at all street intersections. According to the City Code, it is a misdemeanor to erect, construct, plant, nurture, or maintain any fence, building, structure, or vegetation (other than shade trees trimmed to the trunk at least 10 feet above the curb line) within the corner visibility zone. For more information on visibility, go to www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/right-of-way.htm.

For more information on fences, go to www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/yourhome/fences.htm. The complete City Code is available on the City web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citycode1/index.htm.

Are You A Neighborly Pet Owner?

We're a nation of pet lovers. According to Veterinary Marketing Statistics, there are more than 60 million pet dogs and nearly 70 million pet cats in the US. But while you love your pet, understand that your neighbor may not. For community health and safety, and to assist neighborly relations, the City has established ordinances to cover the major issues that arise around pets (see the article on page 7). Adhering to these ordinances will help your pet be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.



Clean Up After Yourself

No one likes a mess, and as we've been told since we were children—if you make a mess, clean it up. This golden rule is found right in the Golden Valley City Code. Accumulating unlicensed, unregistered, or inoperable motor vehicles, household furniture, furnishings or appliances, metal, wood, glass, paper, rubber, concrete, or other material is not only unsightly and the reason for many neighbor complaints, it can also facilitate the growth or spread of noxious weeds, become breeding ground for vermin such as rodents, insects, and harmful bacteria, and pose a fire threat. Try to look at your yard from your neighbor's perspective. Is it neat and attractive, or could it use a little work? For more information on ridding your property of waste, see the UGH article on page 4.

Handling A Tiff

Is your neighbor doing something that bothers you? First, keep in mind that most people do not try to intentionally annoy their neighbors. Then, find out if the neighbor's behavior is actually a violation of an ordinance (this page outlines some common complaints). If it is, here are some tips for dealing with the issue.

Get the facts. Is the issue a one-time problem or a constant occurrence? Figure out who is responsible for the disturbance so you can address the proper party.

Vent your feelings to a friend or spouse before you approach your neighbor.

Write out your issue so you're clear about what is bothering you and what you want done. Write a letter presenting your concern(s) if you are uncomfortable meeting in person.

Arrange a time to meet with your neighbor, and choose a neutral location. When you do get together, speak calmly and stick with the facts. The goal is to create a cooperative atmosphere. Attacking your neighbor won't help. Instead, ask for help finding a solution.

Give objective reasons why the behavior may not be in the best interest of the neighborhood. Find common ground and focus on what you do agree on. If necessary, tactfully point out the ordinance in question.

Couple a complaint with a suggested solution, and search for a solution that satisfies everyone. You may not get exactly what you want, but good relations with your neighbors are certainly worth some compromise.

Be open. Neighborly relations are a two-way street. If your neighbor approaches you with a legitimate complaint—listen and be open. If you aren't able to reach an agreement, inform the City about your complaint or use a mediation service to resolve the matter (see *Irreconcilable Differences?* below).

Irreconcilable Differences?

So you're having a little problem loving thy neighbor. You've checked with the City and learned the problem doesn't violate City Code. You've done your best and followed the tips on this page to resolve your differences, but it just isn't working out. Don't despair or think moving is the only option. Mediation is another.

North Hennepin Mediation Program (NHMP) is available to bring disputing parties together in a neutral setting to resolve issues. At a mediation session, mediators facilitate a discussion, ask questions, and write up any agreement the parties reach. This is an entirely voluntary process. The mediators are not judges and do not impose a solution. The parties themselves decide on the actual agreement. Because the agreement reflects decisions made by the participants, mediated agreements enjoy high rates of compliance.

A typical mediation lasts one or two hours and can be scheduled for days, evenings or weekends at NHMP's office or another more convenient, neutral office. Sessions are confidential, cost little or even nothing, and most often provide quick and successful results.

If you have done all you can, consider contacting: North Hennepin Mediation Program, 3300 Bass Lake Road, Suite 212, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429, 763-561-0033, info@mediationprogram.com.

POLICE AND FIRE OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2004

6 - 8 PM

Fire Station 1

7800 Golden Valley Rd
Squirt House, Police Squad
Car, Live Fire Demo (7:30),
Police Department Tours, Free
Blood Pressure Checks by
North Memorial, T-Shirts,
Fire Truck Rides, and Door
Prizes

Fire Station 2

400 Turners Crossroad
Old Number One, Demo
(7:30), Fire Truck Rides,
Police Squad Car, T-Shirts,
Squirt House, and Door
Prizes

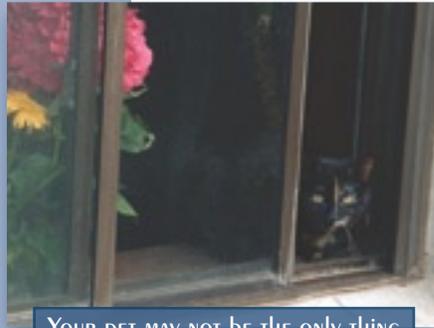
Fire Station 3

3700 Golden Valley Rd
Vehicle Fire Demo (7:30),
T-Shirts, Fire Truck Rides,
Squirt House, Police Squad
Car, Sparky, and Door Prizes

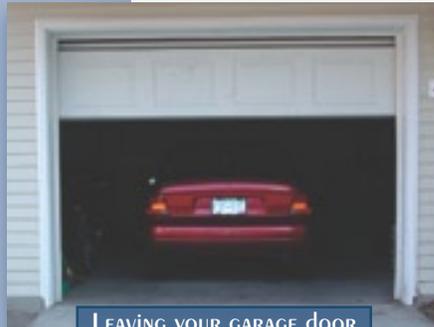
For more information, call the
Golden Valley Fire Depart-
ment at 763-593-3977.

Warm Weather And Crime Mix Well

During the summer, we are all out of our homes recreating, working in our gardens, or on a weekend getaway enjoying the wonderful weather. Review the tips below to reduce your chance of becoming a warm weather crime victim.



YOUR PET MAY NOT BE THE ONLY THING
LEAVING if WINDOWS ARE LEFT OPEN.



LEAVING YOUR GARAGE DOOR
OPEN AND UNATTENDED IS A
WELCOME MAT FOR CRIMINALS.

- Close and lock the overhead garage door when you are not in or near the garage.
- Close and lock windows at night and when you are not at home. Consider "pinning" your windows to allow for ventilation (for double-hung windows).
- Lock your front door when working in the back yard (and vice versa).
- Keep ladders inside to prevent use in reaching high windows that might be open.
- Light up the outside of your house from dusk until dawn.
- Don't leave bikes, lawn mowers, and other valuables unattended and unlocked—even in the front yard or unlocked garage.
- Roll up car windows and lock the car doors—ALWAYS—even if you're "just running in for a minute."
- If you are out walking or riding your bike alone, carry a whistle or some kind of noise maker to attract attention if needed.
- Don't leave anything of value in your car. If you must, place it in the locked trunk before arriving at your destination.
- If you come home and suspect a burglary, stay outside and use a cell phone, or go to a neighbors and call 9-1-1. Do NOT go into your house!
- Call 9-1-1 whenever you see or hear something suspicious.

For more information about home security, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 763-593-8058 or jpaul@ci.golden-valley.mn.us.



Neighborhoods throughout Golden Valley are invited to join forces with communities across the nation for the 21st annual National Night Out (NNO) celebration Tuesday, August 3, 2004.

If your neighborhood has never celebrated National Night Out, this is the year to get involved. In the past, Golden Valley neighborhoods have come together for potluck dinners, ice cream socials, barbecues, bike parades, swimming pool parties, etc. Use your imagination and plan something fun!

If you would like a NNO information packet mailed to you, contact the City's Crime Prevention Unit (763-593-8058) or jpaul@ci.golden-valley.mn.us.

National Night Out is designed to:

- heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- generate support for, and participation in, local crime prevention efforts like Neighborhood Watch
- strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships
- send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back



Working Smoke Detectors Are Key To Fire Safety

Most people do their best to keep themselves and their families safe out in the world, but the real hazards are often much closer. Fire is the third leading cause of accidental death, and most occur at home. Today, the majority (60 percent) of fatal fires occur in homes without smoke detectors or with smoke detectors that have dead or missing batteries.

Working smoke detectors allow you to walk out of your home in the event of a fire. To make sure that happens, equip your home with the right number of properly installed smoke detectors and maintain them according to manufacturer's directions. This may mean replacing old fire alarm systems and aged smoke detectors.

Types of Smoke Detectors

There are two basic types of smoke detectors, but any smoke detector listed for residential use will work. Ionization detectors monitor ions, or electrically charged particles. Photoelectric detectors use a beam of light and a light sensor to detect smoke particles entering the chamber, sounding the alarm when smoke density reaches a preset level.

Ionization detectors respond faster to small smoke particles, while photoelectrics respond faster to large particles. As a rule, fast-flaming fires produce more small smoke particles and smoldering fires produce larger particles. However, tests on both detectors show the differences in response times are small, and both provide adequate time to escape.

Installation

To provide better coverage overall, install several smoke detectors in the proper locations. The average-sized home or apartment needs more than one smoke detector. National fire safety standards recommend at least one detector on each level of the home, one outside the bedroom area, and one in each bedroom. The detector placed outside the bedroom area should be near enough to be heard at night through a closed bedroom door. To avoid false alarms, keep smoke detectors away from the kitchen, garage, bathroom, and fireplaces. In new construction, smoke detectors must be interconnected with battery back-up.

Maintenance

National studies indicate that nearly 20 percent of installed smoke alarms don't operate because of dead or missing batteries. Use the test button to test your smoke detector monthly, and vacuum it annually to keep it clean. Change batteries at least once a year. The easiest system to remember is to change your batteries every fall and spring when you change your clocks to and from daylight savings time. **For best results, use 10-year lithium batteries.**

Replacement

According to reliability studies, most electronics products, including smoke detectors, fail at about three percent per year. Unless otherwise directed by the manufacturer, replace smoke detectors when they fail to respond to tests or are 10 years old. At this point, both hard-wired and battery-operated units are near the end of their service life.

Questions about fire safety? Call the Golden Valley Fire Department at 763-593-3977. 



Fire Relief

STREET DANCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2004

3 pm - midnight

Chester Bird American Legion
Hwy 100 & Glenwood Ave

- Fire trucks, activities, and kiddie games (clowns and face painting)
- Hotdogs, brats, corn-on-the-cob, snow cones, pop, beer
- 3:30 - 7:30 pm: *Doug and the Mooners* (classic '50s - '90s rock)
- 8 pm - midnight: *Blue Iris* ('70s - current rock)

Sponsored by the Golden Valley Fire Relief Association to celebrate its bond with the community. For more information, contact the Golden Valley Fire Department at 763-593-8055.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

There's no denying that Americans love fireworks, which are often associated with the celebration of liberty and independence. But the bottom line is that fireworks are dangerous, even the sparklers, sparking cones and tubes, snakes, and party poppers that have been legal in Minnesota since April 2002 (firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars and shells are prohibited).

Not convinced? The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has some illuminating 2002 fireworks statistics:

- Eight out of nine emergency room fireworks injuries involved legal fireworks.
- Over one-third of emergency room fireworks injuries were to the head, and half were to extremities.
- Nearly two-thirds of fireworks injuries were burns.
- Highest risks of fireworks injury are to teenagers under age 20 and the highest injury rates were for those 10 to 14 years old.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety and the Golden Valley Fire Department are concerned for your safety. Please follow the tips below to help ensure safe use of fireworks.

- Buy from reliable sources (never attempt to make your own fireworks).
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Adult should supervise all fireworks activities.
- Ignite fireworks outdoors, away from buildings and vehicles.
- Always keep a bucket of water handy.
- Light fireworks one at a time.
- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Never throw fireworks at another person.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- Wear eye protection and be sure no part of your body is over the fireworks.

2004 SEALCOAT STREETS

Westbrook Rd (Brunswick Ave to Lilac Dr)
Winfield Ave (Westbrook Rd to Kentley Dr)
Vale Crest Ave (north city limit to dead end)
Kentley Dr (Vale Crest Ave to Vera Cruz Ave)
Vera Cruz Ave (Kentley Ave to city limit)
Brookridge Ave (Westbrook Rd to 27th Ave)
Zane Ave (27th Ave to cul-de-sac)
Lamplighter Ln (Zane Ave to north city limit)
Manchester Dr (Lamplighter Ln to cul-de-sac)
Heritage Circle (Brunswick Ave to cul-de-sac)
Wynnwood Rd (Zane Ave to Douglas Dr)
Colorado Ave (Wynnwood Rd to Westbrook Rd)
Westmore Way (Zane Ave to Brunswick Ave)
Brunswick Ave N (Duluth St to Medicine Lake Rd)
Kenneth Way (Brunswick Ave to Adair Ave)
Adair Ave N (Kenneth Way to Duluth St)
Adair Ave S (Duluth St to cul-de-sac)
Duluth St (Adair Ave to Brunswick Ave)
Wolfberry Ln (Brunswick Ave to cul-de-sac)
Brunswick Ave S (Duluth St to St Croix Ave)
Constance Dr W (Constance Dr E to St Croix Ave)
Constance Dr E (Constance Dr W to St Croix Ave)
St Croix Ave (Douglas Dr to Lilac Dr)
Yosemite Ave (St Croix Ave to cul-de-sac)
Xenia Ave (St Croix Ave to Golden Valley Rd)
Welcome Ave (Xenia Ave to Golden Valley Rd)
Schaper Rd (Hwy 55 to Ottawa Ave)
Hwy 55 Frontage Rd (Schaper Rd to 410 feet west)
Hwy 55 Frontage Rd (Ottawa Ave to private property)
Ottawa Ave (Killarney Dr to Hwy 55 Frontage Rd)
Killarney Dr (E cul-de-sac to W cul-de-sac)
Poplar Dr (Meadow Ln to dead end)
Colonial Dr cul-de-sac
Circle Down cul-de-sac
Natchez Ave (Glenwood Ave to Chatelain Terr)
Chatelain Terr (Natchez Ave to Westwood Dr)
Loring Ln (Natchez Ave to Westwood Dr)
Burntside Dr (Loring Ln to Westwood Dr)

Sealcoating Protects Asphalt Streets



Much like people need a good coat of sunblock when exposed to the sun, sealcoating protects and prolongs the skin of an asphalt street. This summer, several Golden Valley streets (see column at left) will be sealcoated as part of the City's ongoing street maintenance program.

Sealcoating is one of the most common methods of preventive street maintenance. It's a surface treatment that seals and protects existing pavement and adds new life but does not add significant structural strength. Golden Valley uses a single surface treatment, which means a single application of liquid asphalt is sprayed on the existing bituminous surface, followed immediately by a single layer of aggregate (small pieces of rock) of as uniform a size as practical. The treatment is about 1/4 of an inch thick—the maximum size aggregate particles used. This type of treatment provides for excellent wear and waterproofing and also improves skid resistance. The City hires a contractor to perform this maintenance activity, while City crews perform all preparatory work and sweeping.

Here are a few things to expect during the sealcoating process:

- Streets will be well marked with signals and cones. Use alternate routes if possible.
- Drive slowly over the rock; don't spin your tires.
- Excess rocks will become bumpy and will be swept as soon as the new surface is ready to be exposed.
- Roads will be swept as necessary throughout the summer and early fall. It may take three or four times before all the excess rock is picked up.

Don't forget: drive slowly and be patient. Crews doing the road work appreciate your cooperation. If you have questions about work on a particular street, call the Street Maintenance Department at 593-8082. If you have questions about the street maintenance program, call the Public Works Maintenance Manager at 763-593-3981. 

volunteers needed To DELIVER MEALS

Northwest Suburban Dinner at Your Door is seeking drivers to deliver hot, nourishing noon meals to shut-ins who cannot cook for themselves. The clients are very appreciative of the service, and sometimes a Dinner at Your Door delivery is the only outside contact a recipient has all day.

Deliveries are Monday - Friday (no holidays). A schedule is worked out a year in advance, and drivers are called upon once a month. Delivery takes about an hour-and-a-half from the time a driver leaves home until he or she returns. There is always a need for drivers, especially in emergency situations when the scheduled driver fails to report. If you would like to help out as a driver, call 763-588-3933.

The Northwest Suburban Dinner at your Door is an ecumenical, non-profit community program serving Crystal, Golden Valley, New Hope, eastern Plymouth, and Robbinsdale. It is supported by more than 40 local churches, civic organizations, and businesses. Dinner at Your Door is incorporated and is governed by a board of directors. For more information about Dinner at Your Door or how you could help, call 763-520-7386.

2003 Water Quality Report

Understanding Water Quality

The water you drink, both tap and bottled, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a risk to health.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provides the same protection for public health by regulating the contaminants permitted in bottled water.

The JWC ensures the safety of its drinking water by:

- collecting monthly bacteriological samples from throughout its distribution system for testing to detect the presence of fecal chloroform.
- collecting 30 water quality parameter samples for bi-monthly tests to determine if the Minneapolis Water Works (MWW) water treatment process is effective for corrosion inhibitors that keep lead present in older home/business water services from entering the water.
- collecting quarterly samples to test for haloacetic acids, trihalomethanes, and thallium. Haloacetic acids and trihalomethanes are by-products of drinking water chlorination and disinfection. Thallium is produced from ore processing sites and discharge from electronic, glass, and drug factories.

Contaminants

Before water is used for a water supply, it is tested for contaminants and other water quality factors. The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or humans. These include:

Microorganisms: viruses and bacteria from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants: salts and metals that occur naturally or come from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides: from agricultural, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic Chemicals (including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals): industrial and petroleum by-products from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants: can occur naturally or result from oil and gas production and mining activities.

Special Health Needs

Some people are more vulnerable to contaminants found in drinking water than the general population.

Immunocompromised persons, including those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, those who have undergone an organ transplant, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control provide guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants. Call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 for details.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects is available on the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

what's on tap?

For additional information about the JWC or if you have questions about your water, visit www.jwcontap.org or contact your city's utilities supervisor.

The Joint Water Commission is a collaboration of these cities:

City of Crystal
Utilities
Randy Kloepper,
Utilities Superintendent
763-531-1166
www.ci.crystal.mn.us



City of Golden Valley
Public Works Department
Merlin Thorn,
Utilities Maintenance Supervisor
763-593-8075
www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us



City of New Hope
Public Works Department
Paul Coone,
Utilities Maintenance Supervisor
763-592-6762
www.ci.new-hope.mn.us



Non-Native Speakers

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su aqua beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Noy yog ntaub tseem ceeb. Yog koy tsi to taub, nrhiav neeg pab txhais rau koh kom sai sai.

2003 Water Quality Report

Tap Water Test Results

Regulated substances have Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) set by EPA. This is the highest level allowed in drinking water. Some regulated contaminants also have MCL goals (MCLGs). This is the level of a substance where there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as possible using the best available treatment technology. All water systems must monitor about 80 regulated substances.

Regulated Substance Detected By Monitoring	Units Of Measure	Highest Amount Allowed In Water By EPA (MCL)	Amount Found In Joint Water Commission Water	Range Detected	Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Typical Source Of Substance
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	ppb	80	Crystal: 40.25 GV: 33.78 NH: 32.55	12.0-42.6 14.5-50.2 12.5-30.6	—	Disinfection by-products
Haloacetic Acids (HAAS)	ppb	60	Crystal: 32.45 GV: 17.8 NH: 20.5	13.7-34.4 11.4-28.0 13.8-32.7	—	Disinfection by-products
Thallium (7/2/99)	ppb	2.0	1.0	—	<0.5	Leaching from ore-processing sites; glass, electronic, and drug factory discharge
Nitrate as Nitrogen	ppm	10	0.77	—	<10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	ppm	4.0	1.08	0.96-1.2	<4.0	State-required additive; erosion of natural deposits; fertilizer, aluminum factory discharge
Alpha Emitters (4/17/02)	pCi/L	15.4	0.4	—	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Lead and **copper** are also regulated substances, but they are evaluated using a regulatory level known as an Action Limit (AL). This is the concentration which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements a water system must follow. Lead and copper get into tap water via corrosion of home plumbing systems. In a sampling of home water supplies, the number of homes in New Hope that were over the mandated action level exceeded federal requirements.* These elevated lead levels are the result of plumbing corrosion in individual homes, not the water distribution system. Infants and children who consume water containing lead in excess of the action level (15 parts per billion) could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. You can substantially reduce the amount of lead in your water by simply letting the tap run for 30 seconds to two minutes before using the water for drinking or cooking. The Joint Water Commission is working with the Minneapolis Water Works to reduce corrosion and is pursuing an ongoing public education program to inform water customers about the lead issue.

Substance Detected By Monitoring At Customers' Home	Units Of Measure	Action Level (AL)	# Of Samples Exceeding The Action Level			90% Of Samples Were Below This Level			Typical Source Of Substance
			Crystal	Golden Valley	New Hope	Crystal	Golden Valley	New Hope	
Lead	ppb	15	1 out of 30	3 out of 30	14 out of 60	7.0	10.0	53.0*	Plumbing corrosion, natural deposits
Copper	ppm	1.3	0 out of 30	0 out of 30	0 out of 60	0.194	0.229	0.262	Plumbing corrosion, natural deposits

Turbidity is monitored at the Minneapolis Water Works treatment plant as a measure of the effectiveness of the filtration system. EPA requires: 1) certain treatment processes be used to reduce turbidity; 2) 95% of monthly samples to be below 0.5 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU); and 3) all samples to be less than 5 NTU.

Turbidity Monitoring	Units Of Measure	99% of Samples <0.3	Highest Single Measurement	Typical Source Of Substance
Turbidity	NTU	99.9	0.28	Soil runoff

Many **unregulated substances** are also monitored. They are evaluated using state standards known as health risk limits. The data from this monitoring is used to determine future drinking water regulations.

Unregulated Substance Detected By Monitoring	Units Of Measure	Amount Found In Joint Water Commission Water	Range Detected	Typical Source Of Substance
Sulfate (7/2/99)	ppm	25.0	—	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (7/2/99)	ppm	8.3	—	Erosion of natural deposits

Other Definitions

Amount found in the water is sometimes the highest amount detected and sometimes the average of all detected amounts from samples tested throughout the year, depending on the regulation for that substance.

ppm: parts per million

ppb: parts per billion

pCi/L: pico curies per liter, measure of radioactivity

ND: Not Detected

Live On A Quiet Street? It's Still Not A Playground

Almost all parents have concerns about their children crossing busy streets. And for good reason. Pedestrian/vehicle accidents often involve younger children less experienced at crossing streets and/or motorists who don't understand or care about pedestrian crossing laws and motorists' responsibilities. Too often, though, the same parents concerned about crossing busy streets look at "quiet" streets differently and allow, or actually encourage, children to play in the street.

Streets are designed for cars. Unfortunately, in many neighborhoods without sidewalks, kids are naturally drawn to the street because it provides the only viable flat surface for many activities. The first step toward a safer, more aware community is to debunk two common myths about streets as playgrounds.

Myth #1: QUIET STREETS ARE SAFER

A cul-de-sac of six homes may have about 50 or 60 vehicles per day on the street, and traffic on a cul-de-sac usually is slow moving. Other low-volume streets may have only 100 to 200 vehicles per day and few unfamiliar motorists. This is a far cry from traffic volumes on a street like Winnetka Avenue, so where's the danger?

Children who play in a low-volume street soon learn that vehicles are few and that most drivers are alert. They tend to ignore traffic because it is infrequent, and they assume that every driver sees them. But what happens on a visit to a friend or relative whose street has 5,000 vehicles a day, or when a visiting driver on their street isn't so alert? The habit of walking or riding into the street, or even playing in the "quiet" street, may be a fatal problem. And no matter how you slice it, a car traveling at very slow speeds is still dangerous to pedestrians.

Myth #2: Older Kids Will Be Safe

Small children are particularly at risk in traffic situations. They are often not old enough to know safety rules and may not yet have developed the ability to distinguish vehicle speed or distance. They are also difficult for motorists to see. The riskiest behavior includes darting into the street after a ball, riding a bike at the end of a driveway, and playing in the street.

Although older children are easier to see and more aware of safety rules, they are still at risk when they use the street as a playground. It's not uncommon to see portable basketball hoops or hockey nets set up to facilitate driveway or street play. But a basketball or hockey player concentrating on the game and a passing motorist not concentrating on driving may be on a collision course.

STREETS ARE FOR CARS

Golden Valley has a great park system with many facilities, and most homes here have yards and driveways. Between the two, there is little reason for children to use the street as a playground. The best way to prevent an accident is to keep children from playing in the street (see box at right for tips). If you have questions or concerns about activity on your street, contact the Golden Valley Public Safety Department at 763-593-8079. 

Street Sense KEEPING Kids Safe

Use the following tips to keep your children from playing in the street:

- Pay attention to your children. If they are in the street, immediately call them to the house.
- Talk to your children about the danger of the street. Be sure they are aware of the consequences of an accident.
- Actively play with your children, teaching them games that don't require using the street.
- If a flat paved surface is absolutely necessary, encourage use of the driveway. If your driveway is steep, create a flat area near the garage or consider adding a paved area for recreational use in the back yard.

SENIOR Stuff

Register in advance for the following events, educational seminars, classes and trips.

Senior Par 3 Golf League—Thursdays, 8 am, Brookview Golf Course

Upcoming Trips (register early)—
June 10: Rochester; July 2: Steamboat Flotilla Renaissance; July 16, "The Taf-fetas," Chanhassen Dinner Theater; July 22: Mystery Trip; Aug 3: Cruising the Rivers; Aug 23-24: Grand Marais & North Shore

Free Financial Talks—June 17, 10 am, "Real Estate As an Investment," Brookview

Blood Pressure Screenings—June 23 & July 28, 11 am – noon, Brookview

Picnic Supper and Concert in the Park—June 28 and July 26, 6 pm, Brookview Community Center and Park

Celebrate Senior Dining—July 1, noon, Calvary

Defensive Driving Course—Four-hour refresher at Brookview. July 8 and Aug 12, 9 am – 1 pm

Afternoon Tea Party—July 12, 2 pm, Crystal Community Center

Continental Breakfast (register early)—
June 23: "Praise and Appreciation,"
July 28: "First Ladies," both 9:30 am, Brookview

Health Insurance Help—July 13 & Aug 10, 9 – 11 am, Brookview

Financial Group Outing—July 15, Tour of Minneapolis Grain Exchange

Pedal Pushers Bicycle Group—Call the Seniors Office for a schedule.

Five Cities Transportation Program offers rides to seniors for shopping, social activities, and senior program events. For a schedule or to reserve a ride, call the Five Cities office at 763-531-1259 between 8 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday.

For more information, to receive the Senior Newsletter, or to register for a program or trip, contact:

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

2004 ENTRY FORM

Deliver complete entries to:

Photo Contest - City of Golden Valley
7800 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Age (if under 18) _____

Category

- Natural Golden Valley
 Golden Valley Lifestyle
 Enhanced*

Title of Photo _____

*Enhancement Explanation _____

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.

Capture GV In Views of the Valley Contest

Capture on film your views of Golden Valley by entering the 11th annual *Views of the Valley* photo contest. Or, vote for your favorite photo in the "People's Choice" award category by visiting the [City web site](#) or City Hall June 17 - 28.

Winning photos will be published in *CityNews* and the City web site and reproduced for permanent display in City Hall. Grand prize is \$100. Questions? Need more entry blanks? Call 763-593-8004.

RULES

- Golden Valley residents can submit photos 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 5x7 color or black-and-white photo finish prints (no slides, photocopies, or prints that aren't on photo-quality paper, and digital files must be accompanied by a 5x7 print on photo-quality paper). Do not mat or frame photos.
- Include complete entry information for each photo (see form). 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 contest organizers reserve the right to re-categorize or disqualify any entrant.

The City of Golden Valley will not be responsible for lost entries. The photographer is responsible for obtaining approval from identifiable people in a photo taken in a non-public space.

Deadline is June 7,
2004, 4:30 pm.

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