

Golden Valley

CITYNEWS

Grant To Improve *Noble Elementary* Traffic Safety

This spring, the City of Golden Valley, with the support of the Robbinsdale School District, received a \$35,000 Department of Transportation grant to improve pedestrian safety at Noble Elementary School.

The grant will fund educational efforts as well as the installation of two radar speed signs at each end of the school zone. The signs will show drivers how fast they're going while also displaying the fixed school-zone speed limit. In other cities, these feedback signs have proven to be more effective in slowing traffic than regular speed-limit signs, says Jeannine Clancy, Golden Valley public works director.

The speed limit on Noble Ave is 30 mph, but it is 20 mph during school hours. Roughly 54 children a day get to the school by walking or biking. One hope under this grant is to simplify the traffic signage, says Clancy. The existing combination of school zone signs, non-school crossing signs, and non-school crossing pavement markings gives mixed messages to drivers and cause confusion.

As well as improving the sign situation, the grant, part of the Safe Routes To School program, will also fund increased educational efforts for students. Students will be given pedestrian safety handouts to bring home to their parents.

"We're always happy to work with our local schools to improve safety for students who walk or bike to school," says Clancy. If the signs and educational efforts prove successful, the City would like to expand the efforts to other schools, she adds.

The new signs should be in place this fall. (As opposed to earlier reports, the grant project will not include sidewalk reconstruction.)

For more information, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030. 



Concerts In The Park

Enjoy free concerts in Brookview Park with family, friends, and neighbors most Monday evenings (*note different day) beginning at 7 pm at the large picnic shelter. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and pack a picnic, or purchase food and beverages from the Brookview Golf Grill. Concerts will take place inside the picnic shelter during light rain and will be cancelled in the event of severe weather.

2008 Concert Schedule

June 9 - Golden Valley Orchestra

June 16 - Celebration Brass

*June 19 (Thurs) - Robbinsdale City Band

June 23 - Tubby Esquire

June 30 - John Philip Sousa Band

July 7 - Calhoun Brass

July 14 - Leroy's River Minstrels

July 21 - Mr Rowles

July 28 - Stompin' Dixie

August 4 - Gypsy Mania Quartet

August 11 - Yannie Jazz Trio

For more information, see story on page 6 or contact 763-512-2345. 

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Support Your Fire Relief Association

The Golden Valley Fire Relief Association, a private, non-profit organization run by members of the Fire Department, is vital to the City's fire prevention and education efforts. Its general fund provides financial support and personnel for a wide range of annual community programs, including Safety Camp, Junior Safety Camp (see page 11), the Fire Department Open House, the Street Dance, Bike Rodeo, Alarmed and Alert: A Residential Fire Safety Initiative, and Masters Safety Camp.



The future success of these programs depends on community involvement. Contributions are the Fire Relief Association's only form of revenue. Support local fire prevention and education efforts with a tax deductible donation to the Fire Relief Association. For more information, contact Firefighter Steve Yingst at 763-593-2458. 

Voter

REGISTRATION

You may register to vote at any time except for the 20 days preceding an election. All voters must:

- be at least 18 years old on election day
- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day
- maintain residence at the address given on the registration form
- not be under guardianship of the person
- have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote
- have not been convicted of a felony without having civil rights restored

You may register by mail or in person by completing a Voter Registration Card (download one at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citygovernment/voterregistration.htm, or pick one up at City Hall or the Golden Valley library).

City Changes Precinct Boundaries, Polling Place

Come election time this fall, some Golden Valley residents will be voting in different precincts or, in the case of Precinct 4, a different polling place.

Because polling place locations are limited in Golden Valley and must meet state and federal requirements, the City of Golden Valley monitors its polling places to ensure they can handle the number of voters registered in each precinct. When the City determined that polling places in Precinct 5 (Southeast Fire Station #2) and Precinct 7 (Christian Life Center) were too small for the number of registered voters, it changed precinct boundaries to better handle election day activity. This change will shift some Precinct 5 voters to Precinct 8 (Brookview Community Center) and some Precinct 7 voters to Precinct 6 (City Hall). This also means the total number of registered voters in these precincts will change.

Another major change will be in Precinct 4, where the polling place will move from Sandburg Middle School to the LOGIS facility at 5750 Duluth St. LOGIS meets all ADA requirements for a polling place, such as parking, drop-off areas, door openers, and bathroom facilities.

Hennepin County will notify all registered voters in Precincts 4 through 8 of these changes by postcard in late summer. The State of Minnesota and Hennepin County will also update their Web sites by August 1, 2008, to reflect these changes. Both Web sites feature voting location finders. For the State, go to <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>. For Hennepin County, go to <http://gis.co.hennepin.mn.us/hcpollinglocator/default.aspx>.

All changes will take effect before absentee voting begins for the Primary Election. For more information about voting in Golden Valley, go to www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citygovernment/voting.htm or contact City Clerk Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010 or svirnig@ci.golden-valley.mn.us. 

Primary Election
Sept 9, 2008

General Election
Nov 4, 2008

Polls are open 7 am to
8 pm both days.

Voting Locations

For the Sept 8 Primary Election and the Nov 4 General Election, you must vote in your own precinct between 7 am and 8 pm.

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NE Fire Station
3700 Golden Valley Rd | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precinct 5*
SE Fire Station
400 Turners Crossroad S |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precinct 2
Valley Presbyterian Church
3100 North Lilac Dr | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precinct 6*
Golden Valley City Hall
7800 Golden Valley Rd |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precinct 3
Meadowbrook School
5430 Glenwood Ave | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precinct 7*
Christian Life Center
8025 Medicine Lake Rd |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precinct 4**
LOGIS
5750 Duluth St | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precinct 8*
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Pkwy |

*New precinct boundaries

**New polling place location



Run The Valley Nets \$14,348 For GVHSF

The 14th annual *Run the Valley* 5–10K Run and 5K Walk drew 560 runners and walkers April 5 to compete for medals and raise funds for the Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF).

The event raised \$14,348 for the GVHSF, which allocates the funds to local human service organizations that benefit the community.

In the 10K, the top three male finishers were Kirk Walzton, Eagan (37:16); Aidan Palmer, Minnetonka (37:47); and John Grimes, St Anthony (39:50). The top three female finishers were Kate Tavakley, Burnsville (41:44); Kelly VanGuilder, Webster (43:03); and Colleen Anderson, Golden Valley (45:18).

In the 5K, the top three male finishers were Dan Ristau, Golden Valley (16:28); Matt Schadow, Minnetonka (17:14); and Charlie Alexander, Minnesota City (17:23). The top three female finishers were Carrie Tollefson, St Paul (16:39); Erin Alexander, Minnesota City (19:38); and Kate Lovrien, St Louis Park (19:49).

All participants received *Run The Valley* T-shirts, and medallions were awarded to the top three finishers in each age group. The Foundation thanks all who participated.

Since 1992, the Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF) has worked to support organizations that serve Golden Valley residents. Each year, this board of citizen volunteers reviews funding requests and allocates funds raised by the Foundation through various annual fund-raisers, such as *Run the Valley*, September's *Golden Valley Golf Classic*, and November's *Taste of Golden Valley*. The Foundation also receives 10% of the pull tab monies collected in the City.

For 2008, the GVHSF allocated \$30,500 to five local human service organizations: Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery (\$10,000), PRISM Food Shelf (\$10,000), Suburban Northwest Dinner at Your Door (\$5,000), Crisis Connection (\$3,000), and Community Mediation Services, Inc (\$2,500).

Corporate sponsors for this year's *Run the Valley* were Morrie's, Liberty Carton, BNC Bank, and Channel 12. Other sponsors included Byerly's, Einstein Bros Bagels, Golden Valley Rotary Club, Great Glacier Water, Old Fashioned Donut Shoppe, Perkins Family Restaurant, Valley Pastries, Wells Fargo, and Yoplait USA. Sponsors supplied T-shirts, food, and water for the event.

Next year's race is scheduled for April 4, 2009. For more information, check the City Web site for updates (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/community/runvalley.htm) or contact Jeanne Fackler at 763-512-2340.



THE 2008 *Run The Valley* DREW 560 RUNNERS AND WALKERS.

Plots Available At City-Run Golden Valley Cemetery

While many don't know it, the Golden Valley Cemetery, located on the corner of Medicine Lake Road and Winnetka Ave, is owned and run by the City.

The City acquired the small cemetery from the Mutual Cemetery Association of Golden Valley in 1992. Since then, it has been in charge of landscaping and plot sales.

Graves in the Golden Valley Cemetery date back to 1869, when 25-year-old Caroline Bies was buried. There are several Civil War and World War I veterans buried there, as well as some of the earliest settlers of this area.

The Mutual Cemetery Association of Golden Valley disbanded in 1991, and by law the cemetery's management switched over to local government.

Several plots are available at \$500 each. Fees for traditional burial are \$750, and fees for a cremation burial are \$250. For more information or to buy a plot, call City Hall at 763-593-8095.



THE MEMORIAL AT THE GOLDEN VALLEY CEMETERY WAS ERECTED IN MEMORY OF THE PIONEERS WHO BEGAN THE CEMETERY, AS WELL AS VETERANS.

It's UGH Time

Hennepin County and the City of St Louis Park are teaming up to give residents a chance to get rid of UGH—"Unwanted Garden and Household" chemicals and waste—at a free, annual household hazardous waste collection:

Thursday, June 12–Saturday, June 14
9 am–4 pm

Louisiana Oaks Park South Parking Lot
3500 Louisiana Ave, St Louis Park
(Hwy 7 to Louisiana Ave, north on Louisiana to Walker St, west on Walker)

ACCEPTED MATERIALS*

- auto wastes (batteries, starter fluid, etc)
- cleaning solvents, adhesives, aerosols
- consumer electronics (TVs, radios, etc)
- corrosives, drain cleaners
- driveway sealers
- flammable liquids
- fluorescent and HID lamps
- fuels (gasoline, kerosene, diesel)
- household batteries
- paints, paint thinners and solvents
- pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, etc)
- photographic and hobby chemicals
- pool chemicals
- rechargeable appliances
- wood preservatives

*Not a complete list. Call 612-348-3777 for more information.

NOT ACCEPTED:

Any waste from businesses, appliances*, asbestos and construction debris, compressed gas cylinders and tanks, explosives, garbage, medical or infectious wastes, motor oil and oil filters, radioactive waste (eg, smoke detectors), tires*, and yard waste.

*Accepted at permanent drop-off sites.

Hennepin County's two permanent household hazardous waste drop-off sites (8100 Jefferson Hwy, Brooklyn Park and 1400 W 96th St, Bloomington) accept UGH year-round. For more information, call Hennepin County's 24-Hour Info-Line at 612-348-6500.

Household Hazardous Waste, A Toxic Roommate

If you keep old electronics and dated chemicals in your home, you're living among toxic roommates. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates the average American home contains as much as 100 pounds of household hazardous waste (HHW) stored in basements, garages, and closets, generating 1.6 million tons of such waste nationwide annually. And with upcoming HDTV standards, a stockpile of old TVs will soon join the mix.

Most electronics contain toxic metals such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. This makes recycling and proper disposal vital to human and environmental health.

What Is HHW?

Any household product that contains corrosive, ignitable, reactive, or toxic ingredients

is considered hazardous waste. HHW is contained in many common household products, but it's not always neatly labeled. Items such as batteries, mercury thermostats and thermometers, and fluorescent light bulbs also contain hazardous materials (see sidebar for more items). If you have doubts about a product, check it out by calling Hennepin County at 612-348-3777.

Recycling HHW & E-Waste



Disposing of any HHW down a drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in the trash poses a serious threat to the environment and, ultimately, human health.

Two years ago Minnesota lawmakers made it illegal to dump old TVs and monitors into the trash. Fortunately, Hennepin County has two permanent drop-off sites and collaborates with local municipalities to provide annual HHW drop-off events (see sidebar for more details).

If you have specific recycling questions, call the City at 763-593-8030.



PROPER DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONICS IS VITAL TO HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

photo courtesy Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board

Golden Valley Recycles



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, May 31
Fourth of July	Sat, July 5
Labor Day	Sat, Sept 6
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 29
Christmas	Sat, Dec 27
New Year's '09	Sat, Jan 3

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.

Eco-Friendly Lawn Care: As Easy As 1, 2, 3

With summer fast approaching and possible droughts on the way, take a moment to consider how your lawn-care practices affect the environment. Chances are you're using more water than you need to, mowing more often than you have to, and spending more money than you want to. But with a few painless tweaks to your lawn care approach, you can change all that, says Al Lundstrom, Golden Valley's environmental coordinator.

Lawn Mowing

Lawn mowing practices are perhaps the simplest to improve, Lundstrom says. It's as easy as one, two, three:

- 1 Blow the grass clippings back into the yard rather than out onto the street, driveway or sidewalk. Stray grass clippings on hard surfaces wash into the storm sewers and pollute nearby lakes and ponds. Rotting grass creates phosphorous, which promotes weed growth and depletes water of oxygen, hurting wildlife and diminishing the beauty of wetlands. To prevent this, all you have to do is push your mower in the other direction, so the blower points inward. Not only does this keep grass from entering the water systems, says Lundstrom, it also saves you money on fertilizer. Grass clippings recycle nutrients into the soil and help keep your lawn healthy.
- 2 Set your mower blade to the highest setting. Because it has less shade, shorter grass requires more water than longer grass, Lundstrom says. So keep your lawn around three inches. Each time you mow, only cut one-third the length of the grass. Cutting more than that makes the lawn too short and puts strain on the grass, making it less healthy and more likely to dry out.
- 3 If you have a lawn maintenance contractor, remind the crew of the above two practices. You may be environmentally conscious about your lawn, but don't automatically assume others will be.

General Lawn Care

Beyond lawn mowing, Lundstrom offered three other tips to keep your lawn and the environment on good terms:

- 1 Fertilize sparingly. People tend to fertilize more than their lawn requires. Spot treat weeds instead of doing a wholesale application of herbicides.
- 2 Keep an eye on your automatic sprinklers (or switch to manual and only turn on when needed). Make sure they only turn on at night. And when there's rain in the forecast, keep them off altogether. Few things waste water like sprinklers in a rainstorm.
- 3 Plant more native flowers and plants. These require less water, less mowing, and prevent erosion. They also enhance the beauty of your lawn. It's a win-win. 

City To Hear Water Pollution Control Plan

Every year the City of Golden Valley is required to obtain a permit for managing storm water that comes from overland flow—water that does not originate from a single pipe—and to reduce pollution. The process is called the Phase II National Pollution and Discharge Elimination System, and it requires significant planning by the City, including a public meeting with the City Council (this year set for June 17 at 7 pm).

All communities with more than 10,000 people are federally mandated to get the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit. They must file a report with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) by June 30, and the MPCA then reviews how the City will regulate and improve storm water discharges.

Golden Valley uses its Comprehensive Surface Water Management Plan as a guide for managing surface water resources. The permit process requires the City to address and implement six Minimum Control Measures: public education about water resources, public involvement, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post construction runoff control, and pollution prevention.

The June 17 City Council meeting will give the public a chance to share comments on the plan. All written comments should be received no later than 4:30 pm the day of the meeting. Forward comments to: City of Golden Valley, Attn: Al Lundstrom, 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427.

For more information, contact Lundstrom at 763-593-8046. 



Recreation OPPORTUNITIES

A complete list of recreation opportunities is available in the Spring/Summer Recreation Activities Brochure or online (see below).

SUMMER PARK PROGRAMS

Ball Games • Basketball Skills Camp • Bike Rangers • Catch, Kick & Throw • Chess Club • Eco-Friendly Jewelry Making • Explorers Hiking & Biking • Fishing Club • Flag Football • Football Camp • Jump Rope • Kick Ball • Kids Korner • Little Tikes • Park Baseball • Pens, Pencils, Markers & More • Pitch By Coach • Playgrounds • Sand Volleyball • Slowpitch Softball for Boys & Girls • Soccer Skill Camp • Summer Survivor • T-Ball • Ultimate Frisbee Camp

SUMMER PARK SPECIAL EVENTS

Puppet Shows: Tues & Thurs, various parks • **Water Days:** Scheid Park, June 20 & July 11 • **Penny Carnival:** Brookview Park, July 25

PLAYGROUND FIELD TRIPS

Brunswick Bowl: June 13 • **Cascade Bay Water Park:** June 27 • **Bunker Beach Water Park:** July 18

SkyHawks Camps

Basketball • Flag Football • Mini Hawk • SNAG Golf • Soccer • Volleyball

TENNIS CAMPS

Weekly, June 9–Aug 22, at Brookview and Scheid Parks

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Parent & Child Yoga • Science Explorers • Cheer America • Hoopstars Basketball • Magic & More • Balloon Animals

Register in person, by mail, phone, fax (763-512-2344), or online (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/econnect/).

For more information, contact:
Park & Recreation
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Golden Valley, MN 55426
763-512-2345
Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm

A Concert In The Park, An Ideal Evening With Friends

Golden Valley Concerts in the Park, a long-standing summer tradition, has developed a loyal fan base over the years, even its own “tailgate parties.”

“Well, we don’t so much tailgate, as we do picnic table,” says Renee Silverman, who helps organize groups of 10–12 of her friends and family to attend each summer concert, and picnic ahead of time.

“We come from all over: St Louis Park, New Hope, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley. We’re looking forward to going again this summer.”

Kicking off June 9 with the Golden Valley Orchestra, the concerts are held most Monday evenings at 7 pm at the large picnic shelter in Brookview Park (see front page for all dates). Pack a picnic or purchase food and beverages from the Brookview Grill, and bring along a lawn chair or a blanket, suggests Sue Cook, recreation supervisor.

Concerts take place inside the picnic shelter during light rain and are cancelled if weather is severe. The types of bands vary from jazz, country, or folk to full orchestra, and they are generally local to the region.

The concert program has been a part of

Golden Valley for well over 20 years, Cook says.

“There were a lot of other communities in the area doing it, and we had the perfect park for it,” she says. “It offers a nice setting for our residents, a place where they can enjoy music, and the season, and the outdoors.”

Thanks to word-of-mouth, concert attendance has been growing, Cook adds. About 150 to 250 people attend each performance, though it depends on the weather. Interest has grown so much that the Golden Valley Federated Women’s Club has proposed building a new bandshell in the park and recently hired a professional fundraiser to examine the possibility.

“He’s going to interview people in the community to determine ahead of time what the interest is and where the interest lies,” says Sharon Janzen, Women Club’s board member. A local architect has already drawn up plans for the structure, pro bono. If built, the bandshell will offer a more professional setting for bands and a more comfortable setup for attendees, Janzen says.

But even without it, the concerts are very enjoyable, says Connie Turner, a long-time fan of the concerts and member of the Women’s Club. “Lots of people bring their kids, lots of couples come out. It’s a good laugh; it’s good medicine.”

And Silverman, who’s been attending the concerts for about six years, says they’re an ideal way to spend an evening with friends. She has one thing to tell any Golden Valley resident who hasn’t yet attended at least one of the performances:

“You’re crazy! Come and see how much fun it is.”

For more information about Concerts in the Park, contact Sue Cook at 763-512-2367. To support the bandshell effort, contact Sharon Janzen at sharonjanzen@hotmail.com, or send donations, payable to GVFWC, to Golden Valley Federated Women’s Club, c/o Brookview Parkway, Golden Valley, 55426.



photos by M. Jensen Photography Inc.

New Initiatives Build Bridges In Golden Valley

When Golden Valley residents envisioned their future in 2004, it included a strong sense of community—people getting together informally and engaged in making the City a better place to live, work, and play. The Envision Connection Project was embraced by the City Council as a way to bring this vision to fruition.



The Connection Project Board of Directors is continuing to encourage and mentor others who want to get involved. It has fostered Bridge Builders—individuals who want to create, protect, or enhance community treasures—and promoted community institutions such as an annual Ice Cream Social (started in 2007). The following are some recent initiatives and how you could get involved:

AFTER SCHOOL SUCCESS PROGRAM

Golden Valley Head Librarian and Bridge Builder Mary Anderson saw a need to positively engage youth who frequent the library, so she collaborated with the Northwest YMCA and CommonBond Communities to develop a program of after-school activities for middle-school youth. Led by YMCA youth leader Matt Lasure, adult volunteers joined in activities and helped kids with homework.

LILAC PLANTING

Bridge Builder Dwight Townes has initiated a partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to enhance the Highway 55 corridor by planting lilacs along the north side of Brookview Park and Golf Course (see page 14 for details).

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This volunteer effort piggybacks on the popular Concerts In The Park series (see box below). Volunteers are needed to make this event happen.

In addition to joining in these activities, community members can become Bridge Builders and start their own initiatives. As a Bridge Builder, you will meet other Bridge Builders and get ideas on implementing your project.

Lastly, there are openings on the Connection Project Board of Directors. This Board meets the third Thursday of the month and helps keep community engagement as a priority in Golden Valley.

For more information about any of the above initiatives and volunteer opportunities, contact Jeanne Andre at (763) 593-8014 or email her at jandre@ci.golden-valley.mn.us.

SENIOR Stuff

Unless noted otherwise, most activities are at Brookview Community Center and require advance registration.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer—Wed, June 11, 1 pm. Build your own ice cream sundae, then enjoy a trip down memory lane with Broadway, pop, and patriotic songs through the decades. \$5 at door. Register by June 6.

CLASSES

Intermediate Bridge—Fri, June 6—Aug 1, 9—10:30 am. \$28.

Defensive Driving 4-hour Refresher Course—Thur, June 12 or July 10, 9 am—1 pm. \$16. Register in advance with Minnesota Safety Council.

Oil Painting—Mon, June 16—July 21, 9:30—11:30 am. \$37.

Money Matters—June 19: “Antiques and Art as an Investment.” 10 am.

WELLNESS

Blood Pressure Screening—June 25, 11—11:30 am.

Living Wise And Well—1 pm at Calvary. Free. June 5: “Summer Food Safety” (register by June 4); July 3: “Understanding Parkinson’s Disease” (register by July 2).

Getting You Through the Medicare & Medigap Maze—June 10 at 9, 10, or 11 am. Free.

Happy Feet Foot Care Clinic—June 17 & July 15. \$30 due at time of service. Call 763-560-5136 to schedule.

COFFEE TALK

June 25, 9:45 am: “Is Living Longer a ‘milestone’ or a ‘millstone?’” \$2 at the door. Register by June 23.

UPCOMING TRIPS (REGISTER EARLY)

- June 20: Meandering with Mary, \$5.50 (register by June 13)
- July 10: Medicine Show Music Company, \$47 (register by June 23)

For more information, contact:
Golden Valley Seniors Program
 Brookview Community Center
 200 Brookview Parkway
 Golden Valley, MN 55426
 763-512-2339
 Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm

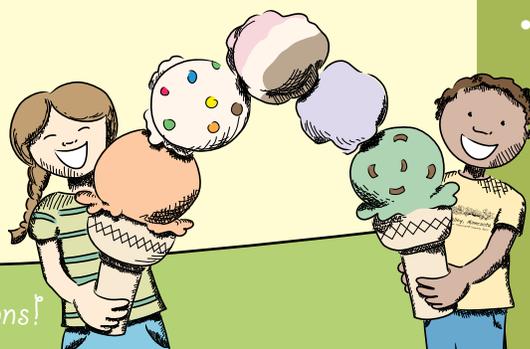
GOLDEN VALLEY

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

MONDAY, JULY 28
@ BROOKVIEW PARK

- 7 pm:** Stompin’ Dixie in Concert
- Golden Valley Connection Project “Build Bridges With Your Neighbors”
 - Ice Cream Social — Free!

FREE EVENT!
ALL WELCOME!



Concerts.....Cones.....Community Connections!

Police Department Fosters Community Connections



The way Police Chief Stacy Altonen sees it, the strength of a police department depends on the connection it has with its community. In her first year as police chief, she has pushed community engagement as the department's top priority. It is a collaborative approach in which police and community members identify and solve community problems and become active allies in enhancing the safety and quality of neighborhoods.

Educational efforts and outreach keep people's eyes more open and sharp, helping them spot suspicious activity, Altonen says. The efforts also strengthen people's connections with the police department and neighbors, leaving less room for criminals.

As Simple As Saying 'Hello'

Sometimes community outreach is as simple as having officers patrol neighborhoods on foot or bike, rather than in a car, an approach the GVPD has encouraged in the last year.

"We want to make it so it's not too hard to get to know the patrol officers, to know their names, to say hello," says Altonen. When they're out of their cars, they're easier to approach, easier to talk to. Neighbors are better able to put a face to the uniform, which helps develop trust and makes residents feel like partners with the police department, and that's how it should be, Altonen says.

"Crime prevention is much easier if you have both sides working together," she says, adding that when officers

know the residents, it gives them a better handle on the area and the people, which can make crime response more effective.

For the same reason, Altonen has also encouraged officers to attend and socialize at more community events while not "on duty." Minnesota's Night To Unite (see sidebar on page 10), the Bike Rodeo, Golden Valley Days, the Safety Camps, ice cream socials, and town hall meetings all offer casual opportunities for residents and officers to connect and forge valuable relationships, Altonen says. But sometimes it also helps when residents hang out with police officers who are on active duty, which is why the GVPD offers police patrol ride-alongs for anyone over age 18 who wants

"Police departments shouldn't function as islands."

a first-hand experience patrolling Golden Valley. See contact information on page 9.

Another way police reach out to the community is by meeting with and

giving crime prevention tips to business owners and apartment managers. Meeting with apartment managers helps give police insight into area crime, says Sergeant Dennis Arons.

"Trouble tenants tend to be the same people who generate our police calls," he says.

It's imperative that officers are knowledgeable in the areas they patrol, he adds. Talking to business managers and community members in general is crucial in that respect.

Neighbors Got Your Back

A key aspect to Golden Valley's policing strategy is teaching and encouraging neighbors to look out for one another. Even the best departments can't succeed unless they engage the neighborhoods, says Altonen. "Police departments shouldn't function as islands."



Neighborhood Watch groups provide an outlet for residents to get to know their neighbors and make the neighborhood more cohesive. In 2007, the GVPD conducted 13 Neighborhood Watch zone meetings throughout the city. These meetings build community by bringing several Neighborhood Watch groups together in larger forums.

Get Connected

Besides taking advantage of established community events, residents should also organize new events and new traditions within neighborhoods and the community to keep everyone connected, says Altonen. Neighbors getting to know and watching out for each other is the single most effective way to prevent crime, she adds, suggesting people take a moment to think of even a small way to connect with neighbors, because that single gesture could produce many dividends. (See page 7 for other opportunities to connect with the community.)

"You'll make a long-term investment in yourself and your community," she says.

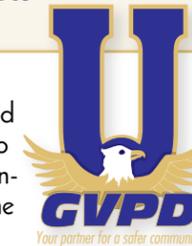
Feedback Sparks Improvements

What do residents want to get out of their police department? What crimes do they notice around their neighborhood? How can officers be more accessible?

By soliciting community feedback, the GVPD can forge stronger bonds with citizens and strengthen its services. Last

Education Prevents Victimization

For neighbors to effectively look out for one another and for themselves, they need to be educated in crime prevention, says Joanne Paul, crime prevention specialist.



In addition to long-standing programs, such as Neighborhood Watch and summer Safety Camps for kids, the GVPD launched two new efforts this year: Master's Safety Camp for adults and GVPD University. These programs bring in experts to speak to residents on topics ranging from gang activity to identity theft.

The classes help empower residents, Paul says. Being well-informed and educated is a key to not becoming a victim.

November the GVPD held its first community-wide summit, a town hall style gathering where residents could voice their concerns. This summer the GVPD will conduct a community-wide survey seeking more input. Residents are also encouraged to call with feedback (GVPD front desk: 763-593-8079, or crime prevention office: 763-593-8058) or fill out comment sheets.

With the multi-pronged efforts of community engagement and new priorities to make neighborly connections, Altonen says, the GVPD looks forward to a brighter, safer future.

GVPD by the numbers

41
Number of employees

31
Number of police officers (one chief, two commanders, six sergeants, four detectives, and 18 patrol officers)

17,687
Number of 911 calls in 2007

18,783
Number of 911 calls in 2006

18,807
Number of 911 calls in 2005

3,821
Number of actual crimes reported in 2007

4,064
Number of actual crimes reported in 2006

4,590
Number of actual crimes reported in 2005

Know Their Names: Meet A Few Members Of The GVPD



NATE GOVE



KYLE TOAVS



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STACY ALTONEN



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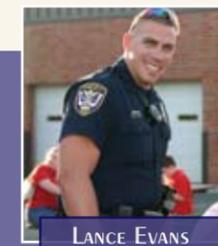
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JEFF JOHNSON



LANCE EVANS



CHRISTINE SLOAT

Summer Creates **CRIMES** Of Opportunity

After such a long winter, summer is a time to celebrate and relax. But it's not a time to let your guard down, says Joanne Paul, Golden Valley's crime prevention specialist.

With warm weather comes warm-weather criminals looking for crimes of opportunity.

"Property crime in general is higher during summer months," Paul says. "We're out and about more. We're leaving our garages open. We're leaving our doors open. Kids leave their bikes out. The majority of crimes are crimes of opportunity."

All a burglar has to do is walk from one house to another until he finds an unlocked door.

In 2007, 40 of the 99 residential burglaries in Golden Valley were not forced entries, meaning the burglar simply walked in and walked out. Almost all of those burglaries occurred between May and October, Paul says.

"In January, bike theft is zero. And rarely is a garage broken into," she says. "Across the board we see more property crime in the summer, whether it's burglary, theft, or vandalism."

Remove The Opportunity

Paul says criminals need three things to commit a crime: desire, ability, and opportunity.

"You can take the opportunity away," she adds, offering the following tips:

- Lock your doors and windows.
- Lock your bikes to something secure and keep a copy of the bike's serial number.
- Keep your garage doors closed.
- Roll up your car windows.
- Let your neighbors know when you'll be gone.
- Call the police if you see suspicious activity around your neighborhood.
- When at the beach, don't think putting your wallet in your shoe will foil anyone.
- Use common sense.

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



AN OPEN WINDOW CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CRIME.

CELEBRATE Minnesota's Night To Unite

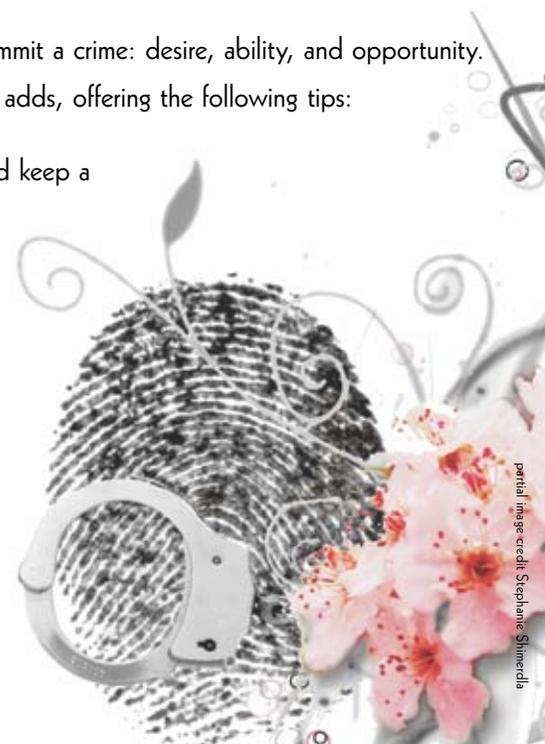
Golden Valley neighborhoods are invited to join cities throughout Minnesota Tuesday, August 5 for the first annual Minnesota's Night To Unite (formerly National Night Out).

The Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) has a long tradition of crime prevention and believes that effective crime prevention strategies begin with strong neighborhood and police partnerships. Minnesota's Night To Unite (MNTU) will celebrate these partnerships in preventing crime.

Get together for a potluck dinner, ice cream social, barbecue, bike parade, etc. Use your imagination and plan something fun! The GVPD and Crime Prevention Fund will provide raffle kits to neighborhoods that register their MNTU celebration, so kids and adults can enter the citywide raffle for \$1,200 worth of great prizes!

MNTU planning kits will be mailed to Neighborhood Watch block captains in June and are also available on the City Web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/publicsafety/mnnighttounite.htm.

For more information, contact the Police Department at 763-593-8079.



Rewarding Experiences Are Perks Of Fire Service

About a year ago, Golden Valley Fire Department (GVFD) volunteers were training at a building just off I-394 when a car crash-rollover occurred on the highway about four blocks away.

A woman was trapped in her car, and the car was in flames.

"We got on the scene within minutes and were able to extinguish the fire," says Golden Valley firefighter Brian Foran. "I believe she would have been killed had we not been there that night."

The scene, in which roughly two dozen first responders came together as an effective unit, demonstrated how the training and efforts of Golden Valley's paid on-call fire department pays off and saves lives, he says. That's part of why he never regretted joining the department.

Foran, who works a day job with Indelco Plastics Corp, has served on the GVFD for 30 years. He joined when he was 19 years old, and he hasn't looked back.

"You really feel like you've been part of something that's positive for the community," Foran says.

And it's a great learning experience, he adds, not just because of a firefighter's training and experience, but also because of what he or she learns from colleagues.

"We come from different walks of life, different experiences. There are certain things we're good at, things we learn as we go, things we learn from each other." And as a veteran firefighter, he says, there's a responsibility to set good examples for the new recruits. "A lot of people helped me get started in my career, and I try to do the same for the new firefighters."



FIREFIGHTERS BRIAN FORAN (ABOVE) AND PAUL PETERSON

It's quite a thing watching the veteran firefighters do their job, "how they breathe so easily in emergency situations," says Paul Peterson, a firefighter trainee who started in January 2008. He plans to be a dentist by day and fight fire when he's called on.

Becoming a volunteer firefighter wasn't something Peterson sought out, he says. He joined after meeting with other firefighters during a National Night Out neighborhood visit. He was impressed by their attitude.

"They all seemed like really nice and straightforward people," he says.

While Peterson, 27, continues his first year, Foran says this will likely, and reluctantly, be his last.

"It's hard to picture not being at the department," he says. "I really do enjoy working with the members here." And if he had the chance to do it over again, Foran said he would. "Without a doubt."

Fire & Police Open House

Wednesday, June 18
6-8 pm

Fire Station 1 & Police Department
7800 Golden Valley Rd

Fire Station 2
400 Turners Crossroad

Fire Station 3
3700 Golden Valley Rd

Featuring Fire and Police Station tours, fire truck rides, McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog, free T-shirts*, police squad car, Old Number One fire truck, live fire demo, Squirt House, Fatal Vision display, blood pressure checks by North Memorial, door prizes*, and more.

*while supplies last

Street Dance

Saturday, June 21
5 pm-midnight

Chester Bird American Legion
Hwy 100 & Glenwood Ave

- Fire trucks, face painting
- Hotdogs, brats, roasted corn-on-the-cob, chips, popcorn, snow cones, pop
- 6-8 pm: Warm-up band TBA
- Fireworks Display
- 9 pm-close: Doug and The Mooners

Sponsored by the Golden Valley Fire Relief Association. For more information, contact the Golden Valley Fire Department at 763-593-2458.



The Right Stuff

To find out if you have the right stuff to be a paid, on-call Golden Valley firefighter, and to learn more about **hourly wage, benefits, and pension**, go to www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/publicsafety/firefighters.htm.

Information Meetings

July 10 at 6:30 pm
August 21 at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm

2008

*Sealcoat Streets***Ardmore Dr** (Glenwood Ave to Hwy 55 S Frontage Rd)**Betty Crocker Dr** (Hwy 169 ramps to General Mills Blvd)**Beverly Ave** (Westwood Dr to Meadow Ln)**Burntside Dr** (Roanoke Rd to Loring Ln)**Burntside Dr** (Westwood Dr to Hwy 55 S Frontage Rd)**Chatelain Terr** (Natchez Av N Westwood Dr)**Decatur Ave N** (Hwy 55 S Frontage Rd to Wally St)**Edgewood Ave** (Florida Av S to I-394 S Frontage Rd)**Ensign Ave N** (Harold Ave to Hwy 55 S Frontage Rd)**Florida Ave S** (I-394 N Frontage Rd to Laurel Av)**France Ave N** (Woodstock to Poplar Dr)**General Mills Blvd** (I-394 S Frontage Rd to Hwy 55)**Hampshire Ave S** (Laurel Ave to I-394 N Frontage Rd)**Harold Ave** (General Mills Blvd to Ensign Ave N)**Hwy 55 N Frontage Rd** (Douglas Dr to Lilac Dr)**Hwy 55 S Frontage Rd** (Meadow Ln to Westwood Dr)**Hwy 55 S Frontage Rd** (dead end W of Ensign Ave to dead end E of Decatur Ave)**I-394 N Frontage Rd** (Market St to Golden Hills Dr)**I-394 S Frontage Rd** (west city limits to General Mills Blvd)**Indiana Ave N** (Woodstock Ave to Hwy 55 S Frontage Rd)**Leber Lane** (Meadow Ln to cul-de-sac)**Louisiana Ave S** (I-394 ramp to RR tracks)**Market St** (W dead end to I-394 N Frontage Rd)**Meadow Ln N** (Glenwood Ave to Hwy 55)**Natchez Av N** (Ottawa Ave to Chatelain Terr)**Ottawa Ave N** (Glenwood Ave to Breck School driveway)**Poplar Drive** (France Ave N to dead end)**Roanoke Circle** (Meadow Ln to cul-de-sac)**Roanoke Rd** (Westwood Dr to Natchez)**Sunnyridge Circle** (Sunnyridge Ln to cul-de-sac)**Sunnyridge Lane** (Meadow Ln to Woodstock Ave)**Wally St** (Ensign Ave N to Decatur Ave N)**Westwood Dr** (Glenwood Ave to Hwy 55 S Frontage Rd)**Woodstock Ave** (France Ave to Burntside Dr)**Wisconsin Av** (Hwy 55 to 10th Av)

Maintenance Keeps City Streets In Shape

Streets deteriorate as they age, much like the roof and paint on your home. Pavement deterioration is caused by many factors, including the freeze/thaw cycle, traffic loading, the effects of moisture, and the quality of the soils beneath the street. The City of Golden Valley protects its investment in streets and keeps residents safe with a scheduled street maintenance program. Sealcoating and overlays are two common maintenance practices.

Sealcoating, one of the most common methods of preventive street maintenance, is done every seven or eight years. 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 surface, followed immediately by a single layer of aggregate (small pieces of rock). This type of treatment is excellent for wear and waterproofing, and it also improves skid resistance. The City hires a contractor to do the actual sealcoating, while City crews perform all preparatory work and sweeping. The contract calls for the project to be done sometime between the beginning of July and the middle of August (see list at left for 2008 sealcoat streets).

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

- Streets will be well marked with signs 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.

Every 20 to 25 years, streets are milled and overlaid with a new two-inch layer

of asphalt, which reshapes them and eliminates any settling or flaws that developed over the years. This summer the City will mill and overlay two streets: Mendelssohn Ave north of Plymouth Ave and a portion of Xerxes Ave on the Minneapolis border. The City schedules sealcoating and overlays on a different section of streets each year. With proper maintenance, pavement replacement should be required after about 50 years.

Other annual street maintenance includes street sweeping, striping, and sign repair. Every spring crews sweep streets clean of sand and debris left from winter driving, and every fall, after the majority of leaves have fallen, crews again sweep all streets curb to curb. This keeps gutters and storm sewers clear and free of blockages and helps protect the waterways from pollution. Public Works crews also continuously renew street striping and road signs to enhance public safety and maintain community standards.

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 Public Works Street Maintenance at 763-593-8082. If you have questions about the street maintenance program, call the Public Works Maintenance Manager at 763-593-3981. 



SEALCOATING PROLONGS THE LIFE OF AN ASPHALT STREET.

Comprehensive Plan 2008-2018:

Framing The City's Future

Through the years, planning has helped sustain Golden Valley's reputation as a top-quality city, and the City's Comprehensive Plan has guided its growth and development. Like all cities in the seven-county metro area, Golden Valley is required to update its Comprehensive Plan every 10 years, with the next update due the end of 2008.

Based on active planning and a strong visioning process, the Comprehensive Plan focuses on community wellness. Its key chapters provide a framework for the City's future.

Land Use describes the various land use categories in Golden Valley, all of which reflect a logical and well-balanced mix to make Golden Valley an excellent place to live and work. The chapter includes goals and policies to protect the use, bulk, and density of land in Golden Valley in ways that promote sustainability and overall community health.



Special Planning Districts are areas that warrant extra attention because of their location, like the I-394 corridor. This chapter outlines the City's efforts to meet future changes in transportation patterns, housing preferences, and market trends in office, industrial, and commercial uses in that area. Its goals and policies link community vision to location-specific planning.



Housing focuses on housing development in Golden Valley, and this chapter's goals, objectives, and policies will guide the diversity, density, and quality of the city's housing stock. The City of Golden Valley's primary housing responsibility is to ensure maintenance of existing homes and neighborhoods as well as promote quality housing options in future developments.

Parks and Open Space focuses on preserving Golden Valley's natural areas and parks. The chapter works in coordination with a separate Park System Plan, which recommends facility improvements and recreation programs at City parks.



Transportation helps protect and enhance transportation corridors throughout Golden Valley that are used for both local and regional travel. This chapter directs development of road and highway networks as well as trails and sidewalks used for non-motorized commuting. It also studies public transportation.

Wastewater addresses maintaining the regional wastewater system, which is administered by the Metropolitan Council. The goals and policies in this chapter are meant to ensure that the system provides adequate wastewater capacity to handle Golden Valley's existing and future needs.

Water Supply focuses on making safe water available to Golden Valley and other residents of the region by ensuring that various local government agencies work together to protect and preserve drinking water resources. This chapter sets goals and policies that effectively manage the system.

Surface Water coordinates efforts with local watershed districts to best enhance surface water quality in Golden Valley. The goals and policies set in this chapter are meant to protect local streams, lakes, and wetlands.

Draft chapters of Golden Valley's updated Comprehensive Plan will be posted on the City Web site until Sept 1 public review and comment. If you have questions, contact the Planning Department at 763-593-8095 or planning@ci.golden-valley.mn.us.



Step Up For...



Golden Valley is seeking people to walk the walk for a county-wide health competition.

The Step To It Challenge, a first-of-its-kind Hennepin County wellness effort, pits Golden Valley against four nearby cities: Crystal, Robbinsdale, Brooklyn Park, and St Louis Park.

Participants note the number of steps taken over a four-week period using a pedometer or walking chart, then record that number on the Step To It Web site, www.steptoit.org. Other activities, such as biking, skateboarding, basketball, Tai Chi, or even just lawn mowing, will also count toward overall steps.

After four weeks, the city with the highest average steps per individual and the city with the most overall steps will both receive a trophy and a community-wide celebration sponsored by the county.

Sign-up began May 16, but you can join any time at Golden Valley City Hall or online at steptoit.org.

Although the competition itself runs through June 13, you can "Step To It" all year long, says Joe Hogeboom, Golden Valley city planner, who has worked to bring more alternative transportation options to the community.

"Anyone who participates will be a winner," he adds. "It's just supposed to be a fun event that gets people off the couch and active. It's meant to be rewarding for everyone involved."

The first 200 Golden Valley residents to sign up will receive a gift package, including a free pedometer and a Step To It T-shirt.

For more information, call Joe Hogeboom at 763-593-8099, Dianne Blaydes at 612-348-7550, or visit steptoit.org.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM RED LIGHT RUNNERS

1. Never assume that vehicles will stop for a red light.
2. When starting up on a green light, look both ways before entering the intersection, since this is when most red light violations occur.
3. When approaching an intersection on a green light, check to make certain that traffic coming from the cross street is stopped or preparing to stop.
4. When approaching an intersection on a green light, be prepared for the display of a yellow light and predetermine whether you will continue or stop.
5. Always be aware of traffic behind you.

Pedestrians: When crossing an intersection, do not assume a driver turning right will see you or stop.



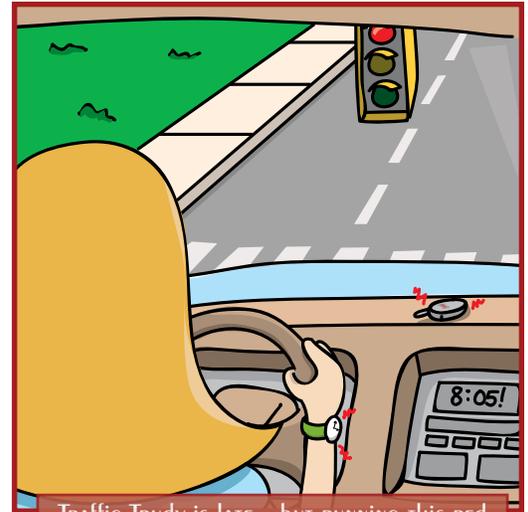
In Golden Valley, 23% of all crashes that occurred at signalized intersections in 2006 were caused by someone running a red light.

Are You Seeing Red?

We've all been there. Approaching a traffic signal, the light turns from green to yellow. We could stop by braking hard, but instead we decide to continue. We enter the intersection on yellow, see just the flick of the red light as we pass the far side traffic signal, and then look in the rear view mirror to see one or two cars behind us that also did not stop and probably entered on a red light.

Watch any signalized intersection in Golden Valley or elsewhere, and you'll see people run red lights, most often approaching the intersection when the yellow light comes on, but entering after the red light is displayed. Other common violations include right turns on a red light without any attempt to stop, or making a left turn on a red left turn arrow.

Red light runners most commonly face two potential crashes—a side impact with a vehicle entering from the cross street on a green light, or a collision with a stopped or stopping vehicle. Side impact crashes result in a relatively high percentage of personal injuries and fatalities.



Traffic Trudy is late—but running this red light won't get her to work faster.

Crash data from 2005 shows there were 805 fatalities nationwide from crashes that involved someone running a red light. Here in Golden Valley, 23 percent of all crashes that occurred at signalized intersections in 2006 were caused by someone running a red light. Of all injury crashes at signalized intersections, 18 percent happened when one of the vehicles was running the red light.

Drivers often mistakenly believe if they make it through a light that had just turned red they will get to their destination faster. Traffic signals are generally coordinated along segments of road, so if you run a red light at one intersection, by the time you get to the next signal you will be facing a red light there as well. The light will not turn green until the group of cars stopped at the previous light gets to the next signal. Thus, there is no time savings from running one light just to get stuck at the next.

Traffic signals are designed to move vehicles safely and efficiently through an intersection. Signals are able to work effectively because the vast majority of drivers obey them. All it takes to compromise the effectiveness and safety of the signal is one driver running the red light.

Planting Party YOU'RE INVITED!

ENVISION THE MAIN ARTERY OF GOLDEN VALLEY — STATE HIGHWAY 55, OLSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY — AS A NEW LILAC DRIVE.

Some Bridge Builders are teaming with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program to implement a vision of lilacs and other shrubs along the sides of Hwy 55, and golden wildflowers in the median through our town.

The first phase of this grassroots community effort will begin with a planting party on a Saturday this fall. You can be a founding member of this city beautification project by volunteering to help with the planting along Brookview Golf Course on the south side of Hwy 55. Call Jeanne Andre (763-593-8014) with your name and number and you will be called in September with the exact date and time of this groundbreaking event.

Constructing Accessory Building Requires Permit

If you're planning to build a garage or accessory structure this summer, remember to double-check zoning requirements and the City Code, and don't forget the permit. Improper preparation can turn an efficient project into an expensive hassle.

ZONING REQUIREMENTS

Accessory structures must be:

- limited to one story in height
- located completely to the rear of the dwelling
- located a minimum of 10 feet from the dwelling, at least 35 feet from any street right-of-way, and at least five feet from the rear or side property line or alley

The cumulative total of all accessory buildings and attached garages must not exceed 1,000 square feet.

Provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet, one-story detached accessory structures used as storage sheds, playhouses, etc, do not require permits. But zoning and code requirements still apply.

Building Permit REQUIREMENTS

The No. 1 reason the City rejects permit applications is lack of sufficient information, says Inspector Jerry Frevel. He encourages residents to review the information below or call the inspections department ahead of time to make sure all bases are covered. An acceptable permit takes about five to 10 days to process.

1. Submit two copies of a certificate of survey or a scaled site plan with the proposed location of the accessory structure.
2. Submit two copies of drawings showing proposed design and materials. Drawings must be to scale and include the following information:
 - elevation showing what the structure will look like
 - floor plan showing proposed building size; design of floor slab; size and location of any posts, headers, and footings; and size and spacing of roof supports
 - wall section showing slab information, size and spacing of studs and other construction details, and roof structure information

GETTING INSPECTIONS

With building permit in hand, construction can commence. **Inspections** are required at various times throughout construction to ensure that building codes are met, and you must meet three inspection requirements:

1. Post the inspection report card (protect it from weather) on the job site until the final inspection is completed.
2. Notify the City Inspections Department when each phase is ready for inspection.
3. Schedule the final inspection at least 24 hours in advance.

See sidebar for more specific building code requirements. For more information, visit the Inspections Department in City Hall, or call 763-593-8090. 



DOES YOUR GARAGE NEED A FACE-LIFT THIS SUMMER?
BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES OF A RECONSTRUCTED
GARAGE IN GOLDEN VALLEY

Code Highlights: Accessory Buildings

- Frost footings or a floating slab may be used.
- Wood exposed to ground, weather, located on concrete, or within six inches of grade is subject to 2006 International Residential Code (IRC) Section R319.
- Curb cuts and driveways in the City right-of-way require an additional permit from the Public Works Department.
- Each header shall have a length of bearing of no less than 1-1/2 inches for full width of header. Additional bearing may be required for longer spans or if using engineered wood products.
- Garage floor surfaces may be concrete, asphalt, sand, gravel, crushed rock, or natural earth (this requirement also applies to sheds).
- All exterior footings must be placed at least 12 inches below the undisturbed ground surface. Slabs-on-ground with turned down footings must have a minimum of one No. 4 bar at the top and bottom of the footing. (Exception: For slabs on the ground cast monolithically with a footing, one No. 5 bar or two No. 4 bars shall be located in the middle third of the footing depth.)
- Foundation sill plates must be subject to IRC Section R319 and anchored according to IRC Section R403.1.6.
- Siding must be secured with corrosion resistant nails.
- Roof must be designed to handle snow load and dead load of 50 lbs per square foot.
- Bracing wall on either side of garage door must be at least two-feet wide.
- Signed manufactured roof truss package must be at the site at the time of framing inspection.
- Hip rafters must be two-inch nominal thickness and equal in depth to cut end of the rafter.

For more information, including corner bracing options, visit the Inspections Department in City Hall, or call 763-593-8090. 

Photo Contest ENTRY FORM

Deliver complete entries by June 6, 2008 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.



Views of the Valley Deadline Is June 6

Love photographing Golden Valley? Enter the 16th annual *Views of the Valley* photo contest. All winning entries are published in *CityNews* and the City Web site and reproduced for permanent display in City Hall. First prize winners in each category receive \$100; grand prize is an additional \$50. Deadline for entry is June 6, at 4:30 pm. Mail or drop off completed entries. City employees and their families are not eligible to enter.

Rules

- Golden Valley residents can submit photos in three categories: **Natural Golden Valley** (landscapes, flora, fauna, etc); **Golden Valley Lifestyle** (cityscapes, buildings, people, activities, etc); and **Enhanced** (photos significantly altered by editing software, lenses, etc). On the entry form, explain what alterations were made.
- Submit up to three **5x7** color or black-and-white photo finish prints (no slides, photocopies, or prints not on photo-quality paper; 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 at left). All entries submitted must be your own work. All decisions are final, and judges reserve the right not to award in any category. Contest organizers reserve the right to re-categorize or disqualify any entrant.

The City of Golden Valley is not responsible for lost entries. The photographer is responsible for obtaining approval from identifiable people in a photo taken in a non-public space. If you have questions or need more entry forms, call 763-593-8004.



763-593-8000 TTY: 763-593-3968

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Please call 763-593-8006 (TTY: 763-593-3968) to make a request.

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