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2011

Golden Valley

CITYNEWS

City Plans For Rezoning To Fulfill Comp Plan Vision

Since updating its Comprehensive Plan in May 2010, the Golden Valley City Council is now considering zoning changes to eight areas of the City that would implement the Plan's new land use designations. At the April 12 Council/Manager meeting, the Council discussed in detail the area between Winnetka and Glenwood Aves, north of Harold Ave and south of Hwy 55.

That area is currently zoned Single Family (R-1) residential. To comply with the Comprehensive Plan, the City Council is considering rezoning the area west of the Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church to Medium Density (R-3) Residential and the area east of the church to Moderate Density (R-2) Residential. Rezoning doesn't necessarily mean immediate change, explains City Planner Joe Hogeboom. It just allows the land to be used for other options identified in the Comp Plan.

To discuss the rezoning as well as the upcoming reconstruction of Harold Ave, the City will host an open house for residents June 23, from 4:30-7 pm, at City Hall. City staff will present general zoning and Pavement Management Program (PMP) information as well as more specific road reconstruction information for residents who live on Harold Ave. Public hearings for the rezoning actions will be held about a month after the open house. Residents on and around Harold Ave will be notified of the meeting as the date draws near.

State law requires zoning in cities to be consistent with land uses designated in their comprehensive plans. Whenever a comprehensive plan is updated, a city is given one year to implement changes (see page 12 for more about the City's Comp Plan).

For more information, contact Hogeboom at 763-593-8099 or jhogeboom@goldenvalleymn.gov.

**Harold Ave
Open House**
Thurs, June 23
4:30-7 pm
City Hall

Concerts ^{IN} THE Park

Enjoy free concerts in Brookview Park with family, friends, and neighbors most Monday evenings 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 canceled in the event of severe weather.



2011 Schedule

- ♫ June 13
Golden Valley Orchestra
- ♫ June 16
Robbinsdale City Band
- ♫ June 20
Celebration Brass
- ♫ June 27
Stompin' Dixie
- ♫ July 11
Gypsy Mania
- ♫ July 18 (Ice Cream Social)
John Philip Sousa Band
- ♫ July 25
Tubby Esquire

For more information, call 763-512-2345.

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125th Events

Ice Cream Social

Monday, July 18, 7 pm
@ Brookview Park

In celebration of Golden Valley's 125th anniversary, the fifth annual Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Golden Valley Bridge Builders, will feature the First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band and free Sebastian Joe's ice cream. The First John Philip Sousa Band captures the spirit of bands at the turn of the 20th century through music that was played and performed in that era as well as some newer music. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket.

Diamond Luncheon, Honoring 75-Year Residents of Golden Valley

Wednesday, Sept 7
@ Golden Valley Golf & Country Club

The Golden Valley Historical Society will honor residents who have lived in the community for 75-plus years with a dinner and special program. To submit your name or nominate a friend, neighbor, or relative, contact Don Anderson at 763-588-8578 or e-mail Nancy Azzam at Shaz-zam45@aol.com.

Essay Contest for 5th and 6th Grade Students

Entries due Oct 13



Golden Valley's 125th Anniversary Planning Team is sponsoring a historical essay contest for students in the 5th and 6th grade. Winners will have their essays posted on the Golden Valley City website and will receive \$50 for first prize and \$25 for second prize. Get contest rules online (www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/125/schedule) or at Brookview Community Center.

For a complete list of events, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/125.

City Benefits From Top Bond Rating, Low Interest Rates

Low interest rates in the bond market and a top bond rating recently helped the City of Golden Valley save money when it refinanced an existing bond issue and sold two new bond issues.

Refinancing the 2003 C General Obligation Bonds means a net present savings to the City of \$285,036.05 in interest costs over the remaining life of the bonds, or eight years. This refunding bond had eight proposals for the purchase of \$4,870,000 and an interest rate of 1.76 percent.

The original bond issue was for \$11,085,000 over 15 years, at an interest rate of 3.64 percent.

The City also sold two new bond issues. The \$1,840,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2011A, will help finance the 2011 Pavement Management Program, and the \$655,000 General Obligation Equipment Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2011B, will finance equipment purchases.

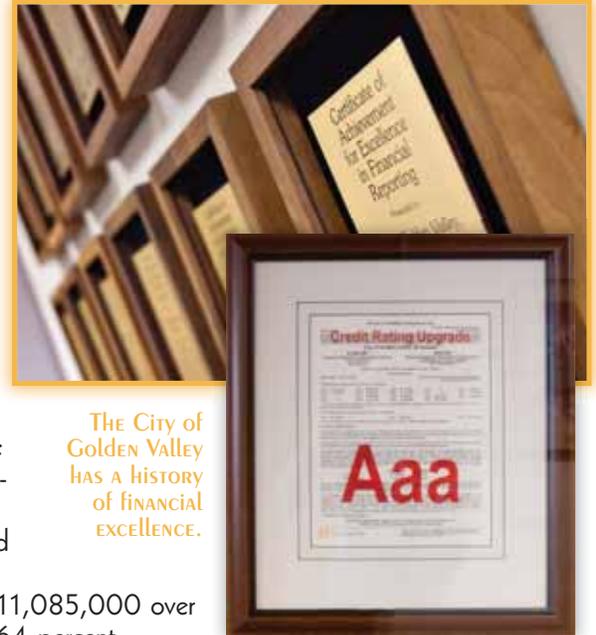
As the City works toward completing reconstruction of all 120 miles of City streets, the ability to get lower interest rates help with the repayment of bonds through tax levies.

Last year, the City received the top bond rating of Aaa from Moody's Investor Service. High bond ratings allow cities to borrow money at lower interest rates when they sell General Obligation bonds to raise capital for equipment purchases and improvements to parks, streets, and other projects. High bond ratings also increase the value of the bonds for investors.

When Moody's revises bond ratings, it reviews the City's financial statements, budget, and current debt, as well as other economic and financial factors.

Moody's categorized Golden Valley as a "mature and affluent Minneapolis suburb that benefits from strong employment base."

Questions? Contact Finance Director Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010 or svirnig@goldenvalleymn.gov.



The City of Golden Valley HAS A HISTORY OF FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE.

Save the date!

Lilac Planting Party Saturday, Oct 1, 2011

Volunteer for the planning team or the planting team. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/lilacplanting/, or contact Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Werts at 763-512-2341 or swerts@goldenvalleymn.gov.



GVHSF Golf Classic |s July 15



The 2011 Golden Valley Golf Classic will be held Friday, July 15, at Brookview Golf Course. The Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF) hosts the annual event to benefit local charities, and it distributes 100 percent of funds raised to causes directly serving the Golden Valley community (see story below).

JOIN THE PARTY. The tournament begins with an 8 am shotgun start. Foursomes can register for \$300 before July 1 or \$350 after (includes fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, and a chance to win prizes). Or, bring a second foursome for \$500 total (both foursomes must register together).

SUPPORT THE CAUSE. Prefer the role of booster? You can support the GVHSF and this event in several ways:

- Corporate Sponsor (\$1,000)
- Golf Hole Sponsor (\$500)
- Food/Prizes/Awards: Contributions of cash, merchandise, and in-kind items or gift certificates are welcome for hole contests, prizes, and drawings.

For their donations, sponsors receive green fees, cart, continental breakfast, and lunch for golfers, and their company name displayed on a tee marker. All sponsors are acknowledged in tournament publicity.

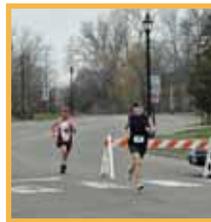
There is still time to sponsor or play in this year's Classic. The 2010 event drew 100 golfers who, with corporate and individual sponsors, helped the Golf Classic raise \$12,050 for local human service organizations. For more information about the Golf Classic or the GVHSF, contact staff liaison Jeanne Fackler at 763-512-2340 or jfackler@goldenvalleymn.gov.

Run The Valley Brings In \$19,707 For GVHSF

The 17th annual *Run the Valley* 5/10K Run and 5K Walk drew 683 runners and walkers April 9 to compete for medals and raise funds for the Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF). The event raised \$19,707 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 John Grimes, Minneapolis (37:09); Robert Economy, Victoria (37:17); and Joseph Dalton, Minneapolis (38:37). The top three female finishers were Kaelyn Williams, Golden Valley (40:19); Carrie Donohue, Bloomington (42:39); and Sarah Mercer, Golden Valley (46:55).

In the 5K, the top three male finishers were Brian Davenport, Minneapolis (16:41); Adam Himes, Plymouth (16:55); and Dan Worley, Minneapolis (18:10). The top three female finishers were Beth Holman, Bloomington (19:10); Nicole Gauger, Newport (20:17); and Hannah Schroeder, St Louis Park (20:25).



Planning starts in December but gets really hectic in the weeks before the event. "It takes a lot of people to make this event successful," says event coordinator Jeanne Fackler, "from the sponsors, to public works and public safety making the route safe by filling potholes, sweeping, and manning the intersections, to volunteers along the course and at the finish line and, of course, the participants."

Participants received *Run the Valley* T-shirts, and medallions were awarded to the top finisher in each age group. Corporate sponsors included Liberty Carton Company, Lupient Enterprises, and Solbrekk Business Technology Solutions. Other sponsors included Al's Coffee, Chiquita Banana, Channel 12/NWCT, City of Golden Valley, Einstein Bros Bagels, Go Health Chiropractic, Finken Great Glacier Water, Old Fashioned Donut Shoppe, Road ID, Valley Pastries, and Yoplait USA. Sponsors supplied T-shirts, medals, food, and water for the event. The GVHSF thanks all who participated.

The 2012 *Run the Valley* date will be set in May. Watch the City website and CityNews for updates, or contact Fackler at 763-512-2340.

A Tradition of Community Support

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 fundraisers, such as *Run the Valley*, the Golden Valley Golf Classic, and November's Taste of Golden Valley. The Foundation also receives 10 percent of the pull tab monies collected in the City.

For 2011, the GVHSF allocated \$43,500 to nine local human service organizations: Crisis Connection (\$2,000), Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery (\$7,000), Home Free (\$2,500), Northwest Suburban Dinner at Your Door (\$5,000), PRISM (\$10,000), Senior Community Services HOME Program (\$5,000), Senior Community Services Outreach (\$3,500), The Bridge For Youth (\$3,500), and Tree House (\$5,000).



It's UGH Time

Each year Hennepin County teams up with local municipalities to give residents a chance to get rid of UGH—"Unwanted Garden and Household" chemicals and waste—at free household hazardous waste collections:

June 9–11 • 9 am–4 pm
7250 Hwy 7, St Louis Park
(parking lot is in southwest quadrant of Hwy 7 and Louisiana Ave)



July 21–23 • 9 am–4 pm
Dunwoody College of Technology
818 Dunwoody Blvd, Minneapolis

Accepted Materials*

- Household, Lawn, and Garden Products—adhesives, aerosols, batteries, cleaners, drain cleaners, driveway sealer, paint (limit three 5-gallon pails), paint thinners and solvents, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, photographic and hobby chemicals, poisons, pool chemicals, rechargeable tools, stains, wood preservatives, etc
- Auto and Fuel Wastes—gasoline (containers won't be returned), kerosene, diesel fuel, starter fluid, fuel additives, vehicle lead acid batteries, etc
- Electronics—computers, DVD and VCR players, radios, TVs, etc
- Mercury-Containing Items—fluorescent bulbs and HID lamps (limit 25), thermostats, thermometers

*For a complete list, call 612-348-3777 or visit www.hennepin.us/collectionevents.

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.

Permanent Drop-Off Locations

Hennepin County's two permanent drop-off sites (8100 Jefferson Hwy, Brooklyn Park and 1400 W 96th St, Bloomington) accept UGH year-round. For more information, call 612-348-3777 or visit www.hennepin.us/dropoffs.

Don't Throw Away Your Batteries; They're TOXIC

In Minnesota, it's illegal to throw certain types of batteries in the trash. Some contain mercury, lead, and cadmium, which are toxic to humans and harmful to the environment if disposed of improperly.

Even small batteries can pack a toxic punch. For example, if batteries end up at an incinerator, they can release harmful chemicals during combustion.

RECHARGE AND RECYCLE

The first and simplest thing you can do to keep batteries from harming the environment is to buy rechargeable batteries. Americans purchase almost three billion dry-cell batteries per year. That's a lot of toxic metal getting thrown away. Rechargeable batteries can be recharged 500 to 1,000 times. This not only reduces waste, it saves you money in the long run. Just be sure to recycle the batteries when they're done.

When rechargeable batteries, or any other kind, lose their power, take them to one of Hennepin County's many collection sites throughout the metro area:

GOLDEN VALLEY

- Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd, 763-593-8046
- Golden Valley Library, 830 Winnetka Ave, 952-847-5475

CRYSTAL

- Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Dr N, 763-493-8006
- Rockford Road Library, 6401 42nd Ave N, 952-847-5878

ST LOUIS PARK

- St Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd, 952-924-2183
- St Louis Park Library, 3240 Library Ln, 952-847-6126
- St Louis Park Municipal Service Center, 7305 Oxford St, 952-924-2555

Batteries are also accepted at Hennepin County's permanent drop-off sites (see sidebar).

Batteries are collected from households only. No batteries are accepted from businesses.

A depleted battery may still contain a residual charge. Place each battery into an individual plastic bag or place non-conductive tape over the battery terminals to prevent short-circuiting during storage and transport.



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, Jun 4 |
| July 4 | Sat, July 9 |
| Labor Day | Sat, Sept 10 |
| Thanksgiving | Sat, Nov 26 |
| Christmas | Fri, Dec 23 |
| New Year's '12 | Fri, Dec 30 |

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.

GPS Technology Helps Golden Valley Foresters

Golden Valley has unleashed a new weapon in the fight against the emerald ash borer beetle that will also help the City maintain and monitor its urban forest with more efficiency than ever before.

Using GPS technology and an across-the-board inventory of every tree on public property, City employees have digitally mapped out the portions of Golden Valley's forest they manage.

PLANNING AHEAD. . .

While the oncoming threat of the emerald ash borer beetle still presents problems for the City and spells doom for ash trees at large, the fact that it has pushed foresters to inventory Golden Valley's public trees can be seen as a silver lining, says Al Lundstrom, environmental coordinator.

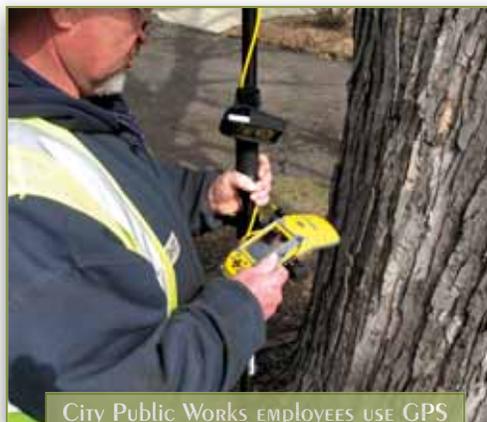
Tree inventories provide valuable information about the makeup of a forest during invasive bug attacks or weather disasters, he explains. The specific location of species clusters or individual trees allows City staff to resolve maintenance situations in a timely fashion and target resources to where they're most needed. The collected data also include diameter, current condition, and a number of other details about each tree in the City, which will guide foresters for years to come.

. . . WITH PRECISION

Furthermore, mapping the trees using GPS technology eliminates guess work.

"You can walk down the boulevard, and the GPS unit will show you which trees are on private property and which are in the public right-of-way," Lundstrom says. This precise data collection helps the City determine its total public ash tree liability.

The ash tree, one of the most prominent tree species in Golden Valley, will be replaced by a variety of other tree species that will ensure that no one species will be dominant, Lundstrom adds. This means in the future a bug such as the ash borer won't pose nearly as big a threat. ~



City Public Works employees use GPS technology to inventory public trees.

ASH BORER THREAT LOOMS



The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle has killed tens of millions of ash trees where it has been discovered. Research has not found any resistance to this Asian beetle in our native ash.

Minnesota has about 900 million ash trees, one of the largest concentrations of any state in the country. Not only are these trees abundant in our forests, they are also an important component of our urban landscapes.

The City of Golden Valley has developed an EAB Management Plan outlining objectives and approaches it will use to meet the anticipated impact of this pest on the urban forest (see story at left).

While the beetle has not yet been found in Golden Valley, it has been discovered in Hennepin County.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has quarantined ash material in Hennepin, Houston, and Ramsey counties to help slow the spread of EAB to other areas. Ash material may not be moved beyond the quarantined boundaries unless given permission by MDA, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), or both.

EAB infested trees show several signs and symptoms:

- heavy woodpecker activity on tree
- dying branches in the top canopy
- sprouts around the tree base
- vertical cracks in the bark
- S-shaped tunnels under the bark
- 1/8 inch D-shaped exit holes in the bark

If you suspect an infestation near your home, visit the Minnesota Department of Agriculture website at www.mda.state.mn.us and use the "Do I Have Emerald Ash Borer?" checklist. The site will also provide you with treatment methods.

To report a possible EAB infestation, contact the Arrest the Pest Hotline at arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us, 651-201-6684, or 888-545-6684. ~

Recreation Opportunities

Find details on the following recreation opportunities in the Spring/Summer Recreation Activities Brochure or the City website (www.goldenvalleymn.gov).

SUMMER PARK PROGRAMS

Bike Rangers • Catch, Kick & Throw • Chess Club • Fishing Club • Flag Football • Ultimate Frisbee Camp • Hiking and Biking Club • Jump Rope • Kick Ball • Kids Korner • Park Baseball • Pitch By Coach • Playgrounds • Sand Volleyball • Soccer Skills Camp • Summer Survivor • T-Ball

Park Special Events

- **Puppet Shows**—Tues & Thurs, various parks and times
- **Water Days**—June 24 & July 15, 12:30-2:15 pm, Scheid Park
- **Penny Carnival**—July 29, 10:30 am, Brookview
- **Picnic & Music In The Park**—Aug 2, 11:15 am, Brookview

Playground Field Trips

- June 17: Brunswick Bowl
- July 8: Cascade Bay Water Park
- July 22: Bunker Beach Water Park

SkyHawks Camps

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

Tennis Camps

Weekly, June 13–Sept 2, Brookview Park

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Art Classes • Balloon Workshop • Drama Club • Magic & More • First Steps in Musicland • Preschool Mini Music Camp • Beginning Keyboard Camp

Register in person, by mail, phone, fax (763-512-2344), or online (www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation).

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

Park & Rec Offers Slew Of FREE Summer Events

As warm weather rolls in, so does another season of park programs and free Golden Valley activities.

Starting June 13, music will fill the air for another summer of **Concerts in the Park** (see page 1). About 150 to 250 people attend each performance, depending on weather. Concerts take place inside the Brookview Park picnic shelter during light rain and are cancelled if weather is severe. Music varies from jazz, country, or folk to full orchestra. "It's great for family gatherings and picnics, and it's just a pleasant way to spend an evening," says Andy Soltvedt, park and recreation supervisor.

"We also have many options to keep kids occupied outside, including free playground programs and special events," adds Soltvedt.

For example, the fun and constructive **Morning and Afternoon Playgrounds** include a variety of games and art activities. Staffed by energetic Park and Recreation employees, each program features games such as Capture the Flag, Ships Across the Ocean, dodgeball, and softball; crafts such as tie-dye, grass hair planters, and sand monsters; as well as story time and puppet shows.

To see what's in store each week, choose a park and stop by opening day to pick up a schedule. Programs run Monday through Thursday, June 13–July 28. Morning play is 9:30–11:30 am at South Tyrol Park. Afternoon play is 1–4:30 pm at Gearty, Hampshire, Lakeview, Lions, Medley, Scheid and Wesley Parks. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons feature the roving **Golden Valley Puppet Wagon**, which brings a new show to these parks each week from June 14–July 28.

On two Fridays, June 24 and July 15, the big hill at Scheid Park will feature three water slides for **Water Days**. From 12:30–2:15 pm, kids can enjoy sliding, a DJ playing music, and puppet shows.

Brookview Park will feature carnival games, balloons, dunk tank, puppet shows, hay rides, popcorn, and more at the **Penny Carnival** Friday, July 29, 10:30 am–12:30 pm. Remember, just bring pennies. All activities are two to five cents. Parents need to provide transportation to and from the park.

On Aug 2, 11:15 am–noon, bring a picnic lunch and a blanket to Brookview

Park for **Picnic in the Park**, with a show by The Flyers. Tell your friends, parents, grandparents—it's for everyone! Drink and popcorn will be provided. In case of bad weather, the event will be held in the large shelter.

For specific information on times and locations for any of these events, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov and type "special events" into the search engine. Or, contact Golden Valley Park and Recreation at 763-512-2345. ♪



Volunteer Opportunities Abound This Summer

Golden Valley has an array of volunteer opportunities that will help you celebrate summer while giving back to the community.



CITY CLEAN-UP AREAS

Anytime

Help keep Golden Valley beautiful by organizing a group, family, club, business, or company to pick up litter and clean-up median and boulevard planters; in the winter, people are needed to clear snow from hydrants.



MAINTAIN HWY 55 LILAC BEDS

Occasionally through spring, summer, and fall

Give a few hours to help maintain the Lilac Project planting beds by weeding the assigned beds during the spring, summer, and fall.



SUMMER PARK EVENTS

Contact the Park & Recreation Dept at 763-512-2340

Help the Park & Rec staff host a variety of popular summer park event, such as Water Day and the Penny Carnival (see story on page 6).



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Monday, July 18, 6–8:30 pm

Help with set-up or clean-up, serving ice cream, or other activities planned for the evening at Brookview Park. The Ice Cream Social follows a concert featuring The First John Phillip Sousa Memorial Band.



LILAC PLANTING PROJECT

Saturday, Oct 1, 9 am–1 pm

For the fourth consecutive year, volunteers will be planting perennials, bulbs, shrubs, lilacs, and trees on the north side of Hwy 55 from Douglas Dr to Glenwood Ave. You can help by gathering neighbors, church members, co-workers, or members of a club or team to join you in planting.



VALLEY VOLUNTEER DAY

Saturday Oct 1, afternoon

Help generate ideas to improve our community that can be accomplished on this day, and then work with the Volunteer Day Committee to organize the projects and make them happen.

BECOME A BRIDGE BUILDER

Bridge Builders is a program that helps individuals or groups connect with others in the community who share similar interests. Bridge Builders work with the Connection Project Board and other volunteers to learn about Golden Valley and serve as a resource for others who want to get involved.

If you're interested in any of these activities or want to learn more about how else you can serve Golden Valley, contact volunteer coordinator Sandy Werts at 763-512-2341 or email her at swerts@goldenvalleymn.gov.



Senior Stuff

Unless noted otherwise, most activities are at Brookview Community Center and require advance registration with the Seniors Program office (see below).

SPECIAL EVENTS

"Look Up! Stories of the Constellations"—July 27, 7 pm, Golden Valley Library, 830 Winnetka Ave N.

William Arden, MS, Augsburg College, will dig into the history and mythology behind the constellations and find some sense in their placement. For kids of all ages. Register with the Golden Valley Library (612-543-6375) starting June 15.

"Full Circle Superior"—July 28, 7 pm, Calvary Center Coop, 7600 Golden Valley Rd.

Last year, Kate Crowley and Mike Link spent 5 months trekking 1,550 miles around Lake Superior. Hear their dramatic experience, a combination of biological, physical, and cultural research with the adventure of walking around the largest lake in the world. Limited seating. Register by July 22 with Lara at 763-544-1090 or Lhoma1@fairview.org.

Tai Chi FOR HEALTH & ARTHRITIS

Classes July 12–Aug 16, 9:45–10:45 am. \$42/resident, \$47/non-resident.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 22 & July 22, 11–11:30 am.

Coffee Talk

June 22, 9:45 am: "Your Life, Your Story, Your Legacy," by SagisLegacy. Learn ways to select, organize, and preserve your life stories, photos, family history, and heirloom documents. \$2 payable at door. Register by June 20.



MONEY MATTERS

- June 16, 10–11 am: "Be Wise, Be Informed, Be Empowered," by Better Business Bureau of MN/ND.
- July 21 10–11 am: "Right and Wrong Ways to leave property to children."

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

"Lovely Lilacs" photo by Amy Andress



Revisiting Envision Golden Valley

As Golden Valley heads into its 125th year, CityNews reports on progress made toward the goals of Envision Golden Valley, the community visioning process that began in 1997 and continues today. Over the years, thousands of people have participated, sharing their ideas and hopes for Golden Valley's future in six overlapping categories: Development, Transportation, Environment, Recreation, Community Engagement, and Government. Throughout 2011, CityNews is revisiting one category in each issue, continuing with Environment.

Environment

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE: Golden Valley is a beautiful, healthy city that preserves its balance of natural and developed urban areas.

Over the years, Golden Valley's residents have worked with government, industry, and developers to preserve and protect the environment. Today the community is defined by several natural resources, including Bassett Creek and numerous ponds and wetlands, 1,144 acres of parks and open space, and a well-managed urban forest. Managing these resources continues to be a challenge as the City works to meet ever-expanding state and federal water quality and environmental mandates. In addition, the City continually works to improve waste collection and recycling services.

Residents want wildlife-friendly woods, wetlands, community gardens, and public green areas that are within walking distance for all. They want to see practices that improve water quality in local creeks, lakes, and ponds. And they expect the City to use technology and innovation to help manage waste, conserve energy, and improve the environment. Development should be environmentally-friendly.

Supporting Themes & Ideas

- ◆ We embrace new technologies and innovative practices to manage waste and pollution at the source.
- ◆ The City's master plan inspires the community and individual to preserve green and open spaces.
- ◆ We are leaders in surface water protection and enhancement.
- ◆ Our urban design practices enhance the beauty of the city's green and open spaces.

The City of Golden Valley has devoted significant resources over the past several years to meet its environmental goals, says Al Lundstrom, environmental coordinator. From cutting down on waste and pollution to expanding its open spaces and keeping its waters clean, the City has stayed ahead of the curve.

Upcoming projects indeed reflect Envision's themes and ideas, including:

- ◆ continued investment in programs to manage waste and pollution
- ◆ projects and technology that preserve the environment through use of native plants, low-input lawn care, and reduced use of chemicals
- ◆ continued investment in surface water management
- ◆ planning for and implementation of development that includes green spaces, natural buffers to neighborhoods, and links to trails



Surface Water

Since Golden Valley's inception, Bassett Creek has been one of the city's greatest assets while presenting some of its biggest challenges. To early settlers, it was both a water source and an obstacle. Associated wetlands and marshes hindered developers, yet people flocked to buy creek side homes. Flood control has always been an issue.

Today, the City manages Bassett Creek and other water bodies in the community in accordance with state and federal water quality standards.



Bassett Creek

To protect Bassett Creek water quality, the City does an annual inventory of the creek to track and prioritize areas of concern. It then works with the Bassett Creek Water Management Commission on creek restoration projects that include stabilizing the banks to prevent erosion and planting native vegetation to filter pollutants. To date, one-half miles of the creek bank have been restored.

In 2011, the ongoing Bassett Creek Restoration Project continues in the Briarwood Nature Area. The 2010/11 Golden Valley Country Club storm water pond excavation project and the 2010 Hidden Lakes pond excavation project are under way to improve water quality.

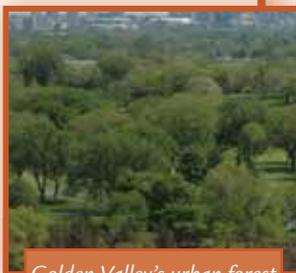
The City maintains these ponds by excavating sediment so they continue to work effectively. Restoring shorelines with native plant buffers helps filter pollutants from storm water runoff.

Forestry

The many wooded residential areas in Golden Valley are important resources and add significantly to the quality of life and the value of property within the city.

Golden Valley's urban forestry program ensures that public trees are properly managed. It also provides residents with the correct information to care for their own trees.

For years, Golden Valley has received the nationally recognized designation of Tree City USA. The City recently began using modern GPS and GIS technology to more efficiently manage its urban forest by helping inventory public trees (see article on page 5).



Golden Valley's urban forest

Urban Design And Open Space

Golden Valley land use planning history goes back to the 1930s, when the City adopted its first zoning code to regulate the development and use of property. As the community grew, City leaders kept the environment as a focus, resulting in the variety of urban and open space uses we see today.

While City planners continue to protect and plan for parks and open space that mingle cohesively with homes and businesses, citizens are stepping forward to help beautify the community with volunteer street landscaping projects.

One example is the three-year-old Lilac Planting Project, which seeks to make Hwy 55 a green boulevard from Hwy 169 to Wirth Parkway.

The City is also following environmentally friendly development standards as it plans for future redevelopment in the I-394 corridor and the Douglas Drive corridor. Any development in these areas will strive to include open space buffers between residential neighborhoods, green spaces, trail and pedestrian connections, and use of native vegetation and existing natural features.



Lilac Planting Project

Recycling & Waste Management

Golden Valley has long been committed to improving the environment through waste management practices. The City's residential recycling program was developed in 1988, but years before that a local women's group had started a recycling drop-off site for the community located on City property.

The City's annual brush pick-up and leaf-drop-off programs are nearly 20 years old, and its annual clean-up day has been successful for nearly 10 years.

Currently, the City's Environmental Commission is discussing how to improve the solid waste and recycling program, and the City is adding features to the annual Mighty Tidy Clean-up Day.

In addition, the City has been retrofitting more efficient light fixture ballasts to reduce energy costs in the majority of its public buildings.



Brush Pick Up



NIGHT to UNITE!

Neighbors Joining Together

Tuesday, August 2

Golden Valley neighborhoods are invited to join cities throughout Minnesota on August 2 for Night to Unite.

The Golden Valley Police Department 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!

MNTU planning kits will be mailed to Neighborhood Watch block captains in June and are also available on the City website.

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

Drinking And Driving Leads To Regret

In Minnesota in 2009, 421 people died in traffic crashes. Over a quarter of those deaths involved alcohol.

One in seven Minnesotans has a DWI on record. In Golden Valley, there were 193 DWI-related arrests in 2010.

The Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) takes drunk driving seriously. With the help of a Safe & Sober grant awarded by the State of Minnesota, it is able to assign officers to extra details that specifically target drunk drivers.

STOP IMPAIRED DRIVING

The legal blood-alcohol limit is 0.08, but motorists can be arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI) at lower levels. If you're about to drive, the safest bet is to not have any drinks. If you will be drinking, have a plan for a sober ride before you party:

- designate a sober driver
- take a cab or public transportation
- crash on a couch, not on the road

A typical penalty for a first-time DWI offender includes jail time and loss of license for a minimum of 30 days and up to a year. Costs can be as high as \$20,000 when factoring court costs, legal fees, and increased insurance premiums.

Even without any prior convictions, a single DWI can haunt you for up to decade, potentially hurting your ability to get certain jobs, particularly those that require driving. Additionally, because of Canadian laws, travel to that country may be impeded with a DWI on your record.



Public Safety Open House

Wednesday, June 15 • 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, McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog, fire trucks and police squad cars, SWAT team, Old Number One fire truck, live fire demos, fire extinguisher training, auto extrication demos, dunk-a-cop/firefighter, BART Animal Rescue, Squirt House, Fatal Vision display, vehicle roll-over simulator, blood pressure checks by North Memorial, door prizes (while supplies last), and more.

For a complete list of activities by Fire Station, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/openhouse.

Firefighter Expo Gives Hands-On Experience

Ever thought about becoming a Golden Valley firefighter? Want a taste of what firefighting is really like? Mark your calendar for the June 23 Golden Valley Firefighter Recruitment Expo, followed by an informational meeting June 27 (see box).

The Recruitment Expo aims to give prospective firefighters an idea of what it would be like join the Golden Valley Fire Department.

"You'll get a chance to try on fire gear, put on a self contained breathing apparatus, watch a live burn, take part in a auto extrication demo, and potentially climb our ladder trucks," says Stephen Baker, fire education specialist. "Instead of telling you what it's about, we'll show you."

Golden Valley firefighters will be on hand to answer questions about the job and discuss how they overcame any doubts about making it work in their lives. They'll be available to chat one-on-one about how they balance day jobs, families, and firefighting, where they find the time, and why they keep doing it.

"There are a lot of myths out there about who can and can't be a firefighter," Baker says, "and we want a chance to play myth-buster."

To be a Golden Valley firefighter, you need to be 18 years old or older, have a valid driver's license, live OR work within six minutes of a Golden Valley fire station, and have a high school diploma or equivalency.

"Sure, you have to make sacrifices to do the job," Baker says. "The Expo will give you a closer look at what the job entails, the value of being a firefighter, and help you decide if those sacrifices are worth it."



Golden Valley Firefighter Recruitment Expo

Thursday, June 23, 7-9 pm
Fire Station 1, 7800 Golden Valley Rd

Recruitment Meeting

Monday, June 27, 9:30 am & 6:30 pm
Fire Station 1, 7800 Golden Valley Rd

Street Dance

Saturday, June 18
4 pm-midnight

Chester Bird American Legion
Hwy 100 & Glenwood Ave

- Family activities
- Hot dogs, brats, roasted corn-on-the-cob, chips, popcorn, snow cones, mini donuts, pop, and Sebastian Joe's ice cream sandwiches
- 4-7 pm: DJ for Kids
- 7 pm-midnight: *The Mooners*
- Fireworks at dusk

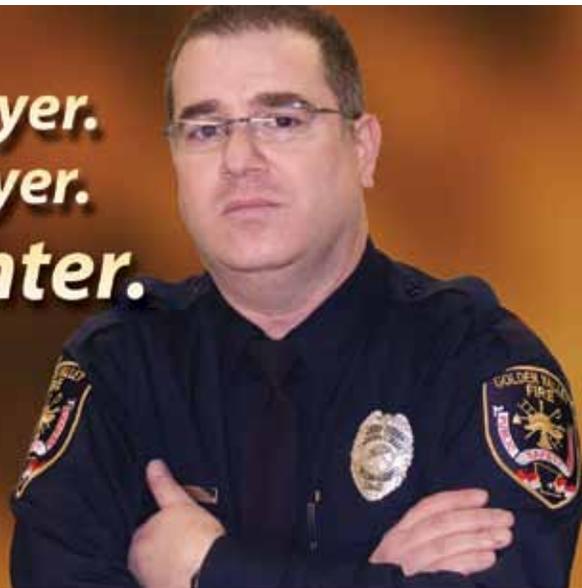
Sponsored by the Golden Valley Fire Relief Association.

For more information, contact the Golden Valley Fire Department at 763-512-2420.



**Defense Lawyer.
Hockey Player.
Firefighter.**

Marc
New Recruit, 2009



goldenvalleyfire.com

AS A TRIAL LAWYER, MARC BERRIS' professional life is nothing if not demanding, but he still had the urge to do more, with his sights set on volunteer firefighting.

"I thought about it for years," says Berris, "but I always thought of a reason why it didn't work—the kids, the job." One day he saw a Golden Valley fire truck drive by with a banner on it encouraging joining up. And something clicked.

He contacted a Golden Valley firefighter through Facebook, and they met over coffee to talk about the demands of the job. After that, he was convinced. "I knew this was a good way to serve the public." And he still finds time for his family, his job, and even a little hockey playing on the side.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS GUIDE TO FUTURE

A comprehensive plan serves as a 10-year blueprint for a city's future. It takes stock of current status, helps focus the ideas of the community, outlines goals in a clear and organized fashion, and then guides City officials as they navigate further changes.



In 1976, the Metropolitan Land Planning Act went into law. It required cities to update their comprehensive plans every 10 years.

Golden Valley's recently updated Comprehensive Plan, which used Envision Golden Valley to incorporate community input, addresses Golden Valley's aging population and the need for life-cycle housing.

In 2000, 20 percent of Golden Valley residents were over age 65, and that number is projected to increase to 39 percent in the next 20 years.

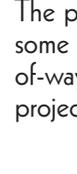
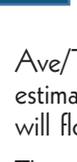
To prepare for changing needs and desires in the housing market, the City is considering ways to increase the amount of senior housing available in Golden Valley for those who choose to move to an apartment or condo-style home.

Creating alternate housing options would give senior citizens a place to live that may be more appropriate for their changing needs (such as senior apartments and assisted living complexes). It would also use land more efficiently.

The City's Comp Plan identifies areas that could accommodate such housing styles while having minimal impact on existing neighborhoods. Two areas are currently under Council consideration for re-zoning (see page 1).

If you have questions about the City's Comp Plan or re-zoning, contact City Planner Joe Hogeboom at 763-593-8099 or jhogeboom@goldenvalleymn.gov.

To read Golden Valley's 2008-2018 Comprehensive Plan in full, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov and click on the "Comprehensive Plan" link at the lower left-hand corner.



City Is At Work On Two Sanitary Sewer Projects

The City of Golden Valley is working with the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) to complete two major sanitary sewer projects.

INTERCEPTOR LINE REPAIR

The first project is a repair to an existing sanitary sewer pipe, referred to as the 1-GV-461 interceptor line. The interceptor line currently gathers municipal sanitary sewer flow from City-owned sanitary sewer lines and directs the flow through Golden Valley to the MCES wastewater treatment plant in St Paul. Due to its age, the pipe is taking on unwanted groundwater. This inflow and infiltration of ground water leads to unnecessary wastewater treatment costs.

Repairs will be made by lining existing sections of the pipe and replacing another section altogether. For example, crews will install a liner in the pipe under I-394 and around Loring Lane and Westwood Drive, just east of Breck School. Crews will completely replace a section of pipe near North Tyrol Park.

The project will include temporary conveyance of wastewater, street and driveway restoration, clearing and grubbing of trees, traffic control, roadway closures, and site restoration. In areas that impact Breck School, construction will end no later than Aug 14, 2011.



1-GV-461 INTERCEPTOR

RELIEVER LINE INSTALLATION

The second project involves installing an 18-inch sanitary sewer reliever line.

The existing reliever line is near capacity, so a new line will help redirect some of that flow. A new line is also necessary if the City hopes to expand and promote redevelopment along the I-394 corridor and accommodate flow from St Louis Park, says Mitchell Hoefl, a City of Golden Valley engineer.

The proposed route includes installation under I-394, along Circle Down, and north to Hwy 55 by means of the Xenia Ave/Turner's Crossroad Corridor. From there, an estimated 5 million gallons of wastewater per day will flow into the existing Plymouth force mains.

The project will begin in 2012 and will involve some road closures, traffic control, and right-of-way restoration. There will be a very limited impact on residential properties. The project will be completed in 2013.



Maintenance Keeps City Streets Ship-Shape

The City of Golden Valley keeps its streets ship-shape and its residents safe with a scheduled street maintenance program. Two common maintenance practices are sealcoating and overlays, which the City schedules on different sections of streets each year. With proper maintenance, pavements are expected to last approximately 50 years on average.

SEALCOATING is one of the most common methods of preventive street maintenance and 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 2011 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 sweepings before all excess rock is picked up.

Every 20 to 25 years, streets are **milled** and **overlaid** with a new layer of asphalt, which reshapes them and corrects any settling or flaws that developed over the years. This summer the City will mill and overlay five sections of street:

- Sandburg Rd from Nevada Ave to Douglas Dr
- Nevada Ave from Sandburg Rd to Medicine Lake Rd
- Madison Ave from Nevada Ave to Louisiana Ave
- Louisiana Ave from Sandburg Rd to Madison Ave
- Colonial Dr cul-de-sac (remainder of street will be reconstructed), in conjunction with the 2011 Pavement Management Project

Construction is expected to start in May for curb and walk repairs. Watch the City website for updated schedules.

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.



MILL & OVERLAY

2011 Sealcoat Streets

- 7th Ave N (Decatur Ave N to Boone Ave N)
- 10th Ave N (Rhode Island Ave N to Mendelssohn Ave N)
- Adell Ave (Noble Ave N to Kyle Ave N)
- Brunswick Ave S (Glenwood Ave to Dakota)
- Brunswick Ave N cul-de-sac (Glenwood Ave to cul-de-sac)
- Cross Lane (Major Ave N to Lee Ave N)
- Dakota Ave S (Glenwood Ave to Brunswick)
- Decatur Ave N (10th Ave N to Golden Valley Rd)
- Elmdale Rd (Noble Ave N to Kyle Ave)
- Golden Valley Dr (Golden Valley Rd to dead end)
- Golden Valley Rd (Rhode Island Ave N to Boone Ave N)
- Heathbrooke Cir
- Indiana Ave N (Golden Valley Rd to cul-de-sac)
- Kyle Ave N (Culver Rd to 34th Ave N)
- Kyle Place (Golden Valley Rd to cul-de-sac)
- Lee Ave N (Culver Rd to 34th Ave N)
- Lewis Rd (10th Ave to 10th Ave N)
- Major Ave N (Culver Rd to 34th Ave N)
- Major Cir
- Major Dr
- Mary Hills Dr (Golden Valley Rd to Bassett Creek Dr)
- Noble Ave N (Culver Rd to 34th Ave N)
- Noble Dr
- Rhode Island Ave N (Olson Memorial Hwy to 10th Ave N)
- Wasatch Lane (Mary Hills Dr to cul-de-sac)



City Council Endorses Complete Streets

In Golden Valley, it has always been a priority to provide streets that are safe and convenient for all users. On March 15, 2011, the City Council passed a resolution to reinforce this practice.

The resolution calls for “supporting complete streets and directing staff to continue to use established plans and policies supporting transportation systems for all users.”

What Is A Complete Street?

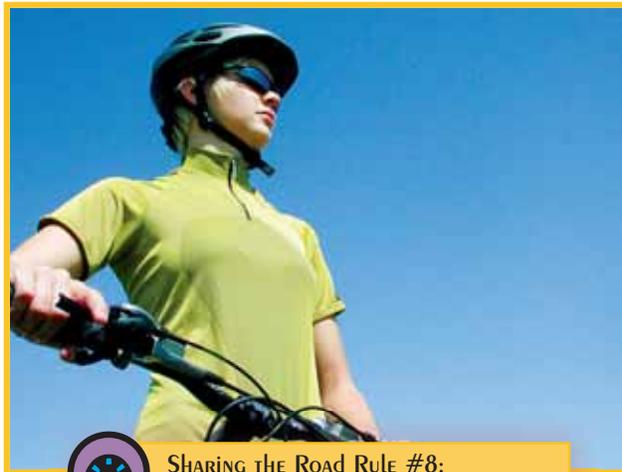
We all may have walked or biked on a road that was built to serve motorized demands but left pedestrian and bicyclist needs as an afterthought.

The term “complete street” refers to a road system designed and operated to promote safe travel by all types of potential users—pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders.

A complete street design might use parts of the entire road system to provide safe and efficient access for all users. Though there is no singular design standard, a complete street may include sidewalks, bike lanes, wide paved shoulders, safe street crossings, median islands, narrow travel lanes, curb extensions, and more.

If you have questions about complete streets in Golden Valley, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030.

Roadway Safety: A Shared Responsibility



SHARING THE ROAD RULE #8:
Bicyclists should ALWAYS WEAR HELMETS.

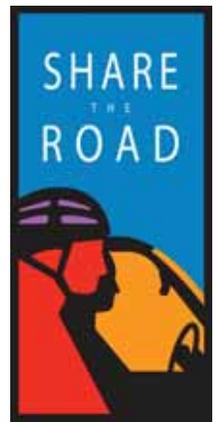
The long winter has finally given way to spring, which means increased numbers of pedestrians and bicyclists on city streets and sidewalks. It's important for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians to be aware of all roadway users and respect their place on city streets.

The concept of “sharing the road” is intended to reinforce a shared responsibility for safety and promote a mutual courtesy between all roadway users.

Bicycles are legal vehicles on Minnesota roads, and bicyclists have the same rights as motorists. This means all roadway users are equally responsible for bicycle safety and reducing bicycle/motor vehicle crashes. The top factor contributing to these crashes is failure of both bicyclists and motorists to yield the right-of-way.

While motorists should be aware of bicyclists on the road, it is also critical that bicyclists clearly understand they, too, are operating a vehicle. Bicyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic, obey all traffic control signs and signals, and signal their turns. Also remember—to be safe, bicyclists need to be seen.

To learn more about bicycle safety in Minnesota, visit www.sharetheroadmn.org.



“To be safe, bicyclists need to be seen.”

8 Rules For Sharing The Road



Bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads except where restricted, such as on freeways.



Motorists and bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to each other.



Bicyclists should ride on the road and must ride in the same direction as traffic.



Bicyclists must signal their turns and ride in a predictable manner.



Motorists must at all times maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist.



Bicyclists must use a headlight and rear reflectors when it's dark. To increase visibility, add a rear flashing light.



Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, same as motorists.



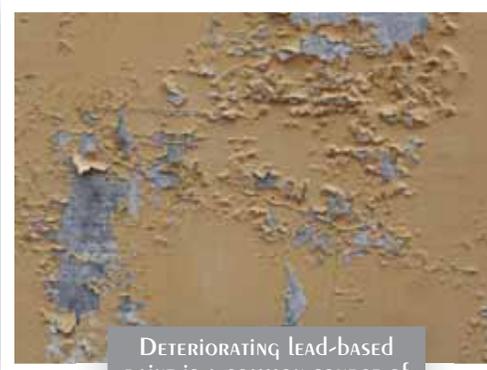
Bicyclists should always wear helmets.

Lead Safety Certificate Law Effective Aug 1

If you're planning on remodeling a home built before 1978, your contractor will need to be certified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in lead-safety.

On Feb 17, Minnesota adopted federal regulations requiring lead certification for anyone doing renovation, repair, and painting in pre-1978 housing or child-occupied facilities. Starting Aug 1, all firms doing work in such facilities must:

- employ supervisory certified renovators who have successfully completed an EPA-accredited one-day training course
- use only trained workers who have received specific on-the-job training
- use specified lead-safe work practices and provide designated educational material



DETERIORATING LEAD-BASED PAINT IS A COMMON SOURCE OF LEAD POISONING.

The City of Golden Valley will check for the EPA certification information when contractors apply for any renovation permit, unless the building was built after 1978.

Renovation is broadly defined as any activity that disturbs painted surfaces and includes most repair, remodeling, and maintenance activities, including window replacement.

THE DANGERS OF LEAD

Lead is a toxic metal used for many years in products found in and around homes. It's easily released into the environment if handled improperly. It can cause a range of health effects, from behavioral problems and learning disabilities to seizures and death.

The most common sources of lead poisoning include deteriorating lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust, and lead-contaminated residential soil. People can get lead in their body if they put their hands or other objects covered with lead dust in their mouths, eat paint chips or soil that contains lead, or breathe in lead dust, especially during renovations that disturb painted surfaces.

Children six years old and under are most at risk for lead poisoning because their growing bodies absorb more lead and their brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead. Babies and young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths. These objects could have lead dust on them.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

Golden Valley inspection officials advise homeowners to avoid working around lead paint themselves. The Minnesota Department of Health's Lead Program provides information about home test kits, laboratories that test for lead in paint, dust, water and soil, and consulting firms that perform lead risk assessments. Call 651-201-4620 or go to www.health.state.mn.us/lead or www.epa.gov/lead.

DON'T FORGET THOSE PERMITS

Permits ensure construction in Golden Valley meets local, state, and federal building standards and codes. But before the City can issue a building permit, you must submit project plans and a building permit application (requirements can vary for specific projects).

COMMON PERMIT TYPES

Electrical Permits are required, but not issued, by the City of Golden Valley. For questions on electrical inspections or permits, contact the state electrical inspector at 763-241-2102. Applications are available online at www.electricity.state.mn.us.

Grading, Drainage, and Erosion Control Permits are required for any activity that involves disturbing land by removing more than 10,000 square feet of soil or vegetation.

Mechanical Permits cover installation or replacement of fireplaces, heating systems, and air conditioners.

Right-of-Way (ROW) Permits are required for any work in the right-of-way, such as driveways.

Plumbing Permits cover installation or replacement of plumbing for toilets, bathtubs, sinks, floor drains, water heaters, showers, garbage disposals, backflow preventers for underground sprinkler systems, and dishwashers. Permits are also required if you hire a plumber to make connections to the City's sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main, or any repairs to your sanitary service.

Questions? Call Inspections at 763-593-8090.





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Views of the Valley ENTRY FORM

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.

Deliver complete entries by June 8, 2011 to:

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



Views of the Valley Entries Due June 8

Itching to show off your photography skills? Enter the 19th annual *Views of the Valley* photo contest. All winning entries are published in *CityNews* and the City website and reproduced for permanent display in City Hall. First prize winners in each category receive \$50; grand prize is an additional \$50. The People's Choice winner will receive \$25. Deadline for entry is June 8, 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 alterations.
- 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.

All photo entries will be displayed at City Hall and on the City website. From June 10–24, Golden Valley residents may vote for the "People's Choice" award at City Hall during business hours (8 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday) or online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov. Winners will be notified in early July.

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.



125th Anniversary Category

In honor of Golden Valley's 125th anniversary, *Views of the Valley* will award a \$25 prize to the photo voted most historically significant by judges. All other contest rules still apply.



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