

Golden Valley 2012

CityNEWS

Transit Route In Question

For the past several years, Hennepin County has been studying the feasibility of a dedicated light rail transit corridor, known as the Bottineau Transitway, that would extend from downtown Minneapolis to the northwest suburbs. Under consideration are two possible routes—one through north Minneapolis, and one through part of Golden Valley (see map at left). Government officials are examining the plausibility of these routes and the environmental impact.



The Bottineau Transitway runs mostly parallel with Bottineau Boulevard (Hwy 81), but the southern end would diverge from this alignment and go through north Minneapolis (the D-2 Alignment) or Golden Valley along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad corridor (the D-1 Alignment), then connect with Hwy 55.

Hennepin County has been taking public input at community meetings, by phone, and by email. For example, a Jan 23, 2012 meeting in Wirth Park provided residents the opportunity to view plans, ask questions, and officially submit comments on the proposal. In March, the Golden Valley City Council sent a letter to the County outlining the City’s main concerns with the D-1 Alignment, including the impact to Wirth Park and Mary Hills Nature Area and the impacts (noise, light, vibration, etc) to surrounding properties. The City Council will decide in June whether or not to endorse the D-1 route.

Using input from all impacted cities, Hennepin County will select one of the routes in 2013. Construction would not happen for at least three years and until funding is established.

For more information, go to www.bottineautransitway.org. To comment, contact the City at 763-593-8099, or the County at 612-348-7882 or commissioner.stenglein@co.hennepin.mn.us.



Celebrate community spirit at the ninth annual Golden Valley Days Art & Music Festival.

Saturday, May 19
9:30 am–9:30 pm, Brookview Park

- 9:30–10:15 am: Parade
- 10 am–6 pm: Art Fair, Games, Food Vendors
- 10 am–3 pm: Plant Sale, Community Organization Booths
- 10 am–9:30 pm: Food Vendors
- 11 am–3 pm: Vintage Auto Show
- 1–6 pm: Music
- 3:30–5:30 pm: Bingo
- 9:30 pm: Fireworks

Golden Valley Days is presented by the Golden Valley Community Events Fund, a non-profit community foundation organized by city residents. For more information or to volunteer, call 612-226-6209, or visit www.gvcfoundation.org.

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VISI Awards Honor Golden Valley Enthusiasts

Do you know someone who has a vision for making Golden Valley a better place and who is making that vision a reality?

If so, nominate that person for a Golden Valley Envision (VISI) Award. Nominated people or projects should add to the quality of life in Golden Valley, connect people and/or strengthen the community's social network, show a sense of community ownership, be purposeful, and further one of the six envision categories: development, transportation, community engagement, Environment, recreation, and government.

The Envision Award is given quarterly by the Envision Connection Project Board of Directors. Winners receive a certificate and their name on a permanent plaque at City Hall. They are also recognized at a Golden Valley City Council meeting and in City publications.

All nominees must either live, work, or play in Golden Valley, but nominations may be made by individuals who live outside the city. Nomination forms are available at City Hall and Brookview Community Center and can also be submitted or printed online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/envision/award/.

VISI awards are presented quarterly. This year, nominations for the spring VISI presentation in May are due by April 12. Future nominations are due the first of May, August, and November. 

Serve Your Community As An Election Judge

Election judges make sure elections run fairly and smoothly. These paid officials work at our polling places to protect the rights of voters and determine the balloting results after the polls close on Election Day. Minnesota law requires that at least two election judges from different major political parties conduct certain tasks in the polling place to ensure the integrity of our elections.

The City of Golden Valley is always looking for qualified voters to act as election judges. You'd have to be available from 6 am to 11 pm Aug 14 and Nov 6, 2012.

Requirements

Election judges typically serve in polling places near their homes and must:

- ★ be at least 18 years old
- ★ be eligible to vote in Minnesota
- ★ be able to read, write, and speak English
- ★ cannot be a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct
- ★ cannot be a candidate or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any candidate on the ballot in that precinct

Duties

At each polling place, multiple election judges work together to:

- ★ check voters in, distribute ballots, register new voters, and offer assistance as needed
- ★ explain voting procedures and use of voting equipment
- ★ verify and certify results by precinct and close the polling places at the end of election day

The City provides mandatory training. To learn more about becoming an election judge in Golden Valley, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/elections/election-judges.php. 



INTRODUCTION TO VOTING WORKSHOP

May 10, 5-7 pm
Golden Valley City Hall

The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State and the City of Golden Valley will present a workshop to educate eligible voters about voting. The goal is to increase voter participation, encourage enthusiasm, and create comfort around the electoral process.

Designed for students, first-time voters, and anyone interested in elections, the interactive workshops will take community members through the entire voting process, from filling out voter registration applications to placing ballots in the ballot counter.

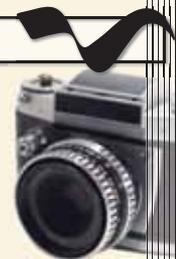
Interested? Contact City Clerk Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010 or svirnig@goldenvalleymn.gov.



Attention Lilac Lovers

Help beautify your community! The Golden Valley Lilac Project is working to plant lilacs, shrubs, and flowers along Hwy 55 through Golden Valley. In June the group will meet to maintain the lilac beds planted over the past four years. The 5th annual Lilac Planting Party will occur the end of September. Volunteer for the planning team or the planting team.

For more information, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/lilacplanting/ or watch upcoming issues of *CityNews*. To sign up, contact Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Werts at 763-512-2341 or swerts@goldenvalleymn.gov. 



Take A Shot In 20th Views of the Valley

What you see in Golden Valley all depends on how you frame it. Enter the 20th annual *Views of the Valley* photo contest and share your unique perspectives.

The contest aims to promote Golden Valley and civic pride in a fun and educational way. A panel of judges evaluates each entry on subject matter, composition, clarity, lighting, depth of field, artistry/drama, degree of difficulty, technical excellence, and overall impact. Creative photo titles also earn points.

Photographers and critics alike can participate in the contest by voting for their favorite photo in the People's Choice award category. View the photo entries online or at City Hall, and vote at either venue. Watch for more details in the May/June issue of *CityNews*.

To enter, read the rules (see below) and submit your favorite photos. The entry form on this page can be photocopied. To see past winners or to download an entry form, check out www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/photocontest/. Photo entries become the property of the City of Golden Valley and will not be returned.

Deadline is June 6, 2012, at 4:30 pm. Mail or drop off completed entries to Photo Contest, City of Golden Valley, 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427. City employees and their families are not eligible to enter. If you have questions or need more entry forms, call 763-593-8004. 



2011 Grand Prize: *Rest Time*, Patrick O'Rourke

CONTEST PRIZES

Overall Grand Prize
Winner receives additional \$50.

First Place Prize
Winners in each of the three categories receive \$50, publication of photo on City website and in *CityNews*, and a certificate of appreciation.

People's Choice
Winners are published on the City website and in *CityNews* and receive \$25 and a certificate of appreciation.

All photo entries will be displayed at City Hall and on the City website. From June 8–18, 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. 

CONTEST RULES

- You must be a Golden Valley resident.
- Submit each photo in one of three categories:
 - Natural Golden Valley (landscapes, flora, fauna, etc)
 - Golden Valley Lifestyle (cityscapes, buildings, people, activities, etc)
 - Enhanced (photos significantly altered by editing software, lenses, etc). On the entry form, explain what alterations were made to each enhanced photo.
- Submit up to three color or black-and-white photos.
 - All photos must be trimmed to 5x7.
 - Do not submit slides, photocopies, or prints not on photo-quality paper.
 - Digital files must be accompanied by a print on photo-quality paper.
 - Do not mat or frame photos.
 - Include complete entry information for each photo (see form). Be sure to indicate the category.
- All entries submitted must be your own work.
- All decisions will be final, and judges reserve the right not to award in any category.
- The City of Golden Valley will not be responsible for lost entries.
- The contest organizers reserve the right to re-categorize or disqualify any entries.
- If there are identifiable people in the photo and it was taken in a non-public space, it is the responsibility of the photographer to obtain permission to use the photo.
- **Deadline is June 6, 2012, 4:30 pm.**

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 _____

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RECYCLING NEWS

Recycling numbers for January show Golden Valley residents are making the most of the City's new program, recycling 16.45 tons (10.6 percent) more material than in January 2011. That's more than 4 additional pounds of material per curbside customer.

As everyone adjusts to recycling more materials, please remember all items (including cardboard) must be in the cart for collection, ideally with the lid closed. Although open lids don't interfere with collection, loose items (paper, cardboard, small plastics, etc) at the top of the cart often blow out before collection or fall out when it's emptied. To fit more items in the cart, crush cans and flatten cardboard. If you still have overflow, try placing those topmost loose items in a paper bag and gently fold it closed (don't seal it with tape or staples). If you need a larger cart, call Allied Waste at 952-941-5174.

For more information on the recycling program and materials that can be recycled, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling/curbside/.



Clean Up The Lawn For Spring Brush Pick-Up

Clear the way for summer by taking part in Golden Valley's annual residential *Spring Brush Pick-Up*. The pick-up, running from April 30 to May 18 gives you the opportunity to place tree limbs and brush at your curb for collection and disposal.

Pick Up Schedule

The City will be divided into three sections (see below), with a week designated for pick-up in each. **Brush must be placed on the curb by 8 am Monday the week of pick-up.** If there is a lot of brush, pick-up may take longer than a week.

- 🌀 **Section 1**— Area north of 55 and west of Douglas Drive—**week of April 30**
- 🌀 **Section 2**—Area north of Hwy 55 and east of Douglas Dr—**week of May 7**
- 🌀 **Section 3**—Area south of Hwy 55—**week of May 14**

Guidelines

Please observe the following guidelines when preparing your brush for pick-up:

- Tree limbs and brush must be four inches in diameter or less and approximately six feet long or less.
- Stack brush so the larger ends face the street (do NOT tie limbs together).
- Condense brush to one pile per household. **Trucks will stop only once** at each property, so if there is more than one pile, only one will be picked up.
- Do not use plastic bags.
- Place brush and limbs on the boulevard completely clear of sidewalks, mailboxes, streetlights and sign poles, landscaping and fences, overhead tree branches, and power lines. If piles don't fit between the curb and sidewalk, place them on the boulevard behind the sidewalk. The contractor uses trucks with automated loading arms to pick up the brush piles. If your brush is stacked near a restricted area or tossed in a pile rather than stacked, it will be left behind.
- No leaves, grass clippings, stumps, soil, roots, limbs exceeding the size limits, building lumber, landscape timbers, or bags of garbage will be picked up. If any of these items are mixed in the brush stacks, the entire stack will be left behind. The contractor will not sort through brush stacks for acceptable material.

To dispose of brush or tree waste not collected in this pick-up, contact your garbage hauler or choose another contractor.

The Spring Curbside Brush Pick-Up is a component of the Golden Valley recycling program. If you have questions about the residential brush pick-up program, call 763-593-8030 or visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/homeyard/yards/brush-pick-up.php.



GRAY Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Memorial Day	Sat, June 2
Labor Day	Sat, Sept 8

BLUE Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
July 4	Sat, July 7
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 24

Missed Pick Ups

If your recycling is missed on Friday, call Allied Waste at 952-941-5174 before noon on the following Monday. If you have specific recycling questions, call 763-593-8030.

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

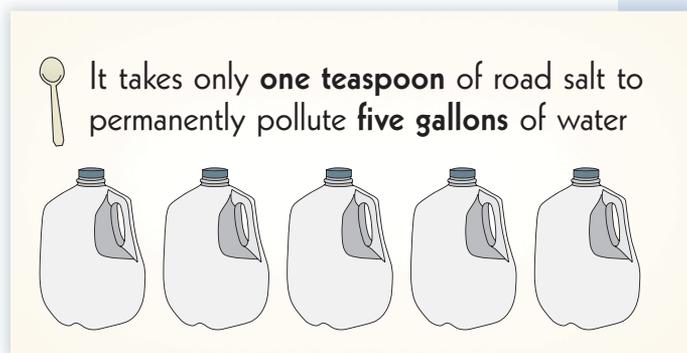
Reduced Use Of Road Salt Means Cleaner Water

Managing snow and ice to provide safe roads often demands a necessary evil: salt. But that may change as cities and other public agencies look for ways to reduce salt use and even find alternatives.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) recommends low salt use largely because salt contains chloride, a water pollutant. It takes only one teaspoon of road salt to permanently pollute 5 gallons of water, according to the MPCA.

When snow and ice melts, the salt goes with it, washing into lakes, streams, wetlands, and groundwater. Once in the water, there is no way to remove the chloride, and at high concentrations, chloride can harm fish and plant life.

That's why the MPCA's Metro Area Chloride Project is laying out a management strategy for the seven county metropolitan area to address chloride impacts to surface waters.



Innovations In Golden Valley

"Golden Valley is already ahead of the curve on this one," says Bert Tracy, public works maintenance manager. For several years now, the City has been working on salt reduction to improve conditions in Bassett Creek and Sweeney Lake, which are on Minnesota's impaired waters list.

"We've re-calibrated our trucks to use less salt and modified them to reduce spillage," explains Tracy.

The City also started to apply a form of sticky salt brine that stays on the road better and longer than more traditional salting methods. Beyond that, officials use technology to stay on top of weather forecasts. If it's going to warm up soon, salt may not be necessary, adds Tracy.

For the future, street maintenance experts are experimenting with anti-icing blends that include organic binding agents such as beet juice and molasses, which make the salt stick to the road surface. They're also looking at new technologies for reducing chloride runoff into surface waters.

The goal is safer, more economical, and more environmentally friendly practices.

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How You Can Help

Private companies and individuals can also contribute to cleaner water by taking care when managing snow and ice on non-public roadways, driveways, parking lots, and sidewalks.

Generally, Tracy says, people use more salt than is necessary. Salt should be sprinkled on lightly, not dumped. Or, better yet, the area should just be shoveled.

For more information on salt reduction methods, visit www.pca.state.mn.us.

City To Hear Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

Every year the City of Golden Valley is required to report on how it is managing storm water discharge to reduce sediment and pollution loading in receiving waters. The process is called the Phase II National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, and it requires significant planning by the City, including a public meeting with the City Council (this year set for June 19, 2012 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 19 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: Eric Eckman, 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427.

A copy of the plan is available at the Public Works Department in City Hall. For more information, contact Eckman at 763-593-8084.

Recreation OPPORTUNITIES

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Kids' Club (ages 3–5)—Starts April 16 and 17. Mon and Wed or Tue and Thur, 9:30–11 am. Brookview Community Center, \$44.

Hoopstars Basketball—Mon and Wed, 6–7:30 pm, March 26–April 11, \$45.

Indoor Nerf Soccer—Thursdays, April 12–May 17, 6 or 7 pm. \$34.

Preschool Playtime—Ends April 20. Fridays, 10–11:30 am, \$3 per child.

After-School Tennis Camps—Starting April 30, Monday–Friday, 3:30–6 pm.

Adult ACTIVITIES

Pilates—Mon, April 9–May 21, 6–7 pm, Brookview Community Center, \$49.

Daytime Yoga—Tuesdays, April 10–May 29, 11 am–noon, Brookview Community Center, \$56.

Tae Kwon Do—Tuesdays, April 10–May 15, 6:15–7 pm, Brookview Community Center, \$64.

Tennis Drills and Clinics—Tuesdays–Fridays, morning and evening sessions available.

Yoga Flow—Tuesdays, May 22–June 26, 5:30–6:40 pm, \$60.

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

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



Brookview's Patron Program Saves \$\$\$

Make the most of the upcoming golf season by becoming a patron card holder at Brookview Golf Course. Brookview's prime location in Golden Valley and excellent course conditions make it an optimal spot to join, and patron card holders save throughout the year.



BENEFITS & RECIPROCITY

Patron card holders receive discounts on green fees, power carts, the driving range, and merchandise. They are also given preference when making advanced tee time reservations.

Senior and junior patron card holders receive additional green fee discounts at designated times.

Brookview also offers the Par 3 patron card, which provides savings to golfers who use the nine-hole Par 3 course.

The benefits don't stop at Brookview. Patron card holders have reciprocity with Baker National Golf Course in Medina and Braemar Golf Course in Edina. Brookview patrons can play at either course all day Tuesdays and Wednesdays or on Sundays after 1 pm and receive their patron or preferred rate. Simply show your Brookview patron card when checking in to receive the discount.

For more information about Brookview Golf Course and its patron card program, go to www.brookviewgolf.com or call 763-512-2300.

PATRON CARD FEES

Resident (Golden Valley and St. Louis Park).....	\$75
Resident Senior (62+).....	\$45
Resident Junior (17 and under).....	\$35
Non-Resident.....	\$115
Non-Resident Senior.....	\$80
Non-Resident Junior.....	\$40
Par 3 Patron.....	\$25

City To Dedicate Isaacson Park

Golden Valley's newest park, an expanded and improved Little League baseball facility off of Sandburg Rd, will bear the name of former Golden Valley resident and long-time youth sports coach Richard "Dick" Isaacson. A public dedication ceremony is set for May 5 at noon at Isaacson Park, 7101 Sandburg Rd.

Isaacson coached youth baseball in Golden Valley for more than 40 years and mentored thousands of kids and hundreds of coaches, says Jerry Sandler, chair of the City's Open Space and Recreation Commission. He also served on the board of the Golden Valley Little League organization for many years.

The 11-acre Isaacson Park features three ball fields, two of which are new, additional fencing, and a new pedestrian path. The fields will be primarily used for Golden Valley Little League and City Park and Recreation programs. Project funding came from a Hennepin County Youth Sports grant, Golden Valley Little League, and the City.

Junior Golf Lessons Great For Summer Fun

With the end of the school year in sight, the time approaches to register your kids for summer activities. Brookview's junior golf lessons or leagues are a great way to get kids to drop their video games and have a fun time with friends outdoors!

"Getting started early with golf can give kids a good feel for fundamentals and muscle memory for the sport," says Ben Disch, course manager. "But the main goal is to provide them with a fun experience."

LESSONS

The Brookview Golf Academy has a new and improved junior lesson program taught by PGA professional Dee Forsberg. Forsberg has more than 25 years of experience teaching youth, and her junior program is one of the best in the area.

The four-session programs focus on a different area of the game each day. Students start on

the green, then move to the tee box for driving school. The final day takes place on the Par 3 course, where students put what they have learned into action. Lessons are Monday through Thursday and meet for two hours each day.

LEAGUES

Brookview's six-week junior golf league plays Monday mornings starting June 18 and ends with a tournament July 23. Juniors can play the Par 3 course, nine holes on the Regulation course, or 18 holes on the Regulation course, depending on age and ability.

Each week juniors can sign up with friends or make new friends on the course, while improving their golf game.



DEE FORSBERG

Brookview's golf course staff helps make the league fun for all abilities by playing along with the junior golfers and teaching them about the game.

For more details about Brookview's junior golf leagues and lessons, go to www.brookviewgolf.com/lessons/juniors.html.

REGISTRATION

Registration for junior golf lessons and leagues is through Golden Valley Park and Recreation. Register in person at Brookview Community Center or by calling 763-512-2345 (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm). Or, register online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/.



BROOKVIEW OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES TO INTRODUCE YOUR CHILD TO GOLF.

Senior Stuff

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

SENIOR PAR 3 GOLF LEAGUE Kick-Off

April 19, 10:30 am—Learn about the Senior Golf League and meet the committee members. Refreshments! Door prizes! \$5 league registration taken that day.

PEDAL PUSHERS Kick-Off

April 24, 10 am—Join Nancy as we plan our 2012 season. Nancy will show slides of her 2011 Lake Superior travel adventures—Part 1. Donation accepted for refreshments. Register by April 23.

MAY DAY GAME DAY

May 1, 10:30 am-noon—Celebrate May Day with Scrabble, Uno, Checkers, and/or Yahtzee (games played depends on number of people) before enjoying a light lunch. Min 8/Max 30. Register by April 26. \$3.



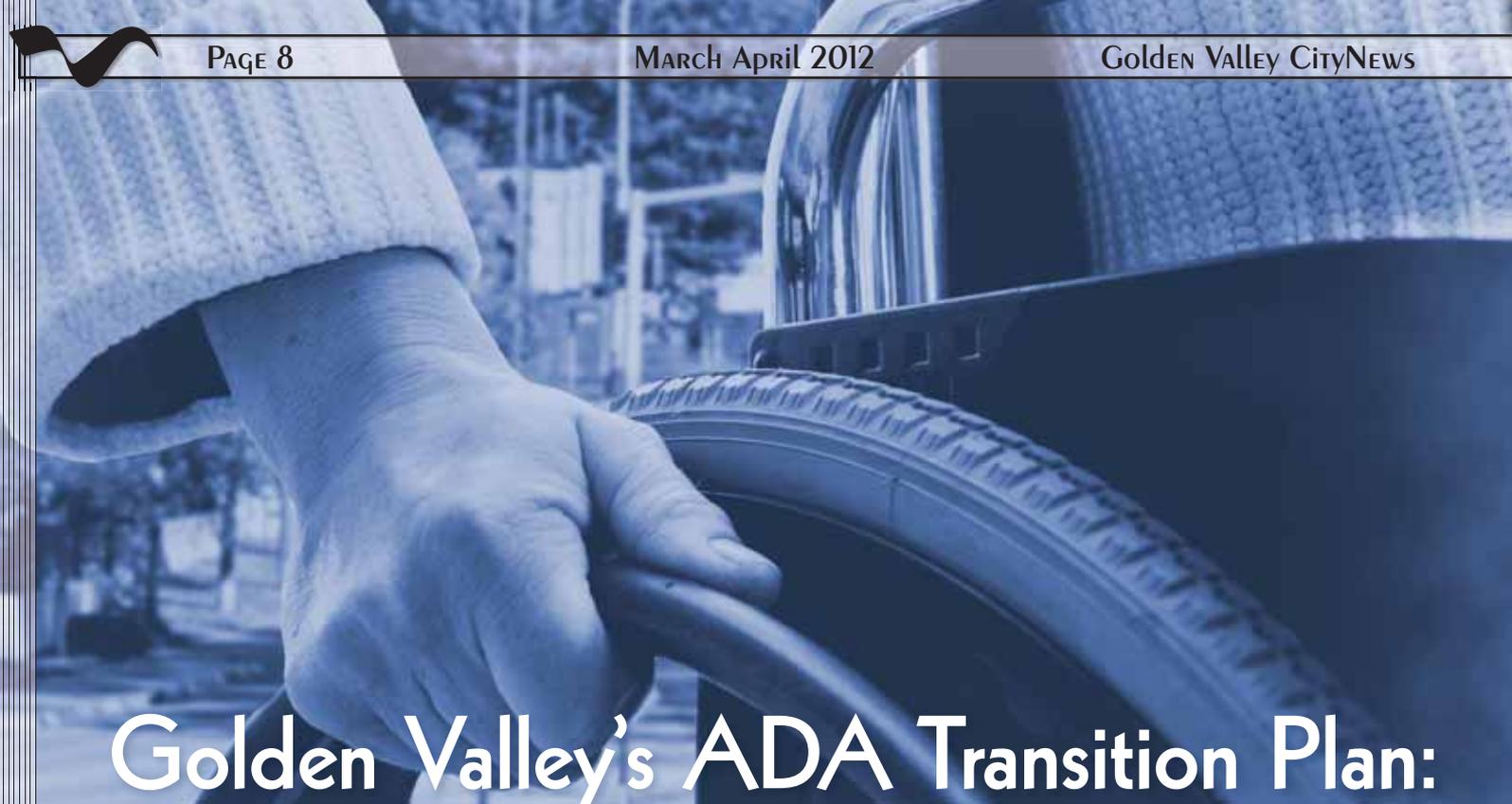
BOWLING TOURNAMENT

May 8, 12:30 pm, Texa-Tonka Lanes, 8200 Minnetonka Blvd—\$4 payable at door includes three games, shoes, ball, coffee, cookies, and prizes. No registration necessary.

THE POST SURGEON MAKES A HOUSE CALL

May 9, 3 pm, Calvary Center Cooperative, 7600 Golden Valley Road—Fort Snelling's doctor makes a house call to "physic" you for such ailments as a catarrh and the ague. He'll discuss the hospital at Fort Snelling, which was the first in Minnesota, and the practice of "modern medicine" during the 1820s. You decide if the cure sounds worse than the malady. Register by May 7.

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



Golden Valley's ADA Transition Plan: Making Life Safer For All

To ensure safety and accessibility for all Golden Valley residents and visitors, the City is working to improve pedestrian routes, signs, and streets in accordance with updated national standards set forth by the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

It's a process being played out in communities across the United States, as cities strive to improve quality of life and mobility for residents challenged by aging and disabilities.

"Staff observes many members of our community using mobility devices," says Jeannine Clancy, director of public works. "There are real people who are affected by public facilities that are not built to ADA standards."

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engineer. "At some point, 70 to 80 percent of the population will experience a disability that restricts mobility. Once you put yourself in their shoes, you can see how these changes improve lives."

The need for better accessibility will likely grow with time, she adds, when you consider that Golden Valley has an aging population and is home to rehabilitation facilities like the Courage Center.

"It's a human rights law," explains Jeff Oliver, city

IDENTIFYING AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Oliver and Clancy say people often put themselves at risk by navigating a wheelchair or mobility device on streets in dangerous locations because the sidewalk isn't wide enough or there are other obstacles. Making pedestrian facilities more accessible doesn't just make life easier for people with disabilities or their caretakers. It makes life safer.

The City has evaluated sidewalks and walkways, ramps, curbs, crosswalks, signage, and pedestrian overpasses and underpasses to determine where the need for improvement is greatest. Work will then be done as part of ongoing construction projects and maintenance activities.

Areas of Golden Valley that have a higher demand for accessibility improvements—downtown, and the health care, housing, and retail developments along Duluth St between Douglas Dr and Theodore Wirth Parkway—will see reconstruction or upgrading of pedestrian routes as budget allows.

The remaining Golden Valley rights-of-way will be reconstructed as part of the City's ongoing construction

and maintenance activities. Golden Valley does not have the budget or resources to update the City's sidewalks, signs, and streets for ADA compliance all at once. Limits to resources demand the changes be implemented across an extended timeline, perhaps multiple decades.

For example, the City will usually not reconstruct a sidewalk outside a priority area unless that sidewalk is connected to a street that's being repaved or reconstructed as part of a larger project.

AREAS SLATED FOR IMPROVEMENT INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:



Sidewalks

Sidewalks that are too narrow and too steep are obstacles for people in wheelchairs or other mobility devices. ADA guidelines require sidewalks to be 5 feet wide with a 2 percent gradient slope or less.

"Side sloping is a big deal for people in wheelchairs," says Oliver. "If an angle is too steep, it takes a lot more work to travel along the sidewalk, and pedestrians will have to be constantly readjusting."

Ramps and curbs will also be reconstructed to meet width and gradient standards.

It's worth noting, Oliver adds, that if a street does not already have a sidewalk, the City is not required to build a sidewalk. However, if the City chooses to build a new sidewalk or reconstructs an existing one, it must comply to ADA standards.



Crosswalks

Intersection improvements may include pedestrian ramp modifications and the installation of detectable warning devices, which are textured panels set into the pavement to warn visually impaired pedestrians of the street crossing. Other possible modifications include new median and pedestrian refuge islands to separate crossing movements. This allows pedestrians to cross the street in two stages instead of all at once.

Traffic signal crosswalks may include updates to existing signaling devices and walk/don't-walk warnings. These new devices will provide all users with more information about when it is safe to cross and how much time is remaining to cross.



Signs

Street signs will be replaced with signs that have larger text and reflective technology that make them far easier to see at night.

Retro-reflective signs and pavement markings improve highway safety by bouncing light from vehicle headlights back toward the vehicle and the driver's eyes, making the signs and markings brighter and easier to see and read, says engineer Mark Ray.





BIKE RODEO

Wed, May 2
6-8 pm

New Hope City Hall
4401 Xylon Ave N

Join your friends for a free bicycle safety check and riding skills test. Enjoy special treats and register to win prizes. Highlights include:

- free bike safety checks
- bike skills tests
- demo on bike helmet fitting
- complimentary refreshments
- music
- appearances by McGruff and Sparky

This annual event is sponsored by the Cities of Golden Valley, New Hope, and Crystal, and Golden Valley VFW Post 7051. Held rain or shine.

For more information, call Golden Valley Park and Recreation at 763-512-2345. 

SIGN UP FOR Safety Camp

Tuesday, June 26 • 8 am–4 pm
Brookview Park • Rain or Shine

For youth entering second, third, and fourth grades. Interactive program includes fire safety, bike safety, first aid, safety in the home, and much more, as well as fun, friends, and feeling good. Limited to 100 youth. Fee is \$25 (includes snacks, lunch, supervision, and a Safety Camp T-shirt). Scholarships are available. Parents must provide transportation to and from camp.

Register online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/ or by calling the Golden Valley Park and Recreation Department at 763-512-2345.

Police Reports: Why Info Gets Withheld

Data practices and transparency laws allow the open sharing of police information to citizens, but to help protect victims of crimes and keep investigations from being compromised, there are exceptions.

“Police departments aren’t trying to hide information when we withhold it,” says Police Chief Stacy Carlson. “We’re prohibited by law to share some information.”



For example, if a suspect is facing trial, releasing certain information about the case too early could taint the judicial process.

“If we release a photo of a possible robbery suspect and, a week later, we need the victim to try to identify the man from a group, that testimony is no longer admissible in court,” Carlson says. Certain information, if released to the public, can corrupt the case, possibly leading to a criminal being set free or a victim being put in danger.

Cases are considered open until they have made it entirely through the court system, including the appeals process, Carlson says.

People request confidential information from the police department on a daily basis, says Joanne Paul, crime analyst.

“There’s a lot of different criteria that dictates if information is public or not, and it varies from case to case,” Paul says. “People may get angry at us, but there’s a reason why we withhold some information.”

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State law protects open cases, as well as the names of juvenile victims or suspects, and victims of severe sexual crimes.

Generally, police can release “a brief factual reconstruction” of a crime, even in sensitive cases. If people request a detailed police report for insurance purposes, some information can be released with names and details blocked out, Paul adds.

Minnesota Statute 13.82 details which information can and can’t be made public. To read it, go to www.revisor.mn.gov. 

Police Department BIKE-A-LONG



Sunday, May 20 • 1 pm



Tour some of Golden Valley’s trails and less well-known areas with Police Sergeant Denny Arons, head of the bike patrol unit.

Arons will guide you through the Hennepin County trail system but take many detours to show points of interest—some recreational and some that are scenes of past crimes that have been investigated by your police department. There will be a refreshment stop or two to keep those pedals pedaling.

The 15-mile ride will begin at the Golden Valley Police Department (7800 Golden Valley Road) at 1 pm Sunday, May 20, and return there around 4 pm.

Space is limited so register soon! Participants must be at least 18 years old and provide their own bicycle (don’t forget your helmet). The event will be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather. To register, contact GVPD at 763-593-8079 or police@goldenvalleymn.gov. 

Firefighter Ambitions? Check Assumptions First

Thinking about becoming a firefighter? Are you hesitating because you don't think you're up to the task? Or, do you know you'd be really great at it and are ready to dive in? Either way, you owe it to yourself to get the full scoop before you move forward.

"Call us," says Stephen Baker, Golden Valley fire education specialist. "We can set up meetings with you and other firefighters. Talk with us about what the job is like. Get an understanding of what is expected of you."

Often people think they don't have what it takes to be a firefighter, but they learn through research and education that they are in fact a good fit. Or people will apply, get hired, and realize it doesn't work out for them or it's not what they expected, Baker says. They didn't do their homework.

To help prospective firefighters do that homework, the Golden Valley Fire Department developed and presented its first Fire Recruitment Expo last summer.

People interested in firefighting could try on gear, practice some firefighting skills, watch a live burn, participate in a Jaws of Life demo, and talk with firefighters about how they overcame their doubts to make firefighting work in their lives.

This year's Fire Recruitment Expo will be Thursday, June 14 (see box above). If you ever thought about becoming a firefighter, this is your chance to find out what you need to know and set up further informational meetings. A follow up recruitment meeting is set for Thursday, June 28 (see box above).

To be a Golden Valley firefighter, you must live or work within six minutes of a City fire station and be age 18 or older. It also helps to be in good shape and have a clean driving and criminal record. Beyond that, it's a matter of what you're willing to give of yourself and your time.

Do you know what it's like to be a paid on-call firefighter? Find out. For more information, visit www.goldenvalleyfire.com or contact Stephen Baker at 763-593-3977. 



Golden Valley Firefighter Recruitment Expo

Thursday, June 14, 7-9 pm
Fire Station 1, 7800 Golden Valley Rd

Recruitment Meeting

Thursday, June 28, 9:30 am & 6:30 pm
Fire Station 1, 7800 Golden Valley Rd

Application Deadline

Monday, July 9, 4 pm

RESPECT SEVERE WEATHER SIRENS

Minnesotans are about to enter the highest risk time of year for severe weather, so they should know what to do when they hear warning sirens.

"If you're outside and you hear the sirens, seek shelter immediately," says Stephen Baker, Golden Valley fire education specialist. "Severe weather can hit in a matter of seconds."

Just don't run under the metal bleachers or a tree, he adds. Lightning kills more people in Minnesota than any other summer weather threat. Get inside a structure. If a tornado is coming and you're stuck in the open, find the lowest place close to you, like a ditch, and lay in it.

The sooner you react to the sirens, the better off you're going to be, Baker says. Make a habit of identifying safe places near you where you and your family could meet just in case severe weather hits. Even at home, identify a well-protected safe place inside your house, away from windows, that everyone in your family knows about.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 16-20. Outdoor warning sirens will sound Thursday April 19 at 1:45 pm and 6:55 pm to give schools, businesses, and other facilities, as well as families at home, a chance to conduct drills to practice their tornado sheltering plans. Severe weather, including tornados, occurs most often between 3 pm and 8 pm.

Questions? Contact Fire Chief Mark Kuhnly at 763-593-8080. 



Fight For Air Challenge

On Feb 25, 2012, 10 Golden Valley firefighters participated in the annual Fight For Air Stair Climb for the American Lung Association. With 225 other participants, they climbed a 30-story building in full gear (about 40 lbs) to help raise money to fight lung disease.

This is the fifth year Team Golden Valley participated, raising \$11,071, a record for the department and its fourth year as the top firefighter fundraising team.

Team Golden Valley included Steve Baker, Ken Bence, Gary Gustner, Jason Hoffrogge, Gregg Prest, Lisa Robinson, Jenny Toavs, Ben Vogel, Steve Yingst, and Matt Preston (representing West Metro Fire Rescue District). 

STREET SWEEPING

Golden Valley's street sweeping program cleans away the salt and sand of winter to get streets ready for summer. It also helps keep street debris from clogging area catch basins and polluting surface water.

You can help. Keep sticks and leaves out of the street and do not place materials such as soil, pet waste, oil, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and trash into the street. City programs like the *Spring Brush Pick-Up* (see page 4) and *Fall Leaf Drop-Off* give residents some options for yard waste disposal.

With streets clear of debris, the City has an easier time sweeping away salt and sand. Weather permitting, street sweeping usually begins around late-March, with priority given to major intersections, hilly areas, and high-traffic roads where large amounts of sand and salt were distributed over the winter. Crews also focus on areas near Bassett Creek and area lakes to minimize the amount of sand entering these outlets. After this is completed, crews move into neighborhoods. If all goes well, curb-to-curb sweeping is done by early May (streets are swept again in the summer and fall—see schedule below).

For more information about street maintenance, contact Golden Valley Public Works at 763-593-8030.

2012 STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

SPRING

Sweep curb-to-curb in late-March/April.

SUMMER

Sweep all gutters in June; clean low collection areas and sweep as needed in July, August, and September.

FALL

Sweep curb-to-curb in October and November (wait for as many leaves to fall as possible).

Golden Valley is divided into four sections for street sweeping. This allows crews to rotate sections each year so no area is always first or last. **This year, Section II leads off the rotation, followed by Sections I, IV, and III.**

Section I boundaries: Winnetka Ave, north City limit, south City limit, west City limit

Section II boundaries: Winnetka Ave, north City limit, Hwy 100, Hwy 55

Section III boundaries: Hwy 100, north City limit, east City limit, Hwy 55

Section IV boundaries: Hwy 55, Winnetka Ave, south City limit, east City limit

2012 PMP Tackles 1.9 Miles Of Street

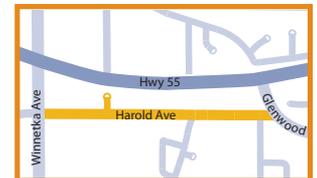
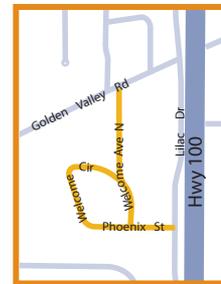
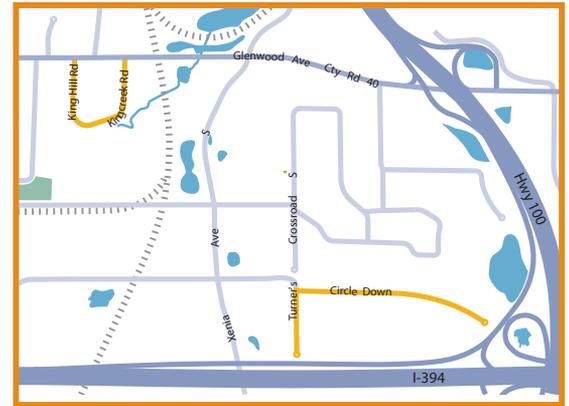
This year Golden Valley's Pavement Management Program (PMP) will reconstruct 1.9 miles of City streets to City standards, including concrete curb and gutter. Approximately one-half mile due for reconstruction is a Municipal State Aid road. The project will also address any necessary repairs to the storm water, water, and sanitary sewer systems.

Reconstruction projects will occur in several areas in the City (see maps below). Streets include:

- Turner's Crossroad between I-394 and Circle Down
- Circle Down north of I-394 and east of Turner's Crossroad
- King Hill Rd and King Creek Rd south of Glenwood Ave
- Welcome Ave, Welcome Circle, and Phoenix St south of Golden Valley Rd and west of Hwy 100
- Harold Ave between Glenwood Ave and Winnetka Ave
- Rhode Island Ave N north of Harold Ave

The City begins preliminary survey and design work and meets with affected property owners at least one year before a proposed project is presented to the City Council at a public hearing. The City sends public hearing notices to each resident along streets being considered for rehabilitation at least 10 days before the hearing.

The 2012 PMP project was designed at the same time as the 2011 PMP, and a public hearing for both projects was held in November 2010. The City bid the 2012 PMP in January 2012. Work is expected to start in April or May 2012.



2012 PMP STREETS
(in yellow)

Residents that live in the PMP areas will receive regular construction updates (*Construction News*) from the City. Those updates are also offered electronically via GV DirectConnect, the City's email subscription service. To subscribe go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov.

To learn more about the construction process and the City's commitment to providing quality roads and infrastructure, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp. Questions? Contact Golden Valley Public Works at 763-593-8030.

Innovative Project Earns City Prestigious Award

The innovation and leadership demonstrated by City staff on a water utility project last year earned Golden Valley the 2011 Project of the Year Award from the City Engineers Association of Minnesota (CEAM). At a ceremony in January, CEAM recognized the successful "Trunk Water Main Pipe Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement Project" for the high level of cooperation and coordination between public partners and the use of a relatively new construction technology.

Through a cooperative agreement, Golden Valley, Fridley, and Hutchinson contracted to repair water main pipes in each city with a water main liner that hadn't been used before in Minnesota. The trenchless technology's installation required less disturbance of existing infrastructure, is able to withstand heavier loads and higher water pressures, and met the cities' common goal for a cost effective, long-lasting solution.

The cities jointly rehabilitated approximately 1.4 miles of trunk water main pipe.

Only a handful of contractors are able to install this type of product, says Mitch Hoeft, a Golden Valley engineer who worked on the project.

"It's a structural cured in place pipe (CIPP) water main liner," he adds. "The stand-alone pipe does not require major trenching, but rather small excavation pits about one every 500 feet."

Such rehabilitation methods are important, because some of Minnesota's oldest water infrastructure is rapidly approaching the end of its useful life. Each day there are 240,000 water main breaks per year in the United States, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

"As times get tough and cities look for ways to save money, forming cooperative projects is a great way to work within budget restraints and be innovative," says Hoeft. "The cooperative agreement project really got contractors interested in coming to Minnesota and doing the work."

Even though the three cities are not adjacent, their staffs knew each other through participation in professional organizations like CEAM. That baseline enabled them to form the cooperative agreement as well as promote the type of teamwork needed to ensure the project would be delivered successfully. The award was also presented to Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH), the consultant for the three cities involved in the project.

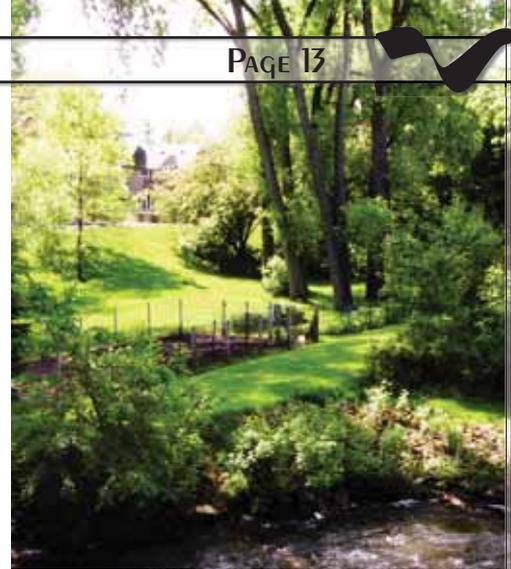
"Getting this award and what it represents is exciting," Hoeft says. "It demonstrates how we can approach other complex challenges in the future to achieve successful outcomes."



AGED WATER MAIN PIPE READY FOR REPAIR



STRUCTURAL CURED IN PLACE WATER MAIN LINER



City Outlines Requirements For Lawn Maintenance

Golden Valley's lawn maintenance ordinance bans noxious weeds and requires turf lawns to be maintained at eight inches or less. If a property is found to be in violation of the ordinance (10.51), the City mails a letter to the property owner. The property owner then has 10 days to comply before the City mows the vegetation at the property owner's expense.

If the City has to mail a second violation notice to a property owner, the notice will include a general warning that the City can abate future violations without providing specific notices. That means if a property has had two or more violation notices issued within the prior 12-month period, the City will not mail further notices before mowing the vegetation at the property owner's expense.

The complete lawn maintenance ordinance is available at City Hall and the Golden Valley Library. Residents who want to vary their landscape by cultivating native plants can apply for a Native Vegetation Permit. For more information about this permit or the lawn maintenance ordinance, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030.

For questions or to report a tall weed or lawn maintenance violation, call the City's lawn maintenance hotline at 763-593-3966.

Help Avoid INTERSECTION Gridlock

You're in bumper-to-bumper traffic. You reach an intersection, the light is still green, but there's no room for your vehicle on the other side. You creep into the intersection anyway, hoping the vehicles in front of you will move before the light turns red so you can get out of the intersection and not block cross-street traffic, or worse, get "T-boned."

This is classic "block the box" behavior, and it only contributes to traffic congestion or gridlock. When the traffic signals change, vehicles blocking the box keep cross traffic from moving, stopping traffic in both directions, interfering with pedestrian crossings, and possibly extending congestion to adjacent intersections. Things get worse in snowy conditions, during special events, or at other times when there is a high number of vehicles on the road but overall travel speeds are slower.

Don't Block The Box!

Before entering an intersection, make sure there is room to pull all the way through. Being patient and sometimes waiting for the next green light has a positive impact on traffic flow for everyone, even if it's not noticeable at the time. Blocking the box is also against the law.

According to MN Statute 169.15, a driver of a vehicle shall not enter an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal until the driver is able to move the vehicle immediately, continuously, and completely through the intersection without impeding or blocking the subsequent movement of cross traffic, unless:

- directed by a city-authorized traffic-control agent or a peace officer
- to facilitate passage of an authorized emergency vehicle with its emergency lights activated
- to make a turn, as permitted under section 169.19, that allows the vehicle to safely leave the intersection.

Teen Driving Restrictions Promote Safety

A combination of inexperience, risk-taking behind the wheel, speeding, and distracted driving make teen drivers a risk on the road. As a result, traffic crashes are the number-one killer of Minnesota teens ages 16–19, claiming more than 30 lives each year.

Minnesota addresses these risk factors with a law (MN Statute 171.055) that restricts teen driving in stages. Violating the law is a misdemeanor, and teens can qualify for a full-privileges driver's license at age 18 only if they have a safe driving record.

First Six Months of Licensure

Teens cannot drive between midnight and 5 am except when:

- accompanied by a licensed driver age 25 or older
- driving between home and a job
- driving to/from home and a school event for which the school has not provided transportation
- driving for employment purposes

Teen drivers may not carry more than one passenger under the age of 20 who is not a member of their immediate family, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Second Six Months of Licensure

Teen drivers may not carry more than three passengers under the age of 20 who are not a member of their immediate family, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

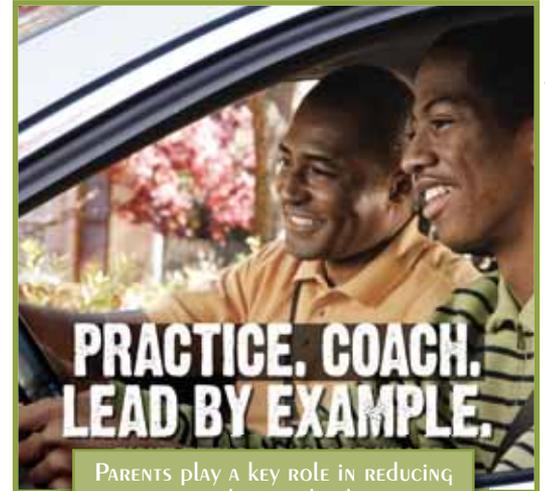
From Licensure until Age 18

It's illegal for drivers under age 18 to use a cell phone, whether hand-held or hands-free, except to call 911 in an emergency. It is also illegal for persons under age 21 to drive after consuming any amount of alcohol. Teen drivers who violate this law or who have their licenses revoked because of a crash cannot regain a license until age 18.

For All Licensed Drivers

Remember, seat belts are required at all times. Also, it's illegal for drivers of all ages to compose, read, or send text messages or access the Internet while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. And drivers with an alcohol-concentration of 0.08 or higher will face DWI laws and sanctions.

For more information on the parent's role in helping develop safe teen drivers, go to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety website at www.dps.mn.gov and type "teen driving" in the search box. The site includes useful tools such as driving skills checklists and driving contracts between teens and parents.



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Douglas Dr Reconstruction Follows Community Vision

For the past four years, the City has been studying and planning for improvements to the Douglas Drive corridor between Hwy 55 and Medicine Lake Rd. Using community input from Envision Golden Valley, the City set goals to facilitate development that will serve the needs of the corridor's existing businesses, residents, and travelers.

A major element involves reconstructing the 50-year-old Douglas Dr to improve connectivity, traffic flow, pedestrian facilities and safety, and aesthetics. Last fall, the City Council approved design concepts for that project, including new lane configurations, intersection improvements, sidewalks and trails, street lighting, and landscaping. Construction of this joint Hennepin County–Golden Valley project isn't scheduled to begin until 2016, but the wheels have been in motion since 2008.



Getting Started

Planning for the Douglas Drive Corridor project started in 2008, when the City initiated a study that included research and input from City Council and Planning Commission members, staff, residents, business owners, and other interested parties. Nearly 70 residents attended an October 2008 planning workshop at City Hall. A second workshop in August 2009 solidified project goals and a long-term vision for the area.

After City Council approved the Douglas Drive Corridor Study report, it was added to the City's Comprehensive Plan in a 2010 update. Later that year, a \$1,050,000 grant from Transit for Livable Communities enabled City staff to begin preliminary design work for the road project, guided by the community's long-term vision for the Douglas Drive Corridor.

Preliminary Design and Municipal Consent

As design work began, the City analyzed each street segment and major intersection with traffic forecasts to identify safety, capacity, speed, and pedestrian issues. The resulting preliminary layout design includes accessible sidewalks on both sides of the roadway for its entire length, dedicated on-street bike lanes, and lane realignments and traffic control improvements to encourage redevelopment opportunities. The new infrastructure is designed to last another 50 years with basic maintenance.

Transit for Livable Communities and Hennepin County approved the preliminary layout design in summer 2011. In October, the City held one last open house for community input on the emerging design plans. Additional meetings will be held as the construction date gets closer.

In November, the Golden Valley City Council authorized Municipal Consent for the Douglas Drive preliminary layout design, marking the transition from planning to final design. Two conditions for Municipal Consent, that staff evaluate lane and boulevard widths, have been met. Once Municipal Consent is authorized, the major design elements are set. This means the City has addressed all major design topics and can begin preparing detailed construction plans. The project will move forward with an estimated cost of \$20 million split with Hennepin County in accordance with County policy.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2016, with preparatory work, such as utility relocations and right-of-way acquisitions, starting in 2012. 

2008–2009
City begins research and collects input at two workshops for residents

2010
Douglas Drive Corridor Study report approved

2011
Preliminary layout design approved by Hennepin County and TLC
City holds open house for community input

2012
Preparatory work begins

2016
Construction to begin



Rain Garden WORKSHOPS

Get ready for spring with these \$15 workshops taught by landscape design specialists from the nonprofit group Metro Blooms. These eco-friendly gardening workshops will help you learn to:

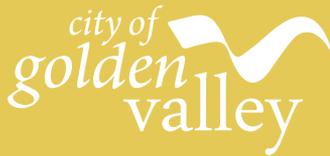
- use native plants in your garden landscape
- limit fertilizers and pesticides without compromising a beautiful yard
- capture rainwater on site with rain gardens
- redirect your downspouts
- plan your own garden with one-on-one assistance from landscape designers and Hennepin Master Gardeners

Workshops

- Sat, April 28, 1–4 pm
North Regional Library
1315 Lowry Ave N, Mpls
- Tues, May 1, 6–9 pm
St Louis Park Rec Center
3700 Monterey Dr, St Louis Park
- Tues, May 22, 6–9 pm
Minnetrista Public Safety Building
7651 County Rd 110, Minnetrista
- Wed, May 23, 6–9 pm
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway, Golden Valley
- Tues, May 29, 6–9 pm
St Barnabas Church
15600 Old Rockford Rd,
Plymouth

More workshops are available. To register, visit www.metroblooms.org or call 651-698-1390.

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Pedestrians: Take Extra Care At Night

If you walk, jog, or bike in the evening, keep in mind that people in cars may not be able to see you.

Golden Valley Fire Education Specialist Stephen Baker says pedestrians need to be aware they cannot be seen at night, and wearing light-colored clothing isn't good enough.

"Get reflectors on your jacket and bike," he says. "Better yet, put on a reflector vest. You're just not visible without reflective material."

And don't forget something reflective for your pet.

Additionally, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety suggests taking a flashlight with you. Any little bit helps. As a group, pedestrians and bicyclists make up nearly 10 percent of all traffic fatalities each year.

"Even when taking these precautions, never assume people can see you," Baker says.

By that same token, drivers should always anticipate pedestrians and realize their skill to spot pedestrians may not be as sharp as they believe.

Ready...Set...Run The Valley April 14

Do something good for your body and for your community. Sign up for the 18th annual *Run the Valley* and raise money for the Golden Valley Human Services Fund. The 10K race and 5K run and walk, set for April 14, raises funds for organizations that benefit the community. The certified course runs through residential Golden Valley—water stop and post-race complimentary snacks are provided. The first 650 participants will also receive a long-sleeve T-shirt.

The race begins at 8 am for the 5K run, 8:10 am for the 10K run, and 8:15 am for the 5K walk.

New in 2012, **the race starts** and finishes at Brookview Community Center, 200 Brookview Parkway (south of Hwy 55 and west of Winnetka Ave on Brookview Parkway).



Register In Advance: \$30 Entry Fee

In Person/Phone/Fax/Mail
→ received by 3 pm, April 13

Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Fax: 763-512-2344

Call: 763-512-2345

Hours: M–F, 8 am–4:30 pm
(April 12, 1–7 pm; April 13,
8:30 am–3 pm).

Online
→ by April 12

www.active.com or
www.zapevent.com

Register On Race Day: \$40 Entry Fee

7–7:45 am at Brookview
Community Center.

For more information, call Park and Recreation at 763-512-2345 or go online to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/runthevalley.



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