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City's DMV To Re-open

State gives green light to re-open in August

The City of Golden Valley will re-open its Motor Vehicle Licensing Department in August, which achieves the City's number one priority and top legislative goal for 2012.

The City closed its Motor Vehicle Licensing Department April 1, 2011, four days after police arrested an employee on suspicion of theft and fraud. The City immediately hired an independent auditor to review all policies, procedures, and internal controls. Criminal charges were filed against the former employee June 22, 2011.

For nearly a year, City officials awaited permission to re-open from the State Driver and Vehicle Services Division (DVS). In March, the Minnesota House of Representatives passed a bill allowing the City to provisionally re-open its Vehicle Licensing Department, pending results of a DVS review.

In April, the State DVS informed the City it would be allowed to re-open its Motor Vehicle Licensing Department and no further legislative action would be needed. The re-opening is contingent upon the City implementing recommendations and procedures outlined in the preliminary audit report provided to the DVS in April 2011.

In preparation for the August re-opening, the City is hiring and training new staff, implementing a new point of sale system, and receiving plate and tab inventory from the State.

The City looks forward to once again providing vehicle licensing services to residents, businesses, and auto dealerships in Golden Valley and surrounding communities. This includes title registration and licensing renewals for automobiles, boats, and snowmobiles; limited driver's licenses; passports; and hunting and fishing licenses. ~

The Motor Vehicle Licensing Department has been closed since April 2011.



CityNews was last redesigned in 2002.

CityNews Gets A Face Lift

Decade-old design updated in-house

Ten years after its last redesign, CityNews has gotten a makeover. The new design, completed in-house, updates the layout to allow for more white space and wider margins, making the content more inviting and readable. Instead of a different color palette for each edition, the redesign features a consistent look that matches the City's brand and furthers the City's efforts for a more unified and sophis-

ticated identity. The newsletter will continue to be the most reliable and comprehensive source for news from the City, as our residents have come to expect.

For more information, contact Communications Manager Cheryl Weiler at 763-593-8004. ~

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Chickens In Golden Valley?

City studies possibilities, asks for feedback

Should Golden Valley make it possible for residents to keep chickens on their property? That's the question the City's Environmental Commission will be looking into over the next six to 12 months. Currently, Section 10.32 of the Golden Valley City Code prohibits residents from keeping, transporting, and housing animals and fowl or treating them in a cruel or inhumane manner.

At its April 17, 2012 meeting, the City Council directed the Environmental Commission to study the City's current ordinance and make a recommendation as to whether or not it should be amended and, if so, what amendments should be considered. As part of the study, the Commission will:

- consult with professionals (Animal Humane Society, Chicken Run Rescue, etc) regarding chickens on private property in urban environments
- review similar ordinances for adjacent and other Twin Cities' metropolitan cities
- discuss issues and concerns relevant to the topic with code enforcement and police staff for Golden Valley and for adjacent or metropolitan cities
- discuss relevant land use issues with Golden Valley's Planning staff and Planning Commission
- discuss potential impacts on the environment and other wildlife (coyotes, raccoons, etc) with nature and wildlife professionals
- talk to legal counsel about issues related to neighbors' consent on fowl keeping

- conduct self-directed, independent information- and fact-finding efforts as needed
- account for diverse views on the topic

The Environmental Commission's final report will detail all considerations related to chickens on private property, including data and information collected from all the research and interviews conducted, arranged by topic. The report will also include a summary of pros and cons of allowing chickens on private property in Golden Valley and a recommendation to the City Council.

Public Input

An online feedback form is available on the City website for Golden Valley residents who wish to provide input about the issue of raising chickens in Golden Valley. Go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/homeyard/. When studying the issue, the Environmental Commission will consider comments from completed feedback forms as well as from a yet-to-be-scheduled open house (watch *CityNews* and the City website for details). All feedback will become part of the public record and final report. ~



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Finance Documents Available Online

Several City finance documents are available online for public review. The **City Budget** is the financial plan for the City for the upcoming two years. The **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)** outlines scheduled expenditures for the upcoming five years for major purchases and/or construction projects that cannot be financed in one year because of their cost. The **Comprehensive**

Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is an audited financial statement of the previous year.

All of these documents are reviewed by Moody's Investor Services for Golden Valley's Aaa bond rating, which is the highest available. Check them out at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/budget/. For more information, contact Finance Director Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010. ~



New Recycling Program On A Roll

Appliances and electronics service provided

Golden Valley is now five months into its new recycling program and things are going smoothly. In terms of total tonnage, recycling has increased compared with last year—up 16.7 percent, or 210,700 lbs, in the first quarter (January–March), says Mark Ray, engineer and recycling coordinator.

A remaining problem is overfilled containers, which leads to recycling spilling into the street. Ray suggests folding up boxes and making sure the recycling container lids close all the way, or requesting a second or larger cart if there is regularly so much recycling that the lid can't fully close.

Appliance & Electronic Recycling

Golden Valley's new curbside recycling program also makes it possible to recycle appliances and electronics by scheduling a pick-up and placing the items at the curb.

Residents must call Allied Waste at 952-941-5174 one week ahead of the pick-up date to schedule an appliance pick up. Fees range from \$25 to \$45 depending on the appliance or electronic device. Allied Waste will determine your fee when you call.

Some items accepted include refrigerators, stoves, dehumidifiers, microwaves, washers, dryers, snow blowers, lawn mowers, TVs, VCRs, computers, computer monitors, cell phones, and telephones.

Place these items at the curb separate from your recycling cart, as they go through a different recycling process than the standard recyclables. 

UGH! Drop Off Household Hazardous Waste

Collection events planned for June & July

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 7–9, 9 am–4 pm

7250 Hwy 7, St Louis Park
(parking lot is in southwest quadrant of Hwy 7 and Louisiana Ave)

July 26–28, 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

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.

Permanent Drop-Off Locations

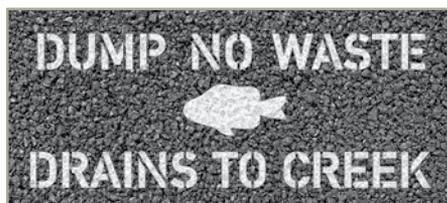
Hennepin County's two permanent drop-off sites (8100 Jefferson Hwy, Brooklyn Park and 1400 W 96th St, Bloomington) accept UGH year-round. For more information, call 612-348-3777 or visit www.hennepin.us/dropoffs.

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

**Accepted at permanent drop-off sites.

Stencil Storm Drains For Cleaner Waterways

You can help keep pollutants out of the City's waterways and ponds by teaming up with your neighbors to label storm drains on your street.



Through coordination with the City, volunteers can stencil a fish symbol combined with a "Dump No Waste" message near storm drains that lead to a neighborhood pond, lake, or Bassett Creek. This increases surface water awareness and reminds citizens of their role in protecting water resources.

"This program helps complement the City's efforts in keeping our waterways clean," says Eric Eckman, public works specialist. "We like to see one or two groups per year go out and stencil a neighborhood. Residents, businesses, schools, or any group can volunteer."

Everything that runs off your roof, lawn, and driveway eventually makes it into a water body. The best defense of water resources is to prevent pollutants from getting into the storm drains in the first place. If you live near a lake, pond, or stream, or your children attend school near by, perhaps this is where you can help most.

Volunteers help stencil the messages on the streets as well as hand out informational fliers about water pollutants and what you can do to help.

City staff is available to assist, coordinate, and encourage volunteers to adopt certain storm drain outlets and to set up a system to notify the City of operation and maintenance concerns and illicit discharges.

To volunteer for storm drain stenciling or adopt an inlet or outlet, contact Eric Eckman at 763-593-8084.

Ceremony To Honor Silberman

The City of Golden Valley will honor Dr Edward Silberman, long-time resident and former Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) Commissioner, with a tribute and ceremony commemorating years of dedicated service to the sound management of surface water.

JULY 19, 2012 (rain or shine)

2:30 pm

Regional Trail in Schaper Park
631 Ottawa Ave, Golden Valley

Silberman, who died last year at age 97, actively helped implement many of the water quality and flood control features at Schaper Park, as well as throughout the City and Bassett Creek watershed.

DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICINE

Getting rid of medicines just got easier for Hennepin County residents. Place unwanted medicines in drop boxes in Brooklyn Park, downtown Minneapolis, and Spring Park.



Medicines from households are accepted, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, supplements, and pet medicines. Bring medicines in their original container or packaging, and place loose pills and powders in a clear plastic bag. The drop boxes are self-serve. Pull the handle to open and drop the medicine into the box.

Proper disposal of unwanted medicines is important to prevent abuse or poisoning and protect the environment.

Learn more about this free service at www.hennepin.us/medicine.

Golden Valley Recycles

GRAY Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Labor Day	Sat, Sept 8
Christmas	Sat, Dec 29

BLUE Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
July 4	Sat, July 7
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 24
New Year's 2013	Sat, Jan 5

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.

Recreation Highlights

Complete list in the Spring/Summer Recreation Activities Brochure or at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation.

Youth

SUMMER PARK PROGRAMS

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

PLAYGROUND FIELD TRIPS

Brunswick Bowl (June 15) • Cascade Bay Water Park (June 29) • Bunker Beach Water Park (July 20)

CAMPS

Skyhawks Basketball, Flag Football, Mini-Hawk, SNAG Golf, and Multi-Sport • Tennis • Preschool Mini Music • Keyboard • Ultimate Frisbee • Soccer Skills

Seniors

A Matter of Balance—Reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Wed, June 6–August 1, 10 am–noon, \$15.

Enhance Fitness—Group exercise. Mon & Wed, June 13–30 (no class July 2 & 4), 11:15 am–12:15 pm, \$30 residents/\$35 non residents. FREE to U Care members.

The History of Ragtime—Wed, June 27, 9:45 am, \$2 at the door, register by June 25.

For more information or to register, call 763-512-2345 (Monday–Friday, 8 am–4:30 pm). Register in person, by mail, by fax, or online.



After the national anthem, Golden Valley Little League teams run off the field toward the ribbon cutting ceremony.

City Dedicates New Park

Isaacson Park named in honor of long-time Golden Valley coach

Hundreds of Little Leaguers lined up behind a ceremonial ribbon May 5, awaiting the symbolic beginning of summer and the dedication of Golden Valley's newest park.

As Golden Valley City Council members and other dignitaries cut the ribbon, teams of eager players spilled into Isaacson Park ready to play ball, a moment long-time youth sports coach Dick Isaacson would have been quietly proud to witness, say his family and friends. The park's name honors Isaacson, who served as a Golden Valley youth sports coach for more than 40 years.

"If he were here, he would just say, 'thank you very much,' now let's get out onto the field and start practice," said Isaacson's son, Dave, at the dedication ceremony.

Isaacson mentored thousands of people during his decades of youth sports dedication, says Jerry Sandler, chair of the City's Open Space and Recreation Commission. When the City bought the park property, which used to be owned by Honeywell, the name was up for a change.

"After Dick passed away last year, naming the park in his honor seemed like the right thing to do," he says. "He was a mentor to me, a mentor to hundreds of coaches and thousands of kids."

"Dick Isaacson didn't seek out recognition," adds Sandler. "He never looked for a pat on the back. He just really enjoyed working with the kids and teaching them about the fundamentals of the game."

The 11-acre Isaacson Park at 7101 Sandburg Rd features three ball fields (two newly constructed), 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.

"I'm sure he'd be very happy, very humbly happy," says Diane Thorvilson, Isaacson's daughter. "It'd mean a lot more to him than he would ever express." 🐾

2012 *Run The Valley* Results Are In

642 participants help raise more than \$21,000 for community

This year's *Run the Valley* showed the community at a good stride. The 18th annual 5/10K Run and 5K Walk drew 642 participants April 14 to compete for medals and raise money for the Golden Valley Human Services Fund (GVHSF). A new route and different starting location from past years received glowing reviews from participants, says Jeanne Fackler, event coordinator.

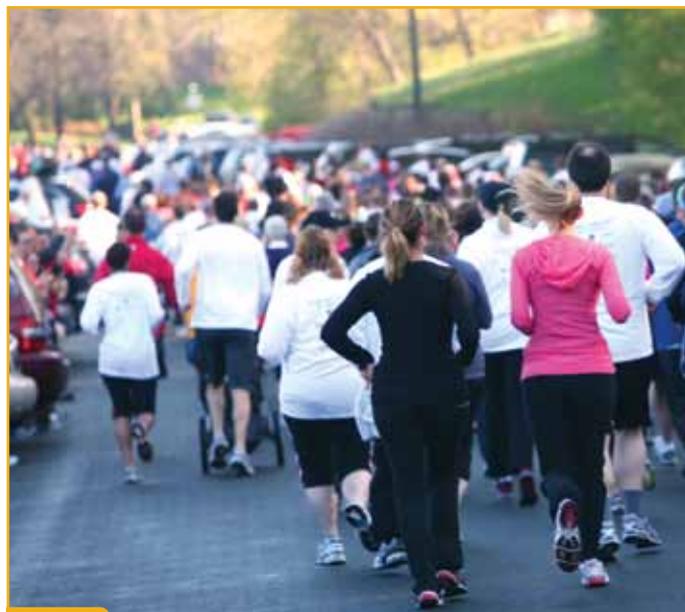
"Everybody loved the new course and starting location at Brookview," Fackler says. Also new this year was microchip timing, where runners put chips on their shoes for higher timing accuracy.

The event raised about \$21,900 (not official) for the GVHSF, which allocates the funds to local human service organizations that benefit the community.

Golden Valley medalists in this year's 10K were Kaelyn Williams (40:16—second female) and Garrett Williams (38:19—second male). In the 5K, Joy Adams (20:46) and Rachel Hurst (23:18) took second and third among females.

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,

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More at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/runthevalley

Finken Great Glacier Water, flash! photography, Old Fashioned Donut Shoppe, Road ID, Valley Pastries, and Yoplait USA. Sponsors supplied T-shirts, medals, food, and water for the event.

The 2013 *Run the Valley* date will be set in May. Watch the City website and CityNews for updates, or contact Fackler at 763-512-2340. 🐾



GVHSF Golf Classic Is July 13

REGISTER TODAY!

The 2012 Golden Valley Golf Classic will be held Friday, July 13, at Brookview Golf Course. The Golden Valley Human Services Fund (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.

JOIN THE PARTY. The tournament begins with an 8 am shotgun start. Foursomes can register for \$300 (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 as a Corporate Sponsor (\$1,000) or Golf Hole Sponsor (\$500). Contributions of

cash, merchandise, and in-kind items or gift certificates are welcome for hole contests, prizes, and drawings.

The 2011 event drew 100 golfers who, with corporate and individual sponsors, helped the Golf Classic raise \$13,165 for local human service organizations.

For more information, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/golfclassic or contact staff liaison Jeanne Fackler at 763-512-2340 or jfackler@goldenvalleymn.gov. 🐾



Since the Golden Valley Historical Society acquired the historic church in 1997, it has hosted 127 weddings.

History Meets Modern Life

TYING THE KNOT IN CITY'S OLDEST BUILDING



Heidi and Bob Hatchell were wed at the Historical Society in April 2012.

Heidi and Bob Hatchell met amid the hustle and bustle of modern life. They got to know each other during a daily commute on the Metro Transit bus line and their first date involved a ride in a convertible—but their marriage took place in a setting that celebrates an era when the horse and buggy ruled the road.

History and modern life mingle every week at the Golden Valley Historical Society, a building constructed in 1882, a structure that simultaneously stands as a symbol of the City's heritage while honoring modern traditions through wedding celebrations and other community events.

Since the Society acquired the historic church building in 1997, it has hosted 127 weddings there through April 2012. Another 27 wedding dates have been reserved through early 2013.

"I wanted something more old-fashioned for our wedding," Heidi Hatchell says. "It's a very romantic setting, intimate and old fashioned, and a good fit for my first wedding, which I intend to make my only wedding."

Heidi, 52, met Bob, 77, in a not-so-old-fashioned way. On a bus commute to work in Minneapolis, they developed a rapport over time. Then one hot August afternoon, Bob approached Heidi at the bus stop to ask if

she'd like to go for a cool ride in his convertible that evening.

Two years later, the Edina couple discovered the historical Golden Valley building online and got married there this April. Sticking to the old-fashioned theme, and taking advantage of the building's separate dressing rooms, the groom was not allowed to see the bride the night before or the day of the wedding, until the ceremony commenced.

Early Years

The Historical Society building, located at 6731 Golden Valley Road, is the oldest public building in Golden Valley, originally built as a nondenominational one-room church for early pioneers, the first church in the village.

The first pastor was a horseback-riding preacher who traveled among several chapels in the area to provide sermons, says Don Anderson, secretary of the Historical Society. This detail was particularly striking to

Getting married in Golden Valley? Host your reception at Brookview Community Center. More at www.goldenvalleymn.gov.

Jandeen Lorsung, 38, who married Chris Lorsung, 45, at the building this April.

"I really found interesting those early clergymen traveling from church to church by horseback," Lorsung says. "That conjured up images from Little House on the Prairie and a simpler time."

The Apple Valley couple learned about the Golden Valley Historical Society building through a Google search. It fit what they were looking for in terms of a small, nondenominational setting, and the historical aspects gave it an extra appeal.

"The building has a very cool story," Lorsung adds.

Becoming Part Of History

Eight years after its construction, the building was pulled by horses and mules almost a mile over rolling logs to its current location, Anderson says. There, horses were used to pull a metal scoop to dig a basement, which the Historical Society hopes to soon turn into an artifact museum.

The building changed ownership many times over the years. In 1997, the Historical Society spent \$86,000 to acquire the structure with the help of an anonymous donation.

The wedding events started shortly after purchase. It's a win-win situation, Anderson says, as people find the building a fitting setting for their ceremony and all involved learn about the building's rich history while becoming a part of it.

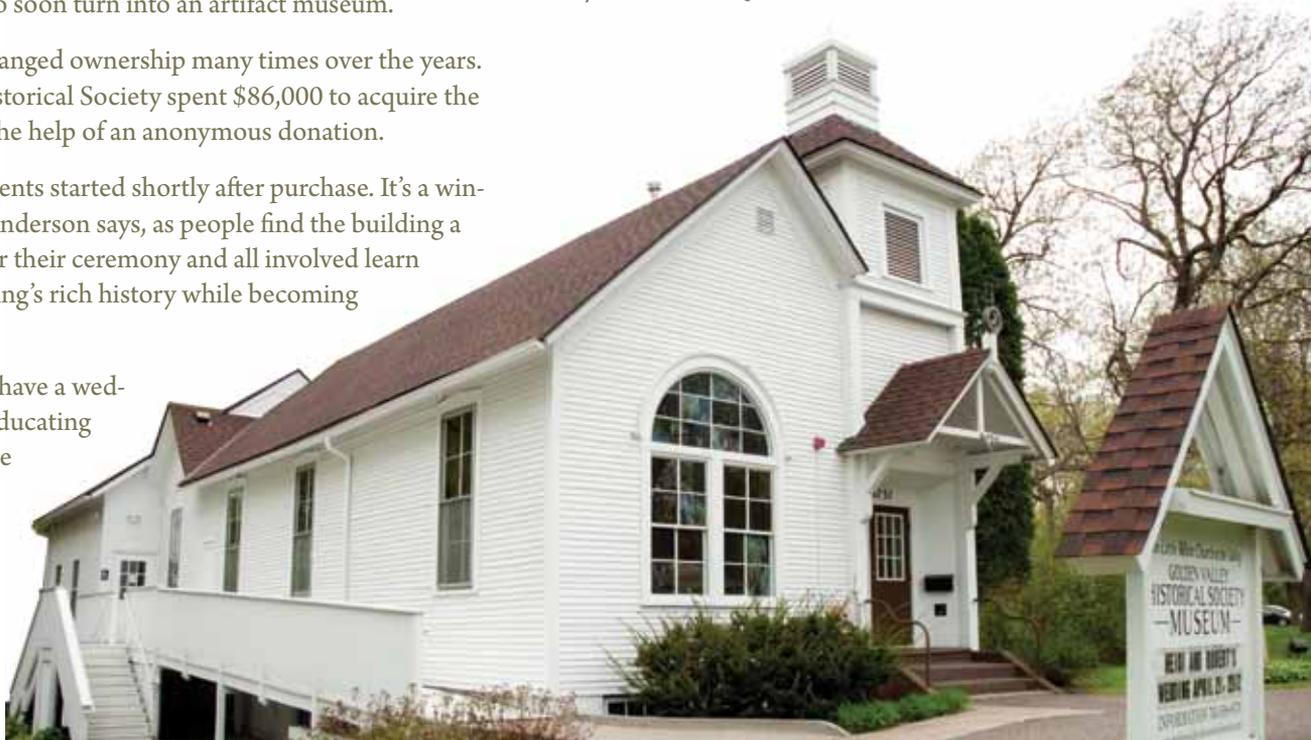
"Every time we have a wedding here, I'm educating the guests on the history," Anderson says.

It's important, he adds, because knowledge about our history gives us a richer perspective of modern life. It opens our eyes to our origins and brings us insight into the progress and struggles of our ancestors, our culture, and our community, in turn helping us discover our own identity. In other words, as Heidi Hatchell puts it, very romantic.

"All involved learn about the building's rich history while becoming a part of it."

Costs for weddings at the historical building range from \$350 for a day to \$550 for two days, Anderson says. The mingling of the modern with the old-fashioned plays a major theme in all the weddings, right down to the availability of a 1941 Chickering piano, a 1950s era Conn organ, and a set-up for an iPod connection.

To learn more about the building and the Golden Valley Historical Society, visit goldenvalleyhistoricalsociety.org. To book a wedding or other event, contact Don Anderson at maryanddon3030@aol.com.



GOLDEN VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The mission of the Golden Valley Historical Society is to discover, preserve, and disseminate historical knowledge about Golden Valley, Minnesota.

All general membership meetings are held the second Thursday of each month September through May, 7 pm, at the Society's Historic Church, 6731 Golden Valley Road. Meetings are free and open to the public.

New members are always welcome. If you're looking for an engaging way to get involved in your community, come to a meeting or contact Secretary Don Anderson at 763-588-8578 or maryanddon3030@aol.com.

Distracted Driving Is No "LOL" Matter

Distracted driving is a growing problem turning into a habit for some—a habit deadlier than drunk driving. According to the US Department of Transportation, distracted driving killed 5,474 people in 2009 and injured another 448,000.

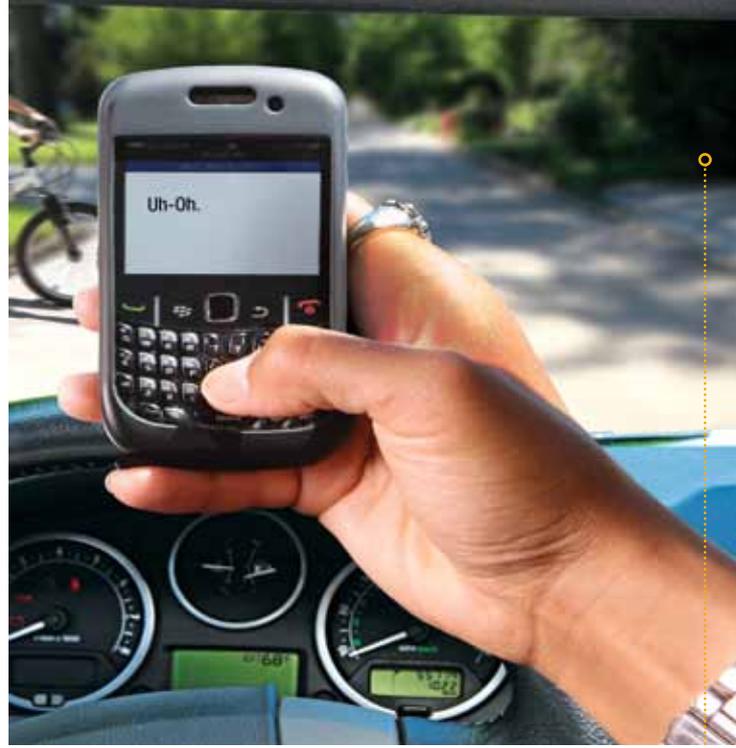
What Is Distracted Driving?

Distraction occurs any time you take your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, or your mind off your primary task: driving safely. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing. Here are a few sobering statistics:

- Drivers who use a hand-held device are four times more likely to get into a crash serious enough to cause injury.
- Using a cell phone while driving delays your reaction time as much as having a blood alcohol concentration of .08.
- Research indicates that the burden of talking on a cell phone—even if it's hands-free—saps the brain of 39 percent of the energy it would ordinarily devote to safe driving.
- Texting drivers are **23 times** more likely to get involved in a crash. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field, blindfolded.

In Minnesota, it is a primary offense for all drivers to text and drive. A primary offense means an officer can ticket the driver for the

“That's like driving the length of a football field, blindfolded.”



offense without any other traffic violation taking place. Any use of a cell phone while driving is also a primary offense for bus drivers and novice drivers (anyone under age 18 with a learner's permit or provisional license).

The best way to help fight distracted driving is to make sure you and your family learn more about it.

So, when you're in the car, put your phone where you can't get it. A place where you won't even be tempted to look for it. If you have a smartphone, find an app that can help you stop texting and driving. Designate a texter. Passengers get the privilege of texting while in motion, or checking GPS devices or anything else that might take the driver's eyes off the road.

For more information and answers to your questions, visit www.distraction.gov. Please drive carefully. 🐾

Register For Night To Unite

Join cities throughout Minnesota on August 7

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 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! Register your neighborhood's party online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/nighttounite. For more information, contact the Police Department at 763-593-8079. 🐾



Firefighters WANTED

Join Up. Give Back.
Stand Out.

Ever thought about becoming a Golden Valley firefighter? Want a taste of what firefighting is really like? Try it out at the Golden Valley Firefighter Recruitment Expo, and then get all the details at the follow-up recruitment meeting. Both take place at Fire Station 1, 7800 Golden Valley Rd.

Firefighter Recruitment Expo
THURS, JUNE 14, 7-10 PM

Recruitment Meeting
THURS, JUNE 28, 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Firefighter applications are due Monday, July 9 at 4 pm. More at www.goldenvalleyfire.com.



Trainer.
Cook.
Firefighter.

Jason
New Recruit, 2000

Meet Jason, Golden Valley Firefighter

Jason Hoffrogge's a traveler, but he doesn't go places on vacation. He goes places that need his help. He went to New Orleans three times after Hurricane Katrina, and he went to Haiti after the earthquake.

As a corporate trainer with a degree in sociology and a background in behavior analysis, Hoffrogge educates people on

how to support people with developmental disabilities and their families to give them the best quality of life possible.

"Being a firefighter gives me a chance to make people's lives better right here in the community," he says. And he still finds time for his family and for his hobbies as a cook, woodworker, and all-around handyman.

Have Fun This Summer, But Stay Safe

From May through August, children ages 14 and younger will be rushed to emergency rooms nearly three million times. The Golden Valley Fire Department offers safety tips in three problem areas.

WATER SAFETY Swimming areas pose one of the biggest threats. Proper water safety education for children along with good role modeling and supervision from adults could prevent most drownings, says Stephen Baker, fire education specialist. Both adults and children can overestimate swimming abilities.

That's why **classes, supervised training, and life jackets in boats** are the keys to water safety.

STREET SAFETY The best thing any pedestrian or biker can do while on or near roads is to assume drivers can't or didn't see them, Baker says. Furthermore, wearing a helmet while skateboarding, biking, or rollerblading can reduce the risk of head injury by 85 percent.

If children are reluctant to wear helmets. Baker suggests **letting them pick out their own helmets**.

FIRE SAFETY Fires kill nearly 500 children each year and injure 40,000 more, so it's important children learn fire safety. Start with the following fire safety tips.

- Keep matches, lighters, and other heat sources out of children's reach.
- Plan and practice a fire escape route with your family.
- Talk to your children about what to expect in a fire.
- Educate your children to understand that fire is something to respect.
- Never let your children play with fireworks without adult supervision. This includes sparklers, which can get as hot as 1,200° F.

Remember, an accidental death is a preventable death, Baker says.



RUB ELBOWS WITH GREEN THUMBS

Take the 2012 Learning Garden Tour July 14

Visit 12 beautiful Minneapolis area gardens during the annual Hennepin County Master Gardener (HCMG) Learning Garden Tour July 14, 9 am - 4 pm (rain or shine).

This tour offers an exciting array of garden styles and techniques, all designed and maintained by Master Gardener volunteers and located within a convenient route.

Tickets are available online at www.hennepinmastergardeners.org or at the HCMG office, 479 Prairie Center Drive, Eden Prairie. Cost is \$15/person before the event; \$20 the day of the tour. For more information, call Terry at 612-596-2130.

Admission includes entry to all 12 gardens, brochure with garden descriptions, locations and driving instructions, on-site demonstrations, and free handouts on selected yard and garden topics. Proceeds benefit the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Program in Hennepin County community programs. 



Manhole Cover Replacement Program Nearly Complete

New, solid covers help reduce inflow and infiltration from runoff

This year, the City will finish replacing sanitary sewer manhole covers throughout Golden Valley. The project began in 2008 as part of the City's inflow and infiltration (I/I) reduction program.

Problem & Solution

The old manhole covers had access holes in the middle, which were used to help remove them. However, these access holes allowed infiltration of runoff water from rain and snow melt into the sanitary sewer system. This excess clear water uses sanitary sewer capacity needed for wastewater. The result is sewer backups and increased costs (about \$300-\$400 million annually) for needlessly putting clear water through the wastewater treatment process. The new manhole covers have a different design that significantly reduces infiltration.

Replacing leaky manhole covers is just one element in Golden Valley's I/I reduction program. To meet I/I reduction requirements set by the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) and to maintain dependable sanitary sewer service, Golden Valley has been re-investing in its sanitary

sewer system by repairing and replacing aged and worn infrastructure as needed.

Opportunity

When ordering the new manhole covers, the City had the opportunity to include the City name and logo as part of the overall design for an upcharge of 65 cents per cover.

Having this information on the manhole covers makes it easy to identify exactly where City utilities are located in the right-of-way. City utilities share right-of-ways with many other organizations that also have manhole structures, such as MCES, Qwest, AT&T, Xcel, and others.

If you have any questions or concerns about the City's new manhole covers, contact Public Works Maintenance Manager Bert Tracy at 763-593-3981. 

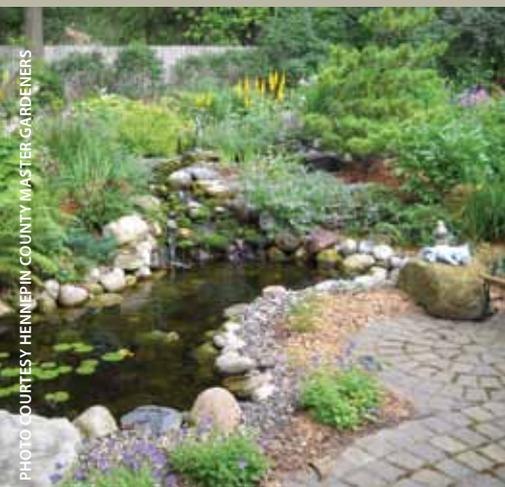


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City Schedules Streets For Sealcoating

Preventive maintenance prolongs pavement life

Every summer, the City of Golden Valley embarks upon a scheduled maintenance program to protect its investment in its streets. Sealcoating is one of the most common methods of preventive street maintenance and is done every seven or eight years.

Sealcoating is 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 below for 2012 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.

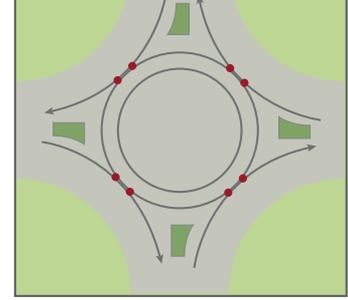
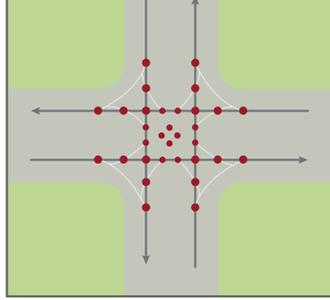
Don't forget: drive slowly and be patient. Crews doing the road work appreciate your cooperation. If you have questions about the street maintenance program, call the Public Works Maintenance Manager at 763-593-3981. 

2012 SEALCOAT STREETS

- Adeline Ln (*cul-de-sac to Angelo Dr*)
- Alfred Rd (*Toledo Ave to Angelo Dr*)
- Angelo Dr (*Toledo Ave to Winsdale St*)
- Beverly Ave (*Westwood Dr to Ardmore Dr*)
- Frontenac Ave (*Golden Valley Rd to Quail Ave*)
- Golden Valley Rd (*Lilac Dr to Duluth St*)
- Heathbrooke Cir (*cul-de-sac to Major Dr*)
- Loring Ln (*Natchez Ave to Westwood Dr*)
- Major Dr (*Noble Dr to Golden Valley Rd*)
- Noble Ave (*Golden Valley Rd to Culver Rd*)
- Noble Dr (*Major Dr to Golden Valley Rd*)
- Quail Ave (*Frontenac Ave to Golden Valley Rd*)
- Regent Ave (*Golden Valley Rd to Duluth St*)
- Spring Valley Cir (*Spring Valley Rd to Spring Valley Rd*)
- Spring Valley Rd (*Angelo Dr to St Croix Ave*)
- St Croix Cir (*Spring Valley Rd to Spring Valley Rd*)
- St Croix Ave (*Lilac Dr to Spring Valley Rd*)
- Topel Rd (*Lilac Dr to Unity Ave*)
- Toledo Ave (*Angelo Dr to Golden Valley Rd*)
- Toledo Ave (*St Croix Ave to Duluth St*)
- Unity Ave (*cul-de-sac south of Thotland Rd to cul-de-sac north of Topel Rd*)
- Westwood Dr (*Loring Ln to Beverly Ave*)
- Wills Pl

Roundabouts

City plans for alternative intersection controls



Single lane roundabouts reduce the number of vehicular conflict points at intersections from 32 to 8.

Roundabouts have become fairly common across the country and in the Twin Cities metro area. Hennepin County and the City of Golden Valley are planning roundabouts at two locations along Douglas Dr—at the intersections with Golden Valley Rd and Sandburg Rd.

The modern roundabout is a circular intersection where traffic travels counterclockwise around a center island. They are used to safely organize flow through busy intersections and are different from neighborhood traffic circles and rotaries. Traffic circles are typically smaller and are used to calm traffic in residential areas. Rotaries, found in some parts of the United States and in Europe, are larger and typically function as higher speed intersections of major roadways.

Why Roundabouts?

Several benefits make roundabouts a great alternative to traditional intersection control, such as traffic signals or all-way stop signs. Roundabouts:

- improve safety. All conflicting vehicles come from one direction. Potential conflicts are not right angle or head on, which result in the most serious injuries.

- reduce congestion. If there are no conflicting vehicles, drivers may proceed through the intersection at reduced speeds with minimal delay.
- reduce pollution, fuel consumption, and vehicle wear. Reduced idling and hard accelerating result in lower emissions and fuel consumption.
- save money. Operation and maintenance costs are lower compared to traffic signals.
- complement community values and improve aesthetic opportunities and natural features. 🌿

navigating a ROUNDABOUT

Navigating a roundabout can be a smooth process if you remember these simple guidelines.

Driving

- Slow down as you approach the roundabout.
- If there's more than one lane, use the left lane to turn left, the right lane to turn right, and all lanes to go through, unless directed otherwise by signs and pavement markings.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists crossing the roadway. You may need to yield at crosswalks before entering or as you exit the roundabout.
- Watch for signs or pavement markings that require or prohibit certain movements.
- When entering a roundabout, yield to vehicles already in the roundabout. Do not enter the roundabout until you have a safe gap in traffic coming from the left.
- After entering the roundabout, drive counter-clockwise until you reach your exit.

- Do not stop or pass within a roundabout.

- Make your way through the roundabout before pulling over to allow emergency vehicles to pass.

Walking

- Use the median to cross one direction at a time.
- Stay on designated walkways and sidewalks.
- Never cross to the center island.
- Additional provisions are being considered for impaired pedestrians at the national level.

Biking

- May ride with traffic inside roundabout or use the sidewalks around the roundabout.
- If riding in traffic, follow the same rules as motorists.
- If using the sidewalk, walk the bike as a pedestrian. 🌿



UPCOMING (free) events

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Mondays, 7 pm, Brookview Park
Enjoy free concerts at the large picnic shelter. For more information, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/concertsinthepark/ or call 763-512-2345.

- 6/11** Golden Valley Orchestra
- 6/14** Robbinsdale City Band (*Thurs*)
- 6/18** Gypsy Mania
- 6/25** Beacon Hill Brass
- 7/9** Nuance A Duo
- 7/16** John Philip Sousa Band
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- 7/23** The Banjo Boys Band

Puppet Wagon Shows

Tues & Thurs, June 12–July 26
New shows weekly. Schedule at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

Firefighter Recruitment Expo

Thurs, June 14 (see page 11)

PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

Wed, June 20, 6–8 pm
Police Dept & Fire Stations

Tours, demos, and more.

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



Water Day @ Scheid Park

Fri, June 22, 12:30–2:15 pm
Ages 6–14 with adult. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION STREET DANCE

Sat, June 23, 5–12 pm
Chester Bird American Legion (Hwy 100 & Glenwood Ave)
Food, music, and fireworks. Sponsored by the Golden Valley Fire Relief Association. More information at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/streetdance/.

Market In The Valley Opening Day

Sun, June 24, 9 am–1 pm
Under the Water Tower
Details at www.marketinthevalley.org.

125TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY

Sun, June 24, noon
Plaza in front of City Hall
Golden Valley's 125th Anniversary Time Capsule will be buried outside City Hall, not to be opened until 2036.

GVHSF Golf Classic

Fri, July 13 (see page 7)

Water Day @ Scheid Park

Fri, July 13, 12:30–2:15 pm
Ages 6–14 with adult. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.



Ice Cream Social

Mon, July 16, 7 pm
FREE Sebastian Joe's ice cream at the John Philip Sousa Band concert. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/icecream-social/.

Penny Carnival

Fri, July 27, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
Brookview Park
Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

Picnic & Music

Tues, July 31, 11:15 am–noon
Brookview Park
Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

Minnesota Night To Unite

Tues, Aug 7 (see page 10)

Lilac Planting Party

Sat, Sept 22, 9 am–1 pm
9010 Olson Memorial Hwy
Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/lilacplanting/.

Find more events and information by visiting:
www.goldenvalleymn.gov/calendar



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VIEWS of the VALLEY 20TH ANNUAL!

Deadline for entries is June 6 at 4:30 pm.

Time is running out to submit your shots in the City's 20th annual *Views of the Valley* photo contest. Golden Valley residents can 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 are appreciated, but must be accompanied by a 5x7 print on photo-quality paper. Do not mat or frame photos.

Winning entries are published in *CityNews* and the City website. First prize winners in each category receive \$50; grand prize is an additional \$50. The People's Choice winner will receive \$25. Winners will be notified in early July.

Photos are judged 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).

To enter, attach a completed entry form to each photo and mail or drop off at Golden Valley City Hall before 4:30 pm on June 6.

To read complete rules and print entry forms, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/photocontest/. You may also call 763-593-8004.

JUNE 11-22
Vote for People's
Choice online or
at City Hall.

PATRICK O'ROURKE, 2011 VIEWS OF THE VALLEY

OPEN TO BUSINESS

Open To Business has scheduled office hours for walk-in consultation with entrepreneurs and small businesses looking to start or expand a business. Scheduled office hours will alternate between New Hope and Golden Valley but can be accessed by residents of either city. For more information and a schedule of office hours, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/business/opentobusiness/.

Become More Active In City Government

Apply For Boards/Commissions By June 30

Advisory Boards and Commissions recommend policy to the City Council and advise the Council on a variety of diverse issues.

Deadline for applications is June 30, 2012. The City Council will conduct interviews in early July and appoint new board/commission members July 17.

Details and applications are available at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/boards/. Questions? Contact Judy Nally at 763-593-3991 or jnally@goldenvalleymn.gov.



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