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For 2012, primary election day is Aug 14 and general election day is Nov 6.

Register To Vote Before Or On Election Day

If you're not registered to vote, do so by July 24 to be on the roster for the Aug 14 primary election and by Oct 16 to be on the roster for the Nov 6 general election.

To find out if you are already registered to vote at your current address, go to <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>.

Pre-register by mail or in person by completing a Minnesota Voter Registration Application, available at most government offices and public libraries (and online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/elections). You can pick one up at City Hall (7800 Golden Valley Rd), or you may also register at the Hennepin County Government Center (300 South 6th St - Public Service Level Minneapolis).

You can **register to vote on election day** at your precinct voting site by bringing one of the following documents to verify your current address:

- valid driver's license or permit (or receipt for either)
- valid Minnesota identification card (or receipt)
- notice of ineffective registration mailed to you from the county auditor or city clerk
- photo ID card with a student fee statement
- current utility bill (due within 30 days of election) with your name and address, plus a photo identification card

You may also have a registered voter in your precinct vouch for your residence.

Voters must be at least 18 years old on the day of election, be a citizen of the United States, and have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day. Other requirements apply; check the MN Voter Registration Application for details. Questions? Call the City at 763-593-8017. ~

Voting Locations:

Redistricting results in slight changes for Precincts 2a and 3c

After the completion of a decennial Census, the boundaries of election districts in the US are redrawn to ensure the people of each district are equally represented. In Golden Valley, the 2010 Census resulted in slight changes in Precincts 2a and 3c.

On Election Day, vote in your own precinct between 7 am and 8 pm.

To find your voting location, go to <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>. ~

Precincts

- **Precinct 1a:**
NE Fire Station, 3700 Golden Valley Rd
- **Precinct 2a:**
Valley Presbyterian Church, 3100 North Lilac Dr
- **Precinct 3c:**
Meadowbrook School, 5430 Glenwood Ave
- **Precinct 4:**
LOGIS, 5750 Duluth St
- **Precinct 5c:**
SE Fire Station, 400 Turners Crossroad S
- **Precinct 6:**
Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd
- **Precinct 7b:**
Sandburg School, 2400 Sandburg Lane
- **Precinct 8b:** Brookview Community Center, 200 Brookview Parkway

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GVHSF Helps People In Need

2013 funding applications due Aug 31

The Golden Valley Human Services Fund (GVHSF), which is composed of community volunteers, helps fund several nonprofit agencies that serve Golden Valley residents in need. For 2012, the GVHSF contributed \$45,000 to the following organizations:

- Community Mediation Services provides respectful, confidential, and accessible mediation services.
- Crisis Connection provides mental health telephone counseling to people with personal and family problems and crises.
- Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery provides shelter care for children up to age six for families dealing with stress or crisis that need time away from children to stabilize themselves.
- Home Free provides battered women and their children with safety, support, and shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, and community advocacy.
- Jewish Family & Children's Services supports community collaborations and services for seniors, children and families, and those in need of career counseling or financial assistance.
- Northwest Suburban Dinner At Your Door provides nourishing meals to homebound people unable to prepare a home-cooked meal.
- PRISM provides families in need with food, financial assistance, transportation, and other services in times of financial hardship.
- Senior Community Services HOME Program offers services to help elders remain independent in their homes.
- Senior Community Services Outreach provides in-home counseling and case management to help frail elders remain independent.
- TreeHouse provides guidance to teens and families during difficult times.

Funding applications for 2013 are due **Aug 24, 2012, at 4:30 pm**. GVHSF funding guidelines and application are available on the City's website at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/boards/gvhsf/. Applications are also available at City Hall or Brookview Community Center. For more information or to make a tax deductible contribution, call 763-512-2340. 



Council Reviews Proposed City Budget

Minnesota law requires cities to adopt a budget annually, and the Golden Valley City Council held its first discussion July 10 on the proposed 2013-2014 City budget.

Golden Valley prepares a two-year budget to help with upcoming financial needs and forecasts. The proposed biennial budget includes General Fund expenditures and revenues and the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Parks, Buildings, and Equipment. Funds that are not supported by taxes will be available in September.

For the 2013 budget, in September the Council will approve a proposed levy that will be used for the Truth in Taxation (TNT) notices that are sent out in November. The final levy

and budget for 2013 will be approved in December for 2013 property tax statements.

The 2013-2014 proposed General Fund Budget and other funds can be viewed online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/budget. Information is also available at City Hall.

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

Got Junk?

Hennepin County's A-Z Guide offers disposal options

Want to shed some stuff but are unsure of disposal options? Hennepin County's "A-Z How To Get Rid Of It Guide" is an online search tool that provides information on options for discarding items or recycling (if applicable).

To get started, go to www.hennepinatoz.org/azguide. Choose either the "household" or "business" option. Enter the item to be discarded and click "Search A-Z Guide," or click "Browse Index" for an alphabetical list of items ranging from awards to zip drives.

For each item, the website provides recycling or disposal options and links to other resources. For example, treated

lumber must be taken to a landfill, while cassette tapes or CDs are both recyclable, but only when taken to a Hennepin Drop Off facility.

The right side of each web page outlines potential reuse options for items, such as donations or free markets. Reuse is the most environmentally friendly and cost effective way to discard an item.

To determine if an item can be put in your blue curbside recycling cart, call Allied Waste at 952-941-5174. For more information on Golden Valley's curbside recycling program, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling/curbside/. 

Recycling Carts:

One size does not fit all

Now that residents have had six months to adjust to Golden Valley's new recycling program, many may have a good idea of which size recycling cart will best fit their needs. Some residents have found that even the largest cart isn't enough and have requested an additional cart.

Carts are available in three sizes: 36, 68, and 96 gallon. Width and height differences are significant (see photo below). There is no charge to swap your cart for one of a different size, or to get an additional cart. Just call Allied Waste at 952-941-5174.

For more about Golden Valley's recycling program, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling. 

Recycling Reminders

Mighty Tidy Day

Saturday, Oct 13, 8 am–1 pm

@ Brookview Park

Unload unwanted items like old mattresses and sofas, broken bicycles, ancient appliances, old tires, outdated computers, televisions, and other things piling up around your home at Mighty Tidy Clean-Up Day.

Fees apply. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling/mightytidyday/index.php or in the September/October *CityNews*.

Fall Leaf Drop-Off

- Saturday, Oct 27, 8 am - 1 pm
- Friday, Nov 2, 8 am - 4 pm
- Saturday, Nov 3, 8 am - 1 pm
- Saturday, Nov 10, 7 am - 1 pm

@ Brookview Park

Provides residents a monitored site to dispose of their leaves at no charge. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/homeyard/yards/leaf-drop-off.php or in the September/October *CityNews*. 



Good Housekeeping Ensures Clean Water

Storm water runoff from buildings, lawns, and parking lots collects pollutants on its way to local ponds and streams.

What you do and what you store on your property may add even more hazards to the local waterways.

“A property owner could be polluting the environment without even knowing it,” says Eric Eckman, public works specialist. Golden Valley’s storm water management ordinance regulates how properties manage runoff and potential sources of pollution.

For example, washing down paved areas in commercial and industrial properties is prohibited unless necessary for health or safety purposes. Runoff from residential property must be minimized to a practical extent and managed so it doesn’t contribute to the degradation of surface water.

This includes swimming pool water, which contains chemicals that can damage the environment. Pool water should not be discharged into the City’s storm water system without proper preparation. Before discharging pool water, suspend the chlorination

Pollutants

OIL, GREASE, AND OTHER
AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS

HEAVY METALS FROM
VEHICLES AND ROOF
SHINGLES

FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES,
AND NUTRIENTS FROM
LAWNS AND GARDENS

VIRUSES AND BACTERIA
FROM PET WASTE

CHLORINE FROM
SWIMMING POOLS

ROAD SALT

SEDIMENT

system for seven days to allow chlorine to evaporate.

Also, be mindful of the effects on water resources as you handle and store materials or perform routine activities such as mowing, fertilizing, washing vehicles and equipment, or changing oil in the lawn mower. This includes the following good housekeeping provisions:

- Do not discard materials in a way and in locations that would cause them to become pollutants.
- Do not dispose of yard waste or landscape debris in or near areas of storm water runoff.
- Store all machinery, equipment, and materials containing hazardous substances in areas not susceptible to runoff.
- Debris and residue from parking lots should be collected and disposed of in accordance with the law.
- Fuel and other chemical residue or other potentially harmful material, located in areas susceptible to runoff, should be removed and disposed of properly.

Learn how to dispose of old products and household hazardous waste at Hennepin County's drop-off facilities at www.hennepin.us/dropoffs.

If you have questions about storm water management or wonder where your runoff goes, contact Eckman at 763-593-8084.



Golden Valley Recycles

GRAY Holiday Schedule

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

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.

BLUE Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 24
New Year’s 2013	Sat, Jan 5



Recreation Highlights

Complete list in the Fall Recreation Activities Catalog or at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation.

Youth

Kids Club—Starts Sept 10, Mon/Wed or Tue/Thur, 9:30–11 am, \$44.

Pre-school Playtime—Starts Sept 14, Fridays, 10–11:30 am, \$3/child.

Tap & Ballet (ages 4–18)—Saturday mornings starting Sept 15, \$38.

Drama Club (ages 6–12)—Tue/Thur, 6–7:15 pm, Sept 18–Dec 6, \$99.

Adult

Yoga—Tue, Sept 4–Oct 23, 5:30–6:40 pm, \$80.

Tae Kwon Do—Tue, Sept 11–Oct 16, 6:15–7 pm, \$59.

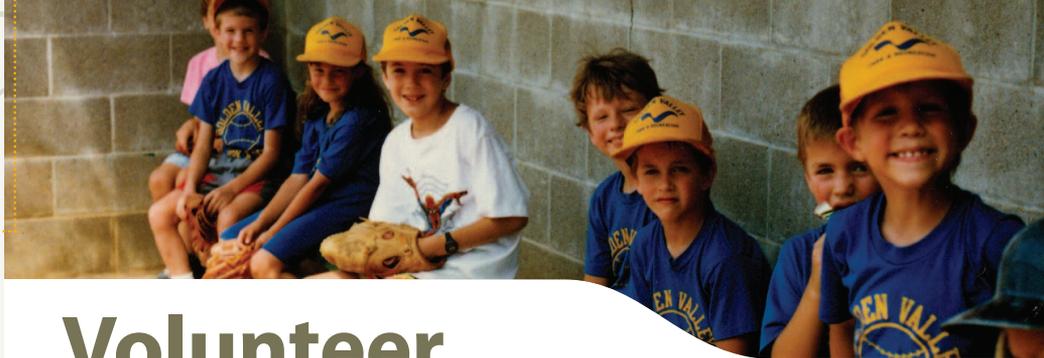
Seniors

Internet and Smartphone Scams—Presented by the Better Business Bureau. Wed, Aug 23, 9:45–11 am, \$2 at door. Register by Aug 20.

When is it Time to Give Up My Driver's License?—Presented by the Courage Center. Wed, Sept 26, 9:45 am–11:15 pm, \$2 at door. Register by Sept 24.

Tai Chi for Health & Arthritis—Tue, Sept 11–Oct 23, 8:30–9:40 am (Level 1), 9:45–10:45 am (Level 2). \$45/resident, \$50/non-resident.

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.



Volunteer Coaches Drive Youth Programs

Help needed with youth sports

Many of Golden Valley's Park and Recreation programs rely on volunteers to help keep costs down for participants. This is especially true for youth sports, where volunteer coaches and referees are mainstays of a successful program.

"Sometimes we'll be short a coach, and that can be a stressful situation," says Brian Erickson, recreation supervisor. Referees are also needed for some sports. For example, Golden Valley's soccer program is always looking for volunteer referees.

Community Connections

Erickson believes volunteering to coach youth sports helps connect people to the community and provides a way to give back.

"I would encourage people to volunteer, especially if they have a background in youth sports," Erickson says. "You don't have to be a great athlete to be a coach. It's about relating to people and to kids."

Golden Valley's Park and Recreation programs boast about 50 to 60 volunteer coaches. Most of them are parents.

"I got into it when my son started playing," says Brian Walvatne, who coaches youth soccer and hockey for Golden Valley. Walvatne says people thinking about coaching won't regret it if they sign up.

"It's rewarding to see the kids' progression," he says. "The first day of practice, they're scared to go out there. But once they get into it, they can't wait. You can really see their confidence build and their skills develop."

Getting Involved

Volunteer coaches need to fill out an application and pass a background check. All volunteers are given skills training before they start.

"If you understand the fundamentals of the sport and work well with kids, this is something you can do," Erickson says.

If you're interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with Golden Valley's Park and Recreation programs, contact Brian Erickson 763-512-2345 or berickson@goldenvalleymn.gov. You can also sign up to receive email notifications whenever volunteers are needed at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/news/subscribe/index.php.

City Honors Silberman For Water Quality Legacy

The City of Golden Valley recently honored Edward Silberman, a resident who strived for better water management practices and improved water quality for all of us.

During a July 19 dedication ceremony, the City unveiled a memorial plaque for Silberman at Schaper Park, an important location in his legacy. Several features at the park provide flood control and protect the water quality of neighboring Sweeney Lake and Bassett Creek.

Leadership And Commitment

Golden Valley and regions beyond owe a debt of gratitude to Silberman, whose leadership and commitment unified professionals and citizens in the quest for improved flood control and water quality.

From 1973–2000, Silberman represented Golden Valley on the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC), where he was instrumental in developing long-term storm water management solutions.

“He was forthright and insightful,” says Pat Schutrop, who was the recording administrator for BCWMC when Silberman was commissioner. “As the watershed commissioner representing Golden Valley, he was committed, genuine, and an ethically respected person.”

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Silberman’s water management solutions included a major flood control project that reduced damages by \$1 million per year, implementation of some of Minnesota’s first water

quality treatment facilities, and promotion of measures to preserve the natural setting and aesthetics in watershed projects. Silberman also championed public involvement in the decision-making process, successfully melding bureaucratic and public input on such projects.

His passion for engineering and hydrology fueled a 40-year civic career following his active duty with the US Army and Army Corps of Engineers during WWII. As co-developer and later director of the University of Minnesota’s St Anthony Falls Laboratory from 1946–1974, he harnessed the power of the Mississippi River.

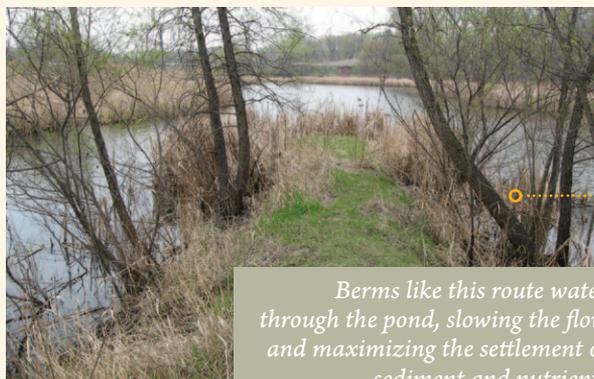
During that time Silberman also taught and mentored future engineers at the University of Minnesota, retiring as a full professor in 1981 and continuing as an adjunct professor until 1988. As professor emeritus, he mentored graduate students on a weekly basis until months before his death in 2011 at age 97.

Without storm water management practices championed by pioneers like Silberman, flooding and polluted lakes and streams would be the norm rather than the exception. His work ethic and depth of commitment to the environment make him a true community leader and inspire others to continue his legacy. 

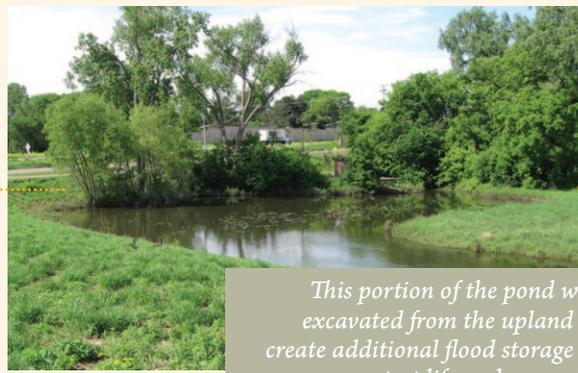


**Edward
Silberman
1914–2011**

Flood Control & Water Quality Features At Schaper Park



Berms like this route water through the pond, slowing the flow and maximizing the settlement of sediment and nutrients



This portion of the pond was excavated from the upland to create additional flood storage to protect life and property.

20th Annual Photo Contest Celebrates Golden Valley

Nature, community life are dominant themes

The wonders of nature and the simple pleasures of community life won the day in the 2012 *Views of the Valley* Photo Contest. The contest aims to promote Golden Valley and civic pride.

Golden Valley's 20th annual photo contest drew 64 entries from residents who tried to capture on film their version of the city's beauty, uniqueness, and quality of life. Judges selected winners in three categories: Natural, Lifestyle, and Enhanced. A People's Choice winner was selected by the public through online and ballot box voting. First place in each category wins \$50. The People's Choice prize is \$25. The overall grand prize is an additional \$50. Winners also receive certificates.

Overall grand prize went to "A Closer Look," by Amy Sands. People's Choice went to "Silhouette of Autumn" by Jason Boudreau-Landis.

Judges for 2012 were Jeff Dehler, of Jeff Dehler Public Relations; Pat Brink, of Brink Public Relations; Mary Tan, communications coordinator for the City of Brooklyn Park; and Karyl Rice, assistant communications director for Breck School. 🌿

NATURAL GOLDEN VALLEY HONORABLE MENTIONS



The Yellow Sunflower : Mary Lou Adams



Syringa's Escape : Audrey Grinolds



FIRST PLACE NATURAL GOLDEN VALLEY & OVERALL GRAND PRIZE WINNER

A Closer Look : Amy Sands

FIRST PLACE GOLDEN VALLEY LIFESTYLE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Silhouette of Autumn : Jason Boudreau-Landis



GOLDEN VALLEY LIFESTYLES HONORABLE MENTIONS



Trendwatch: The Dairy Van Dyke
Stan Waldhauser

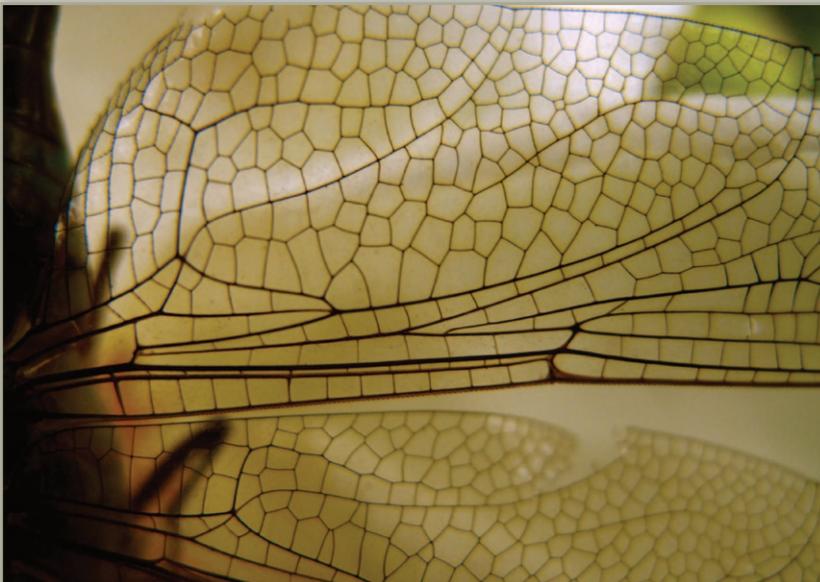


Stepping Stones
Amy Sands

Next year's
contest deadline
will be June 7,
2013.

FIRST PLACE ENHANCED GOLDEN VALLEY

Nature's Mosaic : Amy Sands



ENHANCED GOLDEN VALLEY HONORABLE MENTIONS



Golden Valley Pops
McKenna Karpan



Playful Dismount
Kalin Kauppila

Get Involved In Neighborhood Watch

Started in 1972 by the National Sheriff's Organization, Neighborhood Watch is the cornerstone of all crime prevention programs. It enlists the active participation of residents, in cooperation with police, to reduce crimes in the community.

Neighborhood Watch helps the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) inform citizens about local crime trends and criminals. This enables people to recognize suspicious activity in their neighborhoods and report it by calling 911, giving police a chance to check out what may or may not be a crime and perhaps prevent a criminal from making another victim.

Neighborhood Watch also gives the GVPD the opportunity to answer questions and learn about concerns so it can better serve the community.

Block Captain Meetings

This fall, the GVPD will host meetings for Neighborhood Watch block captains and anyone interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group.

- Sept 24: Zones 1, 2, 3
- Sept 27: Zones 4, 5, 6
- Oct 2: Zones 7, 8, 9, 10

Meetings will be held at 7 pm in the Public Safety Training Room, 7800 Golden Valley Rd.

The purpose is to review the survey results and discuss how to shape the future of Golden Valley's Neighborhood Watch program.

Everyone is welcome to attend. If you can't attend on your zone night, attend any other meeting. 🐾



Share Ideas To Improve Neighborhood Watch

Help take crime fighting to the next level

When neighbors work together with police, it creates the best crime fighting team around. The Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) is asking citizens for ideas about how to make its Neighborhood Watch program better than ever.

Neighborhood Watch educates citizens about local crime trends, criminals, and how to respond to suspicious behavior, and encourages better communication among neighbors (see sidebar).

But over the last few years there has been a drop in residents' participation, says Joanne Paul, crime analyst.

"We want to create a new model," she explains, "so we're launching a community survey that anyone can answer to offer ideas for improvements, and we want as many people to answer as possible."

Take The Neighborhood Watch Survey Online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/police/watch/index.php. Paper copies available at the GVPD at 7800 Golden Valley Rd.

"Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention tools there is," Paul says. "A few years ago, we interviewed

a prolific burglar who said that if someone in a neighborhood made eye contact with him, he would leave and go to a new location."

Simple, cooperative vigilance and an ongoing dialogue with the police department makes a huge difference, Paul adds. So improving and rejuvenating the Neighborhood Watch program should be a high priority for everyone.

With the current model, the GVPD hosts annual Neighborhood Watch meetings by zone. There are 11 zones and more than 115 Watch groups. All meetings are held in the Golden Valley Public Safety Training Room, 7800 Golden Valley Rd.

To locate your zone or learn more about Neighborhood Watch, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/police/watch/index.php.

If you're interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch in your area, contact Paul at 763-593-8058 or jpaul@goldenvalleymn.gov. 🐾

Knowledge Saves Lives

Knowing how to perform CPR, use a defibrillator, or take shelter when you hear severe weather sirens can make things safer for you and people around you.

CPR Awareness

When it comes to sudden cardiac arrest, often the result of a heart attack, chances of survival are slim. In fact, if CPR is not immediately administered, only 4 to 8 percent of people survive cardiac arrest.

If, on the other hand, the victim suffering cardiac arrest is administered CPR and given an external defibrillator shock within the first two minutes, chance of survival shoots up to 85 percent, says Stephen Baker, paramedic and training coordinator.

This is why the Golden Valley Fire Department (GVFD) administered free 10-minute CPR classes at its recent open house.

“We taught over 100 people CPR,” Baker says. “There will be further opportunities this fall.”

The GVFD will teach another CPR class Nov 15 at Brookview Community Center. Additional classes will be announced in the upcoming fall Park and Rec catalog.

“Taking even a short amount of time to learn hands only (no mouth-to-mouth breathing) CPR and automated external

defibrillator (AED) awareness is extremely important,” Baker explains. “It’s going to make a difference in somebody else’s life.”

Defibrillators are becoming increasingly accessible in public places. Many people don’t realize they are often located mere feet away at businesses and places of work.

“There have been a number of cases involving a cardiac arrest when there is an AED in the building and no one knows it’s there,” Baker says. “People should educate themselves about the emergency equipment that may be close at hand.”

When someone’s heart and breathing stop, it’s critical that bystanders know how to do four things:

- Recognize a sudden cardiac arrest.
- Call 911 and get a defibrillator as soon as possible.
- Start hands only CPR.
- Power on the defibrillator and follow voice prompts. 



Severe Weather Reminders

If you’re outside and you hear the severe weather sirens go off, take shelter immediately. Severe weather is in the area, and it’s close. But don’t run under metal bleachers or a tree. Lightning kills more people in Minnesota than any other summer weather threat.

In the worst case scenario, 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.

If the forecast calls for possible severe weather, keep that in mind as you plan your day. There are a number of smart phone applications that provide up-to-the-minute weather developments. You can also sign up for the severe weather text alerts.

Make a habit of identifying safe places near you where you and your family could meet

if 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.

Furthermore, make sure you’re protected in other ways. Many victims of the recent flooding in Duluth did not have flood insurance. Do you know what your insurance covers?

The Minnesota Department of Commerce urges consumers to review their home and auto insurance coverage and take inventory of their belongings to ensure they are protected in case of high winds, hail, flood, or tornado.

For insurance questions, call the Department of Commerce Consumer Response Team at 651-296-2488 or 800-657-3602, or go to www.insurance.mn.gov. 



City Outlines 2016 Douglas Dr Reconstruction Plan

Improvements will accommodate bikes and pedestrians

After investigating roadway widths and intersections for the cooperative 2016 Douglas Dr reconstruction project, the City of Golden Valley and Hennepin County have finalized and approved the layout. Next steps involve developing preliminary plans for the project and acquiring properties needed for the expanded roadway.

During the Corridor Study and Preliminary Design processes, the roadway was divided into three distinct segments. Decisions for each segment reflect different traffic volumes, types of land use (both existing and future), and means to accommodate multiple modes of transportation. All alignment choices require right-of-way acquisition to accommodate the proposed roadway, bike, and pedestrian facilities.

Here's a look at what's planned.

Hwy 55 Intersection

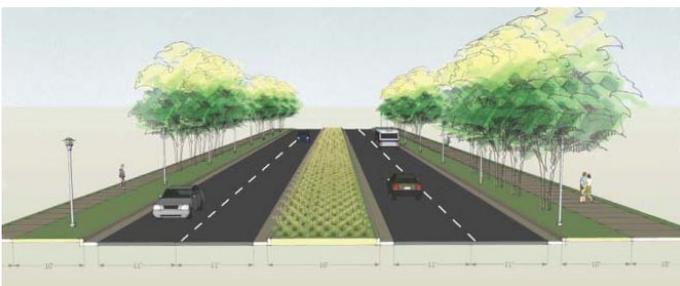
To improve safety and capacity at the Douglas Dr/Hwy 55 intersection, Country Club Dr will terminate in a cul-de-sac at Douglas Dr. There will be a new right-in, right-out connection from Country Club Dr to Hwy 55.

Hwy 55 to Golden Valley Rd

Because there are no known significant conflicts, the additional width needed for the roadway section and right-of-way will be equally acquired on each side of the center line.

Roadway Improvements

- Dual left turn lanes at intersections through this portion of Douglas Dr will increase traffic capacity in that area, especially during high-traffic drive times.



Hwy 55 to Golden Valley Rd: Commercial area street featuring four lanes with median

- A new 10-foot trail will facilitate a bikeway connection between the area north of Golden Valley Road and the Luce Line Trail adjacent to Optum Health.

Golden Valley Rd Intersection

Because traffic must slow to pass through roundabouts, they are safer for pedestrians and turning vehicles. Roundabouts also allow for continuous movement of vehicles, which provides better capacity through an intersection. In the case of Golden Valley Rd/Douglas Dr, a roundabout has less property impact and results in no total acquisitions, while a traffic signal would impact four parcels and result in three total acquisitions, cost more, and require reconstruction of an existing (and relatively new) railroad bridge. In addition, the current intersection has a skewed alignment that needs to be straightened for safety purposes, which is more easily accomplished with a roundabout.

Golden Valley Rd to Duluth St

To minimize acquisitions on the east side and avoid a total take and relocation of multiple family dwellings, the alignment of Douglas Dr will be offset to the west.

Roadway Improvements

- To improve safety and address sightline issues, Hampshire Place will terminate in a cul-de-sac.
- The added width of Douglas Dr requires filling in existing flood plain, which requires mitigation within the same reach of Bassett Creek. Extensions to the box culvert will provide room for a pedestrian overlook above the creek.
- The northbound right-turn lane to Duluth St will extend as far south as possible so right-turning vehicles won't



Golden Valley Rd to Duluth St: Community street featuring three lane section

block through traffic. The right-turn lane will not extend through St Croix Ave to eliminate mixing St Croix Ave right turns with Duluth St right turns in a single lane.

Duluth Street Intersection

Although a signalized intersection typically impacts more property along the corridor than a roundabout, at this intersection a signal will minimize right-of-way impacts and better accommodate future traffic. Medians will restrict or prohibit left turns along Duluth St and Douglas Dr to improve safety. A roundabout at this intersection would have been three lanes, requiring significant right-of-way.

Duluth St to Medicine Lake Rd

This area was designed to line up with the existing configuration in Crystal, minimize impact to park land at Sandburg School, and protect business access near Duluth St.

Roadway Improvements

- A median across the north entrance to Honeywell will allow right-in, right-out turns. The concrete median just north of the north Honeywell entrance will allow access to businesses along the east side of Douglas, exiting and entering from all directions.

Sandburg Road Intersection

The planned roundabout will require total acquisition of one property and reconfiguration of driveways for two others, but it reduces conflict points (safety), reduces right-of-way impact near the Honeywell pond and monitoring wells and at Sandburg School park property, and allows for more continuous movement of vehicles through the intersection. A construction cost analysis indicates the roundabout will cost significantly less than the equivalent signal.



Duluth St to Medicine Lake Rd: Extra-capacity community street featuring four lane section

Medicine Lake Rd Intersection

Medicine Lake Rd will remain a signalized intersection. Dual right-turn lanes will accommodate the high volume of right turns from Medicine Lake Rd to southbound Douglas Dr. The existing free right will be removed to enhance safety. Dual southbound lanes will handle the capacity of southbound traffic and the dual right southbound lanes from Medicine Lake Rd. 

A detailed layout can be found on the City Website

<http://www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/construction/douglas-drive.php>

Temporary Solution

Provides Erosion Control, Pedestrian Access

The City has temporarily solved a problem on the east side of Douglas Dr from just south of the Canadian Pacific Railroad to Duluth St.

A combination of increased pedestrian traffic (and lack of pedestrian facilities) and winterkill from snow and ice control on the roadway resulted in a dirt path in the area adjacent to the curb. The eroded material was going into the storm sewer on Douglas Dr, from where it discharged directly into Bassett Creek with no sediment removal.

Building pedestrian facilities in this area that would require right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation (both

storm sewer and overhead electric). These issues will be addressed in the 2016 Douglas Dr reconstruction project (see story above).

In the meantime, staff from the City and Hennepin County installed a temporary 3- to 4-foot-wide asphalt maintenance strip to minimize erosion and sedimentation. Pedestrians can use the maintenance strip for a safer walking route. To provide year-round access, the City will remove snow from the strip.

Questions? Contact Ron Nims, public works project coordinator at 763-593-8032. 

Bikes And Cars Share The Road

Stay safe by knowing and following traffic rules

Golden Valley's parks and local points of interest (such as Theodore Wirth Parkway and the Luce Line Regional Trail) provide destinations for bikers of all skill levels. While sidewalks and trails provide connections, bicyclists commonly share the roads with vehicles.

Minnesota Statutes say bicyclists on the road must follow all traffic control devices just like vehicles. Drivers must also treat bicyclists like vehicles and yield to them when appropriate.

But statistics show this doesn't always happen. In 2009, the No 1 cause of crashes involving bicyclists was failure to yield right of way—bicyclists were cited in 38 percent of these crashes and vehicles were cited in 62 percent.

For everyone's safety, the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Share the Road program (www.sharetheroadmn.org) provides the following tips:

- Bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads, except where restricted.
- Bicyclists should ride on the road and must ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Motorists must at all times maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist.
- Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists.



- Motorists and bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to each other.
- Bicyclists must signal their turns and should ride in a predictable manner.
- Bicyclists must use a headlight and rear reflectors when it's dark.
- Most importantly, bicyclists should **always** wear helmets. In 2008, 91 percent of all bicycle fatalities were reported to not be wearing helmets.

Before going out and enjoying the roads and trails in Golden Valley, take some time to plan your route and make sure you are properly equipped.

For more information about Golden Valley's parks and trails, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/parks/.

Why Bike Helmets Matter

- Around 540,000 injured bicyclists are treated in emergency rooms each year.
- Around **67,000** have head injuries.
- **One in eight** of these have brain injuries.
- **Two-thirds** of those who die have traumatic brain injuries.
- **Eighty-nine percent** of bicycle deaths are persons **16 and older**.
- New York reports **74 percent** of fatal bicycle crashes involved a head injury; of those who died, **97 percent** were not wearing a helmet.

THE BICYCLE HELMET SAFETY INSTITUTE, INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY, CITY OF NEW YORK



UPCOMING events



Market In The Valley

Every Sunday through Oct 7, 9 am–1 pm
Under the Water Tower

Golden Valley has its very own farmers' market that features locally grown produce, food, art, and entertainment. Find more information visit www.marketinthevalley.org.

MINNESOTA NIGHT TO UNITE

Tues, Aug 7

Join your neighbors in a community effort to help prevent crime. There will be potluck dinners, ice cream socials, barbecues, and bike parades. Find more information visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/nighttounite/index.php.

GOLDEN TONES CHORUS KICK-OFF

Thurs, Sept 20, 9:45–11:30 am
Calvary Lutheran Church
7520 Golden Valley Rd

Fact: Singing and laughing can add years to your life! The Golden Tones sing and entertain monthly on Thursdays for local senior centers, care centers, civic organizations, and churches. Call the Golden Valley Seniors Office at 763-512-2339.

Lilac Planting Party

Sat, Sept 22, (see page 16)

Valley Volunteer Day

Sat, Oct 6, 9 am–1 pm

Annual city-wide celebration held the first Saturday in October featuring buckthorn busting, trash pickup, and more. For more information visit gvcfoundation.org, search for "Valley Volunteer Day."

Mighty Tidy Day

Sat, Oct 13 (see page 4)

MONSTER MASH TEEN DANCE

Fri, Oct 26, 7–9:30 pm

Grades 5–7, Crystal Community Center
\$5 before Oct 26, \$8 at the door

Music, contests, prizes and fun. Music provided by a DJ from KIDSDANCE/Total Entertainment. Wear your costumes to receive a treat and to participate in the costume contest!

Fall Leaf Drop-Off

Oct 27 & Nov 2, 3, & 10 (see page 4)

GOLDEN VALLEY'S DMV RE-OPENING

Open House
Wed, Aug 1, 8–9 am
Golden Valley City Hall

Golden Valley's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will re-open Aug 1 after being closed for a year as the result of an employee theft. With new procedures, policies, and employees, the DMV is ready to serve the community.

The DMV handles registration and licensing of motor vehicles, boats, bicycles, snowmobiles, and ATVs and also issues fishing and hunting licenses and processes passports. For more information, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/departments/motorvehiclelicensing/index.php.

Hours: 8–5:30 pm M–Th
8–5 pm Fri

Services:

- Motor Vehicle Registration
- DNR Licenses
- Motor Vehicle Titling
- Passports
- Notary Public
- Drop Box Processing





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Sign up to help plant on Sept 22

Lilac Planting Party Is Sept 22

Fifth Annual Event Helps Beautify Golden Valley

Golden Valley's Envision Connection Project Bridge Builders invite you to the fifth annual Lilac Planting Party.

SATURDAY, SEPT 22 – 9010 OLSON MEMORIAL HWY

8:30–9 am: Registration | 9 am–1 pm: Planting | 1–2 pm: Celebration Lunch

This grass-roots community beautification is a collaboration between Bridge Builders, the City of Golden Valley, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program.

Check out the landscaping planted in the first four years, from Hwy 169 east to Douglas Dr, and resolve to be part of this year's event. Come on your own, or gather a group from your neighborhood, church, business, or club to form a team, then see the fruits of your labor beautifying the community for years to come.

Register online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/lilacplanting/index.php or with Sandy Werts at 763-512-2314. If you register by Sept 12, you or your team and sponsoring organization will be acknowledged at the event and in subsequent publications.

HRC Task Force Convenes

On June 19, 2012, the City Council appointed a 19-person public task force to solicit feedback from residents on the need for a Human Rights Commission as an advisory body to the Council.

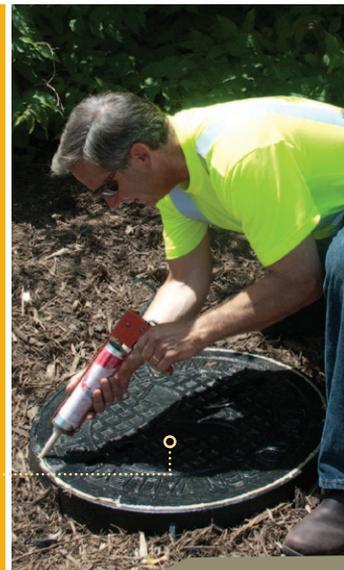
Meetings are open to the public and will be held Aug 9, 20, and 29, 6–9 pm, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Additional meetings will be scheduled if necessary. Questions? Contact Chantell Knauss at 763-593-3989 or cknauss@goldenvalleymn.gov.

Time Capsule Sealed

Golden Valley's 125th anniversary time capsule was placed and sealed June 24, 2012, during ceremonies at City Hall Plaza, 7800 Golden Valley Rd.

The time capsule project was organized by a group of citizen volunteers in honor of the City's 125th anniversary in 2011. Residents were asked to suggest items for the time capsule that reflect contemporary life in Golden Valley. The capsule is to be opened in 2036, when the City celebrates its 150th anniversary.

The capsule was purchased with contributions and its contents were donated by citizens.



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