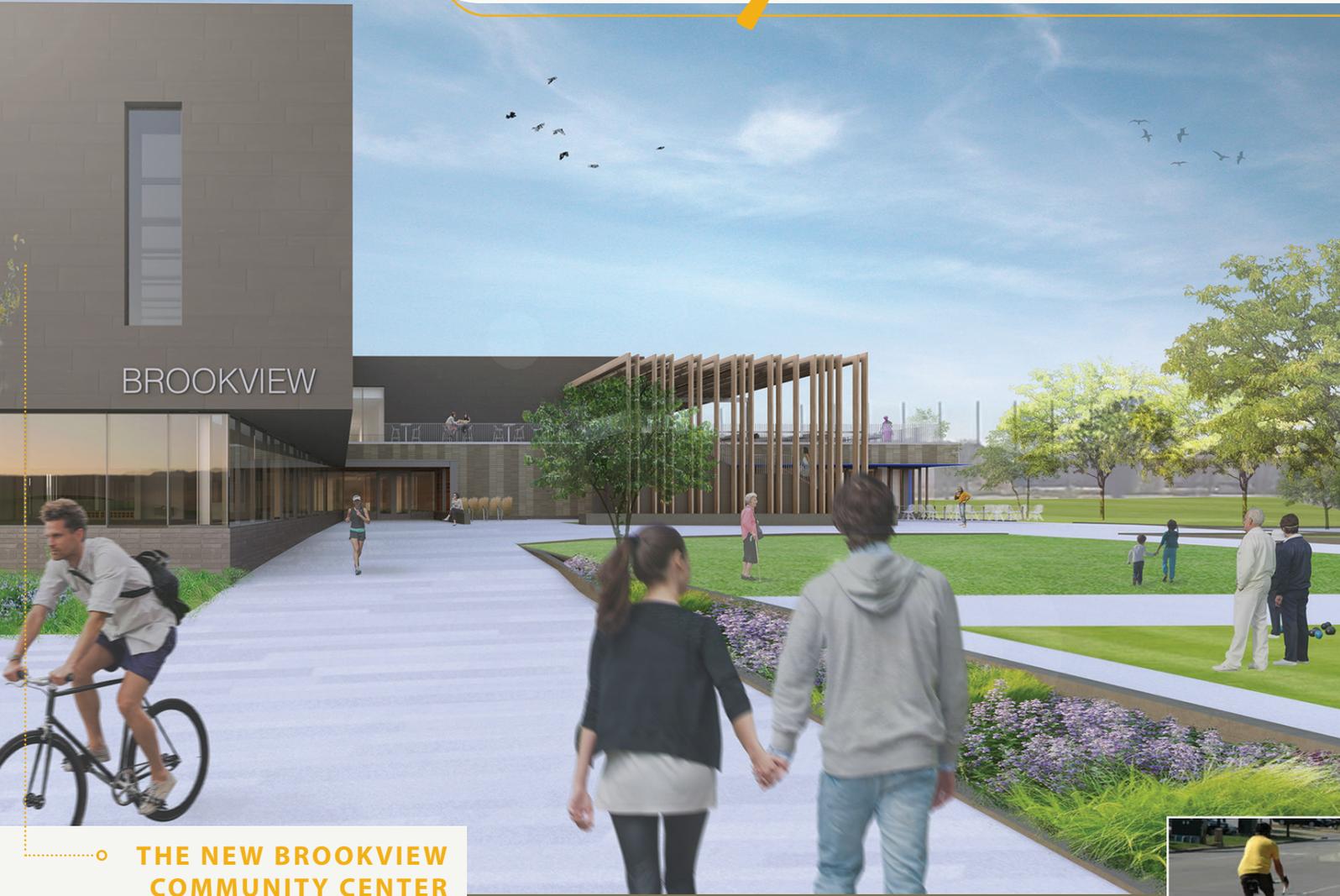




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BROOKVIEW

THE NEW BROOKVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

Now in its final planning stages, the new Brookview Community Center is designed to serve Golden Valley in all seasons.

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DOUGLAS DR CONSTRUCTION

Work is set to begin in June on Douglas Dr between Medicine Lake Rd and Olympia St.

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Paying For The New Brookview

HRA Approves Issuance Of 20-Year Lease-Purchase Bonds

At its April 12 meeting, Golden Valley’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) reviewed the project status for replacing Brookview Community Center (see pages 8–9) and then passed a resolution approving the issuance of lease-purchase bonds to fund construction of the \$18.2 million facility. The meeting included a public input portion.

Starting in 2017, a median value home (approximately \$258,000) in Golden Valley will see an estimated \$9.02/month (\$108.29/year) increase in property taxes to pay back the 20-year lease-purchase bond and fund yearly operations for the building.

The chart below shows the taxable market value range for residential properties, corresponding tax increases, and the proportions of those taxes that will pay back the bond and fund ongoing operational costs. To see similar charts for commercial properties and apartments, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/brookview/brookview-study.php and click on “Financing This Project.”

Brookview Planning Process

The Brookview Community Center replacement process began in 2014 and included a feasibility study and design proposal, work by a City Council-appointed citizen task force, and public input throughout.

In November 2015, the City Council authorized staff to move forward on a proposed design for a

36,000-square-foot building to be constructed just south of the existing 19,000-square-foot community center, which means the existing building won’t have to be demolished until its replacement is up and running.

Groundbreaking is set for Oct 4, 2016. Completion of the building as part of the initial construction phase is set for fall 2017, at which time the old building will be demolished. Final landscaping will begin in fall 2017 and may require additional work during spring 2018.

For more information or to follow the process online, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/brookview/brookview-study.php.

Estimated Property Taxes Per Year For The New Brookview

Taxable Market Value	GO Bonds 20 Year Taxes For Building	Yearly Operation Costs Taxes For Net Operations	Total Per Year Estimated Taxes Per Year
\$50,000	\$11.74	\$1.58	\$13.32
\$70,000	\$16.44	\$2.22	\$18.64
\$85,000	\$21.67	\$2.92	\$24.59
\$100,000	\$28.08	\$3.79	\$31.85
\$125,000	\$38.73	\$5.22	\$43.95
\$150,000	\$49.38	\$6.66	\$56.04
\$200,000	\$70.71	\$9.54	\$80.23
\$225,000	\$81.36	\$10.97	\$92.33
\$258,000	\$95.42	\$12.87	\$108.29
\$308,000	\$116.73	\$15.75	\$132.48
\$358,000	\$138.05	\$18.62	\$156.67
\$408,000	\$159.36	\$21.50	\$180.86
\$458,000	\$179.13	\$24.16	\$203.29
\$508,000	\$199.46	\$26.91	\$226.37
\$558,000	\$223.91	\$30.20	\$254.11
\$608,000	\$248.35	\$33.50	\$281.85
\$658,000	\$272.79	\$36.80	\$309.59
\$708,000	\$297.24	\$40.09	\$337.33
\$758,000	\$321.90	\$43.39	\$365.08
\$808,000	\$346.13	\$46.69	\$392.82
\$908,000	\$395.02	\$53.28	\$448.30
\$1,008,000	\$443.90	\$59.88	\$503.78



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Run The Valley Benefits Local Human Service Organizations

The 22nd annual Run The Valley 5/10K Run and 5K Walk April 16 netted nearly \$11,000 for the Golden Valley Human Services Fund (GVHSF), which allocates funds to local human service organizations that benefit the community.

Of the 526 participants, 256 ran the 5K race, 138 ran the 10K race, 79 did the 5K walk, 34 kids ran the no-chip 5K, and 19 kids ages 2–8 did the fun run for kids.

Overall winners of the 10K were Dallas White (37:43) of Minneapolis and Molly Gross (43:20) of St Louis Park. Overall winners of the 5K were Sam Theisen (17:52) and Hannah Jocelyn (20:58), both of Golden Valley.

Corporate sponsors were Park Nicollet Clinic and City of Golden Valley (gold); Bassett Creek Dental, Max Loff Real Estate, TruStone Financial (silver); and Cable 12/NWCT, Valley Pastries, and Gary Metchnek Edina Realty (bronze). Water stops and post-race snacks were provided by Al's Coffee, Byerly's, Caribou Coffee, Finken Water Solutions, General Mills Yoplait USA, Go Health Chiropractic, Old Fashioned Donut Shoppe, Perkins Family Restaurant—Hwy 55, Perkins Family Restaurant—394, and Road ID. 



10K winner Dallas White



5K winner Sam Theisen



Kids Fun Run



The pack at the start of the race

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Golf The Golden Valley Classic July 15

The 2016 Golden Valley Golf Classic will be held Friday, July 15, 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 2015 event drew 64 golfers who, with corporate and individual sponsors, helped the Golf Classic raise \$15,760 (net) for local human service organizations.

For more information or to volunteer the day of the event, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/golfclassic or contact staff liaison Brian Erickson at 763-512-2366 or berickson@goldenvalleymn.gov. 



RECYCLING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

County Offers HHW Drop-Off Events And Year-Round Drop-Off Sites

As you wrap up your spring cleaning, remember some items require more careful disposal than just going in the trash. The National Waste & Recycling Association recommends the following safe and environmentally friendly ways to clear out your junk.



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)— If you don't know anyone who can use your leftovers, take them to a HHW disposal site. Such items include fertilizers, pesticides, weed killers, and pool chemicals; household chemicals (nail polish remover, bleach, oven cleaners, drain cleaners, metal polishes, etc); energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), which contain mercury; and paint thinners, varnishes, and oil-based paints. Latex paint can be dried out and put in the trash—but the cans can be recycled.

Recycle, Reduce, and Reuse—Recycle batteries, motor oil, and filters (check with HHW facilities, automotive stores, repair shops, and garages) and electronic waste (computers, cell phones, televisions, etc).

Extra Care Required—Medical waste, like sharps (needles, syringes, lancets), medicines, and pharmaceuticals require special care. Place sharps in approved containers and dispose according to local guidelines. Never flush medicines down toilets or drains, as wastewater facilities cannot filter them and they may impact aquatic life. Check for local medical waste disposal sites.

Pressurized Containers—Because these items may explode under heat or pressure, take them to a HHW collection site (empty aerosol containers are recyclable). Refillable propane tanks can usually be returned to suppliers.

HHW Disposal Options—Hennepin County organizes collection events throughout the year (see box), and two

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

To dispose of other items, visit Hennepin County's A to Z Disposal Guide at www.hennepinatoz.org/azguide/household.html.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

June 16–18, 9 am–4 pm

2025 Texas Ave S, St Louis Park (St Louis Park Jr High School)

Accepted Materials (free of charge)

A complete list of accepted materials and drop-off instructions can be found at www.hennepin.us/collectionevents.

- Adhesives
- Aerosol cans
- Auto/fuel wastes (no motor oil or filters)
- Batteries (household and vehicle)
- Drain cleaners
- Driveway sealer
- Fluorescent and HID lamps (limit 25)
- Gas cylinders under 40 lbs
- Mercury-containing items
- Paint, paint thinners, stains, solvents
- Pesticides
- Preservatives
- Pool, photographic, and hobby chemicals
- Rechargeable products

Not Accepted

Any waste from businesses, appliances, asbestos and construction debris, compressed gas cylinders and tanks that require special handling, electronic waste, explosives, garbage, medical or infectious wastes, radioactive waste (eg, smoke detectors), tires, and yard waste.

Golden Valley Recycles

GRAY Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
July 4	Sat, July 9
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 26

Missed Pick Ups

If your recycling is missed on Friday, call Republic Services at 952-941-5174, Option 5, 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
Labor Day	Sat, Sept 10



To sign up to receive emailed recycling updates and reminders, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/news/subscribe.

Golden Valley Joins GreenStep Cities



This spring, Golden Valley became Minnesota's 105th GreenStep City.

GreenStep Cities is a free, voluntary program to evaluate and track a

city's sustainability and quality-of-life goals, accomplishments, and best practices in 29 areas (see box below).

"It provides a framework to measure our progress," says Eric Eckman, public works specialist. Participating cities enter their information into an online database, making it easier to learn innovations and approaches used for sustainability and quality-of-life efforts.

"You look at what other cities have done so you're not reinventing the wheel with every project," Eckman says. For programs the City has already implemented, like water management practices, the online resources and tracking tools provide a way of going deeper with and improving upon existing methods.

"Everything we're currently doing counts toward our tracked progress," Eckman says. "A number of the best practices involve community engagement, many involve schools and businesses and the private sector. This is a community-wide effort resulting in a community-wide benefit."

History

In 2008, the Minnesota Legislature directed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Division of Energy Resources at the Minnesota Department of Commerce, and Community Emergency Response Teams to recommend sustainability actions cities could take on a voluntary basis. Representatives from dozens of cities, non-profit organizations, businesses, and state government agencies provided the outline for what developed into the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program, which began in June 2010.

For more information, visit <http://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/> or contact Eckman at 763-593-8084. 

Green Step Cities Best Practices

- Efficient Existing Public Buildings*
 - Efficient Existing Private Buildings
 - New Green Buildings
 - Efficient Outdoor Lighting and Signals*
 - Building Reuse
 - Comprehensive Plans*
 - Efficient City Growth*
 - Mixed Uses*
 - Efficient Highway and Auto-Oriented Development
 - Design for Natural Resource Conservation*
 - Living Streets*
 - Mobility Options*
 - Efficient City Fleets
 - Demand-Side Travel Planning
 - Sustainable Purchasing
 - Urban Forests*
 - Storm Water Management*
 - Parks and Trails*
 - Surface Water Quality*
 - Efficient Water and Wastewater Facilities*
 - Septic Systems
 - Solid Waste Reduction*
 - Local Air Quality*
 - Benchmarks and Community Engagement
 - Green Business Development
 - Renewable Energy
 - Local Food*
 - Business Synergies*
 - Climate Adaptation and Community Resilience
- * Indicates areas where Golden Valley has already made significant progress

Hearing Set For Storm Water 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 21 at 7 pm).

All communities with more than 10,000 people are federally mandated to get the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

permit. The June 21 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: Thomas Hoffman, 7800 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN 55427. A copy of the plan is available at the Physical Development Department in City Hall. For information, contact Hoffman at 763-593-8044. 

Recreation Highlights

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

Youth

American Red Cross Babysitting Training (ages 11–15)—June 6, 8 am–4:30 pm, \$77.

Playground Programs (ages 6–12)—Register online for FREE summer playground programs.

Rockin' & Rollin' On the Green (ages 13–18)—Try lawn bowling, kick back at the fire, or rock to the live DJ. \$6 at door includes hot dog or burger, chips, drink, and lawn bowling. Brookview Lawn Bowling Green.

Adult

Open Pickleball—Tues, 9–11 am, Medley Park. Bring your paddles and play pickleball with other enthusiasts.

Seniors

Lawn Bowling League—Wed, June 8–July 13, Brookview Lawn Bowling Green. \$5 league fee + \$3/week. Register by June 3, individually or as a team of 4–8 players.

Coffee Talk—June 22: “Bird Conservation;” July 27: “Headwaters Relief Organization.” 9:45 am, Brookview, \$2 at door. Call 763-512-2339 to register.

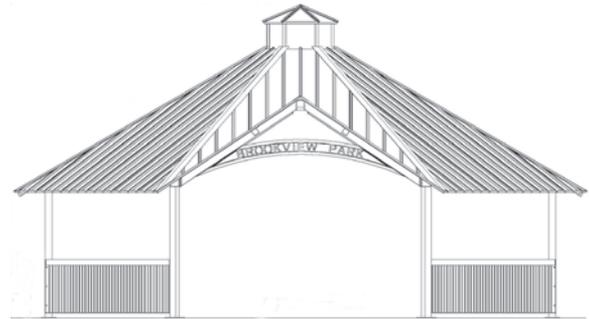
Money Matters—June 16: “Services Available For Staying in Your Home;” July 21: “Senior Medical Patrol-Prevent Medicare Fraud and Abuse.” 10 am, Brookview.

For more information or to register, call 763-512-2345 for Youth and Adult and 763-512-2339 for Seniors (M–F, 8 am–4:30 pm). Register in person, by mail, fax, or online.

Brookview Park To Open New Gazebo July 11

Concerts In The Park, along with several other summer events and gatherings, will have a new home this July when Brookview Park opens its new gazebo.

The gazebo will be added to the southwest corner of Brookview Park and will face north toward Hwy 55.



Construction on the all-steel hexagon gazebo began in May 2016. The structure will be 34 feet across with multiple entryways, a forest green roof, and almond-colored poles.

“It’s been a longtime goal for the community to have a facility designed to host our summer concert series,” says Rick Birno, director of parks and recreation. “We’ve been working with the City’s Open Space and Recreation Commission on the concept to meet that goal. Audiences will have a nice level view and wide green space for watching the shows.”

In addition to Concerts In The Park, the gazebo will also be available for wedding ceremonies, Movies In The Park, picnics, and other outdoor events, as well as non-scheduled gatherings.

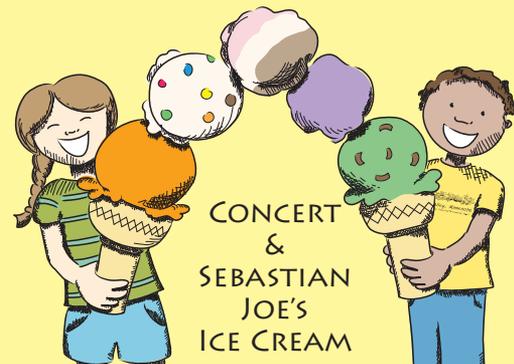
The grand opening will be celebrated July 11 at 7 pm along with Golden Valley’s eighth annual Ice Cream Social, which will feature the First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band and free Sebastian Joe’s ice cream.

Bring your family, a chair or blanket, and your love of ice cream and join the ribbon-cutting celebration!

If you have questions about the Brookview Gazebo, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 763-512-2345. 🐾

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

MONDAY, JULY 11 | 7 PM
BROOKVIEW PARK



City To Establish Bicycle And Pedestrian Plan

As bicycling and walking become increasingly popular for running errands, recreation, and commuting, the City Council has made it a priority to create a bicycle and pedestrian plan to be included in the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The City of Golden Valley and other local agencies will use the plan to guide improvements to the local bicycle and pedestrian network. These improvements will help encourage healthier lifestyles and connect a growing number of people interested in biking and walking with key destinations in the community (eg, light rail stations, schools, major employers, shopping, Luce Line Regional Trail, the new Brookview Community Center, etc).

The plan will also guide investment decisions to address gaps in the network and enhance existing facilities, explore funding sources, and include recommendations for additional education and promotion. The final plan will be incorporated into the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

Met Council Guiding Principles

The Metropolitan Council has established guiding principles for investment in the Regional Bicycle Transportation Network in the seven county metro area. These include:

- facilitating safe and continuous trips to regional destinations
- overcoming physical barriers to eliminate critical gaps in the bicycle network
- accommodating a broad range of cyclists' abilities and preferences to attract a wide variety of users

These principles will be considered while the Golden Valley plan is established.

Community Task Force

To ensure that community members are involved, the City Council will appoint a 10-member Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Task Force in late June.

The Task Force will discuss community goals, options for new facilities, and potential policies and funding sources for implementation. The group will then recommend network connections and enhancements to the City Council.

During this process, Task Force members and City staff will also be guided by recommendations from a group of graduate students at the University of Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey



School of Public Affairs, who completed their Master of Urban and Regional Planning capstone report on this subject.

Applications will be accepted on the City website until June 6, 2016 (see link below).

General Community Input

The City will also solicit community input on the bicycle and pedestrian plan as part of the Comprehensive Plan update process that will begin in late summer 2016. Residents will be able to provide ideas and feedback at various open houses and community events. The City will also provide an online interactive mapping tool that provides a convenient way to describe the location of preferred routes, destinations, gaps in the network, areas needing maintenance, and challenging intersections to cross.

For updates about the Comprehensive Plan and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan process, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/planning/comprehensiveplanupdate.



Open House
Brookview Community Center
Replacement Plans
 Tues, June 14 | 6-7:30 pm
 @ Brookview Community Center
 200 Brookview Parkway S

Brookview Community Center Planning Enters Final Stage

The new Brookview Community Center, designed to serve the community in all seasons, has entered its final planning stage. An open house is scheduled for June (see above) so the public can see what will be built and learn about the construction process. Construction is set to commence in October 2016.

The new Brookview will be built just a few feet south of the existing building, which will remain in use for another year before being demolished in 2017.

“Our site plans are worked out. We’ve figured out parking, landscaping, relocation of lawn bowling, plaza areas, and the floor plan,” says Rick Birno, director of parks and recreation.

The new building will have much more functional space, including six to eight multi-use rooms (up from three currently), expanded banquet facilities and senior program rooms, an improved restaurant/grill, and an indoor play area to promote winter activity and family gatherings.

“We want Brookview to become a year-round, dynamic facility,” Birno says. “We have been working to move in that direction with the current building. The new facility will be designed specifically to serve the community in all seasons.”



Deck and multipurpose outdoor gathering spot

Building A Home

The new Brookview Community Center won't be a house, but, in a way, it will be a home.

"It has to be a gathering space for the entire community," says Glenn Waguespack, AIA, senior project designer and architect with HGA Architects and Engineers. "A lot of people think of the current building as a golf clubhouse, but it's so much more, and the building's aesthetic should reflect that."

The Community Center replacement will be roughly twice the size of the existing building, with far better accessibility, about 80 additional parking spaces, and a design that reflects the mid-century modern neighborhoods that populate Golden Valley.

"We did our best to not just design a big two-story box, but to honor the character of the neighborhood," Waguespack says. "We want it to feel as non-institutional as possible, something that people will really take ownership of, a place that feels comfortable."

A lot of thought also went into the building's connection to the outdoors, he adds, with rooms and windows designed so people always know where they are relative to the outside.

For the warmer seasons, there will be many more outdoor gathering spaces around the building, with several deck and patio options. The goal is to maximize use of all aspects of the building, both inside and out, as well as the views of Brookview Golf Course, Waguespack says.

The Golden Valley City Council informally approved the current design plans at its May 10 Council/Manager meeting. Formal adoption was scheduled for the May 17 City Council meeting (after press time for this newsletter). Adolfson and Peterson Construction will lead the construction. See story on page 2 for information about the City's plans for financing the new Brookview.

For regular updates on the Brookview Community Center Replacement Project, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/brookview/brookview-study.php.



Expanded grill/restaurant and bar with a bistro vibe



Senior center gathering space with kitchenette and patio



Brookview Pro Shop south entry

WARM WEATHER = CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

Summer is a time to celebrate and relax, but don't let your guard down too much, says Joanne Paul, Golden Valley's crime analyst.

With warm weather comes criminals looking for easy pickings.

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

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

In 2015, nine of the 42 residential burglaries in Golden Valley were of garages that were left open or unlocked, meaning the burglar simply walked in and walked out. Almost all of those burglaries occurred between May and October, Paul says.

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

REMOVE THE OPPORTUNITY

Paul says criminals need three things to commit a crime—desire, ability, and opportunity. The key is to take the opportunity away (see box).

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

EIGHT THINGS YOU CAN DO TO DETER CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

1. Lock your doors and windows.
2. Lock your bikes to something secure and keep a copy of the bike's serial number.
3. Keep your garage doors closed.
4. Roll up your car windows, lock your car, and never leave valuables in the car.
5. Let your neighbors know when you'll be gone.
6. Call the police if you see suspicious activity around your neighborhood.
7. When at the beach, don't think putting your wallet in your shoe will fool anyone.
8. Use common sense.



Public Safety Open House

Wed, June 15, 6–8 pm
Police Department & Fire Stations

The annual Public Safety Open House features tours, demos, information, and fun. Set at the Police Department and all three Fire Stations, the event provides an opportunity for residents to meet the men and women that help keep them safe. For more information, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/openhouse/index.php.



Public Safety In The Parks

Golden Valley police and firefighters visit local parks during the summer as a way to make connections with kids and parents. This weekly summer tradition helps strengthen relationships and build community. Dates and locations for 2016 are:

- June 16: Gearty Park, 11 am
- June 23: Wesley Park, 11 am
- June 30: Hampshire Park, 2:30 pm
- July 7: Lion's Park, 2:30 pm
- July 14: Medley Park, 2:30 pm
- July 28: Scheid Park, 2:30 pm

Is Firefighting Right For You?

Find Out At GV's Fire Recruitment Expo

Jon Kennelly joined the Golden Valley Fire Department a year ago, but before then, he never put much thought into being a firefighter.

"Maybe as a 5-year-old," Kennelly says. Then last spring his wife saw an advertisement for firefighters and said "hey, ever think about that?"

So, almost on a whim, Kennelly decided to attend Golden Valley's Fire Recruitment Expo. There he had the chance to cut a door off a car using extrication equipment (similar to the Jaws of Life) and climb the 105-foot rescue ladder.

"That didn't hurt my decision to find out more," Kennelly says. After the expo, he attended a recruitment meeting.

"I still had my doubts. I was 38 at the time, but of the seven people they hired that year, only one was younger than me."

Kennelly passed all the tests and hasn't looked back.

"The confidence and training that being a firefighter gives you is invaluable," he says.

Ask Questions, Extinguish Doubts

One of the main reasons for holding educational expos and recruitment meetings is that doubts and assumptions can lead people astray, says Stephen Baker, Golden Valley fire education specialist.

"There are certain myths about what the perfect firefighter looks like," he says. "Attending these meetings requires no commitment. It just gives us a chance to be myth busters."

Golden Valley offers multiple opportunities (see box below) to learn more about what it takes to be a paid, on-call firefighter.

For details, visit www.goldenvalleyfire.com or contact Baker at 763-593-3977. 



John Kennelly

Fire Recruitment Expo

Thur, June 9, 6–10 pm

Fire Station , 7800 Golden Valley Rd

Recruitment Meeting

Thur, June 23, 9:30 am & 6:30 pm

Fire Station 1, 7800 Golden Valley Rd

Summer Safety Tips From Your Fire Department

Grills

- Keep your grill a reasonably safe distance from your home and other structures or vegetation. Also, grilling on a wooden deck is never safe.
- Never leave a grill unattended when it's on. Grills produce a lot of heat and have been known to melt the siding off a home.



Recreational Fires

By ordinance, all recreational fires in Golden Valley must:

- remain within an approved outdoor fireplace that is at- or below-grade and ringed with brick, rock, or other non-combustible material
- not exceed three feet in height as measured from the base of the fire and cannot be lit if wind exceeds 10 MPH
- be constantly attended by a responsible person 18 or older until extinguished
- not be used to burn yard waste, construction materials, or common household trash
- remain a safe distance from any structure or combustible material
- not be used when there is an air quality alert

The City also requires a permit for recreational fires. They can be obtained from the Fire Department at 763-593-8041 or online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/fire/permits/recreational-fires.php. 

Maintaining City Landscapes

Sentencing To Service Program Provides Affordable Labor

In 2013, Golden Valley's City maintenance supervisors were tasked to find a way keep up with the ever growing demands of landscaping along the City's reconstructed and redesigned streets and buildings while staying within a limited budget. This led them to Hennepin County's Sentencing to Service Program.

Sentencing to Service (STS) is a structured work program that provides a sentencing alternative for low-risk adult and juvenile low-level offenders. According to the program's website: "Instead of serving time in jail or paying a fine, offenders can work, learn new skills and gain self-confidence, while completing community improvement and restoration projects."

Golden Valley signed on for the program in 2014 and it's been a major success, says Al Lundstrom, park maintenance supervisor.

"We couldn't be happier with the work they're doing for us," Lundstrom says. "We simply were not able to keep up with all of the beautifying and low-level landscape maintenance without their help. I can't tell you how much it has saved this City when it comes to beautification."

Weeding, trimming, mowing, painting, litter pick-up, fence maintenance, planting, mulching, invasive species removal,

and any other general landscaping or maintenance projects are regularly assigned to the STS work teams.

"We started with a trial run in 2013 and were worried about how many resources it would take," Lundstrom says. "But it's become a much more efficient tool than we expected."

Since starting in Golden Valley, the STS teams have worked five days a week, Tuesday-Saturday, every week of the year. Each team is made up of two to 10 workers headed by a highly trained crew leader. STS provides most of the equipment needed by the crews.

"One of our concerns was with the time it would take us to manage the STS staff," Lundstrom says. "However, when you provide the STS crew leader with a list, they're qualified to tackle it with a minimum amount of supervision. There are limitations. It has to be work that doesn't require a lot of training."

The City has a non-binding two-year contract with Hennepin County, which receives an annual fee for the service. Lundstrom says the City plans to use the STS program as long as it's available.

For more information, visit <http://www.hennepin.us/residents/public-safety/sentencing-service>.



Sentencing to Service laborers help maintain the Winnetka Ave streetscape, plantings around the City Hall campus, and the mulched areas in City park playgrounds, among other things.

Douglas Dr Construction Project

Work Starts In June; Watch For Signs And Updates

Soon work will begin on the reconstruction of Douglas Dr (County Rd 102), a joint project between the City of Golden Valley and Hennepin County.

The major reconstruction activity will take two years to complete and is being led by Hennepin County. During the 2016 construction season, most of the work will be focused in the northern segment of Douglas Dr between Olympia St and Medicine Lake Rd (County Rd 70).

Becoming A Construction Zone

One of the first things you may notice when construction begins is work at the intersection of Douglas Dr and Duluth St (County Rd 66). Crews will need to change the traffic signals and reconfigure the intersection. The set-up for traffic will also change on both Douglas Dr and Duluth St near the project area. For instance, there will be a single lane in each direction for the segment of Duluth St in the construction corridor.

Construction crews do this so pavement can be removed and work can begin in the roadway. There will be a lot of different work going on in the roadway area, but one of the key activities will be work on the utilities under and near the roadway. This is common in road reconstruction projects. It can be some of the most time consuming work because of the amount of digging needed, the need to keep utilities working for the business and residents that rely on them, and the construction activity that needs to occur.

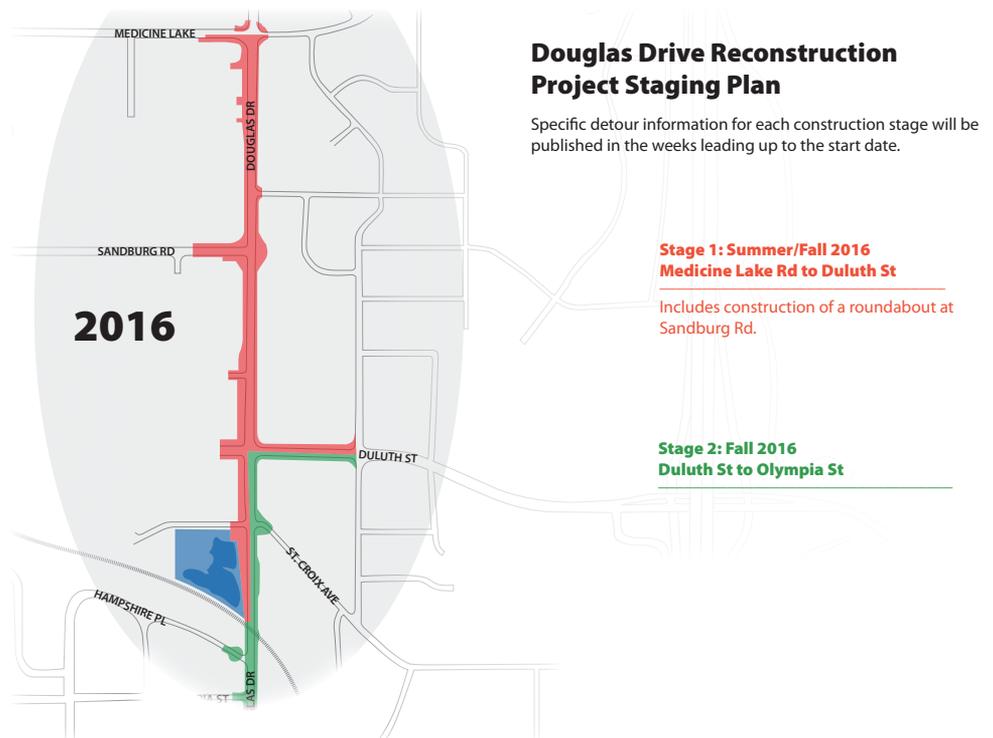
Douglas Dr Closes To Through Traffic

With the new construction zone in place, Douglas Dr will be closed to through traffic. You can still travel to

get to your home, employer, favorite business, faith community, and residents in the area, but be prepared for changes in pavement surfaces (eg, gravel) and traffic configurations. Any non-local traffic should use the designated detour that will be signed along the corridor.

Staying In Touch

To get general project and contact information, go to Hennepin County's website at www.hennepin.us/douglasdrive. Updated information about construction schedules, detour routes, and construction activity will be added throughout the project. You can also sign up for regular project update emails—one of the best ways to keep up to date with the latest on the project. 🌊



Join Golden Valley's Teen Committee

Help promote teen perspectives on issues and activities for Golden Valley by joining the City's Teen Committee. The group is a subcommittee of the City's Open Space and Recreation Commission, which advises, recommends, and assists the City Council in policies and plans relating to open space needs, parks and recreation programs, trail systems, and Brookview Golf Course.

The Teen Committee meets the fourth Monday of the month, 6 pm, at Brookview Community Center.

Apply by July 1 for the September 2016–April 2017 term. Fill out the online application at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/boards/teen/index.php. 🌊

Drive Carefully In Construction Zones

Summer in Minnesota means road construction, and lots of it, and that makes the safety of workers and the public the top priority for the City of Golden Valley and its contractors.

Constant awareness will keep everyone safer in a construction zone. Your help and cooperation is especially necessary when it comes to heeding reduced speed limits, obeying road closed signs, following parking guidelines, and staying away from work zones.

Roadway work zones are wherever operating equipment, workers, flaggers, or surveyors are visible in bright yellow-green or orange vests, or where there are marked orange cones or barrels, concrete barriers, traffic control devices, or moving vehicles with flashers. Roadway construction may be operating both day and night.

Everyone's Safety Is At Stake

There's a reason traffic fines are doubled in construction zones. According to the Centers for Disease Control, fatalities in road

construction and maintenance work zones averaged 669 per year from 2007 through 2014 (including 17 in Ohio alone in 2014).

"While fatalities are about half of what they were 15 years ago, too many people are still dying in work zones," said US Transportation Secretary Anthony Fox. "It's up to you, me, and the rest of the driving public to keep workers and ourselves safe by slowing down and paying attention when behind the wheel."

The main causes of work zone crashes, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, are drivers speeding and not paying attention. For safety's sake, expect that work zones will constantly change, and never enter a road blocked with barriers or cones. Above all, be patient. Many lives are at stake, including your own. 

What To Do When Driving In A Construction Zone

- Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.
- Keep your headlights on.
- Stay well within the speed limit.
- Avoid using your cell phone, changing the radio station, eating, or other distractions that can remove your concentration.
- Watch brake lights on vehicles ahead and maintain a safe following distance. Don't tailgate.
- Watch traffic around you and be prepared to react. Remember, other vehicles may slow, stop, or change lanes unexpectedly, and workers, work vehicles, or equipment may enter your lane without warning.
- Avoid unnecessary lane changes, and merge into the proper lane well before you reach the lane closure point.
- Be aware that traffic patterns can change daily.
- Follow instructions from flaggers.

Courtesy of the Federal Highway Administration.

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EMERGENCY

Sign Up For GV Emergency

GV Emergency is a mass notification tool that will help the City more effectively communicate with residents in the event of an emergency. It will only be used during community-wide or localized emergencies that may affect public safety or City services. 

 **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS**
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Subscribe Now!

GV Emergency will provide important information via text, phone call, or email, depending on subscriber preferences. But for the tool to be effective, you need to sign up.

To get started, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/news/gv-emergency/index.php and follow the directions.

UPCOMING events

Concerts In The Park

Mondays, 7 pm, Brookview Park
(see page 16)

Puppet Wagon Shows

Tues & Thur, June 8–July 23
New shows weekly. See schedule at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/free-events-and-activities.php

Views Of The Valley Photo Contest

Fri, June 10 | 4:30 pm
(see page 16)

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Sun, June 12, Brookview Par 3
Ages 3–14 with adult. Kids play and the adults caddie! Pre-registration required. Schedule tee times starting at 11 am by calling 763-512-2345. \$12 per golfer (\$14 non-resident).

Public Safety Open House

Wed, June 15 | 6–8 pm
Police Dept & Fire Stations
(see page 10)

Public Safety In The Parks

June 16–July 28
(see page 10)

Market In The Valley

Opens Sun, June 19
Outdoor farmers market under the water tower. Get more information at www.marketinthevalley.org/.

Water Days @ Scheid Park

1: Fri, June 24 | 12:30–2:15 pm
2: Fri, July 15 | 12:30–2:15 pm
Ages 6–14 with adult. Water slides, puppet shows, DJ, and more. Free! Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

Police Bike-Along

Sat, June 4 | 9 am–noon
Tour some of Golden Valley’s trails and learn about the city and bike safety with two police sergeants.

GVHSF Golf Classic

Fri, July 15 (see page 3)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mon, July 11 | 7 pm
(see page 6)

Coffee With A Cop

Tues, July 29 | 8:30–10:30 am
Starbucks

Penny Carnival

Fri, July 29 | 10:30 am–12:30 pm
Brookview Park
Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

Picnic & Music In The Park

Tues, Aug 9 | 11:15 am–noon
Brookview Park
Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

Minnesota Night To Unite

Tues, Aug 2
Get together with neighbors around the shared goal of a safe and healthy community. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/nighttounite/index.php.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

1: Thur, Aug 4 | 8:30 pm
Wesley Park
“Zootopia”
(sponsored by WSB)
2: Thur, Aug 11 | 8:30 pm
Scheid Park
“Inside Out”

More event information at:
www.goldenvalleymn.gov/calendar

FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION STREET DANCE



Sat, June 18 | 5–midnight
Chester Bird American Legion, Hwy 100 & Glenwood Ave
Free event sponsored by the Golden Valley Fire Relief Association to celebrate its bond

with the community. Features music, food, family activities, and fireworks. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/street-dance/index.php.



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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.

- 6/6** Golden Valley Orchestra
- 6/13** Minnesota State Band
- 6/20** The Banjo Boys Variety Band (sponsored by Culver's)
- 6/23** Robbinsdale City Band (Thur)
- 6/27** Gravel Roads
- 7/11** John Philip Sousa Band {ICE CREAM SOCIAL}
- 7/18** Mu Daiko (sponsored by Lupient Buick/GMC)
- 7/25** St Peter Street Stompers
- 8/1** Prior Lake Windjammers
- 8/8** Stompin' Dixie
- 8/9** Picnic & Music in the Park with The Flyers (Tues, 11:15 am-noon)

VIEWS of the VALLEY

Contest Debuts New Categories For 2016



To more fully capture the essence of Golden Valley, and to allow for a wider range of creative license, the City's 24th annual *Views of the Valley* photo contest will feature two new entry categories and one old one. As always, photos must be taken in Golden Valley. This year's categories include:

- Natural Golden Valley (landscapes, animals, flora, etc)
- People, Events, & Urban Scenes (residents, interactions, activities, cityscapes, etc)
- Art & Design (shots focusing on structural design, man-made beauty and art, highly artistic shots of everyday things, and photos significantly altered by editing software, etc)

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.

Public voting for the People's Choice award will take place June 13-24 at City Hall and online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/photocontest/index.php.

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 10.

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



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Annual Drinking Water Report Available Online

As required by the US Environmental Protection Agency, all community water systems must distribute an annual drinking water report to their customers before July 1. Golden Valley's is available at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/watersewer/water/index.php. Paper copies are available upon request from 763-593-8030.



This document is available in alternate formats upon a 72-hour request. Please call 763-593-8006 (TTY: 763-593-3968) to make a request. Examples of alternate formats may include large print, electronic, Braille, audiocassette, etc.

