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Glimpses of Golden Valley highlight the City's 25th annual photo contest.

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Photo by Charles Ludwig,
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City Council Begins Budget Review

The Golden Valley City Council held its first discussion July 11 on the proposed 2018–2019 City budget.

Minnesota law requires cities to adopt a budget annually. 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 2018–2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Parks, Buildings, and Equipment.

The City Council begins the budget process early each year with workshops in July and August to discuss goals. 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 will be approved in December for 2018 property tax statements.

General Fund Budget

The General Fund Budget covers police; fire and inspections; street, park, and building maintenance; engineering; administration; City Council and manager; and parks and recreation.

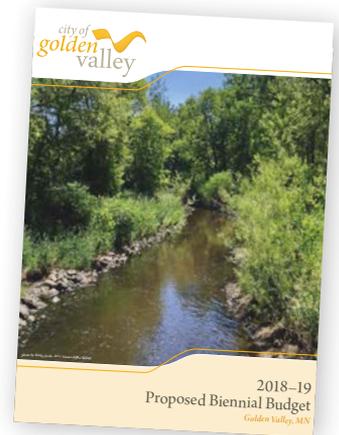
Increased transfers are proposed for infrastructure needs. Two examples are the Park Improvement Fund, which finances improvements to the parks (eg, playground equipment and parking lot repairs) and the Street Overlay Program, which helps maintain the City's newly constructed streets as they age.

The City participates in several cost-saving strategies, such as a State consortium to buy fuel, equipment, and vehicles; mem-

bership in a multi-city computer consortium; cooperative sharing of equipment and services with other cities; and joint dispatching services with Hennepin County.

Debt Levy

The Debt Levy covers payments on already-issued bonds for the Pavement Management Program (PMP), vehicles and equipment, and the new Brookview.



The following bonds are financed by sources other than the debt levy:

- Golden Valley Rd street improvements (State Aid bonds)
- Douglas Drive reconstruction (franchise fees)
- Tax Abatement (portion paid by General Mills)
- Tax Increment (funded by the increase in property values for specific areas such as Hwy 55 West, Medicine Lake Rd, and Winnetka)

To view past City budgets and the complete budget schedule, go to 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.

Hennepin County Offers Resources For Home Buyers

Home buying season is here, and Hennepin County has resources to help with the process.

- **Property information interactive map:** Look up specific properties to find property taxes, parcel size, and the previous sale price. Go to <https://gis.hennepin.us/property/map/>.

- **Online homestead application:** After purchasing a home, file online for homestead status to lower taxes and qualify for property tax refunds. Applications should be filed when you move into a home you own, or a relative owns, by Dec 1. Deadline to apply is Dec 15. Go to www.hennepin.us/homestead and complete the homestead application. Your application will automatically be sent to the appropriate homestead office. For assistance email ao.homestead@hennepin.us or call 612-348-3046.



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DMVs Across State, Including Golden Valley, To Be Closed July 20-24

From Thurs, July 20, through Mon, July 24, all Minnesota department of motor vehicle locations will be closed or providing reduced services. Golden Valley's DMV in City Hall will provide reduced services all three days (see box at right).

The closure is due to a statewide DMV software transition, which will require moving all DMV data on file to the new system.

Meagan Weber, Golden Valley's motor vehicle licensing supervisor, recommends people plan ahead for their DMV needs and expect that there may be longer lines leading up to the closure.

The new Minnesota Licensing and Registration System will feature a much quicker turnaround for documents, Weber says. For example, people will receive new titles in about a week as opposed to the two to three months it takes under the current system. But, Weber adds, because the new software will require more thorough data entry at time of service, expect lines at the DMV to be a little longer.

If you have questions about the pending changes or the closure schedule, contact Weber at 763-593-8047 or mweber@goldenvalleymn.gov.

Golden Valley DMV Services Available During Software Transition

Thur, July 20, 8 am–1 pm: Full services

1–5 pm: Reduced services

Fri, July 21, 8 am–5 pm: Reduced services

Mon, July 24, 8 am–1 pm: Reduced services

1–5 pm: Full services

Reduced services include DNR licenses (fishing, game, etc) and limited driver's licensing (duplicate licenses and change of address). **Renewals and title services will not be available during the transition.**

GVHSF Funding Applications Due Aug 25

The Golden Valley Human Services Fund (GVHSF), which is composed of community volunteers, supports non-profit agencies that serve Golden Valley residents in need. For 2017 the GVHSF contributed \$60,000 to the following organizations.

- **Canvas Health/Crisis Connection** (free 24-hour counseling for personal/family problems and crises)
- **Crisis Nursery** (24-hour crisis line, child care, counseling, parent education and support, etc)
- **HUG** (prenatal and postpartum support for families)
- **Northwest Suburban Dinner At Your Door** (nourishing meals for homebound people)
- **PRISM** (food, financial assistance, and other services for people in need)
- **ResourceWest** (support for low-income west metro families)
- **Senior Community Services HOME Program** (services to help elders remain independent)
- **Senior Community Services Outreach** (in-home counseling and case management for frail elders)
- **Sojourner Project** (emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and support for domestic violence victims)
- **The Bridge For Youth** (connections between homelessness and a safer, more stable future)

- **TreeHouse** (guidance, support, and education to teens experiencing difficult times)
- **YMCA–New Hope** (nurtures the potential of kids by promoting health, wellness, and social responsibility)

Funding applications for 2018 are due Aug 25 at 4 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 763-512-2366.



RECYCLE WITH CARE IN CITY PARKS



Back in 2014, park maintenance crews started noticing that garbage carts in the parks had many recyclable materials mixed in with the trash. The City responded with a recycling program in the parks, with more recycling carts added as people paid more attention to separating recyclables from other garbage.

But despite the early success, park crews have now noticed a reversal in that trend. Wrong materials are again ending up in the wrong bin, says Tom Hoffman, City recycling coordinator. When non-recyclable garbage is placed in recycle bins, it contaminates the recyclable material already in there.

“Recycling facilities have sorters who identify and remove contaminated materials that could have otherwise been recycled,” says Al Lundstrom, park maintenance supervisor. “The recyclable material removed by sorters is thrown away, which defeats the purpose of having the recycling carts in our parks.”

Remember, anything you can recycle at home can be recycled in the parks, including newspaper, magazines, glass bottles and jars, aluminum, steel, and tin cans, and plastics #1–#7.

Non-recyclable items include garbage, plastic bags, food waste, aerosol cans, and Styrofoam.

For a full list of recyclable and non-recyclable items, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling/curbside. 

Recycling Reminders

Mighty Tidy Day

Sat, Oct 7, 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 or in the September/October *CityNews*.

Fall Leaf Drop-Off

- Sat, Oct 28, 8 am–1 pm
 - Fri, Nov 3, 8 am–3 pm
 - Sat, Nov 4, 8 am–1 pm
 - Sat, Nov 11, 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*. 

Golden Valley Recycles

GRAY Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 25
New Year's	Sat, Jan 6, 2018

BLUE Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Labor Day	Sat, Sept 9
Christmas	Sat, Dec 30

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.



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

City Working With County To Replace Ash Trees On Winnetka

As the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) makes its way through surrounding cities, this summer the City of Golden Valley, with help from Hennepin County, will remove up to 70 ash trees along Winnetka Ave from Hwy 55 to 10th Ave N.

While the beetle has not yet been discovered in Golden Valley, an EAB infestation is inevitable, says Al Lundstrom, park maintenance supervisor and Golden Valley forester. Golden Valley developed an EAB management plan in 2010 with the goal of removing all public ash trees, up to 100 per year, over the course of two decades. About 23 percent of trees in Golden Valley parks are ash.

Over the past eight years, foresters have used GPS technology to inventory public ash trees and manage plans for removal and replacement.

The Winnetka Ave ash removal project, initiated by Hennepin County, will supplement the City's ongoing removal project.

"Although no one has officially found EAB in Golden Valley, the city is surrounded by confirmed cases and we are working to be proactive to remove and replace ash trees," says Hennepin County Forester Jen Kullgren.

"City and County foresters developed a plan to replace the removed ash trees with nine different varieties of trees to limit loss in the future if another insect or disease were to develop," says City Forester, Al Lundstrom

EAB has killed tens of millions of ash trees, and research has not found any resistance to this Asian beetle in native ash. Minnesota has about 900 million ash trees, an important component of the urban landscapes.

The Winnetka Ave removal process is scheduled to begin the third week of July. New trees will be planted by City staff and volunteers.

The planting event is scheduled for Sat, Oct 21, 9 am–noon. Light refreshments and a lunch will be served. To volunteer, contact Kullgren at 612-596-1175 or Jen.Kullgren@hennepin.us. Space is limited to 10 volunteers from Golden Valley. 🌱



GV Recognized For Environmental Sustainability

In June, the League of Minnesota Cities recognized Golden Valley for demonstrating commitment to sustainability best practices and advancing to Step 2 in the GreenStep Cities program. The achievement involves completing eight best practices set forth by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and several partner organizations.

Golden Valley particularly stands out when it comes to progress with urban forests, storm water management, and natural Resource conservation, says Hannah Garry, GreenCorps member.

"We're currently the only city to have had four actions receive 3-star ratings in the urban forests best practices category," she adds.

To date, Golden Valley has completed 13 best practices and submitted summaries of 38 complete actions, 16 of which have been rated at the 3-star level. These include:

- Efficient Existing Public Buildings
- Efficient Outdoor Lighting and Signals
- Mixed Uses
- Natural Resource Conservation Design
- Living Streets
- Mobility Options
- Urban Forests
- Storm Water Management
- Parks and Trails
- Solid Waste Reduction

- Benchmarks and Community Engagement
- Renewable Energy
- Climate Adaptation and Community Resilience

The next goal is Step 3, which requires implementing a total of 16 best practices, including several in specific categories such as "Building," "Land Use," and "Transportation."

Golden Valley became Minnesota's 105th GreenStep City in June 2016. GreenStep Cities is a free, voluntary program.

To learn more, go to www.goldenvalley.mn.gov/about/sustainabilityandresilience. 🌱

RECREATION Highlights

See complete list of activities in the Fall Activities catalog or at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation.

Youth

Mites Fall Soccer (Grades K–1)—Saturdays, Sept 9–Oct 14, \$39. Register by Aug 28.

Youth Co-Rec Fall Soccer (Grades 2–5)—Weekday practices and Saturday games, Sept 9–Oct 14, \$39. Register by Aug 18.

Adult

Fall Co-Rec Sand Volleyball League—Tuesday evenings, Aug 22–Sept 26, Brookview Park, \$150 per team (guaranteed six games). Register by August 4.

Seniors

Living Wise and Well—Aug 3, 2–3:15 pm, Calvary Coop. See Minnesota Twins baseball memorabilia and artifacts with Clyde Doepner. FREE!

Money Matters—Thursdays, 10–11:15 am, Brookview. Aug 17: “Senior LinkAge Line®—Who We Are and What We Do.” FREE!

Coffee Talk—Wednesdays, 9:45–11:15 am, Brookview. Aug 23: “Programs and Services provided by the Golden Valley Library.” Call 763-512-2345 to register. Fee: \$2.

Lawn Bowling League—Wednesdays, Aug 23–Sept 13, 10–11 am, Brookview. Register by Aug 21 individually or as a team of 4–8 players. Fee \$5, plus \$3/week (includes equipment and official).

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.



Designed view from Hole 18 as of May 2016

View from Hole 18 as of June 2017

The New Brookview Takes Shape

The new Brookview is starting to look like its final form as construction moves along quickly. While the scheduled completion date approaches, many milestones are being hit.

Work at the south end of the property is nearly complete, with only new light poles left to install. Meanwhile, construction on the main building is well under way, including installation of:

- exterior brick and metal paneling
- glass in window frames
- mechanical and HVAC system components
- water piping on both levels

Demolition of the current building cannot officially begin until the new building is closer to being finished, but crews have done some work in preparation for this phase.

The whole project initially started four weeks behind schedule because of a delayed permit, but crews have made up about two weeks since then, says Field/Project Engineer Zach Johnson.

The new Brookview is on schedule to open in December, including the Three One Six Bar + Grill and The Backyard, the children’s indoor play area. Final landscaping is scheduled to be completed by July 2018.

If you have questions or concerns about the construction, contact BuildBrookview@a-p.com. If you have questions about the project, contact Rick Birno, Parks and Recreation Director, at rbirno@goldenvalleymn.gov. 🌟



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City To Feature Public Art On New Downtown Street Banners

New Community Arts League Conduct Selection Process

The weathered street banners in downtown Golden Valley are being replaced after more than 10 years, and the new banners will feature public artwork, thanks to a partnership with the newly formed Golden Valley Arts League (GVAL).

GVAL conducted a selection process for street banner art during May and June. The goal was to showcase pieces from local artists who found ways to represent Golden Valley through their art via recreation, employment, history, schools, or subject matter.

The chosen banners are currently in a public input period that ends July 31, after which a recommendation will be made to the City Council for approval in August. Design and printing of the banners will take place in September, with the installation and reveal scheduled for October.

These new banners are hoped to last up to five years.

To be involved in the public input process, visit gvcfoundation.org/street-banner-art-selection. For more information about the Golden Valley Arts League, go to gvcfoundation.org/gval.



Current street banners



Rendering of what new street banners could look like

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BROOKVIEW
 GOLF & LAWN BOWLING

THREE
 ONE
 SIX
 BAR + GRILL

backyard

2017 Photo Contest Gets Foxy

What does the fox say? “I may look a bit rough, pal, but I’m a winner.” The fox, a bird, and a fireworks display took the top prizes in this year’s *Views Of The Valley* photo contest.

Four judges ranked Charles Ludwig’s “A Rough Day” as the overall winner out of 52 entries. “A Rough Day” also won the People’s Choice award, marking the first time since 2007 that a photo won both the overall judges’ pick and the popular vote.

Second place went to “Sweeny Splendor” by Chuck Smith, with third place going to “Happy New Year” by Thomas Eickhoff.



**OVERALL GRAND PRIZE WINNER
& PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD**

A Rough Day • Charles Ludwig



SECOND PLACE

Sweeny Splendor : Chuck Smith



THIRD PLACE

Happy New Year : Thomas Eickhoff

The first place winner received \$100 and an additional \$25 for winning the People's Choice category. Second and third place winners each received \$50.

Judges were Brian Rosemeyer, City of Plymouth Communications Coordinator; Mike Peterson, City of Crystal Communications Coordinator; Kelsey Gorsen, City of Hopkins Communications Coordinator; and John Kluchka, Golden Valley Arts League.

The entry deadline for the 26th Views of the Valley photo contest will be late summer 2018, in an effort to coincide with a potential

display at the Golden Valley Arts & Music Festival. More details coming soon.

This year, the Golden Valley Arts League is working with the City to mount a retrospective of 25 years of Views Of the Valley photography for display at the Arts & Music Festival Sept 17. Watch the City website for more information.

To learn more about Views Of The Valley, or to look at past winners going back to 1993, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/photocontest.

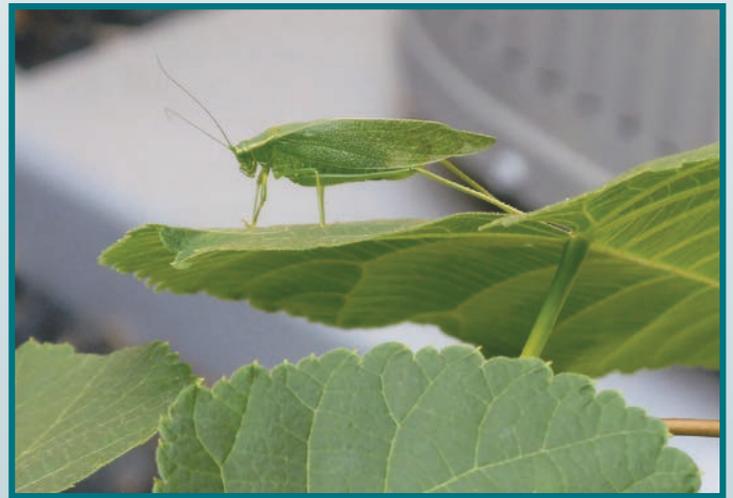
The next submission deadline may be a year away, but it's never too early to go out and capture your views of the valley.

2018 Views of the Valley Photo Contest deadline will be late summer 2018.

HONORABLE MENTIONS



Suburban Foxes : Tristan Herzog



Now That's Camouflage! : Lucy Feneis



Skijoring : Stan Waldhauser

Best Ways To Prevent Crime?

Lock Your Stuff And Keep Watch

Over the past few years, several Golden Valley neighborhoods have experienced higher than average levels of theft from homes and autos. Why the increase? In many of the cases, the houses and vehicles had been left unlocked. Also, Golden Valley's participation in Neighborhood Watch is at an all-time low.

Locking Up

Thieves don't want to work hard or call attention to themselves. That's why the easiest and most effective way to protect yourself from being burglarized is to keep your valuables locked up.

Crooks will walk around neighborhoods and check every car or every garage door to find the ones that are unlocked, and then they'll take everything they can get, says Joanne Paul, crime analyst.

If your car or house is locked, chances are they'll move on to one that isn't, she says.

"People think, 'oh, it won't happen here, this is Golden Valley,' so they don't lock their doors," Paul says. "Or they say they leave their cars unlocked because they don't want a thief to break a window to get in. But that rarely happens."

Usually, a thief will only go through the trouble of breaking a car window if there's something highly valuable inside that is visible from the outside, Paul says. So if you're worried about your car windows getting smashed, keep valuable items out of the car or lock them in the trunk.

Leaving a car unlocked, even if there are no valuables inside, can be far more damaging than you think. There have been incidents in Golden Valley, Paul says, where a thief has found a garage door opener in an unlocked car and used that to get inside a locked garage.

Crooks take advantage of the opportunities you give them.

"There are three things that have to be in place for a crime to occur," Paul says. "The bad guy has to have knowledge to do the crime, they have to have motivation, and they have to have an opportunity. The only thing we can control is the opportunity."

About 50 percent of theft from autos and homes could be prevented if people simply locked up their stuff, Paul says. It's just that simple.

Keeping Watch

Aside from locking your stuff up, the other best way to keep a neighborhood crime free is to watch for suspicious behavior.

If you see any suspicious behavior in your neighborhood, call 911 and report it, even if you think it's probably nothing. Immediately reporting suspicious behavior leads to effective crime prevention.

Golden Valley Police Sgt Jeff Johnson cannot overstate the importance of community engagement when it comes to fighting crime.

One of the most effective ways for residents to get involved, he says, is to join a Neighborhood Watch program or start one of their own.

"Communities that have strong Neighborhood Watch programs have fewer incidents of crime such as thefts, vandalism, and burglary," Johnson says.

To start your own Neighborhood Watch, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/police/watch or call the Golden Valley Crime Prevention Unit at 763-512-2504. 

Help Prevent Crime By Getting To Know Your Neighbors



Night To Unite is Aug 1. Get more information and sign up to participate at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/nighttounite.



Neighborhood Watch needs you! Get more information and sign up to participate at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/police/watch.



L to R: Battalion Chief Steve Baker, Josh Knudson (holding photo of Aila Crumley), Bret Fierce, Ron Blum, Tariq Bashir, Max Hazledine, Chad Schneider, Jen Chen, Steve Peschman, Fire Chief John Creilly

Nine New Firefighters Achieve First Level Of Training

Upon graduating from the West Suburban Fire Academy June 15, nine residents of Golden Valley and neighboring cities made considerable progress toward becoming Golden Valley firefighters.

Starting in January, the firefighter recruits underwent nearly six months of training, totaling approximately 200 hours of classroom time (about 10 hours a week). Upon graduation, each recruit will have earned his or her Firefighter and Hazardous Materials state certifications.

Before entering the West Suburban Fire Academy, Golden Valley recruits complete multiple training sessions orientating them to the policies and specifics of the GVFD.

“What people may not know is how hard paid on-call firefighters work, what it takes to become one, and how committed they have to be just to get through the hiring and training process,” says Steve Baker, battalion chief. “But firefighters get a lot out of it, too. They learn vital skills that can be beneficial at any time in their lives. It’s a very rewarding adventure that builds lifelong relationships, and it will allow you to give back to your community in a way you never thought possible.”

Although it is a big step on the way to becoming firefighters, there’s still a lot these new firefighters are not able to do without further training.

They will spend the next six months completing even more training to build upon what they learned in the Fire Academy. In addition, they will earn Emergency Medical Responder certification, which will allow them to respond to emergency medical calls. The end goal of all of the training is achieving the title of Apprentice Firefighter in January 2018.

Probationary Firefighter Ron Blum explained his excitement for the upcoming training.

“The great thing about being a firefighter is that training never stops,” says Blum. “Golden Valley firefighters are pushed to learn new things and to practice current skills until they can’t get it wrong.”

For information about becoming a paid, on-call firefighter in Golden Valley, go to www.goldenvalleyfire.com. If you have specific questions, contact Battalion Chief Steve Baker at sbaker@goldenvalleymn.gov. 🏆





2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

As the 2040 Comprehensive Plan takes shape, *CityNews* will spotlight its sections in a six-part series. Next up is Parks & Nature Areas and Economic Competitiveness.



PARKS & NATURE AREAS



ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS

Parks & Nature Areas

If one thing stood out from Comp Plan public feedback meetings, it's that people really like Golden Valley's parks and natural areas and want them protected, says Jason Zimmerman, City planner.

This is why the City will not only put a priority on maintaining parks and green space, it will also look for any opportunities to acquire more land for such uses, says Rick Birno, director of parks and recreation.

In fact, he adds, the Open Space and Recreation Commission wants to include a commitment in the Comprehensive Plan that guarantees no net loss of park acreage, so if a piece of park land or natural area is used for development, the City would need to acquire and set aside the same amount of park space elsewhere.

Golden Valley will also be looking for ways to keep its natural resources as protected and environmentally friendly as possible, Birno says. This includes taking advantage of improved technology as budget and resources allow. The recent installation of efficient LED lights at Isaacson Park ballfields is an example of this effort.

Another Comp Plan goal includes the expansion of recreation programs and finding more ways to keep Brookview Golf Course profitable.

The City will continue to listen to residents' input regarding what they want from their parks and nature areas, Birno says.

Economic Competitiveness

Golden Valley already has a strong economy, but that doesn't mean there isn't room for improvement, Zimmerman says.

This is the first time Economic Competitiveness has been a Comprehensive Plan chapter. The Metropolitan Council suggested it as an optional topic this year, and Golden

Valley City planners decided it was important to include in the 2040 plan.

"There have been employment- and business-related goals in our past Comp Plans, but not a whole chapter devoted to the topic," Zimmerman says. "We want a better handle on the local economy, like where the employees are coming from, where residents go when they patronize businesses outside the City, what amenities they look for, and what we can do to better support small and local businesses."

According to public feedback, people want more entertainment in town and more locally owned retail stores and restaurants, and they prefer high quality developments that look aesthetically pleasing and fit in well with Golden Valley's existing environment. Planners will look at how they can best address these desires in the Comp Plan.

Other considerations include current and future commuting patterns, housing and office space needs, priorities of both younger and older workers, Golden Valley's fit in the regional economy, and strengthening the City's relationship with businesses.

2040 Comp Plan Conversations

Share your ideas about the 2040 Comp Plan at informal conversation sessions before Planning Commission meetings. Conversations run from 6-6:30 pm, followed by presentations and discussion among Commissioners. Sign up for updates and meeting reminders at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/news/subscribe.

- Aug 7: Parks & Nature Areas
- Sept 11: Economic Competitiveness

Help shape Golden Valley's future by participating in

- Attend a **Comp Plan Conversation** session (see schedule above).
- Complete **online questionnaires** at bit.ly/GV2040CompPlan.

Resident Feedback Helps Set Priorities

The City is still in the feedback and brainstorming phase of the Comprehensive Plan process. City staff is using results from recent surveys and public input meetings and will continue to take more feedback as the process moves forward. Below are some of the areas in which more feedback is invited.



Preserve Parks and Acquire Additional Land

The City is always looking for potential opportunities to acquire and maintain park land and will work to ensure no net loss of natural areas even as development expands.

Deliver More Recreation and Education Opportunities

Like it did with the addition of lawn bowling and off-season fat tire biking and disc golf on the Golf Course, the City will continue to explore ways to expand programs. The new Brookview will allow for many such opportunities, including The Backyard, Golden Valley's first indoor playground (see page 6).



Protect and Enhance Open Spaces and Natural Resources

The City will inventory its parks and green spaces and seek ways to improve sustainability. This includes planting more native vegetation, pollinator flowers, and natural buffer zones around ponds and creeks; installing more efficient LED lights in parks, athletic areas, and along paths; and limiting chemical use.

Grow Brookview Golf and Recreation Area

Brookview Golf is an enterprise fund, meaning it's not supported by tax dollars. The more growth and improvements Brookview can make, the more opportunities there will be for turning profits that can be reinvested into facilities or used as rainy day funds.



Protect Existing Job Base

The City will conduct more outreach and one-on-one meetings to better understand and meet the needs of current employers and employees.

Encourage High-Quality Development

To ensure quality development that meets community expectations, the City is considering zoning provisions that keep construction standards high, such as requiring builders to use durable, long-lasting material.



Provide Housing and Transportation Options for a Diverse Workforce

Modern workers are more likely to want to live near where they work, so attracting a workforce means continuing to make the City itself a great place to live. This includes expanding affordable housing and transportation options to meet the needs of a younger generation of employees.

Support Local and Small Businesses and Develop Partnerships

The City wants to continue supporting programs that build bridges between government and business and improve zoning laws to be friendlier to small and locally-owned businesses.

the 2040 Comp Plan process. □

- Use **Comp Plan In A Box** to host your own input meeting. This self-guided tool helps groups review Comp Plan information, gather ideas, and share results with the City. Call Planning at 763-593-8095 to reserve one.

- Sign up for **2040 Comp Plan updates** at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/news/subscribe.



STREET CONSTRUCTION SEASON CONTINUES

DOUGLAS DR PROJECT ON SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER COMPLETION

Crews are on pace to complete the Douglas Dr reconstruction project by the end of November 2017. To continue the progress, the project needed to push forward to the next stage before completing the previous stage. This means expanded construction zones and closures for the next few months.

The project involves rebuilding the roadway in key areas. All of Duluth St is set to reopen by mid-July once paving is complete. On Douglas Dr from Duluth St to Golden Valley Rd, grading work is set to begin. As grading work progresses, crews will place and maintain gravel surfaces from Duluth St to Olympia St for local traffic use by mid-July. Weather permitting, this segment is expected to be complete by mid-August.

For the next couple of months, the work will be extensive at the Golden Valley Rd intersection. Crews will construct a new roundabout and replace underground utilities. They will also install new sidewalks and trails designed to better address community needs. Weather permitting, this segment is expected to be completed by the end of August.

From Medicine Lake Rd to Duluth St, the City will lead landscaping efforts to include new sod along the corridor and plants at the roundabout, medians, and around intersections.

10TH AVE CULVERT PROJECT TO START LATE SUMMER

Work on 10th Ave N between Winnetka Ave and Rhode Island Ave N will start late summer.

The City closed 10th Ave May 2 due to concerns related the condition of the culverts that carry Bassett Creek beneath the roadway and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The aging metal culverts were scheduled for replacement late this year, but recent inspection results prompted the City to push for an accelerated reconstruction plan.

The City has been communicating with Union Pacific since 2008 regarding inspection results and the potential impacts of culvert failure, which include flooding and train derailment. The two arch culverts (114-inch span) and one round culvert (72-inch diameter), classified as bridges because of their size, are inspected annually and have recently shown rapid deterioration.

WHY ARE CREWS BUILDING UP THE CENTER ISLAND OF ROUNDABOUTS?

Douglas Dr was designed to have two roundabouts—one at Sandburg Rd and the other at Golden Valley Rd. Roundabouts offer many benefits over intersections controlled by traffic signals or stop signs, including safety and traffic flow benefits. The raised center islands in modern roundabouts keep the driver focused on the left line of sight for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians when driving into and through the roundabout. It also enhances a driver's recognition of the upcoming roundabout and island.

DETOURS AND PROJECT INFORMATION

The official detour for through traffic uses Duluth St, Hwy 100, and Hwy 55. There are alternative routes for local traffic, including Winnetka Ave, Medicine Lake Rd, and the completed segments of Douglas Dr.

To get additional updates, including the latest information on schedules, detour routes, and construction activities, go to the project website at www.hennepin.us/douglasdrive or call the project hotline at 612-543-3485. 🌈

Last year the City began preparing concepts and alternatives for culvert replacement as a cooperative project with Union Pacific. The project will involve digging up 10th Ave (between the Golden Valley Library and the end of Rhode Island Ave N), the Luce Line Trail, and the railroad track to replace the culverts with two concrete box culverts. Work would take two to three months to complete. In preparation, the City has been removing trees and meeting with utility companies regarding construction conflicts in the area.

10th Ave will remain closed until the project is completed. Please follow signs for detours and check the City website for updates.

If you have questions about this project, contact City Engineer Jeff Oliver at 763-593-8034. 🌈

UPCOMING events

Market In The Valley

Sundays through Oct 1

9 am–1 pm

Outdoor farmers market under the water tower. More information at www.marketinthevalley.org.

Minnesota Night To Unite

Tue, Aug 1 (see page 10)

MOVIES IN THE PARK (FREE)

1: Thur, Aug 3 | 8:30 pm

Brookview Park

“Sing”

2: Thur, Aug 17 | 8:30 pm

Medley Park

“Rogue One”



Penny Carnival

Fri, Aug 4 | 12:30–2 pm

Brookview park

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of carnival games, inflatables, dunk tank, puppet shows, popcorn, hayrides, and more. Games and activities cost 3–5 cents per play.

Coffee With A Cop

Tue, Sept 14 | 8:30–10 am

Byerly's, 5725 Duluth St

Drop by for a cup of coffee and conversation with Golden Valley police officers.



Golden Valley Arts & Music Festival

Sept 16 | 9:30 am–9:30 pm

City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd

Community festival featuring a parade, artisans, food, craft beer, and music. More information at gvcfoundation.org.

Neighborhood Watch Community Meeting

Tue, Oct 3 | 7 pm

Police Department Training Room

Open to all Neighborhood Watch participants and anyone interested in joining. Topics cover current crime trends and ways to keep your neighborhood safe.

MIGHTY TIDY DAY

Sat, Oct 7 | 8 am–1 pm

(see page 4)

Annual Leaf Drop-Off

Three Oct & Nov weekends

(see page 4)



City Election

Tue, Nov 7 (see page 16)

More event information at:

www.goldenvalleymn.gov/calendar

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Aug 23 | 1–4 pm

7800 Golden Valley Rd (check in at Public Safety Building)

Memorial Blood Centers' Battle of the Badges challenges Fire and Police Departments from across the metropolitan area in a friendly competition to save and sustain lives through blood donation. Schedule your donation at www.mbc.org/search-drives and enter sponsor code 4078. Or contact Ann at 651-332-7165 or aevans@mbc.org. On the day of your donation, complete your health history questionnaire online at www.mbc.org/idonate.





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ELECTION DAY

VOTE IN YOUR PRECINCT

- ★ **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 Middle School
2400 Sandburg Lane
- ★ **PRECINCT 8B:**
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway

For 2017 the City election day is Nov 7.
Polls are open 7 am–8 pm.

ELECTION DAY IS NOV 7

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

If you're not registered to vote, do so by Oct 17 to be on the roster for the Nov 7 general election.

You may preregister up to 20 days before the election by mail or in person by completing a Minnesota Voter Registration Application, available at most government offices and public libraries, including City Hall (7800 Golden Valley Rd) and the Hennepin County Government Center (300 South 6th St - Public Service Level, Minneapolis, MN 55487). You may also register online at mnvotes.org.

If English is not your first language, the Secretary of State's website has voter applications in multiple languages. Go to www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-paper/.

To register at your polling place on Election Day, you must have authorized proof of residence:

- valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, or ID or receipt for either with current address in precinct
- a registered voter in the precinct who can vouch for you

- registration in the same precinct indicating a previous name or address
- mailed notice of late registration from the Registration Office
- photo ID plus document with current name and address (bill account or start of service statement dated within 30 days of election—go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/elections/voting.php for list of accepted documents; student fee statement; residential lease or rental agreement valid through election day)

All 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 clerk at 763-593-8012. For a complete guide on voting in Golden Valley, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/elections.

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AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?
Check your registration at mnvotes.org.



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