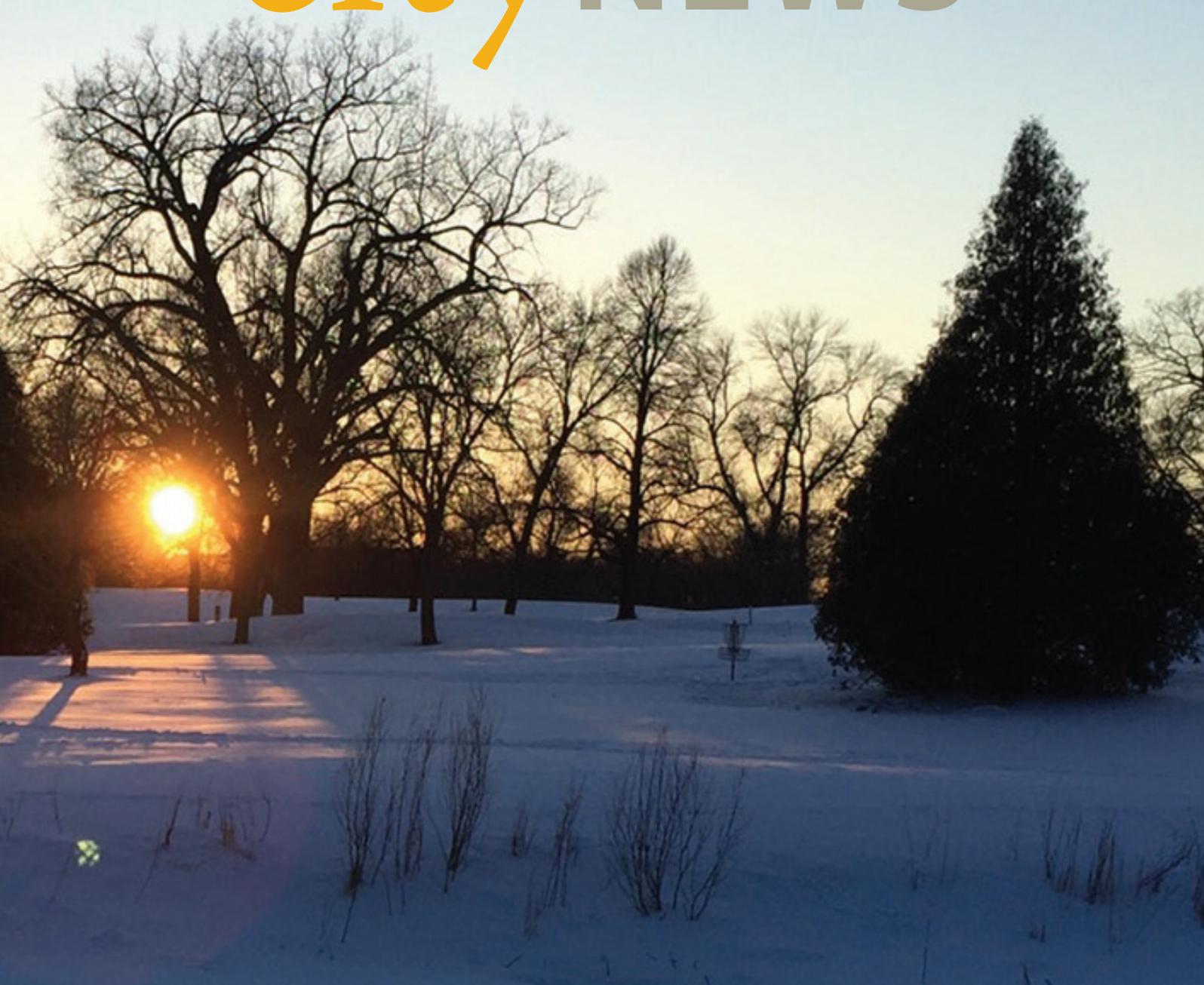


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Council Considers 2019 Tax Levy Increase

At its Sept 20 meeting, the Golden Valley City Council certified a preliminary 2019 tax levy of \$23,723,799. This total tax levy is the amount of property taxes needed to help fund the City's general operations and bond payments.

Fees charged for services and assessments make up the rest. The City receives no local government aid.

Of the proposed total tax levy for 2019, \$18,625,845 is allocated to the General Fund for operations (police, fire, inspections, streets, parks and recreation, administration, transfers, etc), \$3,879,654 is allocated for bond payments (for street improvements), and \$1,218,300 is allocated for bond payments for the Brookview facility.

To lessen future reliance on bonded debt, equipment certificates are covered by transfers from the General Fund. Transfers also help fund a portion of street overlays and improvements to buildings and parks. For 2019, transfers will increase by 225,000.

The tax impact will vary for each property, due to how the property value changed from 2018. This year property values increased equally for commercial and residential property types. The City portion of taxes on the \$312,000 median home is expected to increase by \$91.27, or \$7.61/month. Hennepin County mailed individual property tax statements Nov 13 to all Golden Valley properties along with a "Fast Facts" information sheet.

If your taxes increase, you may qualify for one of Minnesota's three property tax relief programs: the Homestead Credit Refund Program, the Targeting Property Tax Refund, or the Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Program. If you are a renter, you may qualify for a renter's property tax refund. For more information about these programs, go to www.revenue.state.mn.us or call 651-296-3781.

More information about the proposed City budget is available at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/budget. Questions? Call Finance Director Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010.

goldenvalleymn.gov/budget

Updated City Code Now Online

A more user-friendly Golden Valley City Code went into effect Oct 26, 2018.

The recodification process included reorganization, a complete review for administrative and clerical corrections, and the addition of current legislative language.

For more information about the City Code or its recodification, contact City Clerk Kris Luedke at 763-593-8012 or kluedke@goldenvalleymn.gov.

goldenvalleymn.gov/code

Comp Plan 2040

Golden Valley's 2040 Comprehensive Plan is approaching completion and will soon be adopted by the City Council.

The draft plan was released for public comment in May, and over the next several months the City collected and evaluated dozens of responses. The updated plan was reviewed by the Planning Commission in November and will be considered by the City Council in December.

Once approved by the Metropolitan Council, the plan will serve as a guiding vision in a number of areas, including Land Use, Housing, Transportation, Water Resources, Parks, and Sustainability.

To review the entire plan, visit the City web site.

goldenvalleymn.gov/planning/comprehensiveplanupdate

A rising tide lifts all boats

NEW TASK FORCE WILL HELP IMPLEMENT CITY EQUITY GOALS

The City Council is recruiting Golden Valley residents for a task force that will help implement GV Rising TIDES, the City's equity initiatives.

Rising TIDES (Trust, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice) stems from the phrase "A rising tide lifts all boats." The task force will meet monthly beginning January 2019 and focus on ways to:

- diversify employee recruitment
- ensure equity in City programming, services, and facilities
- communicate the equity plan to community members
- increase diversity in City boards/commissions, advisory groups, and elected officials
- eliminate potential biases when reviewing City contracts and RFPs
- review community outreach and education initiatives

The City believes the Rising TIDES Task Force should reflect the diversity of the Golden Valley community.

Applications are open to people of all ages who live or attend school in Golden Valley, and the City encourages participation by people who identify as LGBTQ, Native American, disabled, a person of color, or a member of any other underrepresented community.

To apply, submit a letter of interest with your contact information and responses to the following questions:

1. Why do you believe equity work within a community is important?
2. How will your unique perspective and experiences contribute to reaching the goals of the Rising TIDES Task Force?

Send letters of interest to Human Resources Director Kirsten Santelices, 7800 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN 55427, or ksantelices@goldenvalleymn.gov. Deadline is Dec 5, 2018.

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MLK Literary Contest

To honor the birthday and legacy of Martin Luther King, the Golden Valley Human Rights Commission (HRC) is holding its second annual Dr Martin Luther King Jr Literary Contest for students in grades 7–12.

Students are asked to submit written work or audio/video work, answering questions based on the theme "Taking A Stand."

The deadline for submissions is Dec 21, 4 pm. For complete contest rules and instructions, visit goldenvalleymn.gov/boards/human-rights/mlk-day.php.

For questions, contact HRC Staff Liaison Kirsten Santelices at 763-593-3989 or ksantelices@goldenvalleymn.gov.

Coming To Brookview Dec 3-28 Green Card Youth Voices

In honor of Human Rights Day Dec 10 and to celebrate Golden Valley's diverse immigrant population, the Golden Valley Human Rights Commission (HRC) is sponsoring a Green Card Youth Voices exhibit at Brookview Dec 3–Dec 28.

The exhibit will feature 20 posters, each with a different story, including a portrait and quotes from youth immigrants.

The Golden Valley Library will also be showcasing books along the topic of immigration and Green Cards.

Green Card Voices is a Minnesota-based 501(c)3 group that aims to change the world's perception of immigrants. With the power of storytelling, Green Card Voices helps connect the voices of immigrants to the public.

FOUR FACTS FOR IMPROVED RECYCLING

A recent tour of Republic Services Minneapolis Recycling Center highlighted issues that occur when recycling guidelines aren't followed.

- 1.** Plastic bags cannot be recycled in your curbside collection container. They are processed differently and clog sorting machines. Plastic bags should be returned to the retailer or taken to a Hennepin County waste disposal facility. Never bag recyclables, and if you do need to, use a paper bag.
- 2.** Cardboard used in frozen goods is not recyclable. You can differentiate this form of cardboard because it is "glossy."
- 3.** Shredded paper should be placed in a paper bag and shut with a single staple. Loose shredded paper contaminates other recyclable materials and reduces the amount of material that can be recycled.
- 4.** Needles used for medical purposes are a recycling contaminant and should never be recycled. Hennepin County offers free medical waste drop-off facilities. Learn more at www.hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide/items/needles-sharps.



The facility receives most of Golden Valley's recycling and is typically able to recycle about 95 percent of the waste it brings in, but there is still room for improvement. For more information about recycling in Golden Valley, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling.

Golden Valley Recycles

If your recycling is missed, 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. goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling

Sign up to receive emailed recycling updates and reminders. goldenvalleymn.gov/news/subscribe

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

Open House Scheduled For Glenwood Ave Project

An open house is scheduled at City Hall Dec 5, 6–8 pm, to discuss Hennepin County's plans for paving Glenwood Ave between Hwy 100 and Thomas Ave in Minneapolis. Scheduled for 2020, this overlay project will also consider improvements to pedestrian walkways and crossings. Residents will have the opportunity share thoughts and ask questions.

For more information, visit the Hennepin County website. For questions contact Hennepin County Transportation Engineer Bob Byers at 612-596-0354 or Golden Valley City Engineer Jeff Oliver at 763-593-8034.

www.hennepin.us/glenwoodgoldenvalley

**Glenwood Ave Project
Open House**

**Dec 5, 6–8 pm
City Hall**

THINGS PLOW DRIVERS WISH YOU KNEW

It's no secret. Some Minnesotans love the snow, and some definitely don't. For the City's snowplow drivers, it doesn't matter. Their job is to get the streets clear and safe for traffic, and public awareness of the hazards can make the process better and safer for all involved.

Many snowplow crew members agreed other drivers often make things difficult for plow drivers. This can include following too close, trying to pass a plow on a narrow road, or driving too fast. Drivers should take extra precautions when they encounter a plow to avoid any harm to themselves or others.

Jon Kirsch recalls an instance last winter when his truck was hit by a driver going too fast. "It was icy and the car wasn't able to stop in time," he says.

The City recommends drivers stay at least 100 feet from snowplows, reduce speed when a plow is present, and never drive into the plow's "snow cloud." And like all drivers, plow drivers also have trouble getting traction in slippery conditions and have limited visibility in blowing snow.

A big concern for City plow drivers is children playing in the snow near the street. Kids like to make forts out of the snow piles, explains Jiri Klima, but when the plows are out on the streets, visibility is already limited and it's really hard to tell if someone is playing in a snow pile.

"If your streets aren't plowed, don't send your kids out to play," he recommends. "And if you do, keep them away from the street."

Another major problem is caused by obstructions in the road, especially garbage and recycling bins. When people place garbage and recycling bins in the street, it blocks the path of snowplows, explains Street Maintenance Supervisor Marshall Beugen. If it snows on garbage day, keep your bins out of the street.

The City is not liable for damages to obstructions on roadways and sidewalks and will only repair regulation mailboxes actually hit by plow equipment, not snow. However, the City does repair lawns that are cut up by plows.

"We are usually trying to feel for the curb, and we really try not to damage any lawns," says Brent Adams. "When we do, it creates more work in the spring when we have to fix it."

For more information about snowplow courtesy, plow damage, or if you have any snowplow related questions, contact the City's Street Maintenance Department at 763-593-3960.



WINTER REMINDERS

Parking

Parking is prohibited on public streets and alleys Nov 1–March 31 from 2–6 am daily and after a snowfall of at least 2 inches. Parking may not resume until snow has stopped accumulating and the street or alley has been plowed curb to curb. To request a temporary exemption from the winter parking ordinance, visit goldenvalleymn.gov/permits.

Plowing and De-Icing

To keep traffic moving, crews first plow streets that connect neighborhoods to State and County roads. Plowing stops if strong winds result in unsafe conditions. For ice, priority areas are treated first, including intersections with high traffic volumes, school and pedestrian crossings, and other areas deemed hazardous by public works or police.

Fire Hydrant Clearing

While shoveling your driveway, take an extra few minutes to clear a 3-foot radius around the hydrant after each snowfall. This will help reduce the time it takes firefighters to hook up hoses if a fire occurs in your neighborhood.

Private Property Snow Removal

Minnesota State Statute (169.42) and City Code (Section 24-24) prohibit relocating snow and ice from private property (including driveways and parking lots) to a roadway, sidewalk, or adjacent property.

Garbage/Recycling Containers

If it snows on collection day, keep your bins at the end of your driveway behind the curb.

More information at goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/maintenance.php

NEIGHBORHOOD Watch 2.0

Neighborhood Watch plays a fundamental role in how the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) builds strong relationships with residents and keeps the community safe. In 2019 it's getting a reboot.

As the cornerstone of the City's crime prevention program, Neighborhood Watch enlists the active participation of residents, in cooperation with police, to reduce crime in the community. Beginning in 2019, the GVPD is revitalizing Golden Valley's Neighborhood Watch program based on feedback from the public and officers. The updated program will include:

- collaborative work between the GVPD and block captains
- use of electronic delivery as the primary form of communication
- creation of a new zone map, decreasing the number of zones from 11 to five
- semi-annual Neighborhood Watch meetings, specific to each zone

Many residents will discover they are now in a new zone, so go to the City's Neighborhood Watch web page, check the map, and sign up for zone-based crime alerts, even if you have signed up before.

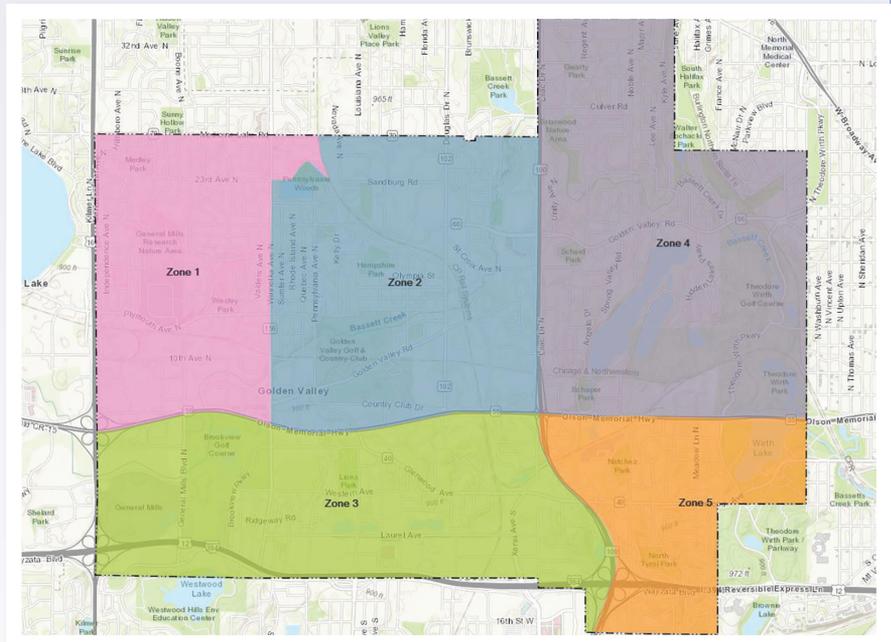
Start A Neighborhood Watch

Get in touch with the GVPD to arrange an introduction meeting between neighbors and members of the GVPD. The Depart-

ment will talk about crime in Golden Valley, how local criminals operate, what to recognize as suspicious, how to use 911, and what a difference Neighborhood Watch makes.

For more information, contact the Golden Valley Police Department at 763-593-8079 or police@goldenvalleymn.gov.

goldenvalleymn.gov/police/watch/index.php



Thank You, Golden Valley Residents & Businesses

Your donations have allowed the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) to host such events as Public Safety In The Parks, Night To Unite, Senior Safety Seminars, Citizen's Police Academy, Public Safety Open House, Police Bike-Along, Reserve Officer Appreciation, Apartment Manager Networking Luncheon, and Shop With A Cop. In addition, your contributions fund GVPD's Counteract Program in local elementary schools. New community outreach programs are in the works. One provides vouchers to help offset some of the cost of fixing a broken tail light instead of officers issuing a ticket. Details are coming soon.

Thanks again for your generosity. Your continued support can be mailed to Golden Valley Crime Prevention Fund, 7800 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN 55427. **All donations are tax-deductible.**

Sincerely,
Nancy Azzam, President
Golden Valley Crime Prevention Fund

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM THE INVISIBLE KILLER

Carbon monoxide (CO), commonly known as the invisible killer, is an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas created when fuel does not fully burn. Possible sources of CO include household appliances (gas fires, boilers, central heating systems, water heaters, cooking equipment) and open fires that use gas, oil, coal, or wood. CO can also be found in garages, sheds, ice houses, or other similar places where cars, generators, or heating devices burn fuel.

Vehicles or generators in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, fire departments across the US responded to more than 40,000 CO incidents in 2003. In 2010 more than 80,000 similar incidents were reported. This 96 percent increase was most likely due to the expanded use of CO detectors in homes.

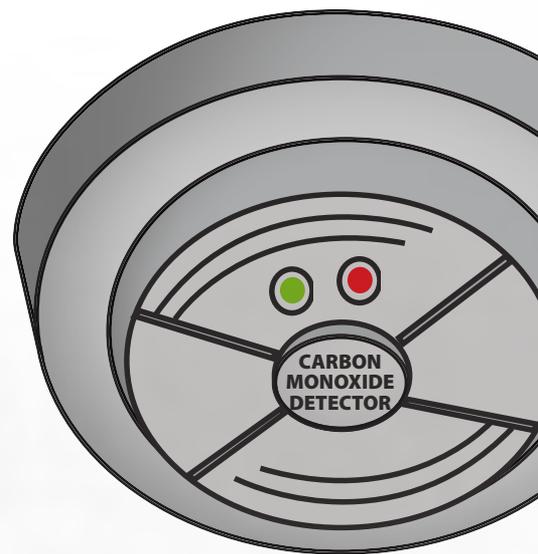
CO incidents are most common during the colder months (Nov–Feb), and the Golden Valley Fire Department (GVFD) recommends having all natural gas appliances, heating systems, vents, chimneys, and flues inspected every year, preferably before temperatures get too cold.

Signs of CO poisoning include headache, nausea, fatigue, vomiting, and disorientation. To help prevent CO poisoning, the GVFD wants to ensure that all residents take the proper precautions, like:

- installing CO alarms inside or within 10 feet of each sleeping area
- testing CO alarms every month
- changing batteries once a year
- clearing snow and debris from furnace, dryer, fire-place, or oven vents around your home to prevent a CO buildup

For more information about CO safety, visit the NFPA website or contact the GVFD at 763-593-8057.

www.nfpa.org



In collaboration between the Golden Valley Police Department and Noble Elementary School, Shop With A Cop provides children in need with Target gift cards to be used for family gifts during the holiday season.

Children will spend an evening shopping with officers and other GVPD staff, followed by dinner and gift-wrapping.

To donate before Dec 10, contact Police Chief Jason Sturgis at 763-593-8059.

BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR

Back for the fifth year, the Golden Valley Fire Department's Be A Santa To A Senior program provides gifts for seniors who might not otherwise receive any this holiday season.

To participate, go to the Golden Valley Starbucks (7802 Olson Memorial Hwy) starting the week of Nov 12, pick a bulb from the tree, and bring back the requested gift before Dec 10.

The gifts will be delivered Dec 22 by the Golden Valley Fire Family, a group of firefighters and their families.

For more information about Be A Santa To A Senior, contact the Golden Valley Fire Department at 763-593-8057.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

goldenvalleymn.gov/events/annual

Mailbox To The North Pole

Dec 1–16 | Brookview

Supper With Santa

Fri, Dec 7 | 6–7:15 pm | Brookview
Sign up online.

Canadian Pacific Holiday Train

Tue, Dec 11 | 4:50 –5:30 pm
Golden Hills Dr Railroad Crossing

GVPD University

Thur, Jan 17 | 6-9 pm
goldenvalleymn.gov/police/gvpdu

Comedy At Brookview

Sat, Jan 19 | 8 pm
brookviewgoldenvalley.com/comedy.html

WinterFest

Sat, Feb 9 | noon–2 pm
North Wesley Park

West Metro Home Remodeling Fair

Sun, Feb 10 | 10:30 am–3 pm
homeremodelingfair.com

Hands-Only CPR/AED Class

Tue, Feb 12 | 7–8:30 pm
goldenvalleymn.gov/fire/education

Comedy At Brookview

Sat, Feb 16 | 8 pm
brookviewgoldenvalley.com/comedy.html

 **OPERATION:
RESCUE ROOM**
Chance to win \$1,000!
Entry deadline: Feb 4, 2019
[homeremodelingfair.com/
fair-day-activities/operation-rescue-room](http://homeremodelingfair.com/fair-day-activities/operation-rescue-room)



The Golden Valley Police Department’s Toys For Tots collection is an annual tradition in collaboration with police from multiple departments. On the last collection day, they all meet in Golden Valley,

load their cruisers with donated gifts, and parade to the KARE 11 drop-off site.

To donate, bring new, unwrapped toys to the GVPD at 7700 Golden Valley Rd (open 24/7) Dec 1–14 (last day by 3 pm). The GVPD cannot accept monetary donations. For more information, contact Commander Steve Johnson at 763-512-2502.

WATCH THE PARADE

Dec 14 | 4:30 pm

The route starts at the GVPD and follows Golden Valley Rd to Boone Ave/ General Mills Blvd to the KARE 11 parking lot in time for the 5 pm news program.



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