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City Council Has Two New Members

The Golden Valley City Council will have two new members, Kimberly Sanberg and Maurice Harris, and a returning mayor, Shep Harris, when it reconvenes in 2020.

In the Nov 5 City election, Sanberg and Maurice Harris defeated Andy Johnson and incumbent Joanie Clausen for two four-year Council seats; incumbent Shep Harris defeated Steve Schmidgall to fill the four-year Mayor seat.

Sanberg has been a Golden Valley resident since 2013 and is the owner and marketing consultant at Cairn Strategies. She has served on Golden Valley's Open Space and

Recreation Commission since 2016 and was a founding organizer of the Golden Valley Pride Festival.

Maurice Harris moved to Golden Valley in 2012. He is a research manager for Minneapolis Saint Paul Regional Economic Development Partnership. He has served on the City's Human Rights Commission since 2017 and is a member of City's Rising TIDES Task Force.

Shep Harris has lived in Golden Valley since 2004 and works in government relations for Fredrikson & Bryon. This will be his third term as mayor of Golden Valley.

Council Considers 2020 Tax Levy Increase

At its Sept 17 meeting, the Golden Valley City Council certified a preliminary 2020 tax levy of \$25,073,034. 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. The preliminary levy can be lowered but not raised at the final budget hearing, which will be Dec 3 at 6:30 pm.

Of the proposed total tax levy for 2020, \$19,649,140 is allocated to the General Fund for operations (police, fire, inspections, streets, parks and recreation, administration, transfers, etc), \$4,205,594 is allocat-

ed 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 2020, transfers will increase by \$360,000.

The tax impact will vary for each property, due to how the property value changed from pay 2019. The City portion of taxes on the \$327,000 median home is expected to increase by \$63.42, or \$5.29/month. Hennepin County mailed individual property tax state-

ments Nov 12 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 (type "homeowner" in the search box) or call 651-296-3781.

Questions? Call Finance Director Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010.

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New Tobacco Ordinance Takes Effect Jan 1

A new Golden Valley ordinance regulating tobacco licensing and sales will take effect Jan 1, 2020.

The ordinance will prohibit the sale of tobacco to those under age 21, prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco (including menthol) at all retailers, limit the number of tobacco licenses issued by the City to eight, and more.

Before passing the ordinance at its Oct 15 meeting, the City Council approved a six-month moratorium Aug 20, 2019 that limits new tobacco retail facilities from opening in Golden Valley. Since then, the City's

Planning Commission has been evaluating the impact of tobacco retail facilities on communities in general. Specifically, the Commission explored amending the City's Zoning Code with a focus on location and signage restrictions for tobacco retailers.

The Planning Commission will discuss its findings at its Dec 9 meeting and will hold a public hearing in January 2020. The City Council hopes to make a decision on any proposed Zoning Code amendments by early February 2020, before the moratorium expires Feb 20.

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2020 Census Just Around The Corner

The decennial United States Census is coming in 2020, and your response matters.

The United States records a census every 10 years. Results help make decisions that affect people everywhere, like the assignment of US Congressional Districts and

the allocation of federal funding to local governments and school districts.

Participation in the census is required by federal law. By April 1, 2020 every home in the country will receive instructions to participate in the 2020 Census. Responses can be given on-

line, by phone, or by mail.

The City of Golden Valley is working to ensure all residents are counted in the census. For more information, contact Planning Manager Jason Zimmerman at 763-593-8099.

2020census.gov

MLK Literary Contest

"Injustice Anywhere" is the theme for this year's Dr Martin Luther King Jr Literary Contest, sponsored by the Golden Valley Human Rights Commission (HRC) to honor the birthday and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Students in grades 7-12 are asked to submit written work or audio/video work, answering questions based on the theme. The deadline for submissions is Jan 3, 2020, 4 pm.

For complete contest rules and instructions, visit goldenvalleymn.gov/boards/human-rights/mlk-day.php. Questions? Contact HRC Staff Liaison Kirsten Santelices at 763-593-3989 or ksantelices@goldenvalleymn.gov.

GRANTS HELP FUND IMPROVEMENTS, PROGRAMS

Since 2012, the City of Golden Valley has received nearly 70 grants totaling \$9.83 million from various local, county, state, and national groups. It has used the funds for park improvements, firefighter training, public works projects, and more.

In 2019, the City was awarded eight grants totaling approximately \$398,926. A few examples include:

- \$96,000 from the Hennepin County Youth Sports Program to help with field improvements to Schaper, Wesley, and Lions Parks
- \$50,000 from the DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Program to help with a habitat restoration at Bassett Creek Nature Area

- \$126,926 from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety to reimburse the City's Department of Motor Vehicles for costs associated with a new system rollout



The City will continue to provide updates about how grant funding aids projects and programs.

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Council Moves Forward With Waste Hauling Ordinance

At its Nov 6 meeting, the Golden Valley City Council passed the first consideration of a new waste hauling ordinance with an amendment to include Monday, in addition to Friday, as a waste pick-up day.

The new ordinance will:

- establish the number of residential waste collection licenses at four (this number is a target and will be achieved through attrition)
- require haulers to provide a schedule of charges, submit Department of Transportation inspection records and a summary of the driver training program, and more
- require waste containers to be made of at least 25 percent post-consumer material

- increase the insurance requirements licensees must carry
- designate Friday and Monday as the only days for residential collection
- limit truck weight to 7 tons per axle on residential streets

The Council will consider the ordinance a second time at its Nov 19, 2019 meeting. If passed, it will be effective April 1, 2020. Since that meeting will occur after this newsletter goes to press, check the City website for updates.

A version of the new ordinance will be included in the Nov 19 Council agenda packet.

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Hennepin County Changes Battery Recycling Program

Due to fire risks, Hennepin County has discontinued its battery recycling drop-off for all Hennepin County cities, including the drop off at Golden Valley City Hall.

Residential battery drop-off is still available free of charge at both Hennepin County Drop-off facilities in Bloomington and Brooklyn Park. Learn more at hennepin.us/dropoffs.



Don't Be *THAT* Guy, Pick Up After Your Pets

We've all heard the excuses. "I forgot a plastic bag at home." "One time isn't a huge deal." "Who cares? It's going to fertilize the grass."

Well, enough is enough—it's time to take a stand against the lousy neighbor who doesn't pick up his dog's poop.

Who does he think he is? He's not better than the rest of us. His dog's poops are just as gross as other dog's, so why does he think it's OK to not pick up after his dog?

He's probably the same guy who answers his cell phone at the movie theater, cooks fish in the office microwave, doesn't RSVP to your event but shows up anyway, or worst of all, he's probably the guy who checks out in the express line with more way than 10 items in his cart.

The biggest difference between not picking up after his dog and this guy's other annoying habits is the law. Section 6-1 of the Golden Valley City Code prohibits

you from allowing your animal to defecate on public or private property without immediately removing it and discarding it in a sanitary manner.

So the next time you see your neighbor not picking up after his dog, the first step is to stay calm. Next, give him a friendly reminder that picking up after your pet is actually the law and also the courteous thing to do.



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.



City Plow Crews Make Reducing Pollutants A Priority

One could say the Twin Cities experienced a very snowy winter last year, others would say that’s an understatement. While the record breaking snowfalls meant more plowing for City maintenance crews, it also gave them the opportunity to rethink their snow and ice clearing methods.

The City uses a number of deicing solutions to combat the ice and snow, including road salt, brine (a mixture of 23.3 percent salt and water), calcium chloride, AMP (additives that melt more ice in colder temperatures), and more.

Unfortunately, these de-icing chemicals impact local waterways and habitats and are harmful to fish and plants. Melted snow and ice carry these chemicals through storm sewers, leading to streams, rivers, and lakes.

To help protect local habitats, the City has significantly changed how it clears roads of ice and snow (see table). Depending on weather conditions during the upcoming winter season, City crews hope to even further reduce the amount of de-icing chemicals used on our roads.

goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/maintenance.php

	2017-18	2018-19
Number of snow events	40	43
De-Icing Solutions Used		
Tons of salt	995	962
Gallons of brine	62,338	35,134
Gallons of 80/20 calcium chloride*	1,179	450
Gallons of AMP**	n/a	24,796
*mixture of 80 percent brine and 20 percent calcium chloride		
**additives that melt more ice in colder temperatures		

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.

Public Safety Outreach Programs

As people give thanks during the holidays, many often think of ways to give back to their community. The Golden Valley Police and Fire Departments are involved in multiple holiday outreach programs and would welcome support from residents.



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

To donate before Dec 10, contact the GVPD at 763-593-8079.



The Golden Valley Fire Department partners with Home Instead Senior Care to provide gifts for seniors who might not otherwise receive any during the holidays.

To participate in the Be A Santa To A Senior program, go to the Golden Valley Starbucks (7802 Olson Memorial Hwy), pick a bulb from the tree, and bring back the requested gift before Dec 11.

The gifts will be delivered Dec 21 by the Golden Valley Fire Family, a group of firefighters and their families. For more information, contact the Golden Valley Fire Department at 763-593-8055.



WATCH THE PARADE

Dec 13 | 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.

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 1-13 (last day by 3 pm). The GVPD cannot accept monetary donations. For more information, contact Commander Steve Johnson at 763-512-2502.

Thank You, Golden Valley Residents & Businesses

Your donations have allowed the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) to host such programs and 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, Shop With A Cop, and No Ticket-Just Fix It. In addition, your contributions fund the GVPD's Counteract Program in local elementary schools. New community outreach programs are in the works, including a spring summit for all Neighborhood Watch captains to thank them and lay plans for the future. Details are coming soon.

Thanks again for your help and 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

Brookview Expands Winter Rec Options

One goal of Brookview's redesign in 2017 was to create a space for year-round recreation. The addition of more disc golf baskets, outdoor curling rinks, and solar lights along the multi-use winter trail will make Brookview the place to be this winter.

Disc Golf—In partnership with local disc golf company Gotta Go Gotta Throw, Brookview Golf expanded its winter disc golf course from 18 baskets to 36. The course is free to play and open seven days a week. Bring your own discs, or rent them in Brookview's Golf Shop.

Lighted Winter Trail—Brookview's ever-popular winter trail also received an upgrade with the addition of solar LED lights. The one-mile groomed trail meanders through the golf course and is used for walking, fat tire biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and skijourning, activities that can now be enjoyed after sunset.

Outdoor Pub Curling—Brookview's newest winter activity is outdoor pub curling (a type that doesn't involve sweeping). Four synthetic curling rinks installed on top of the existing lawn bowling green will provide options for drop-in play, rentals (\$15 per hour per rink), and leagues. Open seven days a week (Mon–Sat, 11 am–8 pm, and Sun, 11 am–7 pm), each rink has tables and chairs adjacent to Brookview's outdoor fire pit and Three One Six Bar + Grill, which features full food and beverage options.

brookviewgolf.com
763-512-2300

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT UPCOMING ISSUES

The City of Golden Valley is looking for your input on a few major issues, including what our downtown could look like, proposed additions to the park system, a proposed expansion of the Bassett Creek Trail, construction on narrow lots, and redesign of the City website.

Learn more by visiting the web pages for each issue (see link below), then share your thoughts by attending meetings, taking surveys, and sending emails or letters. All input will be compiled into reports for City Council consideration and made available on the City website for public review.

Downtown Study Phase II

What does the future hold for the area surrounding Winnetka Ave N and Golden Valley Rd? Read the study, watch the videos, and share your thoughts on draft concepts for the area. Survey deadline is Nov 30.

763-593-8095

Proposed Park System Additions

Would you support adding an off-leash pet exercise area and a community garden to the City's park system? Read the proposal and comments from recent meetings, and learn about upcoming meetings. Survey deadline is Dec 31.

763-512-2345

Bassett Creek Trail Expansion

Three Rivers Park District is seeking Federal funding to extend the Bassett Creek Trail on Golden Valley Rd from Douglas Dr to Bonnie Ln. Read the proposal and comments from recent meetings, and learn about upcoming meetings. Survey deadline is Jan 15, 2020.

763-583-8030

Construction On Narrow Lots

The City is working to balance varying viewpoints about what type of construction should be allowed on narrow lots. Read about the issue and comments from recent meetings, and learn about upcoming events. Survey deadline is Jan 31, 2020.

763-583-8095

City Website Redesign

How well does the City's current website work for you? What would you like to see in a new website? Take our survey and let us know if you'd be interested in participating in upcoming focus groups as part of the redesign. Survey deadline is Dec 9.

763-583-8004

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mailbox To The North Pole

Dec 1-15 | Brookview

Canadian Pacific Holiday Train

Wed, Dec 11 | 4:45-5:30 pm
Golden Hills Dr Railroad Crossing

GVPD University

Thur, Jan 16 | 6-9 pm
goldenvalleymn.gov/police/gvpdu

Comedy At Brookview

Sat, Jan 18 | 8 pm
brookviewgoldenvalley.com/comedy.html

WinterFest

Sat, Feb 8 | noon-2 pm
North Wesley Park

West Metro Home Remodeling Fair

Sun, Feb 9 | 10:30 am-3 pm
homeremodelingfair.com

Kids Concert

Thur, Feb 13 | 11-11:45 am
Brookview Bassett Creek Room

Comedy At Brookview

Sat, Feb 15 | 8 pm
brookviewgoldenvalley.com/comedy.html

Hands-Only CPR/AED Class

Tue, Feb 18 | 7-8:30 pm
goldenvalleymn.gov/fire/education

GVPD University

Thur, Feb 20 | 6-9 pm
goldenvalleymn.gov/police/gvpdu

GVPD University

Thur, March 12 | 6-9 pm
goldenvalleymn.gov/police/gvpdu

Stories Of The World

Thur, March 19 | 10:30-11:15 am
Brookview Bassett Creek Room

Run The Valley

Sat, April 18 | 7:45 am
goldenvalleymn.gov/events/runthevalley

WINTER MARKET
IN THE VALLEY
2019-2020
DECEMBER-MARCH | 10 AM-2 PM
Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, and Mar 8
Brookview Golden Valley
www.marketinthevalley.org

ARTIST SHOWCASE
A Community Art Exhibit
Opening Night: Jan 31 | 5-9 pm
On View: Feb 1-March 7
Galleries @ Brookview
gvcfoundation/golden-valley-arts

**OPERATION:
RESCUE ROOM**
Enter your ugly room for a chance
to win \$1,000 toward remodeling!
Entry deadline: Jan 31, 2020
homeremodelingfair.com

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC
HOLIDAY TRAIN
IS COMING TO GOLDEN VALLEY

Wed, Dec 11 | 4:45 pm

Railway crossing at Golden Hills Dr

www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/cp-holiday-train

