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## CITYNEWS

## Douglas Drive Corridor Study Under Way

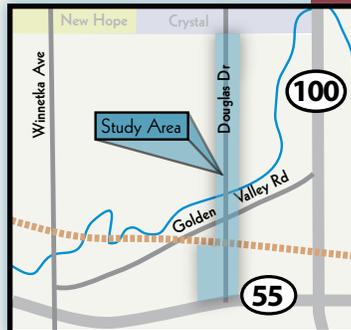
In July, the City officially began a study of the Douglas Dr corridor. The study, funded by a grant awarded by Transit for Livable Communities in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation, will focus on a redesign of Douglas Dr and on establishing a long-term vision for the corridor.

As properties and infrastructure age along the corridor, it is becoming necessary to guide growth and redevelopment in a logical direction. In addition to addressing future land use changes, the study will examine various options for multi-modal transportation along the corridor while considering the needs of residents and businesses, traffic and pedestrians. The study will also identify funding options for future improvements to the roadway.

The Douglas Dr Corridor Advisory Committee (composed of City Council members, planning commissioners, and City staff) has been formed to oversee this project and other future redevelopment of the area. The group meets once a month and is currently scheduling meetings with various stakeholders along the corridor. Because Douglas Dr is a county road that connects Golden Valley to other communities, the City will also meet with Hennepin County, MnDOT, Metro Transit, and the City of Crystal.

A final plan for Douglas Dr will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and the City Council in early 2009 and ultimately adopted into the Comprehensive Plan.

For more information, contact City Planner Joe Hogeboom at 763-593-8099. 



## WANTED:

### Your Opinion About The GVPD

To assess community safety concerns and customer satisfaction, the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) wants feedback about its quality of service as well as your thoughts on crime and safety in Golden Valley.

Please take a moment to complete the online survey at [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us) (click on "GVPD Community Survey"). It should take about five to seven minutes. If you don't have access to a computer, paper copies are available at the front desk of the Public Safety Building (7800 Golden Valley Road).

Survey results will help the GVPD in future deployment strategies and crime focus and provide insight into resident and business owner satisfaction regarding contacts with GVPD staff.

Your participation will help the GVPD provide the best law enforcement services to the community.

Questions? Call 763-593-8079. 

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## Proposed City Tax Levy

# City Prepares Budget For 2009



	Actual 2008	Proposed 2009
General Fund Operating Levy	\$ 11,345,415	\$ 11,787,886
Police and Fire Levy		\$ 80,000
Tax Abatement Levy <sup>1</sup>	\$ 367,215	\$ 367,215
Bonded Debt Levy:		
Street Improvement Bonds <sup>2</sup>	\$ 2,715,750	\$ 3,115,750
Equipment Certificates <sup>3</sup>	\$ 770,000	\$ 770,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,485,750</b>	<b>\$ 3,885,750</b>
<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>\$15,198,380</b>	<b>\$16,120,851</b>

City staff has been working with the City Council since January 2008 to review the 2009 general fund budget. Staff is still gathering numbers for the proposed 2009 general fund operating levy, which funds City operations and services such as police and fire, snow plowing, street and park maintenance, park and recreation programs, elections, etc (see table).

In May, the state legislature brought back levy limits, approving up to a 3.9 percent inflationary increase based on each city's previous year's levy. The 3.9 percent levy limit will be in effect for three years. It represents a cap the City cannot exceed for financing its general fund budget.

The levy limit is in addition to local government aid (LGA) provided by the state but does not include special levies (such as bonded debt levies). The City of Golden Valley does not receive any LGA, but it has four special levies. The special levies include Certificates of Indebtedness, a Bonded Debt Levy, a Police and Fire Levy, and a Tax Abatement Levy.

What does this mean for Golden Valley taxpayers? It depends on the variables in your tax bill, such as taxable market value, market value homestead credit, and taxing jurisdictions (school district, county, city, and other special districts). Your taxable market value was set by Hennepin County in April 2008 for taxes payable in 2009. The market value homestead credit shows up on your property taxes and ceases to exist when homes reach a value of \$413,778. Other taxing jurisdictions are separate from the City and have their own budget and hearing processes.

The City's preliminary general fund budget is available on the City Web site ([www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us)), at the Golden Valley Library, and at City Hall. The current levy includes a 2.64 percent increase in general fund expenditures. The City's special levies will increase by \$400,000 to pay for debt issued to fund previous Pavement Management Program (PMP) improvements.

The City Council is reviewing the general fund budget until mid-December. At its first meeting in September, the Council will approve the proposed tax levy that will be included in Truth in Taxation statements (which are mailed in November). It will adopt the final tax levy in mid-December.

If you have questions about the City budget process, contact Finance Director Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010. 

<sup>1</sup> In 2001, the City approved the sale of tax abatement bonds to pay for intersection improvements at Hwy 55 and Boone Ave. This debt is paid from the increased value of the new General Mills building.

<sup>2</sup> The Bonded Debt Levy will increase to pay existing bond issues sold for the City's Pavement Management Program street improvements.

<sup>3</sup> Equipment Certificates are debt that is sold to pay for equipment and vehicles, such as fire pumpers, police squads, and dump trucks. The City schedules replacement of equipment and reviews each item before the purchase is made.

## City Council SOCIAL

Thursday, Sept 25, 2008

6:30–9 pm

Piazza's Italian Ristorante

8851 7th Ave N  
Golden Valley  
(one block west of Boone Ave)

The City Council established the Council Social as a way to meet informally with residents to discuss topics of interest to individuals and the community. The Social has been held at various public venues to support local business and foster informal discussion. For more information, contact Judy Nally at 763-593-8006.

Share common ground and informal discussion with the City Council and others who care for the community.

**No Agenda • No Cameras • Just Folks and Jokes**

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic Benefits Local Charities



Join friends and neighbors in a drive for charity this fall at the 2008 Golden Valley Golf Classic, set for Friday, Sept 12, at Brookview Golf Course. The Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (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 (see sidebar).

## Two Ways To Participate

Sign up for the tournament and begin a day of fun with an 8 am shotgun start. Foursomes can register for \$300 before Sept 5 or \$350 after (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).

If you prefer the role of booster, you can support the GVHSF and this event in several ways:

- Corporate Sponsor (\$1,000)
- Golf Hole Sponsor (\$500)
- Food/Prizes/Awards: Contributions of cash, merchandise, and in-kind items or gift certificates are welcome for hole contests, prizes, and drawings.



TEE MARKERS display the COMPANY NAME OF SPONSORS.

For their donations, corporate and hole sponsors receive green fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, and gift packs for golfers, and their company name displayed on a tee marker. All sponsors will be acknowledged in tournament publicity. As of mid-July, sponsors for 2008 include Golden Valley Rotary and Best and Flanagan (Corporate); WSB & Associates, SEH, Central Bank, Golden Valley McDonald's, Freestyle Productions, and Anonymous (Golf Hole); Securitas Security Services, Inc and Morrie's Golden Valley Cadillac and Saab (Hole-In-One); and Piazza's Italian Ristorante, Cable 12, and Anonymous (Food/Prizes).

Last year's event drew 76 golfers who, with corporate and individual sponsors, helped the Golf Classic raise \$5,500 for local human service organizations. For more information about the Golf Classic or the GVHSF, contact staff liaison Jeanne Fackler at 763-512-2340 or [jfackler@ci.golden-valley.mn.us](mailto:jfackler@ci.golden-valley.mn.us).

# GVHSF GIVES Local Support

The Golden Valley Human Services Foundation helps fund several nonprofit agencies that serve Golden Valley residents in need.



- *Community Mediation Services* provides residents and businesses with respectful, confidential, and accessible mediation services.
- *Crisis Connection* provides mental health telephone counseling to people with personal and family problems and crisis.
- *Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery* provides shelter care for children up to age six for families dealing with stress or crisis that need time away from children to stabilize themselves. Advocates also help the family find resources.
- *Northwest Suburban Dinner At Your Door* provides nourishing meals to homebound people unable to afford a home-cooked meal.
- *PRISM* offers emergency and supplemental food, financial assistance, clothing, senior transportation, and case load work to low-income residents.

# gv foundation

## TAKING FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Golden Valley Human Services Foundation, which is comprised of community volunteers, helps fund several nonprofit agencies that serve Golden Valley residents in need (see sidebar). In 2008, the Foundation contributed \$30,500.

The deadline for 2009 funding applications is Aug 29, 2008 at 4:30 pm. The Foundation will review funding requests and allocate available funds using the following guidelines:

- The services must not be duplicated by a level of government.
- The service provided is for Golden Valley residents at a time of crisis.
- The service must include cooperation or collaboration between organizations.

- Foundation funding should be a "last resort" source for funding the services.
- The organization should use the funds granted by the Foundation to serve Golden Valley citizens.
- Funding shall be granted to human service organizations and not to an individual or individuals.
- Funding will not be granted to any organization licensed in the City of Golden Valley for lawful gambling operations.

Pick up applications at City Hall or Brookview Community Center. If you want more information or would like to make a tax deductible contribution, call 763-512-2340.



## Get Your Junk Together, Mighty Tidy Day Is Here!

It's time to get unwanted junk out of your home. Plan to unload old mattresses and sofas, broken bicycles, ancient appliances, unwanted tires, outdated computers and televisions, and more at Golden Valley's fifth annual Mighty Tidy Clean-Up Day **Saturday, Oct 11**, 8 am–1 pm, at Brookview Park (south of Hwy 55 at Winnetka Ave).

Mighty Tidy Clean-Up Day provides a monitored site to dispose of items residents no longer use, that cannot be donated, and that can litter homes and yards and become a nuisance. However, hazardous waste (used motor oil, asbestos, cleaning solvents, pool chemicals, etc.) are not accepted. See the article at the right for information about how to dispose of this and other problem waste.

To participate in Mighty Tidy Day, you must be a Golden Valley resident (proof of residency will be required at the entrance). Fees apply. Look for the September/October *CityNews* or go to the City Web site ([www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us)) for more information.

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MnPCA), Minnesota leads the country in diverting solid waste from landfills to resource recovery facilities. Still, the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance (MOEA) reports solid waste generation in the Metro region will increase from 3.3 million total tons in 2000 to 4.5 million tons by 2010 and 6 million tons by 2020. MOEA also reports that much of the discarded materials contain toxins that threaten public health and the environment.

For more information on any of Golden Valley's numerous recycling programs, visit the City Web site at [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/environment/RecyclingPrograms.htm](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/environment/RecyclingPrograms.htm).

# Don't Just Throw It Away!

If you're interested in using fewer toxic substances, preserving natural resources, and reducing waste in general, help is here. In December 2007, all postal customers in western Hennepin County received an updated version of the *Recyclopedia*, a waste reduction guide on "how to reduce, reuse, recycle, and dispose of all kinds of stuff."

The *Recyclopedia* is a 32-page alphabetical guide with numerous listings, sorted by material, on how and where to reduce waste, reuse resources, recycle more, and dispose of materials safely. In 2003, more than 109,000 tons of hazardous materials were recycled in Minnesota. When you have something to throw out, hazardous or not, the *Recyclopedia* can guide you. For an online version, visit [www.hennepinatoz.org](http://www.hennepinatoz.org).

Each person in the United States makes about 4.5 pounds of trash a day, or about 1,642 pounds a year, and most of this trash goes into landfills. We can cut these numbers dramatically by practicing the "Three Rs" (reduce, reuse, and recycle). For example, right now we recycle about 40 percent of our waste—about 2 million tons—that could have ended up in landfills.

But reducing trash flow to landfills may not be the greatest benefit of recycling. Recycling also conserves energy and natural resources and prevents pollution in manufacturing. Since recovered materials have already been refined and processed once, remanufacturing is usually cleaner and much less energy-intensive. According to the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance, recycling programs collected nearly 2.5 million tons of recyclable materials (paper, metals, glass, plastic, food, problem materials, etc.) in 2005. This translates into a savings of nearly \$107 million that year, not to mention the natural resources that were preserved.

## Where To Go To Recycle

Use the following resources to keep unwanted items out of area landfills.

### Recycling Centers:

The Hennepin County Transfer Stations accept many electronics and household hazardous waste at no cost.

- Hennepin County Recycling Center and Transfer Station (8100 Jefferson Hwy, Brooklyn Park), 612-348-3777
- South Hennepin Recycling and Problem-Waste Drop-Off Center (1400 W 96th St, Bloomington), 612-348-3777

For details, look for the environment link at [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us), or call 612-348-3777, Monday–Friday, 8 am–4:30 pm.

### A-Z Guide

Hennepin County Environmental Services also has an "A–Z How-To-Get-Rid-Of-It Guide" for households. Visit [www.hennepinatoz.org/azguide/household.html](http://www.hennepinatoz.org/azguide/household.html), type in any household item, and the site will tell you the best way to get rid of it.

### Other Options

Sell it, donate it, or give it away. For more info, visit [www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse](http://www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse), or [www.hennepin.us/donationopportunities](http://www.hennepin.us/donationopportunities), or [www.twincitiesfreemarket.org](http://www.twincitiesfreemarket.org).



## Golden Valley Recycles



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

### Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Labor Day	Sat, Sept 6
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 29
Christmas	Sat, Dec 27
New Year's '09	Sat, Jan 3
Memorial Day	Sat, May 30
Fourth of July	Fri, July 3

### Missed Pick-Ups

If your recycling is missed on Friday, call Waste Management at 952-890-1100 before noon on the following Monday.

If you have specific recycling questions, call 763-593-8030.

# City Signs US Climate Protection Agreement

This past winter, the City of Golden Valley signed the US Climate Protection Agreement. Participants in the agreement are encouraged to work toward meeting the 2005 Kyoto Protocol initiatives as well as educate the public about green practices.

Golden Valley is one of about 40 Minnesota cities to sign the Climate Protection Agreement so far. Under the Agreement, participating cities commit to take the following three actions:

- ☀ strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets in their own communities, through actions ranging from anti-sprawl land use policies to urban forest restoration projects to public information campaigns
- ☀ urge their state governments, and the federal government, to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the greenhouse gas emission reduction target suggested for the United States in the Kyoto Protocol—7 percent reduction from 1990 levels by 2012
- ☀ urge the US Congress to pass the bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation, which would establish a national emission trading system

Golden Valley has already started to make changes, says Al Lundstrom, environmental coordinator. As building improvements are made, the City has installed energy efficient lighting when possible, improved insulation during roof replacement projects, installed energy efficient air conditioning units when replacement is necessary, retrofitted energy efficient bulbs in traffic signals, and installed an energy efficient tankless hot water system in the utility maintenance shop. The City also implemented an idling policy (see sidebar on the Police Department's idling policy).

"As we have opportunities to make capital improvements, we're looking to see where we can go greener," Lundstrom says.

For more information, contact Al Lundstrom at 763-593-8046. 



## CITY CUTS DOWN ON Idling

Last year, to cut down on fuel costs and be more eco-friendly, the Golden Valley Police Department implemented a new no-idling policy (and this summer the rest of the City staff followed suit).

Before the policy, police would often leave unoccupied vehicles running in order to keep them warm and save time. But the few seconds it takes to turn a key is not worth the skyrocketing costs of fuel, says Police Chief Stacy Altonen. During the summer, the Department has saved about \$1,600 a month on fuel thanks to the policy changes, she adds. "That's a lot more than people expected." The Department has been able to use the extra money to buy new equipment.

In addition to the fuel savings and decreased impact on the environment, the policy also extends the lifespan of the squad cars. For every hour a squad idles, it's the same as putting 33 miles of wear and tear on the car, says Altonen. This can junk a vehicle before it reaches maximum mileage.

There are still several situations in which police are allowed to keep the squads idling, including:

- if the vehicle is double-parked or otherwise impeding traffic away from the curb due to a call or at a crime scene and requires the emergency lights to remain on
- during a traffic stop
- during any police action taking place in real time in which the officer has to momentarily leave the vehicle but will be returning quickly
- when the outside temperature is below 20 degrees or conditions are such that ice is forming on the windshield, or when the outside temperature is above 90 degrees

If not on a call or at a crime scene, police officers cannot intentionally position an unoccupied police vehicle in a double-parked or traffic-impeding position so as to meet the conditions above. 

## What To Do With Storm Damaged Trees

The hail storm this spring ruined a lot of roofs and damaged many cars. But people generally know how to respond to that—call an insurance adjuster. When trees get damaged, however, people get a little more confused.

So what do you do if the trees in your yard have hail damage? Environmental Coordinator Al Lundstrom says to leave them alone.

"People want to spend money to fix them," he says. "Let the trees recover themselves."

The truth is, there's not much you can do when your trees are damaged by hail. Anything beyond letting them heal themselves can make things worse.

"If it's not needed, it can actually be harmful," Lundstrom says. "Just water the tree when necessary and let it do its thing."

At what point should you step in and call a tree expert? If the leaves begin to wilt, and the branches begin to die, Lundstrom says. The tree inspector can identify the problem and help you from there. 

## Recreation OPPORTUNITIES

The Golden Valley Recreation Activities fall brochure features details on these new offerings for fall and many other classes and activities. Classes listed here meet at Brookview.

**ART CLASSES** by GIN WEIDENFELLER  
**Parent/Child Art Making** (ages 3–6 with an adult)—Explore art using a variety of methods and materials (provided). Oct 22: Halloween Art; Dec 2: Polar Express & Thomas the Train Adventure. Classes meet 6:30–7:30 pm.

**Art Skool Classes** (ages 3–6)—Learn about drawing with shapes, painting with color, and collaging paper (all materials provided). Sept 17 & 24: Little People of the Woods; Oct 22 & 29: Fall Art Making; Nov 12 & 19: Super Hero Adventure Book; Dec 3 & 10: All Aboard Trains. Classes meet 10:30–11:30 am.

**Art Expo** (ages 6–12)—Explore a variety of art materials and how-to methods to motivate creativity. Selected authors and artists will be used for inspiration. All materials provided. Oct 14: Narnia, Prince Caspian; Nov 12: Simply Drawing. Classes meet 6:30–8 pm.

*Gin Weidenfeller is an artist educator with extensive experience guiding children in the creative arts.*

**ETIQUETTE AND SELF IMPROVEMENT**  
Kharisma Finishing School offers classes for youth ages 10–16 at Brookview.

**Etiquette & First Impressions**—Oct 25, 2–4 pm: Learn proper introductions, communication tips and table manners, and how to set a formal table and be a gracious guest and host.

**Self Improvement**—Nov 8, 2–4 pm: Every child could use a confidence booster! This class will help you discover your gifts and talents and much more.

For more information, contact:  
**Park & Recreation**  
**Brookview Community Center**  
200 Brookview Parkway  
Golden Valley, MN 55426  
763-512-2345  
Monday–Friday  
8 am–5 pm

# Enrich Your Free Time With Art, Music, And More



If you're not the athletic type, or if you want to give your muscles a rest and whip your brain into shape, Golden Valley Park and Recreation opportunities don't stop at just sports.

The City offers intellectual and cultural programs year-round (see sidebars on this page and page 7 for more detailed listings).

On a musical level, there are programs for people of all skills. Golden Valley takes part in the "**Music for Everyone**" cooperative program that includes the Cities of Brooklyn Park, Maple Grove, New Hope, and Plymouth.

"We try to offer quality programs, with quality instructors," says Sue Cook, recreation supervisor. "And by combining with neighboring cities, it makes a lot of these programs possible."

Want to hone your piano skills? Sign up for private piano lessons. Or, enrich your toddler's musical awareness with "**Music, Mom/Dad, and Me**," an interactive parent-child program that brings nursery rhymes to life through circle games, expressive movement, melodies, and instruments designed for children ages 2–3.

If you're a skilled musician, the **Golden Valley Orchestra** wants you. The group has openings for all strings, as well as oboe, horn, trumpet, and trombone. If you'd rather just listen, the Orchestra's concerts resume this October. For more information, send an email to [info@goldenvalleyorchestra.org](mailto:info@goldenvalleyorchestra.org).

Beyond music, Golden Valley offers a range of other intellectually stimulating programs, including **chess classes** taught by Daa Mahowald, the state's third-ranked female player.

Kids 8–14 can sign up for the **Drama Club**, which is usually held in the fall, winter, and spring. The kids start out by playing games that build on performance skills, and by the end of the course, they put on their own production.

For Golden Valley seniors, the Brookview Community Center offers **trips to historical locations** around the state (see sidebar on page 7). For those who want to stay near home, Brookview also offers **oil painting classes** each Monday and is starting a **whittling and wood carving** group in September.

"I think people crave the outlet to learn, and want to continue learning," says Jeanne Fackler, senior citizen coordinator.

These Golden Valley programs offer inexpensive ways to expand your outlook and stay mentally active, says Cook. And they're convenient. "If we didn't offer these programs, anyone interested would have to travel farther to get them. With the price of gas and economy as it is, it's nice to have it close."

"The more you can offer to your residents, the more variety, the better," adds Cook.

To view Golden Valley's complete recreation listings, or to sign up, visit [www.ci.goldenvalley.mn.us](http://www.ci.goldenvalley.mn.us), and click on "Parks, Recreation, and Leisure." 

Top: Monday oil painting instructor Betty Thompson (left) shows Nicole Mahoney some brush moves. Under: Student Judy Baron shows off her day's work.



# Help Beautify Hwy 55 With Lilac Planting Event

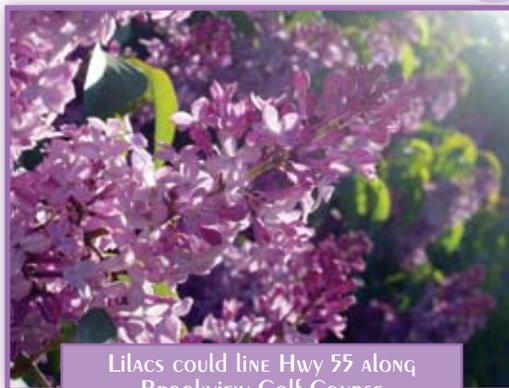
Envision the main artery of Golden Valley—Hwy 55, or Olson Memorial Highway—as a lilac-lined thoroughfare.

Golden Valley's *Envision Connection Project Bridge Builders* are teaming up with the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program to implement a vision of lilacs and other shrubs along the sides of Hwy 55, and golden wildflowers in the median through Golden Valley.

The first phase of this grassroots community beautification project will begin with a planting party Saturday, Oct 4, 9 am to 1 pm. A celebration will follow. You can be a founding member by volunteering to help with the planting along Brookview Golf Course on the south side of Hwy 55.

Volunteers should be age 16 or older and are asked to bring a shovel, a pitch or bailing fork, pruning shears, gloves, five-gallon pails, and tarps for hauling mulch. Non-planting volunteers are also needed to help organize the event. City staff will handle preparations and will water plants after planting to assure they are established before the winter.

**BRIDGE BUILDERS**  
Lilac Planting Event  
Saturday, Oct 4  
9 am—1 pm  
Contact Jeanne Andre at  
763-593-8014.



Lilacs could line Hwy 55 along Brookview Golf Course as early as next spring.

To get connected, or if you have an idea for a Bridge Builder project, call Jeanne Andre (763-593-8014).

## community service Help FEED STARVING CHILDREN

Do you want to get involved as a community in addressing the worst world food crisis in recent history? Another Bridge Builder opportunity is a Kids Against Hunger meal pack-out.

Calvary Lutheran Church is seeking involvement by the larger community in packaging high-nutrition meals to be shipped around the world. Individuals can join pre-scheduled sessions or arrange a special session with neighbors or associates at schools, businesses, clubs, or faith groups. Daytime, evening, and weekend shifts will be available at Calvary Church (7520 Golden Valley Rd), between Oct 31 and Nov 9.

Meet other folks and build a positive sense of community by joining this initiative, which will require thousands of volunteer hours and dollars. For more information or to get involved, contact Dorree Adelman at 763-231-2973 or dadelmann@calvary.org.



photo from feedingchildren.org

## SENIOR Stuff

Unless noted otherwise, most activities are at Brookview Community Center and require advance registration:

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

**Happy Feet Foot Care Clinic**—Aug 19 & Sept 16. \$30 due at time of service. Call 763-560-5136 to schedule.

**Blood Pressure Screening**—Aug 27, 11–11:30 am

**Pedal Pusher Bicycle Group**—Aug 12 & 26, Sept 9 & 30, 9 am. Bike 6–12 miles with short breaks. Helmets required, water bottles and snacks strongly recommended. Call for locations and maps.

**Defensive Driving 4-hour Refresher Course**—Aug 14, Sept 11, 9 am–1 pm, \$16. Register in advance with the Minnesota Safety Council.

### Coffee Talk

Aug 27, 9:45 am: "China—Then and Now." \$2 at the door. Register by Aug 25.

### LIVING WISE AND WELL

Sept 4, 1 pm: "Five Wishes Document," presented by Jeanne McGill. Calvary Center Cooperative, 7600 Golden Valley Road. Free.

### MONEY MATTERS

Aug 21, 10 am: Group Discussion

### Upcoming Trips

- Sept 12: Northfield, \$41 (register by Aug 25)
- Sept 24: "Swing" at Chanhassen, \$62 (register by Aug 13)
- Oct 2: Fall Colors by Bus and Train, \$69 (register by Sept 3)
- Oct 16–20: Washington DC (Call for details; register by Aug 11.)
- Dec 2–6: Branson (Call for details; register by Oct 2.)

For more information, contact:

**Golden Valley Seniors Program**  
Brookview Community Center  
200 Brookview Parkway  
Golden Valley, MN 55426  
763-512-2339  
8 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday

# Photo Contest 2008 Draws Record Number

Sunlight in various forms was a common theme in the City of Golden Valley's 16th annual Views of the Valley photo contest. It was an element in half of the winning photos and many of the 87 entries, as residents tried to capture on film their version of the city's beauty, uniqueness, and quality of life.

Participants could enter up to three photos total in any of three categories: "Natural Golden Valley" (landscapes, flora, fauna, etc), "Golden Valley Lifestyle" (cityscapes, buildings, people, and activities), and "Enhanced Golden Valley" (photos significantly altered by editing software). All winners receive a cash prize, certificates of recognition, and publication of their photos in various City public information pieces.

Overall grand prize went to Brian Wright for "Friend In the Garden." Wright's photo also won first prize in the Golden Valley Lifestyle category. First prize in Natural Golden Valley went to William Lisberg for "Calm After The Storm," and first prize in Enhanced Golden Valley went to Candis Erickson for "Bird's Eye View."

Judges were Jodie Shenberg, a former photography professional; Laura Fulton, assistant manager, Centennial Lakes Park; Pat Brink, Brink Public Relations; and Jamie Zwilling, communications coordinator, City of St Louis Park.

To view all photo entries, go to [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us), click on "Community," then select *Views of the Valley Photo Contest*. Next year's contest deadline will be June 5, 2009.



Lifestyle

1st Overall

1st

Friend In the Garden  
Brian Wright



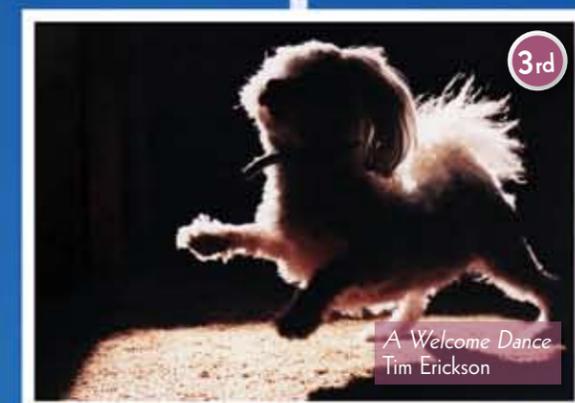
People's Choice

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly  
Julette Holseth



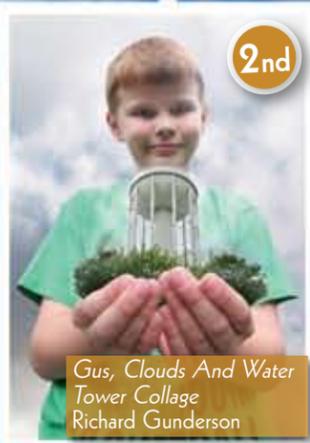
2nd

Hannah After The Storm  
Shelly Svoboda



3rd

A Welcome Dance  
Tim Erickson



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Gus, Clouds And Water  
Tower Collage  
Richard Gunderson



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Enhanced

Bird's Eye View  
Candis Erickson



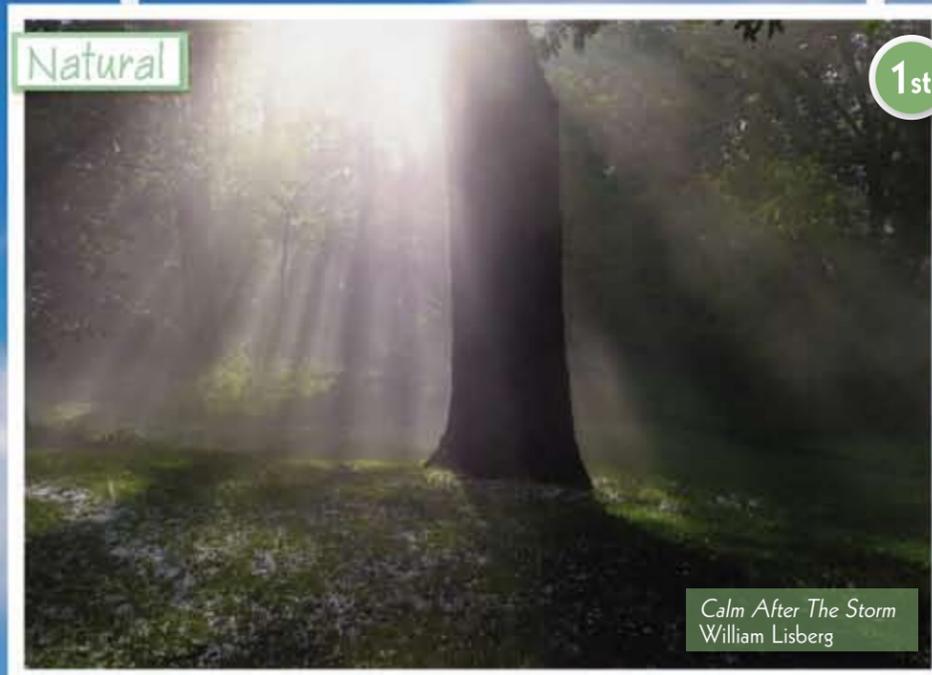
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Bald Eagle With Fish Over Sweeney Lake  
Bobbi Griffin



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What Our Founder First Saw  
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Calm After The Storm  
William Lisberg



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Golden Glistens In The Valley  
Sarah Whalen

## GVPDU Outlines 2008 Courses

The more informed citizens are about protecting themselves and spotting potential criminal activity, the safer the city. That's why the Golden Valley Police Department developed GVPDU University (GVPDU), an ongoing safety education series for citizens.



These free, in-depth classes are open to anyone, though some courses are more adult-oriented than others. All classes are held at the Golden Valley Public Safety Building, 7800 Golden Valley Road, in the lower level training room.

The 2008 curriculum covers identity theft, home security, and crime lab and includes a career day for kids ages 12 to 18 as well as the second annual Police Summit in November (see course dates on below).

Questions? Contact Crime Prevention Specialist Joanne Paul at 763-593-8058.

# Want To Be A Police Officer? Plan Ahead

As with any professional career, if you want to be a cop, it pays to start planning for it years ahead of time, says Stacy Altonen, Golden Valley's police chief.

"There are Minnesota standards to meet, but there are also varying standards based on which department you want to work for," she adds.

## START EARLY

While it's not necessary to the job, it gives potential employees an edge if they've shown several years worth of interest in it, even before college, says Altonen. For example, high school students can take part in the Police Explorer Program. The Explorer Program, in conjunction with the Boy Scouts, is a career development program that emphasizes academic study and character development. Participants are called upon to help police and other personnel with various tasks, such as distributing information, fingerprinting children, or assisting in searches for missing people.

But any involvement in volunteer or civic duty programs will help, as will customer service experience and experience working with multi-cultural programs, Altonen says.

Youth ages 12 to 18 who are interested in law enforcement can attend a career day hosted by the Golden Valley Police Department (see GVPDU sidebar at left).



OFFICER LANCE EVANS HELPS A YOUNGSTER INTO SWAT GEAR AT THE JUNE 18 POLICE AND FIRE OPEN HOUSE.

## EARN A DEGREE

Police officer candidates must have a state license, which usually requires a two-year degree in law enforcement, unless the applicant has police experience in another state. Applicants must also pass the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training test, which generally caps off the two-year law enforcement program.

## GET INVOLVED

In college, potential cops can give themselves an edge by becoming community service officers (CSOs). CSOs work at police departments, providing support to police officers and administrative staff. This helps college students gain real police experience and valuable insights into the profession. It can also help build connections with full-time officers.

Those looking to become full-time police officers can also volunteer as police reserves, Altonen says. Police reserves help out with special events, such as directing traffic during large public gatherings.

"A lot of our full-time employees started out that way," she adds.

## STAY CLEAN

In addition to having shown a long-time interest in the profession, it also helps to be in good shape and have a clean driving record. A clean criminal record is a must—potential applicants cannot have any felony arrests on their record or any charges relating to domestic assault.

If you have questions about becoming a Golden Valley police officer, contact Police Chief Stacy Altonen at 763-593-8059.

## Sign Up For Upcoming

# GVPDU Courses

### Identity Theft

Aug 14, 6:30–8:30 pm

### Home Security

Sept 15, 6:30–8:30 pm

### Career Day

Oct 16, 9 am–3 pm (For 12- to 18-year-olds. Space is limited to 20; lunch is provided.)

### Police Summit

Nov 13 and 20, 6–9 pm

### Crime Lab

Dec 2, 6:30–8:30 pm

To attend any of the classes, RSVP by calling the GVPDU at 763-593-8079 or sending an email to [police@ci.golden-valley.mn.us](mailto:police@ci.golden-valley.mn.us). Include your name, address, and phone number, and write "GVPDU Registration" in the subject line. Seating is first-come, first-served, but there's no deadline to sign up.

# Fire Service Is Fountain Of Youth



DAVE COMB

When Dave Comb first applied to be a Golden Valley paid on-call firefighter, he didn't think the fire department would hire him. He was 47, and he wondered if he might be too old to be just starting out.

He was pleasantly surprised when he was hired, and now at age 63, he's still with the fire department and hasn't let anything slow him down.

"I think I've been contributing my share," he says.

Comb applied to the Golden Valley Fire Department in 1991. He had just moved back from California, where he'd spent most of his life, and he wanted to get involved in the community. It was tough to be civic minded in California, he says. There, he hadn't even thought about joining a fire department.

"I had never done anything like that before," says Comb. That all changed when he returned to the Twin Cities and saw a poster advertising the paid on-call position.

"As you get older you want to stay active and get involved," says Comb. "And you start thinking more about the things that are really valuable in life, things that are more meaningful. There's nothing better than the satisfaction of helping other people out."

He's never regretted his decision.

"I wear my Golden Valley fire emblems with pride."

While it's rewarding to help others, Comb says he enjoys working as part of a team with a diverse group of interesting people.

"Everything we do is a team effort," he explains. "It's a group of dedicated people from all backgrounds trying to contribute to a goal that's worthwhile."

Comb was previously a professional stunt skater with the Ice Follies and other ice shows. He now manages properties and is also in the antique furnishing business. He has even appeared on the PBS program *Antiques Roadshow*.

As the oldest member of the Golden Valley Fire Department, Comb says he works with firefighters whose fathers are younger than him. But it's all good.

"Being with younger people keeps me young," Comb says. "I'm going to stay with the department as long as I can." 

# Firefighter Training Ongoing

If you see Golden Valley fire trucks on your street and firefighters spraying water with no fire nearby, chances are they're doing training exercises.

Golden Valley firefighters train three Wednesdays a month, three hours at a time.

Training session specifics change each year based on the requirements of the Minnesota State Fire Certification Board, says Fire Education Specialist Stephen Baker. On top of that, the department identifies and trains in areas it wants to improve on a local basis.

This summer, the fire department is working on water supply management. This relates to how firefighters hook up and use water during any given fire, and how that use changes based on a fire's size. The department is also working on emergency response and fire apparatus operator training, which focuses on driving the fire truck and managing its equipment, including the ladder and hydraulic systems.

"Golden Valley firefighters dedicate a lot of time and effort to protecting the community," Baker says. "But firefighters get a lot out of it that they can take into their personal life. They learn critical thinking skills that can be very beneficial at any time in their life."

Questions? Contact Baker at 763-593-3977. 

**Vietnam Vet.  
Car Buff.  
Firefighter.**

**Dave  
New Recruit, 1992**

**Become a paid,  
on-call firefighter.**

To learn more about becoming a firefighter in Golden Valley, attend an informational meeting. Meetings are held at Fire Station #1, 7800 Golden Valley Road. For more information call 763-593-8080 or visit [www.goldenvalleyfire.com](http://www.goldenvalleyfire.com).

**Thursday, Aug 21  
9:30 am, 6:30 pm**

**[goldenvalleyfire.com](http://goldenvalleyfire.com)**

## Be Polite, Keep Fires In Line



Those who enjoy relaxing by a recreational fire can spark hot tempers if they're not considerate. Poorly managed and non-permitted camp fires not only pose a public safety threat during the dry season, but they can also cause bad relations among neighbors, says Golden Valley Fire Chief Mark Kuhnly. A recreational fire, even a legal one, can be rude to those living nearby. So use common sense. If the wind is blowing the smoke toward another's house, for example, pick another day to have a fire.

A City permit is required before starting any recreational fire (there is no fee). Recreational Fire Permits expire annually Dec 31. Lawful fires must:

- be constantly attended by a responsible person age 18 or older until extinguished (whenever a recreational fire is burning, this person must have the Recreational Fire Permit available upon request by the City)
- not be used to burn yard waste, construction materials, or common household trash (clean, dry wood is the only acceptable fuel)
- remain within an approved outdoor fireplace that is at- or below-grade and doesn't exceed 7.5 square feet with a perimeter not exceeding 10 feet (the outside edge must be ringed with brick, rock, or other non-combustible material)
- not be allowed if wind speeds exceed 10 miles per hour
- not exceed three feet in height as measured from the base of the fire
- remain a safe distance from any structure or combustible materials

A garden hose or other adequate means of extinguishment must be available for emergency purposes. Violations result in a one-year revocation of any Recreational Fire Permits.

Be safe and be respectful. Recreational Fire Permits can be obtained from the Fire Department at 763-593-8041 or online at [www.ci.golden.valley.mn.us/permits/recfirepermit.htm](http://www.ci.golden.valley.mn.us/permits/recfirepermit.htm).

# Three Rivers Trail Project Enters Home Stretch

Construction began in July on the second and final phase of the Three Rivers Park District Trail through Golden Valley. When completed, the new section of trail will be 10 feet wide and about 4.5 miles long. If all goes as planned, it should be completed by the end of 2008, though some aspects of the construction project may run into spring 2009, says Boe Carlson, governmental relations administrator for the Three Rivers Park District.

The long-awaited trail segment will connect the Minnesota DNR-owned Luce Line Regional trail in central Minnesota and the western metro area to the Grand Rounds trail system at Theodore Wirth Park in Minneapolis, just north of Hwy 55.

The trail segment will also help improve connectivity between all other regional and local pedestrian trails and parks in the area, Carlson says. The idea is to foster a network of Minnesota trails reminiscent of its network of highways.

Phase I of the project—located between Hwy 169 at Plymouth Ave and Douglas Dr just north of Hwy 55—was completed last fall. Phase II will complete the trail between Douglas Dr and Theodore Wirth Park.

Constructing a paved recreation trail through Golden Valley had been discussed for nearly 20 years, says Carlson. In the mid 1990s, the Three Rivers Park District secured some right-of-way along the Union Pacific Railroad. Over the last few years, the Park District and the City of Golden Valley have been tweaking the trail alignment and finalizing plans. While the trail will primarily run along the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way, some sections will veer away for logistical purposes.

While recreation is the trail's No. 1 purpose, says Carlson, the trail will also be handy for alternative transportation, providing Golden Valley residents and those who work or study in Golden Valley an easier way to bike in and out of the city.

The Three Rivers Park District, an independent governmental agency, currently provides about 65 miles of regional trails, says Carlson. For more information, call the Three Rivers Park District at 763-559-9000.



PHASE I OF THE THREE RIVERS TRAIL PROJECT WAS COMPLETED IN THE FALL.



# Beware Shady Contractors

Severe storms and weather damage can put homeowners in a state of distress, making them vulnerable to shady contractors who offer a "one-day only" discount or a "cheap, cash-up-front" pitch.

Don't let yourself fall into that trap. If a person comes to your door claiming to be a contractor who wants to repair home damage, ask for a license, proof of insurance, and a business card (by law, all advertising and business cards must contain a license number). Once you get that number, you can contact the Department of Labor and Industry at 651-284-5065 or 1-800-342-5354 to verify if the contractor is currently licensed and to find out if there is a disciplinary history.) Also, check for a local phone number and address.

**The most reliable contractors are the ones you've researched and contacted yourself.**

Legitimate contractors will give you time to contact other homeowners they've worked for and to check references. A shady contractor will try to pressure you into making a hasty decision. If

someone demands full pay up front or a "one-day only" deal, close the door. If they refuse to sign a contract that binds them to completing the job, turn them down.

Watch out for people who come to your door claiming they "just happened to be in the neighborhood," or "have materials left over from another job." The most reliable contractors are the ones you've researched and contacted yourself.

If you haven't noticed any damage to your house due to the storm, be sure to double-check. Consider contacting your insurance company to inspect your property.

For more information, contact the Golden Valley Inspections Department at 763-593-8090. 



photo by Carlo Vitapoma

# Where To Get A Permit Application

For the convenience of residents and businesses in Golden Valley, several building permit applications and attachments are available online ([www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/permits/permitapplications.htm](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/permits/permitapplications.htm)). Simply print the application and attachments, fill out the required information, and return it to City Hall.

Or pick up a permit application at City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Road.

For each permit application, which is accompanied by a fee, allow a minimum of two weeks for review by the City.

For building/home improvement questions, call Inspections at 763-593-8090.

For grading, site work, driveway, curb cut, or boulevard (right-of-way) work, call Public Works at 763-593-8030. 

# Door-To-Door Solicitors Need City License



Anyone in Golden Valley planning to go door-to-door to sell a product or service or fund raise must first apply for the appropriate permit or solicitors' license. Under the Golden Valley City Code, peddlers and solicitors must have the permit on them at all times. No one is exempt from this rule, including non-profits, though in some cases, such as with the Girl Scouts, an organization can get a blanket license that covers multiple sellers. The City does not recommend or endorse any product or service of peddlers or solicitors it licenses.

The license fee is \$30 for one person and \$5 for each additional person who's part of the same group or business. The license fee is capped at \$50, meaning no group or business would have to spend more than that amount per year. The permit is good for one calendar year. (Those who go door-to-door to distribute literature, but who aren't selling anything or engaging the homeowner in conversation, do not need a license.)

Permit applications are available at Golden Valley City Hall in the manager's office on the second floor. For more information, call the manager's office at 763-593-8002. 

# DONATE USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Robbinsdale Area Schools/Community Reading partnership, called Read Around Town, will hold a children's book collection event this September, with donation bins located in several area cities, including Golden Valley.

Read Around Town will collect gently used children's books to distribute at a variety of community gatherings throughout the rest of the year.

The book bin in Golden Valley will be located in the entryway of City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Road, throughout September.

The main goal of Read Around Town is to improve reading skills and literacy levels throughout the community. Donations of gently used children's books will be a big help in working to achieve that goal. For several years, the Read Around Town program has organized book collections in cooperation with cities in the Robbinsdale School District.

For more information, call Mary Anderson at 763-588-8578. 





## Golden Valley Takes Fourth In Walking Contest

Golden Valley placed fourth in the Step-To-It walking challenge against St Louis Park, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, and Robbinsdale.

St Louis Park won the award for highest average number of steps per participant, Brooklyn Park won the award for highest total steps walked, and Golden Valley won the award for most active City Council.

The Golden Valley Council members' steps totaled 2,491,626, with an average of 103,818 steps per week. Community members' average steps per week totaled 61,083. Most steps for a participant overall (including City Council members) were 622,315 for Mayor Linda Loomis (average per week: 155,579). The most steps for a participant (community members only) were 620,461 for Tim Teynor (average per week: 155,115).

Participants in the challenge noted the number of steps taken over a four-week period using a pedometer or walking chart, and recorded that number on the Step To It Web site ([www.steptoit.org](http://www.steptoit.org)). Other activities, such as biking, skateboarding, basketball, Tai Chi, or even just lawn mowing, also counted toward overall steps.

Anyone who participated is a winner, says Joe Hogeboom, Golden Valley city planner, who has worked to bring more alternative transportation options to the community.

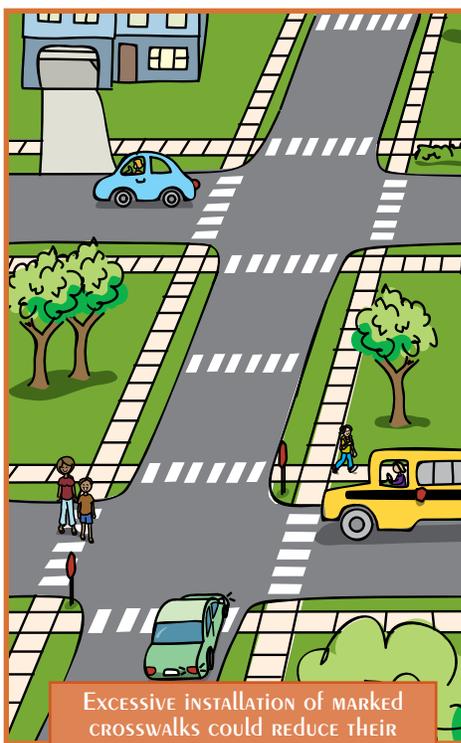
"It's supposed to be a fun event that gets people off the couch and active," he said. "It's meant to be rewarding for everyone involved."

Golden Valley plans to take part in the challenge again next year, he says.

# Crosswalks: Drivers And Pedestrians Must Comply

Motorists and pedestrians throughout Golden Valley should expect crosswalks, and all other types of traffic control devices, to be uniformly used to communicate a consistent message at similar locations. This approach results in the highest level of compliance by drivers and pedestrians.

In Golden Valley, crosswalks are typically marked at intersections that have substantial conflict between vehicle and pedestrian movements, where significant pedestrian concentrations occur, or where pedestrians might not otherwise recognize the proper place to cross. The City evaluates potential crosswalk locations individually to determine whether pedestrians and motorists would be better served by marking the crosswalk, leaving it unmarked, or providing other types of safety devices.



Overuse of marked crosswalks or other devices could result in them being ignored by motorists, thereby reducing their potential positive effects. That's why the City of Golden Valley installs crosswalk markings only after considering pedestrians demands, the ability for drivers to react appropriately, and potential alternative pedestrian routes and crossing locations.

## Driver And Pedestrian Responsibilities

Minnesota law requires drivers to stop and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk. Drivers must remain stopped until the pedestrian has passed their lane.

While pedestrians within a crosswalk are legally protected, no pedestrian should assume a motorist will obey the law. Drivers and pedestrians must mutually honor crosswalk right-of-way rules while safeguarding themselves against unexpected reactions from the other. For example:

- Before stepping into the street, pedestrians should make eye contact with drivers of approaching vehicles to make certain they recognize their presence and indicate the vehicle will stop.
- Never step in front of a vehicle and assume it will stop. Too many motorists are distracted or may not see you in time. It is illegal for pedestrians to suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close it is impossible for the driver to yield.
- Use extreme caution once you start crossing. Many pedestrian accidents occur when one vehicle stops for a pedestrian but a second vehicle in another lane does not.
- State law only provides protection for pedestrians crossing a roadway in a marked crosswalk or at any intersection with no marked crosswalk. Pedestrians in all other locations must yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.
- At intersections with traffic control signals, cross only in the crosswalk and follow the directions of the "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signals or countdown indicators.

If you have questions about pedestrian crosswalks in Golden Valley, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030.

# City Offers A Free Home Evaluation, No Catch

In a proactive move to keep Golden Valley homes well-maintained, the City of Golden Valley has teamed up with the nonprofit Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) Financial Resources to deliver fast and free home improvement advice to any resident who wants it.



Golden Valley contracted with the nonprofit more than a year ago, but people are still learning about it and seem almost hesitant to take advantage, says Josh Kunde, property maintenance inspector.

“A lot of people are skeptical,” he said. “But they have no reason to be. It’s a free home evaluation. No strings attached.”

Homeowners looking to do home improvements can call the CEE and have an expert sent to their home for inspection, advice, and unbiased opinions. CEE officials will even help homeowners list priorities for future improvement projects. Golden Valley funds the advice service for the benefit of all property owners.

These services are limited by the City’s budget, Kunde said, and they are available on a first come, first served basis.

The idea to provide free home improvement advice was inspired by Golden Valley’s Residential Property Maintenance Code, passed in 2007. The code requires all multiple-dwelling properties and one- and two-family homes to be inspected.

In the past, the City approached property maintenance issues on a complaint basis, receiving an average of 40 complaints per month. With the new code in place, all homes will be inspected. Kunde says he hopes this will encourage people to find and fix maintenance concerns well before an inspector shows up.

Golden Valley residents who want help planning their home improvement projects can call the CEE at 612-335-5856. For questions about the service, contact the CEE at 612-335-5881. For questions about the property maintenance code, contact Kunde at 763-593-8074. 

## About CEE

The Center for Energy and Environment is a nonprofit organization that works to promote responsible and efficient use of natural and economic resources. CEE accomplishes this through program development and delivery, research and education, evaluation, and public policy initiatives. It has provided energy, environmental, and housing rehabilitation services to utilities, private corporations, neighborhood organizations, municipalities, and public agencies for more than 25 years. These services include financing, building audits, technical research and training, program design and delivery, and evaluations.

## Enforcing Property Maintenance

Property maintenance can be a highly personal issue, and enforcing maintenance standards is a demanding and delicate job for local government.

Many neighboring communities have found a property maintenance code to be an effective tool for maintaining home values and promoting community pride. The City established its Residential Property Maintenance Code (City Code Chapter 4, Section 4.60) in 2007.

The code helps the City Council meet goals to establish and uphold standards for public health, safety, welfare, and basic livability, as well as to preserve and enhance investments for property owners, maintain community vitality and integrity, and respond effectively to residential maintenance complaints.

These goals are all related to Golden Valley’s vision of “Inspiring Care for the Community,” one of the many ideals embraced by residents during the *Envision Golden Valley* process.

By housing standards, Golden Valley is considered a mature community—85 percent of Golden Valley’s homes were built between 1947 and 1968, and only about three percent were built after 1990. The age of housing explains why 777 Golden Valley residents spent a combined total of \$49 million on home improvements in 2004.

Property maintenance codes are enforced through proactive inspections. When a City inspector determines a property is out of compliance according to the City ordinance, he or she will issue a correction order to the responsible party of that property. The compliance order will state a reasonable amount of time for corrections to be made.

Non-compliance will result in a fine assessed through an administrative citation (fines will not exceed the maximum penalty for misdemeanor violation by state law).

If you have questions or want to report a property maintenance concern, contact Property Maintenance Inspector Josh Kunde at 763-593-8074. 

# Voting Locations

For the Sept 9 primary and Nov 4 general election, you must vote in your own precinct between 7 am and 8 pm.

-  **Precinct 1**  
NE Fire Station  
3700 Golden Valley Road
-  **Precinct 2**  
Valley Presbyterian Church  
3100 North Lilac Drive
-  **Precinct 3**  
Meadowbrook School  
5430 Glenwood Avenue
-  **Precinct 4 (new location)**  
LOGIS  
5750 Duluth St
-  **Precinct 5**  
SE Fire Station  
400 Turners Crossroad South
-  **Precinct 6**  
Golden Valley City Hall  
7800 Golden Valley Road
-  **Precinct 7**  
Christian Life Center  
8025 Medicine Lake Road
-  **Precinct 8**  
Brookview Community Center  
200 Brookview Parkway



# Register To **VOTE**

If you're not registered to vote, you should do so by Aug 19 for the Sept 9 primary and by Oct 14 for the Nov 4 general election. You may register by mail or in person by completing a Minnesota Voter Registration Application, available at most government offices and public libraries (and online at [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citygovernment/voterregistration.htm](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citygovernment/voterregistration.htm)). Golden Valley locations include:

City of Golden Valley      Golden Valley Library  
7800 Golden Valley Rd      830 Winnetka Ave N

You may also register directly with the county at:

Hennepin County Government Center  
300 South 6th Street - Public Service Level  
Minneapolis, MN 55487

You can register to vote on election day at your precinct voting site by bringing one of the following documents to verify your current address: valid driver's license or permit (or receipt for either), valid Minnesota identification card (or receipt), notice of ineffective registration mailed to you from county auditor or city clerk, photo ID card with a student fee statement, or a current utility bill, plus a photo identification card. You may also have a registered voter in your precinct confirm your residence.

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 at 763-593-8017. 

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