

Golden Valley

CityNEWS

Lilac Planting: 80 Volunteers Dig In



In October, Golden Valley residents teamed up with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to plant lilacs and other vegetation along Hwy 55 between Winnetka Ave and General Mills Blvd. Approximately 80 volunteers joined the planting party the morning of Oct 4 and celebrated later with lunch at Brookview Park.

The grass roots beautification project was the brainchild of Golden Valley resident Dwight Townes and a cooperative effort between the *Envision* Connection Project Bridge Builders and MnDOT's Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program.

"I just thought, wouldn't it be nice to have lilacs along the highway," Townes says, adding that there used to be more before road reconstruction. "They replanted some along Hwy 100, but I thought it'd be nice to have them along 55 too."

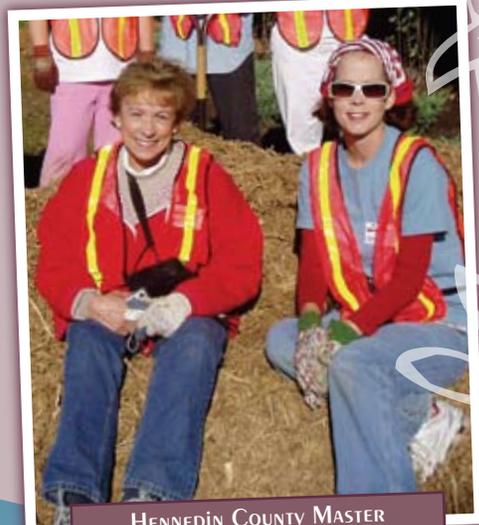
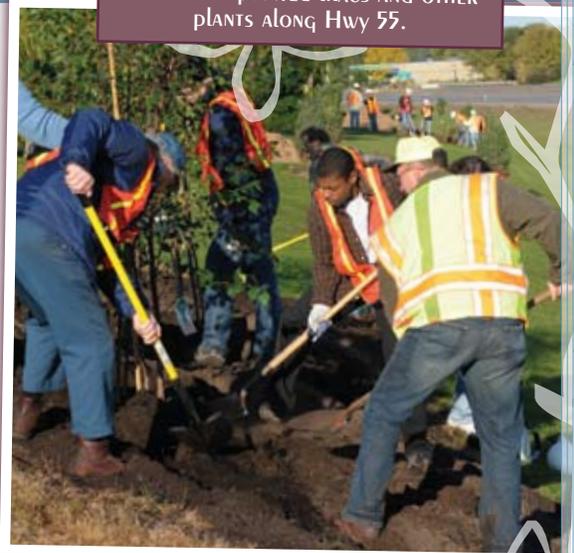
For seasonal variety, volunteers also planted junipers, lilies, Black Hills spruces, autumn blaze maples, and other vegetation. City staff will water plants this fall to assure they are established before winter.

Townes expects the lilacs to take a few years to reach maturity. Although volunteers can only plant about a quarter mile's worth of lilacs per year, Townes says his ultimate goal is to have lilacs planted along Hwy 55 from Hwy 169 to the Minneapolis/Golden Valley border. He plans to spearhead a second annual planting in fall 2009.

This year's project would not have been possible without numerous coordinators and supporters (see page 2). To view a pictorial thank you dedicated to all volunteers, go to the City Web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us.

To learn more about Bridge Builders, call Jeanne Andre (763-593-8014) daytime or Connection Project Board Member Helene Johnson (763-546-1833) evenings.

VOLUNTEERS PLANTED LILACS AND OTHER PLANTS ALONG HWY 55.



HENNEPIN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS SERVED AS TEAM LEADERS.

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City Thanks Lilac Volunteers

Thanks to the following volunteers for dedicating their time and energy to organizing the fall lilac planting event (see story on page 1).

Visionary

- Bridge Builder Dwight Townes

Team Leaders

Gary Cohen • John Cushen • Jim Heidelberg • Philip Lund • Margaret Macneale • Nancy Meese* • Bruce Peterson • Elizabeth Purvis* • Barb Schmitt • Ann Standish* • Cathy Waldhauser • Renee Watson*

* Hennepin County Master Gardeners who lent their time and expertise to the project

Welcome Center

Sharon Mattison • Jan Olfe • Sharon Soike

Celebration Coordinators

Blair Tremere • Linda Tremere

Contributors

State of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) • Golden Valley Friends and Neighbors • Hennepin County Master Gardeners • Mansfield, Tanick and Cohen • Caribou Coffee • MA Mortenson • S & S Tree Specialists • Byerly's • General Mills • Suzanne and Eda Kelley • Bruce Peterson • Blair & Linda Tremere • Noodles & Company • Brookview Golf Course • Golden Valley Public Works

Planting Volunteers

A pictorial thank you dedicated to all volunteers can be viewed on the City Web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us.

City Maintains Services

One of the City's primary goals is continuing quality services for its taxpayers. Golden Valley's responsible, long-term perspective to financial planning and management is evaluated each year, starting with budget planning in May and concluding in December when the City Council adopts the budget and certifies the final property tax figure.

PROPOSED CITY TAX LEVY INCREASE

The total proposed 2009 City tax levy is \$16,124,650, a 6.09 percent increase over 2008. This represents a \$43/year increase for a home valued at \$275,000. The main categories of the City tax levy are the General Operating Levy and Bonded Debt Levy. The illustration below breaks out the monthly cost of City services for a taxpayer in a \$275,000 home.

The City's proposed **General Operating Levy** includes increased fuel and energy costs and a 3 percent salary reserve. It funds City services such as Public Safety (all police and fire services, property inspections and building permit services, etc); Administration (City Council and Commissions, elections, assessing, planning, accounting, the City budget, policies and ordinances, public notices and public information, computer services, municipal legal services, casualty insurance, etc); Public Works (maintenance of streets, sidewalks, parks, ice rinks, as well as snow plowing, tree preservation, engineering, infrastructure planning, etc); Park and Recreation (two community centers, community recreation programs for all ages, etc). Total proposed expenditures for 2009 increased 2.74 percent.

The **Bonded Debt Levy** pays for the principal and interest on the debt issued to finance the City's equipment purchases and street infrastructure improvements. Costs to reconstruct streets in the City's Pavement Management Program (PMP) have increased over the life of the program. This total debt levy increased 11.5 percent (for a total of \$3,885,750) for 2009 to pay for bonds issued annually to finance the PMP program and equipment certificates. The Street Debt Levy pays for 80 percent of the project costs, and 20 percent is paid by assessments to benefiting properties. The PMP program is scheduled to be completed in 2014.

TRUTH IN TAXATION NOTICE

Each November, Hennepin County prepares a Truth in Taxation notice based on proposed tax levies of various taxing jurisdictions (city, county, school, and other districts). To understand the City portion of your overall proposed tax levy, find the line on the statement that says "City of Golden Valley." The City of Golden Valley is only responsible for this portion of the statement. This is a proposed tax amount, which cannot be increased but could be decreased in December.

As noted in the **Truth in Taxation** statement, the hearing for the City's portion is set for **Dec 1, 2008 at 6:30 pm** in the **Golden Valley City Council Chambers**. At this hearing, the City Council will review the proposed budget and levy and take public input but will not take action. The Council will consider the final budget and levy at the Dec 16, 2008 City Council meeting.

Your input is valued and encouraged. Attend the Truth In Taxation meeting, or contact your City Council members (763-593-8001), Finance Director Sue Virnig (763-593-8010), or City Manager Tom Burt (763-593-8003).

CITY SERVICES FOR A MONTH OF TAXES



Property taxes for 2009 are based on your home's taxable market value as of January 2, 2008. For a home valued in 2008 at \$275,000, the City portion of the 2009 proposed property tax would be \$1,211, or \$100.92 per month. That \$100.92 pays for City services as outlined above.

Golden Valley's total residential value decreased by 1.3 percent. While the value of some homes decreased this much or more, some homes had up to a 15 percent increase in taxable market value.

LEED Comes To GV

By early next year, Golden Valley could have another "green" building when a property at 9400 Golden Valley Road meets LEED certification standards. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a rating system that encourages sustainable green building and development practices through the creation of universally accepted tools and criteria.

Owned by RHT Properties, the building is home to Meridian Services and Orion Company, interconnected social service agencies which provide services to people with physical and mental disabilities.

When the building was recently renovated due to growth and employee expansion, it gave RHT Properties an opportunity to seek LEED standards. But being LEED certified is more than just efficient air conditioning and weather-sealed windows.

"It's everything," says Dr Rebecca Thomley, CEO of RHT Properties. "It's top to bottom. It's what cleaning products we use, how we use the kitchen, what kind of toilet paper we have, motion lights, education."

There were several different reasons to get LEED certified, says Thomley.

"We believe strongly in being connected to the community and giving back," she says. "Being a leader in the community also means you recognize the importance of the environment."

The decision was also personal, she adds. Thomley's father died due to a rare form of leukemia caused by chemical agents in working environments. "How can I ask anyone to work in a building I don't know is as safe as I can make it using today's technology?"

LEED sets the bar high for what buildings have to do to meet green standards, says Golden Valley City Planner Joe Hogeboom. Only a handful of buildings in the state have been LEED certified, and they're generally much larger than the building at 9400 Golden Valley Road.

LEED certification level (basic, silver, gold, and platinum) depends on the comprehensive nature of the renovation. To meet platinum standards, RHT would have to tear down and rebuild from scratch, Thomley says. So instead, they're shooting for a silver, possibly gold, certification. Renovation is already complete, but LEED certification takes a year's worth of data gathering.

While few buildings meet LEED standards, that's not to say it won't be or hasn't been considered by other developments in Golden Valley, including residential buildings, Hogeboom says. Environmental sustainability is a growing concern among builders. Furthermore, a lot of buildings have and will try to build "green," even if they don't meet LEED standards, he adds.

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



GOLDEN VALLEY WILL SOON HAVE ANOTHER "GREEN" CERTIFIED BUILDING.

Run The Valley T-Shirt Design Contest

The Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF) is seeking colorful, eye-catching, and unique graphic design entries for its annual *Run The Valley* 5K/10K Walk/Run T-shirt contest. (Each race participant receives a T-shirt.)

There is no particular message to convey. The designer may choose content; however, the City of Golden Valley logo or the name "Golden Valley Human Services Foundation" must appear somewhere within the design. There are no size requirements. The GVHSF reserves the right to add these features to the design if not included. The use of humor is not required but perfectly acceptable.

The T-shirts will be white, all cotton, long sleeve. Printing will be three-color silk-screen (two colors are acceptable if the design is better suited to this format). There are no color requirements for the Golden Valley logo or Golden Valley Human Services Foundation lettering. Submit design in camera-ready format for use by the printer (color separations preferred). The GVHSF will handle all printing. The designer may proof the printing, if desired.

The winning design is selected arbitrarily (no ranking system is used) by consensus of GVHSF members and possibly City staff. The selected printing company will be asked for input regarding the mechanics in printing particular designs. The winning designer (or designers, if co-designed) will be awarded 10 T-shirts after printing and be acknowledged in Golden Valley *CityNews* and the *Sun-Post* newspaper. GVHSF shall have sole ownership of the winning design and permission to reuse it when so desired.

The **deadline for entries is Jan 8, 2009**. Drop them off at Brookview Community Center, 200 Brookview Parkway, Golden Valley, MN 55426. 



LEED Certification Tips from the Natural Resources Defense Council

Set a clear environmental target. Aim for a LEED certification level and settle on a firm overall budget.

Engineer for Life Cycle Value. Examine green investments in terms of how they will affect expenses over the life of the building, not just initial costs.

Hire LEED-accredited professionals. Thousands of building industry professionals around the country have a demonstrated knowledge of green building and the LEED rating system and process.

GREEN Gift Guide

Green gifts are useful and sustainable. Here are a few ideas to get you started.



Take Time To Reduce Waste In Gift Giving

Every holiday season, discarded wrapping paper and cardboard account for tons of unnecessary waste, waste that's easily avoided, says Al Lundstrom, Golden Valley environmental coordinator.

First of all, remember to recycle. After unwrapping your gifts this year, don't throw the cardboard boxes in the garbage, Lundstrom says. Instead, flatten them and put them out for pick-up on recycling day. The City of Golden Valley's recycling program will take care of it. It's just that easy.

As for avoiding wrapping paper waste, that takes a little more creativity. Since most wrapping paper is not recyclable, consider using scarves, bandanas, posters and maps, coloring book pages, newspapers, last year's gift paper, wallpaper, fabric scraps, pictures or advertisements from magazines and catalogs, or comic pages. Or, give a present in a present. Wrap a piece of jewelry in a decorative box, kitchen gifts in organic cotton towels, or wildflower seeds in a pair of hemp gardening gloves. Got gift bags? Those things beg to be reused. Better yet, present food gifts or wine in a cloth shopping bag.

And when it comes to packaging, consider packing gifts in dry, popped popcorn (include a note explaining that birds can eat it), biodegradable starch packing peanuts, used packing peanuts from previous gifts (clean, unwanted packing peanuts are usually accepted by packaging stores for reuse), or crumpled ads from the newspaper.

Hennepin County Offers More Holiday Waste-Cutting Tips

From Thanksgiving to New Years Day, household waste increases by more than 25 percent, according to Hennepin County Environmental Services. The extra food waste, packaging, wrapping paper, and decorations add up to one million tons a week.

Hennepin County offers the following suggestions to green your celebrations and deal with the additional waste produced during the holidays:

- **Give Gifts That Conserve Natural Resources**
Give an experience, like tickets to a concert, instead of an item. Look for greener gifts, such as reusable cloth napkins or a gift basket of non-toxic household cleaners (see sidebar for more ideas).
- **Buy LED Lights**
Holiday lights can add up to \$50 to your November and December energy bill. Invest in LED lights. They use significantly less energy than standard holiday lights. Although they cost more up front, LED lights pay for themselves in just one season of reduced energy bills.
- **Be Smart About Party Planning**
Send invites via e-mail, use reusable tableware, practice portion control, and have clearly marked recycling containers available. ♻️

For The Home

- Home energy audit
- Solar-powered chargers and gadgets
- Water-saving shower head
- Energy saving light bulbs
- Programmable thermostat
- Ceiling fan
- Compost bins or rain barrels
- Gift basket filled with non-toxic household cleaners

Practical And Useful

- Organic cotton clothing and linens (blankets, throws, towels, etc)
- Cloth shopping bags
- Organic personal care products
- Savings bonds or education IRAs
- Bus passes
- Co-op membership

For A Good Time

- Gift cards (restaurants, spas, travel, hobby activities)
- Organic or fair trade wines, cheeses, or chocolates
- Passes to National or State parks
- Tickets to arts or sporting events

To Help Out

- Camp fees for a kid in need
- Endangered animal adoptions
- Goats for families in third world countries

Golden Valley Recycles

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

Holiday Schedule

<u>Holiday Week</u>	<u>Pick-Up Date</u>
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 29
Christmas	Sat, Dec 27
New Year's '09	Sat, Jan 3
Memorial Day '09	Sat, May 30
July 4 '09	Fri, July 3
Labor Day '09	Sat, Sept 5

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.

Switch To DIGITAL Poses Environmental Threat

This winter, changes in television broadcasting will require viewers nationwide to make a choice regarding their televisions: replace them with digital models, or keep them and buy analog-to-digital converter boxes. While either choice will allow continued TV viewing, proper disposal of old TVs represents an environmental concern, says Al Lundstrom, Golden Valley environmental coordinator.

By law, on Feb 17, 2009 full-power television stations nationwide must stop using the old method of transmitting TV signals (known as analog) and begin broadcasting exclusively in a digital format. This means if you have a television that receives analog signals, you need to buy either a digital television or an analog-to-digital converter box.



If you buy a new television, Lundstrom says, don't throw your old one in the garbage. Old televisions are classified as hazardous waste and should be disposed of properly. Hennepin County residents can dispose of their old televisions at the Hennepin County Recycling Center and Transfer Station for free (see box below).

The Recycling Center also accepts VCRs, camcorders, fax machines, telephones, computers, and stereo equipment for no fee.

"Some people forget about the recycling center," Lundstrom says. "But it's a great service."

People can also be environmentally friendly by keeping their old TV and simply adding a converter box. A converter box is a stand-alone

device that allows your antenna to receive and convert digital signals into a format analog television sets can display. This product is now available in stores nationwide. A TV converter box is a one-time purchase and costs between \$40 and \$70.

Between Jan 1, 2008, and March 31, 2009, all US households are eligible to request up to two \$40 coupons to be used toward the purchase of up to two digital-to-analog converter boxes. For more information about the converter box coupon program, call 1-888-DTV-2009 or visit DTV2009.gov.

HENNEPIN COUNTY Recycling & Transfer Station

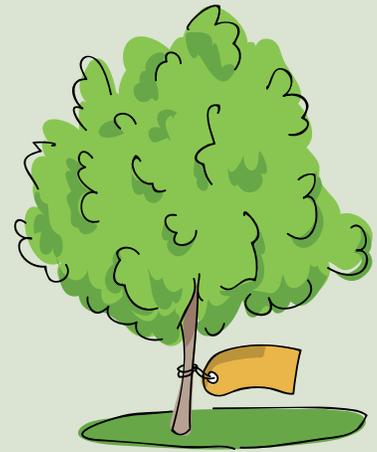
8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park

Hours

Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10 am–6 pm
Wed: 10 am–8 pm
Sat: 8 am–5 pm
Sun, Mon, Holidays: Closed

For More Information

Call 612-348-3777 or visit www.hennepin.us, keyword search "recycling center."



City Takes Part In Plymouth's Tree Program

Starting this year, Golden Valley residents can take part in Plymouth's spring tree and shrub sale, which offers low-cost, easy-to-transport options.

The program should help Golden Valley residents replace trees and shrubs damaged in the storms of the last two summers, says Al Lundstrom, Golden Valley environmental coordinator.

But keep in mind, if you have damaged trees, you may not need to replace them. They could still recover.

"People want to spend money to fix them," Lundstrom says. "But wait to see if they recover on their own."

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

According to Lundstrom, call for professional help if the leaves begin to wilt and the branches begin to die. The tree inspector can identify the problem and help you from there.

A list of trees and shrubs for sale will be available on Golden Valley's City Web site in January.

Recreation OPPORTUNITIES

Find details on the following recreation opportunities in the Fall Recreation Activities Brochure or the City Web site (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us).

Polar Express & Thomas the Train Adventure (ages 3–6 with parent)—Cut, paste, draw, and paint to make a train adventure picture book featuring snow storms, the North Pole, and Mr. Santa. Dec 2, \$63.

All Aboard Trains (ages 3–6)—Paint a blue Thomas carrying colorful presents to people in a big snowstorm to make a train adventure book. Dec 3 & 10, \$32.

Mites Basketball (grades K–1)—A skills-based program with an emphasis on fundamentals such as dribbling, passing, and shooting. Saturdays, Jan 24–Mar 14, Crystal Community Center. Kindergartners meet 9:15–10:15 am; first-graders meet 10:30–11:30 am. \$37.

Youth Basketball (grades 2–6)—Practice days and times based on coach's availability. Games are Saturday afternoons at Davis Community Center or Crystal Community Center. \$45.

OPEN GYMS AT DAVIS

Drop-in fee: \$3; 10-time punch pass: \$20

Over-40 Basketball—Mon, 8–10 pm

Adult Volleyball—Tues and Thurs, 8–10 pm, and Sun, 3–5 pm

Adult Open Basketball—Wed, 8–10 pm, and Sat, 8–10 am

Watch for the Golden Valley Winter Recreation Activities Brochure to arrive in your home the week of Dec 3, with registration beginning Dec 9. Activity and registration information will also be available online. Register in person, by mail, phone, fax (763-512-2344), or at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/econnect/.

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**

Crews Prep For Skating Season, Hope You Do Too

Whether you're a hockey player, figure skater, or just out for a good time, look no further than Golden Valley's skating rinks.

The City has 16 recreational ice rinks. Building and maintaining them depends on many variables. To start making ice, crews need temperatures to be around 0° to -10°F for a week or so and frozen ground about four inches deep. Then crews can establish a six-inch ice base, which will help rinks survive most warm snaps. The final step is to build a smooth "finish surface" on the ice.

Crews like to get rinks open by mid-December and keep them open until mid-February, but making base ice requires a lengthy stretch of below-freezing days. In 2005, the longest such stretch lasted about a week. In 2006, it was closer to half that. If rinks don't have complete ice coverage, they can be unsafe for skaters. And while weather conditions were normal last year, five of the last six years were warmer than average, leading to some late openings and early closings.

Once the rinks are open, depending on weather conditions, crews clean and resurface them Monday through Friday and clean them on Saturday mornings.

During extreme cold or warm weather, rinks and shelter buildings may be closed. Check by calling 763-512-2350 before dropping children off. "Closed" signs are also posted on park shelter doors. If you have concerns or questions about ice conditions or rink maintenance, call Park Maintenance at 763-593-8045.



The Scheid Park ice rink, like all other Golden Valley rinks, will open in mid- to late December, weather permitting.

Golden Valley Skating Rinks

Schedule

Rinks open Dec 13 and close Feb 16 (weather permitting).

Monday–Friday: 4–9 pm

Saturday: 10 am–9 pm

Sunday: 1–9 pm

Holidays

Christmas Eve: 10 am–4 pm

Christmas Day: closed

New Year's Eve: 10 am–7 pm

New Year's Eve Skating Special: Scheid Park will remain open until 10 pm for families to enjoy winter fun activities. Hot chocolate will be provided.

Martin Luther King Day: 10 am–9 pm

Presidents' Day: 10 am–9 pm

Other school holidays: noon–9 pm

Locations

Golden Valley's Park and Recreation Department (763-512-2345) maintains skating areas at the following parks:

Gearty	3101 Regent Ave N	H	GS	W
Hampshire	1601 Louisiana	H	GS	W
Lakeview	9300 Olympia		GS	W
Lions	7200 Harold Ave	H	GS	W
Medley	2355 Ensign Ave	H	GS	W
Scheid	1965 Toledo	H	GS	W
Wesley	8305 Wesley	H	GS	W
North Tyrol	4300 Sunset Ridge		S	
South Tyrol	Tyrol & Ortley Pass		S	
Yosemite	Woodstock & Yosemite		S	

H=Hockey rink W=Supervised warming shelter
GS=General skating rink S=Secondary skating area

Host Your Next Gathering With Us

If you're in the market for a pleasant, cost-effective venue for a party or group event, check out Brookview Community Center or Park.

PARK PICNIC SHELTERS

The Brookview Recreation Complex (southwest corner of Hwy 55 and Winnetka) is a great place to hold neighborhood, family, or company picnics. The picnic shelters at Brookview Park are available mid-April through the first week of October, from either 11 am to 4 pm or 5 pm to dusk. Both shelters are easy walking distance to the playgrounds and sand volleyball courts. Brookview Park's total capacity is 300.



The large shelter is located toward the center of the park. It has 15 picnic tables for 100 people, two parking lots, six charcoal grills, rest rooms, a fireplace, running water, and 16 electrical outlets. Parties renting the large shelter may also reserve the small softball field to the southwest. Fee: \$85 resident, \$95 non-resident.



The small shelter is located on the north end of the park. It has a parking lot, 10 picnic tables for 50 people, four charcoal grills, and six electrical outlets. Fee: \$70 resident, \$80 non-resident. Brookview accepts picnic shelter reservations from Golden Valley residents, businesses, churches, or organizations starting Jan 8, 2009. Beginning Feb 12, anyone outside of Golden Valley may make reservations. Residents may not reserve shelters for outside groups or individuals.

BROOKVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

Nestled in the tranquil setting off Brookview Golf Course, Brookview Community Center offers space year-round for gatherings of up to 200 guests. Facilities include a large banquet room with neutral decor, a caterer's kitchen, and a patio, deck, and gazebo that provide expansive golf course views. During colder months, the Brookview Grill offers the same views and a warm, comfortable atmosphere for up to 60 people.

For parties and social events with more than 75 people, fees range from \$550–\$635 for up to 12 hours of use. Fee includes set-up/takedown and clean-up. For events with fewer than 75 people, fees range from \$25–\$35 per hour for up to five hours of use plus a \$25–\$35 set-up/takedown fee and a \$60 clean-up fee. All parties must pay a refundable policy compliance/damage deposit.

For meetings, fees range from \$25–\$55 per hour (plus a \$25–\$55 set-up/takedown fee). Golden Valley civic and non-profit organizations ("Golden Valley" must be incorporated in the name) may use the Community Center free of charge during normal business hours (Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm) or for \$25 per hour, plus a \$25 set-up/takedown fee, outside of normal business hours.

MORE INFORMATION

Brookview is located at Winnetka Ave between I-394 and Hwy 55. For more information, call 763-512-2345 or visit www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us.

SENIOR *Stuff*

Unless noted otherwise, most activities are at Brookview Community Center and require advance registration with the Seniors Program office (see below).

SPECIAL EVENTS

Happy Feet Foot Care Clinic—Dec 16 and Jan 20, \$30. Call 763-560-5136 to schedule appointment.

Blood Pressure Screening—Jan 28, 11–11:30 am.

Defensive Driving 4-Hour Refresher Course—Dec 11. \$16. Register in advance with the Minnesota Safety Council, 474 Concordia Ave, St Paul, 55103.

SPEAKERS

Stimulate your mind with these events:

- **Living Wise and Well**—Dec 4, 1 pm: "Healthy Holiday Foods;" Jan 8, 1 pm: "Stretching Your Winter Blahs Away." Calvary Center Cooperative, 7600 Golden Valley Rd.
- **Money Matters**—Jan 15: "What's New for Filing Your 2008 Return." Both at 10 am. Free.

TRIP TRAVELOQUE

"Mary Wanderers Trip Travelogue"—Jan 26, 1–2:30 pm. Meet the trip planner and escort, greet fellow travelers, and enjoy pie and ice cream. \$4. Register by Jan 23.

UPCOMING TRIPS (REGISTER EARLY)

Jan 8: "Unnecessary Farce" at the Old Log Theater. \$46. Register by Dec 29.

Jan 28: "The Producers" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater. \$65. Register by Dec 12.

Feb 17: "Butch Thompson Show," \$57. Register by Jan 26.

May 11–17: "Springtime In Kentucky" (call for brochure).

Seniors Program: Send a \$5 donation to the Senior Program and receive six issues of the senior newsletter by mail.

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

Enterprise Funds Run Without Tax Help



Every City has departments that are self-sustaining (ie, they don't rely on taxpayer dollars to finance their operations). They're called enterprise funds, and they rely on user fees for their revenue. Golden Valley examples include Brookview Golf Course, water and sewer utilities, the recycling program, storm water utility, and motor vehicle licensing. In a sense, they're run like businesses.

Required enterprise funds, like utilities, are considered a basic City service. Optional enterprise funds encourage residents to use Golden Valley facilities. For example, paying for a license at Golden Valley's Motor Vehicle Licensing office or buying a pass at Brookview Golf Course puts money directly back into the community.

So why aren't more operations set up like enterprise funds? The City has a legal obligation to fund several services, like street maintenance or public safety. The revenue stream from these programs doesn't cover their costs, which is why property taxes are needed. To turn a service into an enterprise fund, a City has to be certain enough people will pay to use it to cover expenses.

Golden Valley's five enterprise funds are summarized on page 9.

**Supporting optional
 enterprise funds puts
 money directly back
 into the community.**

Optional Enterprise Funds:

Brookview Golf Course

Brookview Golf Course is owned and operated by the City of Golden Valley under the auspices of the Park and Recreation Department. The Brookview golf facility consists of an 18-Hole Regulation Course and a 9-Hole Par 3, a Driving Range and teaching area, and a Golf Shop and Grill.

Brookview offers special patron rates for Golden Valley residents. For details, go to www.brookviewgolf.com.

2009 Proposed Revenue: \$1.924 million

2009 Proposed Expenditures: \$1.851 million



Motor Vehicle Licensing

The City of Golden Valley has a full-service Motor Vehicle Deputy Registrar Department right in City Hall that can handle your licensing needs. Motor Vehicle Licensing offers vehicle licensing (cars, trucks, motorcycles, trailers, RVs, out-of-state vehicles, watercraft, snowmobiles, ATVs), title transfers, passports, and fishing and hunting licenses.

2009 Proposed Revenue: \$575,000

2009 Proposed Expenditures: \$541,000



Required Services:

Water & Sewer



The City of Golden Valley charges for water and sewer fees based on water use. Fees also cover maintenance, construction, and repair of municipal water and sewer pipes.

2009 Proposed Revenue: \$7.330 million

2009 Proposed Expenditures: \$7.892 million

Recycling

Cities are required to provide curbside recycling services to reduce the municipal waste stream. Golden Valley recycling fees also cover the annual Brush Pick-up and Leaf Drop-off and Mighty Tidy Day.

2009 Proposed Revenue: \$287,000

2009 Proposed Expenditures: \$549,000



Storm Water Utility

The City of Golden Valley maintains storm water piping and catch basins. This rate covers several storm water management programs, such as pond cleaning, flood control, street sweeping, storm sewer system cleaning, and infrastructure improvements.

2009 Proposed Revenue: \$2.269 million

2009 Proposed Expenditures: \$2.611 million



* If an optional enterprise fund consistently loses money, the City must re-evaluate its status.

* Funds that show more expenditures than revenues have reserves that are funding utility infrastructure improvements that coincide with the City's Pavement Management Program.

GVPD Annual Report Coming Soon

Check the Golden Valley City Web site this February for the release of the GVPD 2008 annual report.



Printed copies will also be available at the police department and public library.

“The annual report is an accountability piece,” says Police Chief Stacy Altonen. “It’s a way to check benchmarks as we go year to year.”

The department did well at meeting its 2008 goals, Altonen says. For example, a newly offered career day for high school students was a big success and helped fulfill the department’s goal of offering expanded public education courses and outreach.

In addition to measuring the progress of 2008 goals and outlining future ones, the annual report will include statistics on crime, traffic, calls for police service, and response time to calls; listings of current staff and oversight boards; the department budget and organizational charts; and information about police-community events/relationships, GVPDU activities, SWAT activities, liquor and tobacco compliance issues, license renewals, and more. 

GVPD Squads Are State Of The Art



As technology gets more advanced, so do modern crime-fighting tools. Police squad cars are no exception. Loaded with state-of-the-art equipment, these vehicles help expedite officer tasks, making area crime-fighting more efficient and effective, says Golden Valley Police Sgt Mark Persons. Here’s a peek inside a Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) squad.

Video Cameras: Golden Valley recently equipped its squads with video cameras to be used starting in 2009. The cameras will keep an eye on the road, and the vehicles that are pulled over, capturing details and creating reviewable records.

“We’re about on par with other agencies as far as migrating to camera use,” says Police Chief Stacy Altonen. “The cameras are great for capturing evidence at scenes. They’re also a good tool for when we have complaints about officer conduct — they quickly prove or disprove a he-said, she-said event.”

Computer Systems: The computer systems in each car provide quick access to database information, such as criminal histories and outstanding warrant information. For example, officers can type in a license plate number and instantly receive a vehicle history. The computers are connected to a local LOGIS network centralized out of St Louis Park.

“The [new] cameras are great for capturing evidence at scenes.”

Printers: A recent addition to Golden Valley squad cars, printers keep officers from having to hand-write every ticket, making the process quicker.

Lasers: Golden Valley police officers use Pro Laser III technology to catch speeders. The lasers, only a few years old, are more accurate and easier to use than radar, Persons says. The laser emits a highly focused beam of invisible light. Unlike radar, which determine a vehicle’s speed by measuring Doppler shifts, lasers calculate speed by observing the changing amount of time it takes for the beam of light to bounce back. The drawback is that officers must be standing still for the laser to work. When driving, they still use radar.

LCD Lights: Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) lights have replaced bulb lights on the police cars. LCD lights are more visible and use much less energy.

Medical and Traffic Tools: The trunks of Golden Valley squad cars are stocked with first-response medical equipment as well as traffic cones and lights, preparing officers to respond to any number of unpredictable situations.

Push Bumpers: Several GVPD squad cars are equipped with “push bumpers” or protective grids on the front that allow the cars to be used as battering rams or to push other vehicles off the road.

Rear-window security bars: A fairly new addition, metal bars across the rear windows of the squad cars prevent apprehended suspects from smashing the glass.

The GVPD has 10 marked squad cars. Each car is used for about three years before it is sold at an auction. That may sound like a quick turnaround, says Altonen, but considering the 24/7 wear-and-tear squad cars endure each year, it’s very practical. 



Sgt Mark Persons demonstrates the lighting and computer systems in a Golden Valley squad car.

Keep Loved Ones' Safety In Mind This Holiday Season

Too often people neglect to buy or update household safety items like CO and smoke detectors. Usually they just don't think of it, says Stephen Baker, Golden Valley fire education specialist. And that's what makes these perfect items to give as holiday gifts, he adds. Not only are they thoughtful, but they just may save lives.

Here are a few gift ideas Baker suggests:

Light Sensors automatically turn outdoor lights on when it's dark. Price: \$8 and up.

Weather Alert Radios can help keep loved ones safe during inclement weather. Consider one that activates during an emergency weather forecast to provide important information. For extra protection, consider hand-crank models that don't need batteries or electricity to operate. These are particularly appreciated by boaters and campers. Price: \$19.95 and up.

Hand-Crank Portable AM/FM Radios don't need batteries or electricity to operate. Some include a flashlight and cell-phone charger. Price: \$19.95 and up.

Digital Dashboard Compass/Wayfinder will keep drivers on course and help them navigate unfamiliar roads or waters. Some are dash-mounted but can be removed and used while walking. Price: about \$25 and up.

Portable Jump Starters can charge a car battery in minutes. They are also a power source for cell phones, laptops, and other electronic devices. Price: \$40 and up.

Hazardous Environment Detectors can help keep a home safe by monitoring for carbon monoxide, radon, combustible gas, formaldehyde (allergen), or asthma chemical triggers. Price: \$40 and up.

CPR Training is recommended for at least one person in every household. The Minneapolis Red Cross Chapter (www.mplsredcross.org or 612-871-7676) offers CPR and other safety classes close to Golden Valley. Price: about \$50.

Other Safety Gift Ideas include bike helmets, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, rechargeable flashlights, escape ladders, power strips, personal flotation devices (life jackets), swimming lessons, self-defense classes, defensive driving classes, and more. For more information, check with local stores, community education offerings, or the GVFD (763-593-3977).



CO Detectors Save Lives

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas that can build up in homes with malfunctioning furnaces, fireplaces, wood burning stoves, or water heaters. In the United States, about 500 people die each year from CO poisoning. Minnesota law requires that CO detectors be installed within 10 feet of each bedroom in all Minnesota homes. Owners of existing apartments must comply by August 2009. Safety advocates say the law, enacted in June 2006, could save 100 lives a year in Minnesota.

Hidden Security Camcorder Clocks look like LCD clocks but are actually motion-activated security cameras that record what really happens in your absence. Price: \$180 and up.

Portable GPS Navigation Systems feature detailed maps, spoken directions, and visual instructions. Some include hands-free calling tools and MP3 connections. Price: \$150 and up.

Give The Gift Of Being A Good Neighbor

With carbon monoxide build-ups, icy sidewalks, snowy driveways, and sub-zero temperatures, winter can be a hazardous season, especially for the elderly.

So be a kindly neighbor and look out for others on your block, says Golden Valley Fire Education Specialist Stephen Baker.

If you're in good shape and living next door to a senior, volunteer to shovel their sidewalk and driveway, Baker says. This will help prevent falling and hip fractures, a major health concern for those 65 and older.

And visit them when you can, make sure they're doing OK, check if their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries, see if their doors and windows are cold-weather proof.

"Don't wait for them to call for help," Baker says. "Keep an eye out for them."

Neighbors looking out for each other can go a long way toward making the cold winter season safe and warm.

Adopt A Fire Hydrant

Looking for a convenient way to be active in the well-being of your community? Consider grabbing a shovel.

The Golden Valley Fire Department is seeking help to keep the fire hydrants in your neighborhood clear of snow. A six-foot clear space around the circumference of the hydrant will help reduce the time it takes firefighters to hook up hoses if a fire occurs in your neighborhood. The best time to shovel out a hydrant is after the streets are plowed, before snow accumulates and freezes.

Golden Valley Community Pride, a local organization that works to beautify the city by mowing public rights-of-way and planting flowers there in the summer, has adopted fire hydrant shoveling as its winter project. If you want to help, call Don Brown, citizen volunteer, at 612-310-0460.



Winter Parking & Other Snowy Ordinances

Parking On Public Streets

Parking is not allowed on public streets after a snowfall of at least two inches until snow has been plowed to the curb line. After a snowfall of at least two inches, cars in violation are cited by patrolling police. Vehicles found to be obstructing traffic or snow plows, and those still in violation after 24 hours, may be towed. It's safest just to move your vehicle from the streets whenever snow is in the forecast.

Plow Damage

The City is not liable for damages to obstacles in the road right-of-way (irrigation heads, landscaping, etc). These obstacles should either be removed from the right-of-way or marked clearly so plow drivers can avoid them. Mailboxes are repaired or replaced only if the plow makes direct contact. Sod damage can be reported to Public Works at 763-593-8030.

Snow Removal From Private Property

Removal of snow and ice from private property to a roadway, across a roadway, or onto a sidewalk or adjacent property is prohibited by City ordinance. Infractions are misdemeanors, subject to fines and prosecution. Snow removed from your driveway or parking lot (whether you do it or hire someone to do it) must be kept off roadways, sidewalks, and adjacent property. If you have questions regarding this issue, contact Bert Tracy, Public Works maintenance manager, at 763-593-3981. ❄️

Do Your Part To Keep Streets Winter-Safe

As plows clear the streets of snow this winter, Golden Valley's Public Works Department asks for your help to keep the plow season accident-free. Residents can stay safe and help snow plow operators by:

- reducing speed and keeping a minimum distance of 50 feet from snow plows and sand trucks (frequent backing is necessary, and rear visibility is very limited)
- never driving into a snow cloud or passing vehicles while they're plowing
- staying away from the end of a driveway when a snowplow is approaching
- keeping sleds and toys away from the street when they're not being used
- not building snow forts in the snow piles on the boulevard
- keeping garbage cans and recycle bins in the driveway and off roadways and sidewalks if it snows on collection days

It's A Lot Of Road

Another way to help is to be patient. Golden Valley's Public Works Street Maintenance crew must clear more than 120 miles of city streets and more than 40 miles of sidewalk every time it snows, and they may not always get to your street first. After snow accumulates to two inches or more and stops falling, the plows head out. And to keep traffic moving, crews first focus on main arterial routes and through streets that connect neighborhoods to state and county roads. Plowing stops if strong winds and drifting cause unsafe conditions. It resumes when conditions improve.

And Don't Forget De-Icing

Treat de-icing trucks with the same caution as you do the plows. The trucks are out for a reason—it's icy, and it's hazardous. If you pass at a reckless speed, don't forget you're driving right out onto unpredictable pavement conditions.

De-icing crews use a variation of salt/sand-salt mixture on icy areas. Priority areas are treated first, and all other areas are done when time permits. Priority areas include:

- intersections of City streets and County and State roads, school and pedestrian crossings, bridge decks, and all arterial street stop sign intersections
- street intersections having higher than average traffic volumes, and streets with hills and curves
- all other stop signs and areas deemed hazardous by City crews or Public Safety officials

With your patience and help, the upcoming winter commute will be safer for everyone. If you have questions, call Public Works Street Maintenance Supervisor Lyle Johnson at 763-593-8082, or go to www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/winter-streets.htm. ❄️

Cooperative Snow Tips

Efficient, effective snow removal requires cooperation from the public:

- Listen to weather forecasts so you're not in transit when a storm hits. The resulting traffic jams make plowing difficult. Plan ahead and choose alternate routes when necessary.
- Remember, speed limits are set for ideal driving conditions. In congested city traffic, careless drivers increase hazards for everyone, especially during inclement weather.
- Don't put snow from private property onto City streets or sidewalks, and remind private contractors to follow suit.
- Keep garbage and recycling containers off roadways and sidewalks.
- Slow down for a day or so after a snow or ice event. After all, it is winter in Minnesota and we all have to deal with it.



City Completes 2008 Projects, Plans For 2009

In 2008 the City of Golden Valley rehabilitated approximately four miles of local streets in northern Golden Valley, including Culver Rd and all streets north, as well as the 2800 block of Scott Ave and the 5300 block of Dawnview Terrace. Preparations continue for the 2009 Pavement Management Program (PMP).

In October, Palda & Sons, the City's contractor for the project, finished paving and placing sod in all 2008 construction areas. Streets in the 2008 PMP were reconstructed to City standards, including concrete curb and gutter. The project also included construction of a sidewalk along Regent Ave.

For 2009, the City plans to reconstruct all streets south of Culver Rd, north of Golden Valley Rd, and west of Noble Ave, with the exception of the streets west of Bassett Creek that have already been reconstructed to City standards (see map below). The City also plans to complete the sidewalk along Regent Ave and build three storm water facilities at Regent Ave and West Bend Rd and at Scott Ave and Hampton Rd.



Culver Rd



BROKEN STREETLIGHT? CONTACT XCEL

For safety's sake, it's important to keep streetlights functioning. That's why the City of Golden Valley appreciates your help in locating streetlights that are out or malfunctioning. Xcel Energy operates and maintains all streetlights in Golden Valley, so the best way to resolve problems is to contact Xcel directly.

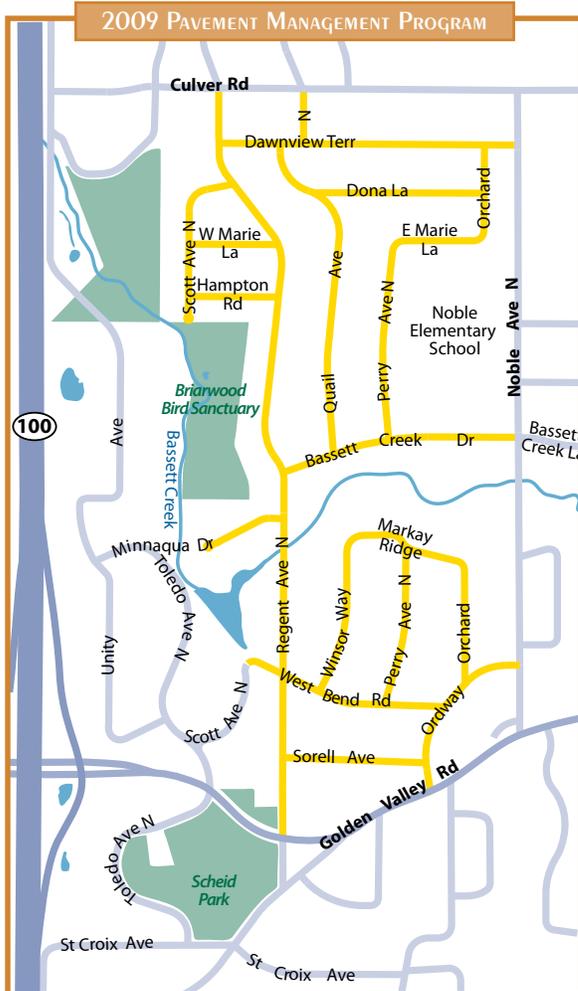
There are two ways to report a broken streetlight—call Xcel Energy at 1-800-960-6235 or report it online. Either way, you'll need to provide Xcel with the following information:

- exact address of the problem light
- street name, street suffix, street direction, and nearest cross street
- house number nearest the light
- light location (corner, mid-block, cul-de-sac, etc). If the light is located on a corner, please also list which corner (NE, NW, SE, SW, etc).
- pole number (if known)
- description of problem

To report an outage online, residents and businesses can access Xcel Energy's Web site at www.xcelenergy.com, click on "customer service," then click "outdoor lighting," and then click "report streetlight outages." There is also a link to Xcel Energy on the City's Web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/privateutilities.htm.

Residents may continue to report problem lights to the City's Public Works Department (763-593-8030), but reporting problems directly to Xcel Energy will be more direct and result in quicker service. Online reporting also makes it easier for residents to follow up with Xcel Energy on the timing of repairs.

The City appreciates your continued help in finding problem streetlights. If you have questions, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030.



2009 PMP Streets

While some of the 2009 PMP construction work may begin this year, the remainder is projected to begin in spring.

2010 PMP

The City begins preliminary survey and design work and meets with affected property owners at least one year before a proposed project is presented to the City Council at a public hearing. The City sends public hearing notices to each resident along streets being considered for rehabilitation at least 10 days before the hearing.

Preliminary work—surveying, soil borings, neighborhood participation, and preliminary design—is already under way for the 2010 PMP streets.

For more information about Golden Valley's PMP, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030.

Watch Your School Zone Speed:

Sunny Hollow Implements Safe Routes to School Improvements

Schools and cities continually wrestle with the challenge of getting drivers to slow down in school zones. A traffic safety initiative on Medicine Lake Rd in northern Golden Valley is working to make drivers

more aware of their speed and remind them to slow down.

The section of Medicine Lake Rd in front of Sunny Hollow Elementary School in New Hope has some new interactive signs for speed awareness.

The "Driver Feedback Signs" are solar powered and provide real-time speeds for vehicles approaching the sign. The vehicle speed is indicated on the changeable sign. It flashes when above the posted limit.

The signs are strategically located near the reduced School Speed Limit signs already in place.



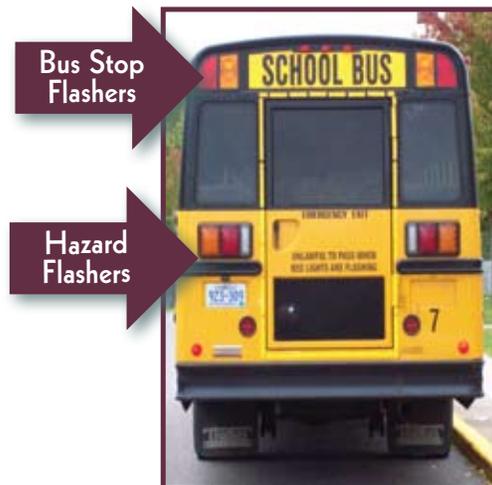
THE SECTION OF MEDICINE LAKE RD IN FRONT OF SUNNY HOLLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEW HOPE FEATURES NEW INTERACTIVE SIGNS FOR SPEED AWARENESS.

School Bus Safety: Always Be Ready To STOP

In every state, it is illegal to pass a school bus that has stopped to load or unload students when its lights are flashing and stop arm is extended. But what about those unique situations where we may ask ourselves "do I have to stop here, too?"

Two of these situations involve separated roadways and when the bus is using its hazard flashers versus its bus stop flashers (see photo at right). In both cases, drivers have to make a quick decision about what to do. In all cases with school buses, drivers should be prepared to stop.

School buses are equipped with bus stop flashers that activate with the stop arm. They also have hazard flashers (that don't activate the stop arm) used for railroad crossings or other non-student related stops. Drivers are not required to stop for a bus that has deployed its hazard flashers.



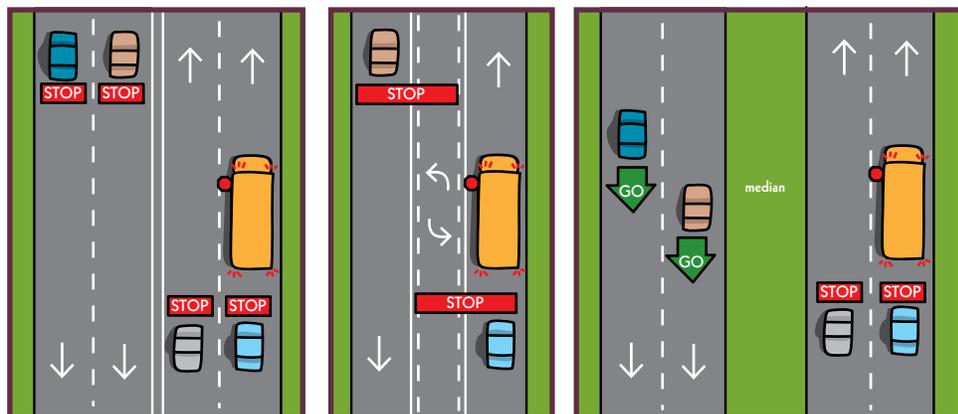
A separated roadway is a road separated from a parallel road by a safety isle or safety zone. According to Minnesota Statute 169.444, drivers are not required to stop for a bus that has deployed its flashers and stop arm on the other side of a separated roadway's safety isle. Situations where a physical feature (eg, curbed medians and median ditches) separates the parallel, opposing, traffic would meet this criterion.

In each of these situations, drivers may notice that buses don't always behave consistently. That's because use of the different flashing lights can vary for each school district and bus stop situation.

For example, the Robbinsdale and Hopkins School Districts indicate they have bus stop locations on divided roadways or where their drivers are instructed to use only the hazard flashers for bus stops. These locations involve bus stops where a bus can pull off on a shoulder or turn lane and are also situations where students do not cross the roadway.

In contrast, the Minneapolis school district advises their bus drivers to use the bus stop flashers and stop arm in all student bus stop situations.

The best approach is to slow down and prepare to stop for any flashing lights on a school bus. Be conservative and safe when dealing with school buses on our roadways. The safety of our students should always be a top priority.





City-Wide Housing Inspections Finished

It has been less than two years since the City Council passed the Residential Property Maintenance Code (RPMC), and with the first round of city-wide housing inspections completed, Inspector Josh Kunde says Golden Valley homes are looking good.

"People in this city keep up their houses very well," Kunde says. Compared to the rest of the metro area, he adds, Golden Valley is above average.

That's not to say there aren't problem areas. Of the 6,489 houses inspected, about 720 violations were found. Roughly one in nine Golden Valley homes had a violation, but only about one in 40 property owners were cited and/or fined for failing to correct their respective maintenance issue. The main problem has been garbage and debris build-up in people's yards, even though that's one of the cheapest and easiest violations to avoid, Kunde says. Litter, garbage, improper lawn maintenance, and junk cars made up a quarter of all violations.

Most people don't argue about a write-up, Kunde says. They're usually aware something needs to be done but just haven't been motivated. When Kunde writes up a violation, he gives a specified period to fix the problem. The fee for not complying starts at \$100 and moves up to \$500 after the third noncompliance. One thing to keep in mind, Kunde says, is that hail damage will not result in a violation this cycle. If your house was damaged in a storm, you have a one-year grace period to take care of the problem.

The first of its kind for Golden Valley, the RPMC was developed based on citizen input gathered through *Envision Golden Valley*, public surveys, meetings, and online feedback. It applies to multiple-dwelling properties and one- and two-family homes, stressing a common-sense approach to maintenance. And help is available for those who need it (see sidebar).

In the past, the City approached property maintenance issues on a complaint basis. With the new code in place, inspectors have encouraged people to find and fix maintenance concerns well before they lead to complaints. A quarterly checkup and some basic tools are all it takes to keep a home in good repair, neighbors happy, and property values stable.

Questions? Contact Property Maintenance Inspector Josh Kunde at 763-593-8074.

CEE Help Just A Call Away

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 about two years 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 says. "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

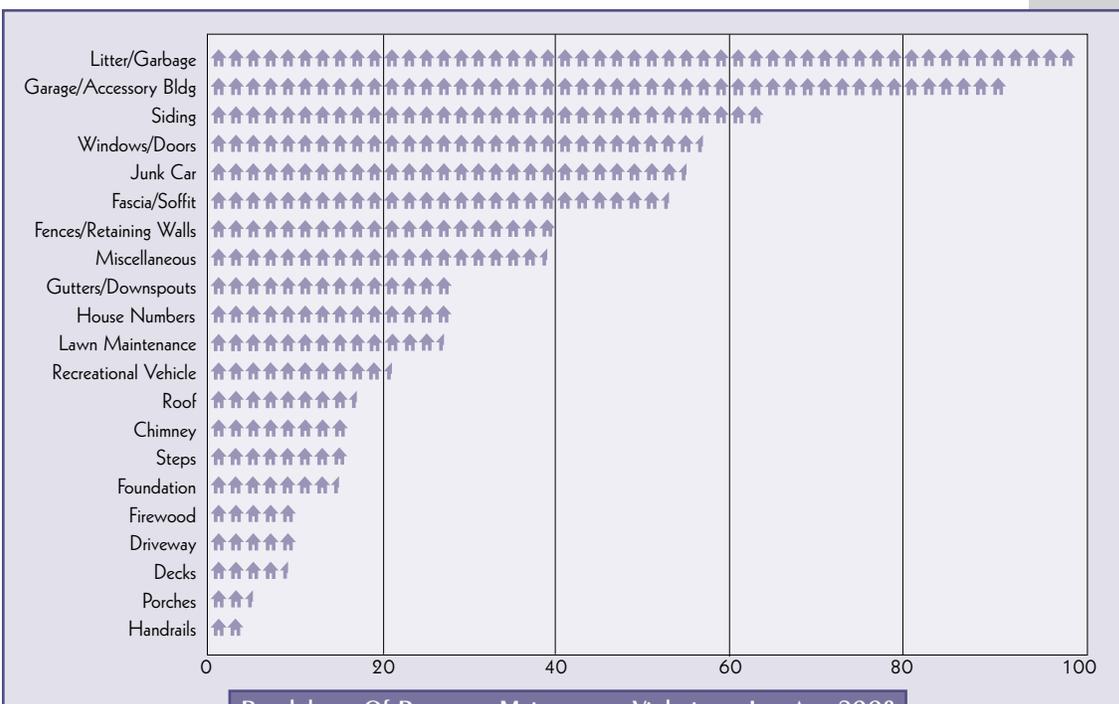
an expert sent to their home for inspection, advice, and unbiased opinions. CEE officials will even help homeowners list priorities for future improvement projects. Golden Valley funds the advice service for the benefit of all property owners.

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

But, he added, the City may have its grant funds renewed for future years.

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.

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.





Join Police In Gift Drive

Once again the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) offers the community a unique approach to the Toys for Tots donation effort.

For the 14th consecutive year, the GVPD will lead regional law enforcement agencies in a toy drive that culminates in a loud, colorful parade. On the last collection day, police from as many as 20 departments load their cruisers with donated gifts and meet at the GVPD. Then, lights blazing, they caravan to the KARE 11 Toys for Tots drop-off site. In past years the effort garnered thousands of toys.

Between Dec 1 and 19 (at 3 pm), bring new, unwrapped toys to the GVPD at 7800 Golden Valley Road (open 24 hours a day). Don't forget gifts for older kids and teens. For more information, contact Sgt Steve Johnson at 763-512-2505.

Support Crime Prevention, A Community Effort

By providing essential financial support for a variety of crime prevention and safety programs, the Golden Valley Crime Prevention Fund makes community partnerships stronger and more distinct. Run by volunteers, this private, nonprofit organization is supported by Golden Valley businesses and residents dedicated to creating and maintaining strong community involvement.

Golden Valley's crime prevention programs include the youth-oriented Safety Camp (a safety education program for second-, third-, and fourth-graders), Junior Safety Camp (day-long safety education for 4-, 5-, and 6-year-olds), CounterACT (a drug and violence prevention program for fifth-graders), and Law, Crime, and Safety (a safety and citizenship curriculum for fifth-graders). Other programs include the Senior Safety Fair, Minnesota's Night To Unite, Neighborhood Watch, CyberWatch, Community Crime Prevention Updates, and the I-394 Virtual Block Club. The Crime Prevention Fund also provides rewards for information in serious criminal cases.



CONTRIBUTIONS HELP SUPPORT popular PROGRAMS like SAFETY CAMP

Contributions are the Crime Prevention Fund's only source of revenue. Take a moment to consider how your tax deductible contribution can help our programs, and the community, be stronger and more vibrant.

For more information, call 763-593-8054 or e-mail cpfund@ci.golden-valley.mn.us.

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