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SUMMER IN GOLDEN VALLEY Check Out What's Going On

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Online Reports Track City Finances

Do you like numbers? Interested in getting involved with the City budget process? Several City finance documents are available online for public review. The following documents are reviewed by Moody's Investor Services for Golden Valley's Aaa bond rating, which is the highest available.

- The **City Budget** is the financial plan for the City for the upcoming two years.
- The **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)** outlines scheduled expenditures for the upcoming five years for major purchases and/or construction projects that cannot be financed in one year because of their cost.
- The **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)** is an audited financial statement of the previous year.

Monthly Financial Reports

In addition, the City produces financial reports outlining monthly progress relative to the approved budget. These reports are published in City Council agenda packets and are available online for public review. To review City finance documents, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/budget/ and scroll to the bottom of the page.



If you'd like to get email notices whenever City finance documents are updated, you can subscribe online at GV DirectConnect. Go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/news/subscribe/index.php, enter your email address, and choose the subscription topics for which you'd like to receive updates.

For more information about the City's financial documents, contact Finance Director Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010.

Volunteers Help Power City Events

If you're interested in getting involved in your community, volunteering is a great way to get started. Golden Valley's Volunteer Services program aims to strengthen community engagement by connecting the talents, interests, and abilities of individuals and groups with

projects that enrich City programs and services.

For example, the 2013 *Run The Valley* (see page 3) ran smoothly, largely due to the efforts of 52 volunteers who put in 108 hours helping with everything from greeting and registration, volunteer check-in, photography, and T-shirts to water stops and refreshments, awards, and race course and finish line activities (see photo). According to the Independent Sector, the 2012 value of an hour of volunteer time is \$22.14, making the value of *Run The Valley* volunteers worth approximately \$2,391.

The City of Golden Valley offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in several diverse areas, from public safety and government to recreation and events. To see what's available or to sign up, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/community/volunteers/index.php.

You can sign up to be a one-time volunteer, or you can sign up to be included in the City's volunteer database, which matches interests to opportunities. Once you're in the database, you'll get emails about upcoming volunteer opportunities that may interest you.

Questions? Contact Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Werts at 763-512-2341 or swerts@goldenvalleymn.gov.



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Snow Doesn't Stop *Run The Valley*

Event draws 541 participants and 52 volunteers

Despite unprecedented snow on race day, the 19th annual *Run The Valley 5/10K Run and 5K Walk* drew 541 participants April 13 to compete for medals and raise money for the Golden Valley Human Services Fund (GVHSF).

The event raised about \$13,585 (net) for the GVHSF, which allocates the funds to local human service organizations that benefit the community. It started and finished at Brookview Community Center, with the help of 52 volunteers (see page 2).

Winners of the 10K were Shari Stamps of Ramsay (46:41) and Abdilkadir Tlifa of Fridley (34:01). Winners of the 5K were Janine DeSplinter of Rogers (23:55) and Lee DeKrey of Plymouth (17:51).

Golden Valley medalists in the 5K included Ann Curme (26:27—first, females age 1-19), Hunter Staack (21:23—first, males age 1-19), Jessi Brummer (24:54—first, females age 20-29), Pat Conboy (40:21—first, females age 60-69), and Jack Stratton (30:55—first, males age 70-79). Peter Meinz (37:57—first, males age 20-29) medaled in the 10K.

Corporate sponsors were Bassett Creek Dental, Golden Valley Community Foundation, and Liberty Carton, with in-kind services from Cable 12/Northwest Community TV and the City of Golden Valley. Other sponsors included Al's Coffee, Chiquita Banana, Einstein Bros Bagels, Finken Great Glacier Water, Go

Health Chiropractic, Old Fashioned Donut Shoppe, Perkins Family Restaurants, Valley Pastries, and Yoplait USA.

The 2014 *Run the Valley* will be April 12. 



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 More at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/runthevalley



GVHSF Golf Classic Is July 12

REGISTER TODAY!

The 2013 Golden Valley Golf Classic will be held Friday, July 12, at Brookview Golf Course. The Golden Valley Human Services Fund (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.

JOIN THE PARTY. The tournament begins with an 8 am shotgun start. Foursomes can register for \$300 (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).

SUPPORT THE CAUSE. Prefer the role of booster? You can support the GVHSF and this event as a Corporate Sponsor (\$1,000) or Golf Hole Sponsor (\$500). Contributions of cash, merchandise, and in-kind items or gift certificates are

welcome for hole contests, prizes, and drawings. Volunteers are also needed the day of the event (see page 2).

The 2012 event drew 116 golfers who, with corporate and individual sponsors, helped the Golf Classic raise \$6,508 (net) for local human service organizations.

For more information, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/golfclassic or contact staff liaison Jeanne Fackler at 763-512-2340 or jfackler@goldenvalleymn.gov. 

Don't Need It? Is It Toxic?

Here's how to get rid of it

Knowing what you can recycle and how to recycle it can get confusing sometimes.

That's why Hennepin County created the "A to Z How To Get Rid Of It Guide" for homes and businesses. It allows residents to go online and get the lowdown on how to recycle specific items.

In addition, the County offers a "Choose to ReUse" directory, which provides options for selling or buying used items.

"These resources provide information on how to dispose of an item as well as options where the item could be reused instead," says Mark Ray, Golden Valley's recycling coordinator.

To learn how to recycle your items, visit www.hennepin.us/atozdisposalguide, click on either the household or business link, and type in the name of your item. The site will give you a list of options for drop-off areas or let you know if the item can be picked up curbside.

If you want to sell or buy used items, visit www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse for an online searchable directory of reuse businesses and non-profits in and around Hennepin County.

Getting Rid of Hazardous Waste

If you keep old electronics and dated chemicals in your home, you're living with toxic roommates. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates the average American home contains as much as 100 pounds of household hazardous waste stored in basements, garages, and closets, generating 1.6 million tons of such waste nationwide annually.

Most electronics contain toxic metals such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. This makes recycling and proper disposal vital to human and environmental health.

Any household product that contains corrosive, ignitable, reactive, or toxic ingredients is considered hazardous waste. If you have doubts about a product, check it out by calling Hennepin County at 612-348-3777.

Disposing of any hazardous waste down a drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in the trash poses a serious threat to the environment and, ultimately, human health. Fortunately, Hennepin County has two permanent drop-off sites and collaborates with local municipalities to provide annual HHW drop-off events (see box below). 

Drop Off Household Hazardous Waste

Hennepin County organizes collection events throughout the year to give residents convenient, local disposal options for household hazardous waste.

June 13-15, 9 am-4 pm

2025 Texas Ave S, St Louis Park (St Louis Park Jr High School)

Accepted Materials (free of charge)

A complete list of accepted materials can be found at www.hennepin.us/collectionevents.

- Household, Lawn, and Garden Products
- Auto and Fuel Wastes
- Electronics
- Mercury-Containing Items

Not Accepted

Any waste from businesses, appliances, asbestos and construction debris, compressed gas cylinders and tanks, explosives, garbage, medical or infectious wastes, motor oil and oil filters, radioactive waste (eg, smoke detectors), tires, and yard waste.

Permanent Drop-Off Locations

Hennepin County's two permanent drop-off sites (8100 Jefferson Hwy, Brooklyn Park and 1400 W 96th St, Bloomington) accept household hazardous waste year-round. For more information, call 612-348-3777 or visit www.hennepin.us/dropoffs.

Golden Valley Recycles

GREY Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Labor Day	Sat, Sept 7
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 30
Christmas	Sat, Dec 28

BLUE Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Fourth of July	Sat, July 6
New Year's 2014	Sat, Jan 4

Missed Pick Ups

If your recycling is missed on Friday, call Allied Waste at 952-941-5174 before noon on the following Monday. If you have specific recycling questions, call 763-593-8030.

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

Coal-Tar Sealants Harm Waterways

In an effort to reduce dangerous pollutants from entering area waterways, the Golden Valley City Council passed an ordinance in 2010 banning the use of coal-tar sealant on driveways and parking lots. Coal-tar sealant has been shown in studies to be highly toxic, dangerous to humans, and unhealthy for streams and ponds.

The Product

Pavement sealcoat is a black liquid sprayed or rolled onto the asphalt pavement of residential driveways and parking lots. Coal-tar, a known human carcinogen, is the residue remaining after distillation of coal tar. Use of this product leads to harmful Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) in air and water.

For this reason, City ordinance states that no one can apply any undiluted coal-tar-based sealer to any driveway, parking lot, or other surface within the City, or contract with any commercial vendor who uses the chemical.

“Think about the acres of driveways and parking lots in Golden Valley,” says Eric Eckman, public works specialist. “We want to make sure all residents, businesses, and property management companies are using the right products on their lots.”

The use of sealers on asphalt driveways is a common practice and is still allowed. The City ordinance does not apply to the use of asphalt-based sealer products; only coal-tar based products are regulated.

The Problem

Storm water transports toxic sealcoat particles off pavement and into area streams and retention ponds. By design, retention ponds trap particles, causing a dangerous accumulation of PAHs.

Once a retention pond becomes full of sediment, it must be dredged and cleaned out. If the sediment is clean, it can be re-used in other projects. If it is contaminated with PAHs, it

must be treated as contaminated waste, which can more than triple excavation and disposal costs, Eckman says.

Golden Valley has a program for excavating its storm water ponds to restore their water quality capacity to remove pollutants. As part of this process, samples of pond sediments are tested for the presence of PAHs and heavy metals. If levels exceed safety limits, the sediment has to be disposed of properly.

PAHs have recently been discovered in two Golden Valley retention ponds, Eckman says, and taxpayers have to bear the extra costs of proper disposal. By getting the word out on the hazards of coal-tar sealant, this can be prevented in the future, he adds.

Lakes, rivers, streams, and other bodies of water are natural assets that enhance environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic resources and contribute to the general health and welfare of the community. Check your sealant. Make sure you are not using coal-tar based products. It's better for the environment and it's the law. 



Storm water ponds are designed to filter toxins before they reach local waterways.

Speak For The Creek

Help develop the next generation Bassett Creek watershed management plan, which will direct the future of Bassett Creek, Medicine Lake, Parkers Lake, Sweeney/Twin Lakes, Wirth Lake, and many other water bodies in the watershed. Attend the Bassett Creek Watershed Summit or take the public feedback survey (see box at right). Both are sponsored by the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, a local governing body tasked with managing flood control and water quality within the watershed, which encompasses portions of Golden Valley, Crystal, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, and St Louis Park. Learn more at www.bassettcreekwmo.org. 

Bassett Creek Watershed Summit

Thursday, June 13, 7 pm
Plymouth City Hall
3400 Plymouth Blvd

Pre-registration is requested but not required.
Email bcra@barr.com or contact Laura Jester at 952-270-1990 for more information.

Take The Survey

Share your opinions about the watershed's future at www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRM-TRWS.

Recreation Highlights

Complete list in the Spring & Summer Recreation Activities Brochure or at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation.

Youth

Playground Field Trips—June 14: Brunswick Bowl; June 28: Cascade Bay Water Park; July 19: Bunker Beach Water Park

Skyhawks Camps—Basketball, Flag Football, Mini-Hawk, and SNAG Golf

Tennis Camps— Weekly, June 10–Aug 30, Brookview, Wesley, and Lions Parks

Summer Park Programs— Kickball, Bike Rangers, Catch, Kick & Throw, Chess, Fishing, Flag Football, Frisbee Camp, Hiking & Biking, Jump Rope, Basketball Skills Camp, Kids Korner, Preschool Players, Park Baseball, Pitch By Coach, Sand Volleyball, Soccer Skills Camp, Lacrosse Camp, T-Ball

Seniors

Coffee Talk— June 26: “Tips for Talking to Someone with Memory Loss;” July 24: “One Container Recycling.” Both 9:45–11:15 am, Brookview, \$2 at door. Register two days in advance.

Money Matters—July 18: “Getting the Best Value for Your Home;” Aug 15: “Condos, Co-ops and Rentals.” Both 10 am, Brookview.

Living Wise and Well—Aug 1: “The Changing Role of a Pharmacist,” 1 pm, Calvary Coop.

Fitness Classes—Enhance Fitness, M/W, 11:40 am; Tai Chi–T, 9 am

For more information or to register, call 763-512-2345 for Youth and Adult and 763-512-2339 for Seniors (M–F, 8 am–4:30 pm). Register in person, by mail, fax, or online.

Finally, Summer!

Enjoy Golden Valley’s outdoor amenities

It was a long winter, even for Minnesota. Now that it’s finally over, don’t waste any time getting outside and enjoying summer. Golden Valley offers abundant activities to help you maximize your time outdoors.

Parks & Trails—Fifteen percent of Golden Valley (more than 1,035 acres) is dedicated to parks and open space, and the City maintains nearly 50 miles of trails for walking and biking, as well as myriad ballfields, courts, and activity areas.

Music—Starting June 10, Concerts in the Park will once again fill Brookview Park with music. About 150 to 250 people attend each weekly performance, depending on weather. Concerts take place inside the picnic shelter during light rain and are cancelled if weather is severe (see page 15 for concert schedule).

“It’s great for family gatherings and picnics, and it’s just a pleasant way to spend an evening,” says Brian Erikson, park and recreation supervisor.

Playgrounds—The Morning and Afternoon Playground Program offers kids a variety of games and art activities in City parks. To see what’s in store each week, choose a park and stop by opening day to pick up a schedule. Programs run Monday through Thursday, June 10–July 25. Morning play is 9:30–11:30 am at South Tyrol Park. Afternoon play is 1–4:30 pm at Gearty, Hampshire, Lakeview, Lions, Medley, Scheid, and Wesley Parks.

Special Events—Some events are Golden Valley summer traditions (see page 15 for dates and times):

- **Water Days** transforms the big hill at Scheid Park into three water slides. For a few hours, kids can enjoy sliding, DJ music, and puppet shows.
- **Penny Carnival** at Brookview Park features carnival games, balloons, dunk tank, puppet shows, hay rides, popcorn, and more. Bring only pennies—all activities are three to five cents. Parents must provide transportation to and from the park.
- **Picnic in the Park** features a show by The Flyers, drinks, and popcorn for all ages. Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket to Brookview Park and enjoy an hour of fun. In case of bad weather, the event will be held in the large shelter.

To find things to do or places to go in Golden Valley, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov and click on “Parks and Recreation.” Wondering where to find a tennis court, softball field, or picnic shelter? The “Parks and Trails” link maps out City parks and trails and lets you find parks by activity. Want to try a sport, class, or other activity? Recreation programs are grouped into Youth, Adult, and Senior categories (see sidebar for a taste). Questions? Contact Golden Valley Park and Recreation at 763-512-2345. 🌿



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2013 Golden Valley Hall of Fame Inductees

The City of Golden Valley inducted four citizens to the Golden Valley Hall of Fame May 17 in a ceremony at Brookview Community Center. The Hall of Fame honors those who have been affiliated with Golden Valley, made contributions to the community, and become renowned.

The Golden Valley Hall of Fame recognizes a broad, diverse, and inclusive spectrum of contributions. Past inductees include musician and conductor Philip Brunelle, grocery store entrepreneur Don Byerly, civil rights activist Gleason Glover, war hero and civic volunteer Robert Pro-

vost, and international home cooking icon Betty Crocker.

Anyone can nominate an individual or a group for the Golden Valley Hall of Fame, but nominees must have lived or worked in Golden Valley at some point. 

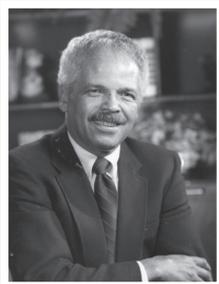


Chester Bird

Chester D. Ptaszek (pronounced pea-ot-zig), nicknamed Chester Bird, was part of the first wave of soldiers to storm Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, June 6, 1944. His regiment proceeded to northern France, where Bird was reported killed in action

Aug 1, 1944. It is believed he was laid to rest in southern France among thousands of other soldiers who gave their lives in this campaign.

The American Legion chartered Post 523 in February 1946 and dedicated it to Private Chester D. Ptaszek, or Chester Bird, who served with honor and dedication and paid the ultimate price for the nation's freedom.



Larry Brown

Lawrence A. (Larry/Bubba) Brown grew up in North Minneapolis, attended Mankato State College on a football scholarship, and spent World War II serving in a segregated unit in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy until he was wounded. He spent his life working to improve and enrich his community.

Besides his success in business, Brown coached youth sports in Brooklyn Park and Golden Valley, was an assistant football coach at North High, volunteered as a coach and mentor at a North Minneapolis community center, tutored in the Minneapolis Public Schools well into his 80s, and helped promote the Tuskegee Airmen RedTail Project. He is also one of the three original founders of the Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis, which opened its first facility in 1979.



Christopher Ewald

Christopher Ewald came to America with his family in 1884 when he was just 14 years old. Being the eldest boy, he secured a job on a milk delivery route in Minneapolis to help provide for the family. Two years later he bought the route, marking the beginning of Ewald Bros. Dairy, a business that served

Golden Valley and the surrounding area for nearly 100 years.

In 1911 the Ewalds leased 700 acres that included most of North Minneapolis, and in 1920 they built their first creamery at 2919 Golden Valley Road. In that time, Ewald also served as constable of Golden Valley. The business grew, producing more than 50,000 gallons of milk per day and serving one out of three customers taking home delivery. When Ewald died in 1938, his four sons continued the business.



Clayton Moore

Clayton Moore gained fame as the star of the television series, "The Lone Ranger." Born Jack Carlton Moore in 1914, Moore went from performing a trapeze act at the Chicago World's Fair in 1934 to Hollywood actor in 1937, appearing in more than 70 motion pictures. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II.

When "The Lone Ranger" began its television run in 1949, Moore played the lead role for 221 episodes until the show ended in 1957. In 1964 he moved his family to Golden Valley to be closer to his wife's family in Minneapolis. Residents recall Moore as a kind, considerate man who particularly enjoyed entertaining children. He often handed out replica silver bullets, the Lone Ranger's signature calling card. Moore continued to portray the Lone Ranger in promotional appearances nationwide, and the family eventually moved back to California.



Suburban Housing Trends

City Sees Demand For High-Density Development

After three decades of declining population, Golden Valley is about to see a rebound.

“The City is going back to its former population levels,” says Joe Hogeboom, City planner. “We’re seeing a high percentage of recent college graduates wanting to move to Golden Valley. And we’re seeing a lot of interest from seniors who don’t want to live in a senior-only community, but have their own apartments.”

Golden Valley currently has 20,427 residents. That number is expected to grow to 24,300 by 2020, similar to that recorded in the 1970 census, which was Golden Valley’s highest population count. Most of the growth is expected to be in higher density housing along the I-394 and Hwy 55 corridors.

This has led to the planning and development of three proposed luxury-style apartment complexes: the Arcata, the Tiburon, and the 3.9.4. (see page 9).

Housing Market Corrects Itself

The Twin Cities have traditionally been underserved with the existing number of higher-end, high-density housing units, Hogeboom says. “The Metro Area was saturated with single family homes and under-built when it came to apartments, so the market is correcting itself.”

Beginning in 2008, Minneapolis and St Paul proper started to see an increase in apartment construction as more people chose to live maintenance-free.

These construction trends began to move to the first-ring suburbs, with St Louis Park, Edina, Richfield, and Bloomington all experiencing large growths in high-density housing. Most high-density housing under construction,

including the upcoming developments in Golden Valley, include amenities like exercise rooms, party rooms, washer/dryer in each unit, bike storage lockers, roof-top patios, etc.

Providing increased housing options for young families as well as for seniors is a goal of the City’s Comprehensive Plan, Hogeboom says.

“This is positive for the community,” he says, “because it helps keep people in the city while bringing new residents to the area by providing a wider variety of housing options.”

The Challenges Of City Planning

Golden Valley is a compact and highly developed city, so when planners look to the future, they must look years, sometimes decades ahead.

“The biggest challenge for redevelopment in a city like this is the immediate impact on nearby residents and businesses,” says Mark Grimes, City director of community development. “Residents are close to almost every development we have.”

Furthermore, the environmental impacts of development are more regulated now than they used to be, requiring that water quality and erosion prevention standards be met for any project.

When you're planning for redevelopment five, 10, or 20 years out, it's all about understanding the evolution of trends, Hogeboom says. Population trends, environmental trends, transportation trends—it's all changing, and the community's needs and values change with them.

Residents, through surveys and public input meetings, express a desire to keep up with modern trends while preserving

Golden Valley's small-town heritage and honoring its past. They want commercial development to take advantage of existing infrastructure along I-394 and Hwy 55 and convey the community's identity, reinforce engagement and active living, and encourage small independent businesses.

"We want to create a balanced community, and it's a tight rope that we walk," Hogeboom says. "We need to make sure the people who live here now can feel comfortable while at the same time making sure the people who live here years or decades from now will also feel comfortable in a City that won't stagnate." ~

Future Developments



The Arcata

- **Location:** southeast corner of Xenia Ave and Golden Hills Dr, next to the Colonnade
- **Size:** six stories, 173 units
- **Status:** received final approval from the City Council, to start construction later this summer

The Tiburon

- **Location:** former Golden Valley Bowling Alley site next to National Camera Exchange on Hwy 55
- **Size:** six stories, 142 units
- **Status:** received final approval from the City Council, construction start pending



The 3.9.4

- **Location:** northwest corner of I-394/Hwy 100 interchange, next to The Metropolitan and The Good Day Cafe
- **Size:** one six-story senior building with 120 units; one six-story building with 314 units
- **Status:** final approval from the City Council pending



Summer Program Builds Community

Police and Fire Departments connect with local youth

One day a week throughout the summer, Golden Valley police and firefighters head out to a City park and spend time with the children from the neighborhood.

“We talk to the kids. We give them safety lectures. We bring ice cream and pizza, and we all have a good time,” says Police Sergeant Denny Arons. “We want people to get to know us, so we become a trusted partner in the community.”

Creating more opportunities for police to meet with Golden Valley residents in a casual setting has been a long-time goal of Police Chief Stacy Carlson.

“We want to make it so it’s not too hard to get to know the patrol officers, to know their names, to say ‘hello,’” Carlson says.

Carlson encourages officers to attend and socialize at community events while not “on duty.” Minnesota’s Night To Unite (see page 15), the Bike Rodeo, Golden Valley Days, ice cream socials, and town hall meetings all offer casual opportunities for residents and officers to connect and forge valuable relationships.

“When they’re out of their cars, they’re easier to approach, easier to talk to,” Carlson says. “Neighbors are better able to put a face to the uniform, which helps develop trust and makes residents

feel like partners with the police department, and that’s how it should be.”

“Crime prevention is much easier if you have both sides working together,” she says, adding that when officers know the residents, it gives them a better handle on the area and the people, which can make crime response more effective.

The Golden Valley firefighters have the same goals.

In addition to attending community activities and park picnics, the Police and Fire Departments make a point to visit areas with multiple-housing units with families in need.

“We want to give kids opportunities to have a fun-filled afternoon with no strings attached and no money out of their own pocket,” Arons says.

This will be the fourth year the Police and Fire Departments will be making their

weekly visits to area parks. Every year has seen an increase in the people who attend these events, Carlson says.

“We see kids come back from year to year,” she says. “We’re making a lot of great connections with kids and parents.”

See box above for this summer’s schedule. 

Police & Fire In The Parks

..... 3 pm

- June 12:** Lion’s Park
- June 19:** Medley Park
- June 26:** Wesley Park
- July 10:** Hampshire Park
- July 11:** Lakeview Heights Park
- July 18:** Scheid Park
- July 25:** Gearty Park

JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY GIVES KIDS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE



For children who dream of going into law enforcement, Junior Police Academy offers an inside look on **Tuesday, June 25, 8 am to 4 pm**, at the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD), 7800 Golden Valley Rd.

and K-9s, a mock crime scene and fingerprinting, information about SWAT and crime lab, and more. The day ends with “The Case of the Kidnapped Donuts,” a chance for the kids to solve a crime and eat the evidence afterwards.

For more information or to register, contact the Police Department at 763-593-8079 or go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/juniorpoliceacademy/index.php. 

The event, limited to 20 participants ages 10-13, is a hands-on, interactive session that includes tours, demonstrations by police

Fire Department Needs Daytime Responders

Of the City's 50 paid on-call firefighters, many can respond to fire calls during evening and weekend hours but few are available during the weekdays, and daytime responders are exactly what the Golden Valley Fire Department (GVFD) needs right now.

Working within Golden Valley can help. Eight City firefighters are Corporate Call responders, meaning their employers allow them to respond to fire calls during the working day. Corporate Call gives Golden Valley companies a chance to get more

involved in the community and employees a chance to learn lifesaving skills relevant at their day-to-day jobs, all while solving the GVFD's challenge of finding enough daytime firefighters.

If you're interested in being a paid on-call firefighter during the day, or any time, contact Fire Education Specialist Stephen Baker at 763-593-3977 or visit www.goldenvalleyfire.com to learn more about what the job entails. 🐾



Fire Recruitment EXPO

Thursday, June 13, 6–10 pm
Fire Station 1

If you want to be a firefighter but think you don't have the time or the proper skills, come to the Golden Valley Firefighter Recruitment Expo and separate the truth from your assumptions.

The Recruitment Expo aims to give prospective firefighters an idea of what it would be like join the Golden Valley Fire Department.

Attendees will get a chance to try on fire gear, put on a self-contained breathing apparatus, watch a live burn, take part in an auto extrication demo, and potentially climb the ladder trucks, says Stephen Baker, fire education specialist.

"Instead of telling you what it's about, we'll show you," Baker says.

Golden Valley firefighters will be on hand to answer questions about the job and discuss how they overcame any doubts about making it work in their lives. They'll be available to chat one-on-one about how they balance day jobs, families, and firefighting, where they find the time, and why they keep doing it.

"There are a lot of myths out there about who can and can't be a firefighter," Baker says, "and we want a chance to play myth-buster."

To be a Golden Valley firefighter, you need to be 18 years old or older, have a valid driver's license, live OR work within six minutes of a Golden Valley fire station, and have a high school diploma or equivalency. Learn more at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/fire/firefighters/index.php. 🐾



Street Dance

Saturday, June 22, 5 pm–midnight
Chester Bird American Legion
Hwy 100 & Glenwood Ave

This free event, held at the Chester Bird American Legion at Hwy 100 and Glenwood Ave, is sponsored by the Golden Valley Fire Relief Association to celebrate its bond with the community. For more information, contact the Golden Valley Fire Department at 763-512-2420. 🐾

- Family activities
- Hot dogs, brats, roasted corn-on-the-cob, chips, popcorn, snow cones, mini donuts, pop, and Sebastian Joe's ice cream sandwiches
- 5–7:30 pm: DJ for Kids
- 8 pm–midnight: "Rock It Science," featuring "Ladies of the '80s."
- Fireworks at dusk

Preserving The Pavement:

Mill & overlay work extends life of City streets

Golden Valley's Pavement Management Program (PMP) is a key component in its ongoing commitment to providing a quality transportation network. While street reconstruction projects are the flagship of the City's PMP and sealcoat projects represent the end of the spectrum, mill and overlay projects are right in the middle.

A mill and overlay project removes the top 1.5 to 2 inches of asphalt by grinding it up with a milling machine and hauling it away in trucks to be recycled. This creates a rough surface on the remaining asphalt. After the top layer of asphalt is removed, major cracks in the remaining pavement are sealed using a glue-like compound.

Other components of a mill and overlay project include replacing sections of curb that are in poor condition, improving pedestrian facilities, and repairing storm sewer catch basins as needed.

To provide a smooth driving surface after the street is paved, all of the manholes are checked to make sure they are within acceptable limits of the final elevation of the street. Any manholes not within acceptable limits are adjusted as needed. Once all the repair and adjustment work has been completed, the top layer of asphalt, known as the wear course, is paved.

Paving the wear course is a three-step process:

- First, hot asphalt is delivered to the paver. As the paver moves along the road, the asphalt is laid in a smooth mat.
- Second, a steel drum roller compacts the fresh asphalt, leaving a smooth surface intended to provide comfortable

driving and improve water drainage.

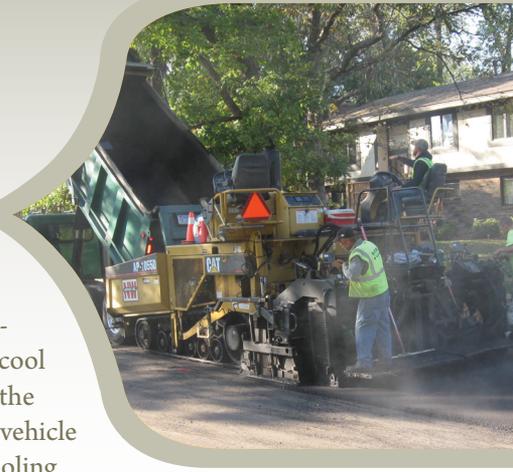
- Third, the rolled asphalt is allowed to cool and harden before the street is opened to vehicle traffic. This final cooling step is important to minimize tracking, scuffing, or other surface marring. Even after the asphalt has cooled and hardened, it is still important that drivers avoid sharp turns or turning their wheels while stopped on the fresh asphalt.

The City's 2013 mill and overlay project is scheduled to begin in May and continue through the end of July for the following streets:

- Meadow Lane N: Hwy 55 to north cul-de-sac
- Dahlberg Dr: Hwy 55 to Meadow Lane N
- Golden Hills Dr: Wayzata Blvd to Canadian Pacific Railroad
- 23rd Ave N: Winnetka Ave to Rhode Island Ave N
- Hwy 55 Frontage Rd: Meadow Lane N to East

Traffic impacts will be minimized to the extent possible. However, due to the nature of resurfacing work, traffic guiding barricades or temporary lane closures can be expected.

If you have questions about the City's PMP or the mill and overlay process, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030. 🌿



Winnetka Streetscape Project

This summer the City will repair aging streetscape infrastructure along the busy traffic and pedestrian corridors of Winnetka Ave from Hwy 55 to 10th Ave N and Golden Valley Rd from Wisconsin Ave N to Rhode Island Ave N. Work will include painting, concrete repair, and pedestrian system upgrades.

Last fall City crews painted and/or replaced banner and light poles within the streetscape and removed failed concrete bases. This summer crews will install new banner and light pole bases and rehabilitate monument signs, steel railings, trash bins, and benches.

To improve usability of the sidewalk system and encourage pedestrian safety, the City will also upgrade portions of the Winnetka Ave sidewalk and crosswalk system to meet current accessibility standards. Enhancements will include broader, more accessible pedestrian ramps, push button crossing stations, and sidewalk improvements. The pedestrian project uses funds from a Hennepin County grant and is expected to start in July and be completed in late September.

In some situations throughout the project, sidewalk closures and/or vehicle lane closures will be necessary. Watch for signage. 🌿

Emerald Ash Borer Closing In On Golden Valley

City crews continue preparations

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle has been spotted in Minneapolis within three miles of Golden Valley's city limits, meaning its arrival here is one to two years away, or even sooner if it hitches a ride on infested fire wood.

"The beetle is showing up in places where we don't know how it got there, so we need to be prepared for the worst case scenario," says Tim Teynor, City forester.

The oncoming EAB infestation could be even more devastating than Dutch elm disease, so Golden Valley forestry crews don't take the threat lightly.

Since 2010, City crews have removed 50 to 100 ash trees per year and will reevaluate these efforts once the beetle is discovered within City limits. Since ash trees are so numerous, removing them from all public areas may take about two decades.

But removing them is important, particularly since once infested by the EAB beetle, an ash tree becomes brittle and its branches easily break loose, says Al Lundstrom, park maintenance supervisor and City forester. Once infested, an ash tree dies within three to five years and may cause injury to people around it.

The ash is one of the most prominent tree species in Golden Valley. As City crews remove these trees, they are replacing them with a variety of other species to ensure that no one species will be dominant, Lundstrom adds. This means in the future, a bug such as the ash borer won't pose nearly as big a threat.



The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has quarantined ash material in Hennepin, Houston, Winona, and Ramsey counties to help slow the spread of EAB to other areas. Ash material may not be moved beyond the quarantined boundaries unless given permission by the MDA, United States Department of Agriculture, or both.

Lundstrom encourages residents to identify ash trees on their own property and either remove and replace them (recommended) or treat them chemically before the beetle arrives. Once infested, the ash tree should be removed.

EAB-infested trees show several signs and symptoms:

- heavy woodpecker activity on tree
- dying branches in the top canopy
- sprouts around the tree base
- vertical cracks in the bark
- S-shaped tunnels under the bark
- 1/8-inch D-shaped exit holes in the bark

If you suspect an infestation near your home, visit the Minnesota Department of Agriculture website at www.mda.state.mn.us and use the "Do I Have EAB?" checklist. The site will also provide you with treatment methods.

To report a possible EAB infestation, contact the Arrest the Pest Hotline at www.arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us, 651-201-6684, or 888-545-6684.

City To Begin Naturalizing Three Parks

Reduced mowing schedule aims to reduce erosion on steep slopes

In an effort to use resources more efficiently and improve the environment, this summer City crews will mow less frequently in certain locations within some local parks.

Glenview Terrace, Scheid, and Wesley Parks all have areas with steep slopes and ongoing erosion issues that are only exasperated by lawn mower treads and shortened vegetation.

To better manage these issues, City staff developed a plan to mow certain parts of these three parks about four times per year instead of weekly, says Al Lundstrom, Golden Valley parks maintenance supervisor.

Crews will then monitor vegetation growth throughout the summer and fall. The City held a public information meeting on the plan April 4, 2013.

Mowing less frequently in these parks should be a win-win situation, Lundstrom says. While it will save the City money, free up time for crews to work on more pressing maintenance projects, and put less wear on City equipment, it will also improve plant diversity and reduce erosion in the parks.

"We hope residents will provide feedback as this change takes place," Lundstrom says.

For more information, call Lundstrom at 763-593-8046.



Sharing The Road (Part 1)

Signs and pavement markings help bikes and cars

Biking as a mode of travel increased 25 percent since 2001, according to a 2009 national travel survey by the Federal Highway Administration Office of Policy. As bicycling grows in popularity, facilities to accommodate bicycle travel are becoming more numerous.

In the Twin Cities, this renaissance in bicycling has been supported by the addition of several new types of bicycle facilities along city streets that include a variety of different signs and pavement markings. Understanding what these signs, lines, and messages mean is an important component of roadway safety, whether you are on two wheels or four.

This two-part series will highlight several of the new bicycle facilities you may run into as you walk, pedal, or drive around the metro area. Watch for more information in the July/August *CityNews*.



Conventional Bike Lane

- Bike lanes designate an exclusive space for bicyclists through the use of pavement markings and signage.
- Colored pavement or skip striping can be used with bike lanes to designate “conflict zones” where bicyclists and motorists cross paths, such as right turn lanes.



Shared Lane

- Shared lane markings, or “sharrows,” are street markings used to indicate a shared lane environment for bicycles and automobiles.
- Shared lanes are typically used:
 - where the speeds of bicyclists and motorists are similar (low speed differential)
 - as a reasonable alternative to bike lanes where available space limits their installation
 - to fill a gap in a bike network
- Colored pavement or skip striping can be used to highlight the shared lane.
- Shared lanes may exist on roadways too narrow for a motor vehicle and a bicycle to comfortably travel side by side within the same traffic lane.
- Streets with shared lanes generally appeal to more confident bicyclists.



Rules of the Road

The City of Minneapolis reports that while the number of regular bicycle commuters doubled over the past two decades, the rate of bicycle crashes has decreased. Data from California and Portland, Oregon reflect similar trends. Knowing the following rules of the road helps keep crashes down.

- Minnesota law gives bicyclists the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.
- Whether a street has a bicycle facility or not, bicyclists have the freedom to ride on all streets, except for those which prohibit cyclists (such as freeways). Further, there is no law

requiring bicyclists to use a bicycle facility such as a bike lane or side path.

- When overtaking a bicyclist, a motorist must give no less than 3 feet of clearance.
- Bicyclists may cross an intersection against a red light if the bicycle has been brought to a full stop, the light continues to show red for an unreasonable amount of time or appears to be malfunctioning, and there is no other traffic that creates an immediate hazard.





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UPCOMING (free) events

Views Of The Valley Photo Contest

Fri, June 7 | 4:30 pm (see page 16)

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Mondays, 7 pm, Brookview Park
Enjoy free concerts at the large picnic shelter. For more information, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/concertsinthepark/ or call 763-512-2345.

- 6/10 Golden Valley Orchestra
- 6/17 Calhoun Brass
- 6/24 Axis Mundi
- 7/8 Rum River Brass
- 7/11 Robbinsdale City Band (Thur)
- 7/15 John Philip Sousa Band
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- 7/22 Stompin' Dixie

Puppet Wagon Shows

Tues & Thur, June 11–July 25
New shows weekly. Schedule at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

Firefighter Recruitment Expo

Thur, June 13 | 6–10 pm (see page 11)

PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

Wed, June 19 | 6–8 pm
Police Dept & Fire Stations
Tours, demos, and more. For locations and a complete list of activities by Fire Station, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/openhouse/.

Water Day @ Scheid Park

Fri, June 21 | 12:30–2:15 pm
Ages 6–14 with adult. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

Fire Relief Association Street Dance

Sat, June 22 | 5–midnight
(see page 11)

Junior Police Academy

Tues, June 25 | 8 am–4 pm (see page 10)

Firefighter Recruitment Meetings

Thur, June 27 | 9:30 am & 6:30 pm (see page 11)

GVHSF Golf Classic

Fri, July 12 (see page 2)

Water Day @ Scheid Park

Fri, July 12 | 12:30–2:15 pm
Ages 6–14 with adult. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mon, July 15 | 7 pm
FREE Sebastian Joe's ice cream at the John Philip Sousa Band concert. Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/icecream-social/.

Penny Carnival

Fri, July 26 | 10:30 am–12:30 pm
Brookview Park
Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

Picnic & Music

Wed, Aug 7 | 11:15 am–noon
Brookview Park
Details at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/special-events.php.

MINNESOTA NIGHT TO UNITE



Tues, Aug 6
Join your neighbors and the Golden Valley Police Department to celebrate community partnerships in preventing crime. Get together for a potluck dinner,

ice cream social, barbecue, bike parade, etc. Use your imagination and think of something fun!

Register your neighborhood's party online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/nighttounite. For more information, contact the Police Department at 763-593-8079.



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VIEWS of the VALLEY 21ST ANNUAL!

Deadline for entries is June 7 at 4:30 pm

It's that time of year again. Enter your best shots in the City's 21st annual *Views of the Valley* photo contest. Golden Valley residents can submit up to three 5x7 color or black-and-white photo finish prints (no slides, photocopies, or prints not on photo-quality paper). Digital files are appreciated but must be accompanied by a 5x7 print on photo-quality paper. Do not mat or frame photos.

Winning entries are published in *CityNews* and the City website. First prize winners in each category receive \$50; grand prize is an additional \$50. The People's Choice winner will receive \$25. Winners will be notified in early July.

Photos are judged in three categories: Natural Golden Valley (landscapes, flora, fauna, etc); Golden Valley Lifestyle (cityscapes, buildings, people, activities, etc); and Enhanced (photos significantly altered by editing software, lenses, etc).

To enter, attach a completed entry form to each photo and mail or drop off at Golden Valley City Hall before 4:30 pm on June 7.

To read complete rules and print entry forms, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/photocontest/. You may also call 763-593-8004.



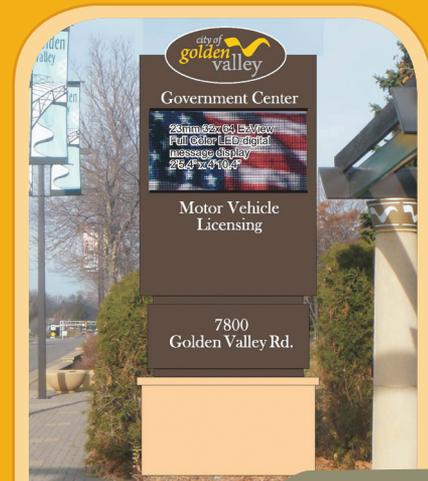
Annual Drinking Water Report Available Online

As required by the US Environmental Protection Agency, all community water systems must distribute an annual drinking water report to their customers before July 1. Golden Valley's is available at ww.goldenvalleymn.gov/watersewer/water/index.php. Paper copies are available upon request from 763-593-8030.

City To Install LED Message Board

To promote City and community events, the City of Golden Valley will replace the monument sign at the northeast quadrant of Winnetka Ave N and Golden Valley Road with an electronic variable-message, full-color LED message board (see photo at right).

The board will display upcoming City meetings and events as well as community events that meet guidelines for accessibility and public interest. Construction is scheduled for June.



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