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EARLY VOTING NOW OPEN FOR AUG 14 PRIMARY

For the Aug 14 primary election, you may vote in person at your assigned polling place or vote absentee ahead of time.

Absentee voting means voting by mail or in person before Election Day instead of at the polling place. Absentee ballots are available 46 days before an election. Under a 2014 state law change, voters no longer have to state a specified reason to receive and cast an absentee ballot. You will need to fill out an application to vote absentee.

Online—You can apply online through the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at www.mnvotes.org. Hennepin County will mail the ballot directly to you once the application is completed. Absentee ballot tracking is available.

By Mail—Send your completed absentee ballot application to Hennepin County Elections by mail (Hennepin County Elections - PSL 012 Government Center, 300 6th St S, Minneapolis, MN 55487), fax (612-348-2151), or email (hc.vote@hennepin.us). Hennepin County will mail the ballot directly to you once the application is completed.

In Person—You may apply and vote at Golden Valley City Hall during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 am–4:30 pm). Extended absentee voting hours are available on the Saturday and Monday before the election (Aug 11, 10 am–3 pm, and Aug 13 until 5 pm. Direct balloting begins Aug 7.

goldenvalleymn.gov/elections

AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?
Check your registration at mnvotes.org.

ELECTION DAY VOTE IN YOUR PRECINCT

For 2018 the Primary Election day is Aug 14. Polls are open 7 am–8 pm.

- **PRECINCT 1:** NE Fire Station, 3700 Golden Valley Rd
- **PRECINCT 2:** Valley Presbyterian Church, 3100 North Lilac Dr
- **PRECINCT 3:** Meadowbrook School, 5430 Glenwood Ave
- **PRECINCT 4:** LOGIS, 5750 Duluth St
- **PRECINCT 5:** SE Fire Station, 400 Turners Crossroad S
- **PRECINCT 6:** Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd
- **PRECINCT 7:** Sandburg Middle School, 2400 Sandburg Lane
- **PRECINCT 8:** Brookview, 316 Brookview Parkway S

HRC Promotes Community-Wide Week Of Service Sept 10–15

HRC Community Outreach

As part of the National Day Of Service And Remembrance held every Sept 11, the Golden Valley Human Rights Commission (HRC) asks Golden Valley to participate in a community-wide Week Of Service Sept 10–15, 2018.

Throughout the week, HRC members will be collecting donations for PRISM, the food shelf located in and serving the Golden Valley area. Collections sites are Brookview, City Hall, the Public Safety Building (Sept 10–14 only, open 24/7), and at the Golden Valley Arts & Music festival Sept 15.

The HRC further enourages residents to recognize the National Day Of Service by volunteering at PRISM or other local organizations.

For more information about the HRC Week Of Service, and to view a list of PRISM's needed items, visit the City website.

goldenvalleymn.gov/boards/humanrights

Photo by Thomas Medina,
2018 **Views of the Valley** *Photo Contest*

2018 CONSTRUCTION SEASON FEATURES MULTIPLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Several street improvement projects are under way across town, and some will be starting soon. Details are available on the City's street construction web page (see below). Here are a few updates.

Pavement Management Program—The 2018 Pavement Management Program is reconstructing 1.3 miles of City streets in northwest Golden Valley. As of late June, crews were wrapping up utility work in the east half of the project and mobilizing into the west half.

Plymouth Ave—Work under way on Plymouth Ave N from Mendelssohn Ave to Winnetka Ave N includes pavement rehabilitation and the addition of bike lanes. Crews will also replace existing bituminous trail with concrete sidewalk from Boone Ave to Orkla Dr and add a sidewalk on the north side of Plymouth from Mendelssohn to Gettysburg Ave. Work is expected to wrap up in October.

Golden Valley Rd Bridge Replacement—Construction on this Hennepin County project started June 4, and the road is scheduled to reopen Aug 31. For more information, or to sign up for email updates, go to www.hennepin.us/goldenvalleyrd.

CenterPoint Energy Belt Line Project—Crews are replacing an existing natural gas pipeline (see map below), working west to east along Golden Valley Rd until the project is completed this fall. Lane restrictions are anticipated, and full road closures are proposed for several locations. For more information, call CenterPoint's Information Hotline at 612-321-5369.

goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/construction

Hwy 55 West Area—In early August, crews will begin work to realign the Hwy 55/Decatur Ave/Golden Valley Rd intersection to make it safer for motorists and pedestrians. The project will also include sidewalk improvements, street lighting installation, and overhead power line burial. Completion is expected in October.

Xenia Ave/Golden Hills Dr—Street and signal improvements will be made to several streets in the Xenia Ave/Golden Hills Dr area. Work is expected to begin in September and be completed by December.

CenterPoint Belt Line Project

TAKE THE ZERO WASTE CHALLENGE

Homemade reusable sandwich bag

Looking for a simple way to lower your impact on the environment while reducing the amount of trash you produce at home?

Hennepin County needs 50 households to participate in its eight-month Zero Waste Challenge. The program will take an in-depth look at the goods we buy and the waste we create in hopes of finding new opportunities to recycle and reduce waste.

Another goal is to learn what people are struggling with when it comes to minimizing waste in hopes of making recycling, reusing, and reducing much easier.

How The Challenge Works

Participants will receive personalized coaching to assess the waste generated in their homes and create a customized waste reduction plan. They will also receive supplies and educational materials, including a scale to weigh waste, compostable bags, a compost bin, and a zero waste guide. This guide will help households track and report the trash, recycling, and food waste they generate for four weeks at the beginning of the challenge and four weeks at the end of the challenge.

Reusable water bottle

Challenge participants are expected to attend an introductory workshop and a follow-up to learn about different ways they can reduce waste. The workshops will cover a wide range of topics and will be offered at many different locations, dates, and times throughout the eight-month challenge. Participants are also asked to make their best attempt to adopt waste-reduction practices suggested by staff or volunteers.

Take The Challenge

The Zero Waste Challenge starts Sept 10, 2018 and will run until April 30, 2019. Registration runs July 27–Aug 19.

hennepin.us/zerowastechallenge

Reusable mesh produce shopping bag

Golden Valley Recycles

If your recycling is missed, call Republic Services at 952-941-5174, Option 5, before noon on the following Monday. If you have specific recycling questions, call 763-593-8030.

goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling

Sign up to receive emailed recycling updates and reminders.

goldenvalleymn.gov/news/subscribe

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MIGHTY TIDY DAY

Sat, Oct 6, 8 am–1 pm
@ Brookview Park

Unload unwanted items like old mattresses and sofas, broken bicycles, ancient appliances, old tires, outdated computers, televisions, and other things piling up around your home. Fees apply.

goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling/mightytidyday

FALL LEAF DROP-OFF

- **Sat, Oct 27, 8 am–1 pm**
- **Fri, Nov 2, 8 am–3 pm**
- **Sat, Nov 3, 8 am–1 pm**
- **Sat, Nov 10, 7 am–1 pm**

@ Brookview Park

Provides residents a monitored site to dispose of their leaves at no charge.

goldenvalleymn.gov/homeyard/yards/leaf-drop-off.php

BROOKVIEW: "CAN'T WAIT TO GO BACK AGAIN!"

It was a wet and gloomy day in June. No chance for outdoor fun. Children whined about having to play inside. Suddenly a thought rang out. Let's go to the **Brookview Backyard**!

> "MY KIDS' FAVORITE INDOOR PLAYGROUND IN THE TWIN CITIES! GREAT FOR A WIDE RANGE OF AGES."
>
> KIMBERLY SANBERG, GOOGLE REVIEW, MARCH 2018

The indoor playground packed them in, setting a single-day record for number of visitors and brightening the day for hundreds of children and their families.

Well into its first summer of operation, the Backyard, along with Brookview's many other attractions, has earned heaps of praise from the community. Averaging more than 100 paid visitors a day since it opened in December, the Backyard has become a favorite of kids from Golden Valley and surrounding communities. And when it's too hot or too rainy to play outdoors, attendance skyrockets, says Greg Simmons, Brookview recreation and facilities supervisor.

When done in the Backyard, families are often seen mingling with golfers and other patrons in Brookview's new restaurant, **Three One Six Bar + Grill**. Hours vary by season, but you can count on breakfast, lunch, happy hour, and dinner and a variety of food and drink options, including a fun and affordable menu for kids and quick bites for golfers on the turn. Three One Six also offers patio and deck seating with golf course views, live Music On The Deck every Sunday in the summer, and Monday night trivia year-round.

> "FOOD WAS GREAT AND SERVICE WAS GREAT! CAN'T WAIT TO GO BACK AGAIN!"
>
> ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, GOOGLE REVIEW, MAY 2018

Brookview also offers spaces for small and large events. The **Bassett Creek Room** (capacity 200) has already hosted several weddings and conferences, while the Sweeney Lake and Rice Lake Conference Rooms (capacity 12 and 10 respectively) work great for smaller meetings.

> "I ATTENDED AN EVENT HERE A FEW WEEKS BACK. THE STAFF WAS EXTREMELY WELCOMING AND THE EVENT SPACE WAS THE PERFECT SIZE"
>
> SHATIA HUNTER, FACEBOOK REVIEW, JUNE 2018

Come on over and check us out!

brookviewgoldenvalley.com

GOLDEN VALLEY *Golf & Lawn Bowling Classic*

Mon, Sept 17, 2018 • 1 pm (shotgun start for golf) • Brookview Golf Course and Lawn Bowling

Sponsored by the Golden Valley Human Services Fund (GVHSF), registration for both events includes fees ($300 per golf foursome, $80 per lawn bowling foursome), snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, 11:30 am lunch buffet, and a chance to win prizes.

The GVHSF distributes 100 percent of proceeds to causes directly serving the Golden Valley community, including PRISM, Northwest Suburban Dinner At Your Door, Crisis Nursery, Sojourner Project, TreeHouse, The Bridge For Youth, Resource West, HUG, YMCA-New Hope, and Senior Community Services Outreach and HOME programs.

Volunteers, donations, and sponsorships are also welcome. Contact Brian Erickson at 763-512-2366 or berickson@goldenvalleymn.gov.

goldenvalleymn.gov/events/golfclassic

GVFD: Always Training To Save Lives

When a 911 call comes in about a fire or a car crash, firefighters are some of the first to respond. The Golden Valley Fire Department (GVFD) continuously trains for such real life scenarios, and for the City's three newest firefighters, the training has just begun.

Each January, all new firefighters begin nearly six months of training totaling more than 200 hours at the West Suburban Fire Academy (WSFA). Upon graduation in June, they are recognized as certified firefighters by the State of Minnesota.

Although Golden Valley's recent graduates (see photo below) have been responding to emergency calls all year, their training is just beginning. They will spend the next six months strengthening their knowledge and will earn their Emergency Medical Responder certification through a 40+ hour class, which allows them to respond to emergency medical calls.

Practice, Practice, Practice

The GVFD uses a variety of training exercises to ensure its firefighters are ready to handle any kind of emergency.

For example, live burn training gives firefighters the opportunity to use what they learned at WSFA in an exercise, says Battalion Chief Steve Baker.

Firefighters are also taught to use a number of dangerous tools for removing car doors, cutting through metal, and stabilizing overturned cars. Baker explains that extrication is practiced often because it's a challenging skill to master.

L to R: Battalion Chief Steve Baker, 2018 WSFA grads Richard Alme, Jeremy Erickson, and Travis Ryder, and Fire Chief John Crelly

"Cars have become so complex and they do a good job of keeping people safe, but the complexity makes extrications very difficult," says Baker. "It's more than just ripping doors off cars. It's an art, and takes a lot of teamwork."

Auto extrication training

Training Never Stops

While the new graduates start their training outside the classroom, second-year firefighters have moved to the next stage of their training.

Golden Valley's 2017 WSFA graduates have been learning to operate fire engines and ladder trucks. By the end of the year, they'll have spent more than 60 hours either behind the wheel or mastering the equipment on a fire apparatus and will be certified to operate emergency vehicles.

The Recruitment Problem

Once hired, Golden Valley firefighters tend to stay, which is good, says Baker, considering the two-year training investment to get them up to speed. Attracting candidates, however, is a problem here and nationally.

"Paid on-call fire departments across the country are having trouble filling their rosters," says Baker. "Meanwhile, a full-time department is not financially feasible for a city our size. One option is to meet in the middle with scheduled part-time firefighters, which is something the City is starting to discuss."

Challenge Yourself

If you think you have a calling for helping others and these challenges seem like things you're willing to take on, contact Baker (sbaker@goldenvalleymn.gov or 763-593-3977) to learn how you can become a Golden Valley firefighter.

goldenvalleyfire.com

PHOTO CONTEST WINNER IS A HOOT

For the second year straight Golden Valley's wildlife reigned supreme in *Views of the Valley*.

An attentive owl topped more than 50 entries to capture the 2018 grand prize, while a cruising fox took third place. Through the People's Choice voting, it's evident Golden Valley residents have a soft spot for ducks on both ends of the age spectrum, with photos of adults and babies tying for the title.

Second place and honorable mention went to photos that adhered to this year's "action" theme, including a group of runners (second) and an athlete racing in a wheelchair (honorable mention).

Judges were Ben Sandell, Colombia Heights communications coordinator; Johnny Germscheid, Eden Prairie communications coordinator; Nancy Wagner, Eden Prairie assistant communications coordinator; and Vikram Kulkarni, Golden Valley resident and photographer.

To learn more about *Views of the Valley* and to view past winners, visit the photo contest page on the City website.

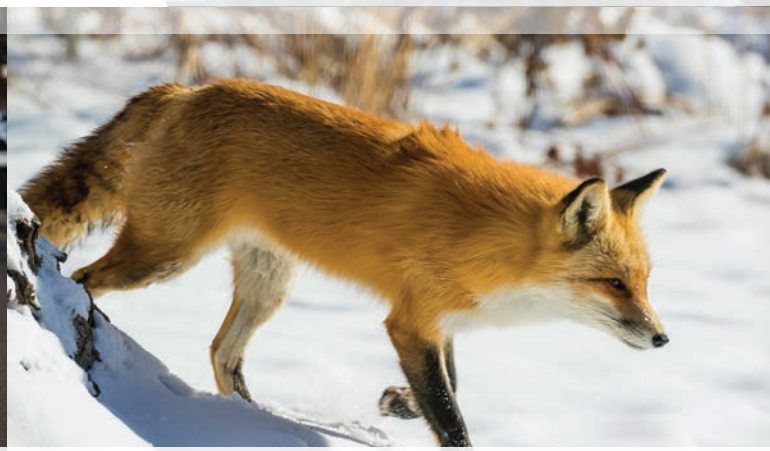
goldenvalleymn.gov/events/photocontest

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Owl See You Later • Kalla Stepan (cover photo)

SECOND PLACE

Running The Valley • Stan Waldhauser



THIRD PLACE

On The Prowl • Greg Larson

PEOPLE'S CHOICE TIE

All Lined Up • Lynn Clara Tun

New Life - Baby Ducks • Janice Laulainen

HONORABLE MENTION

Push Forward • Jordan Dahl

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Minnesota Night To Unite
Tue, Aug 7

Entertainment In The Parks
Mondays, 7 pm, through Aug 13
Brookview Park

Market In The Valley
Sundays through Oct 7

Movie In The Park
Fri, Aug 10 | 8:30 pm
Brookview Park
"Space Jam"

Battle Of The Badges Community Blood Drive
Thur, Aug 23 | 1–4 pm
7800 Golden Valley Rd

Movie In The Park
Fri, Aug 24 | 8:30 pm
North Tyrol Park
"The Incredibles"

Golden Valley Arts & Music Festival
Sat, Sept 15 | 9:30 am–9:30 pm
City Hall

BROOKVIEW LAWN BOWLING REOPENS IN AUGUST

Come celebrate the reopening of Brookview's lawn bowling green Fri, Aug 3, 6-9 pm. All ages are welcome to try this fun and interactive activity. Rinks will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis at no charge, and food and beverages will be available for purchase.

With a total of eight rinks for public use, the new green is the same size as the old (120 feet x 120 feet) and is located on the north side of Three One Six Bar + Grill. Although the new green was placed in early June, it needed nearly two months of growth before it was ready for daily use.

Lawn Bowling Reopening Party
Fri, Aug 3
6–9 pm

Leagues

Brookview's lawn bowling leagues run for seven weeks starting Aug 7. The recreational league is great for beginners and plays Tuesdays at 5:30 and 6:45 pm. The competitive league plays Tuesdays or Thursdays. Register online or at Brookview.

brookviewgolf.com/lawn-bowling

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