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GET READY FOR THE NOV 6 ELECTION

For the Nov 6 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 for an absentee ballot 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 at mnvotes.org.

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 (Nov 3, 10 am–3 pm, and Nov 5 until 5 pm). Direct balloting begins Oct 30.

goldenvalleymn.gov/elections

ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS SEPT 21

Apply for your ballot at mnvotes.org.

AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Check your registration at mnvotes.org.

ELECTION DAY VOTE IN YOUR PRECINCT

2018 Election day is Nov 6.
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



CITY WORKS TOWARD BIKE/PED GOALS

In 2016, the Golden Valley City Council made it a priority to create a plan that would guide improvements to the local bicycle and pedestrian network. With help from a citizen task force, the City developed a full plan with goals focusing on two major areas—expanding the local bicycle and pedestrian network, and maximizing safety, comfort, and convenience for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Golden Valley's bicycle and pedestrian network is meant to provide a balanced system of transportation alternatives. Expanding sidewalks, multi-use trails, and on-street bicycle facilities will make bicycling and walking more feasible for Golden Valley residents.

To ensure implementation, the City is working with Hennepin County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Three Rivers Park District, and private property owners to construct new bicycle and pedestrian routes.

One example is the expansion of the Bassett Creek Regional Trail along the south side of Golden Valley Rd from Regent Ave to Theodore Wirth Parkway. The Three Rivers Parks District is seeking county and federal funding to construct the off-street trail. Pending funding, the project is expected to begin between 2020 and 2023.

The City also plans to identify and improve potential safety challenges for pedestrians and bicyclists on

principle arterial roadways, which could include adding more off-street bike lanes or trails similar to those along Douglas Dr, which offers trails and sidewalks in addition to on-street bike lanes.

To support these goals, the City will provide consistent wayfinding and directional signage on bicycle and pedestrian routes that includes mileage to major destinations such as Brookview and downtown Golden Valley. Bicycle racks will also be provided at destinations located along existing and planned bicycle routes.

Golden Valley's entire Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is available on the City website in Chapter 4, Appendix 4A, of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

www.goldenvalleymn.gov/planning/comprehensiveplanupdate

Waste Hauling Forum Set For Oct 29

One of the City Council's 2018 goals is to take an in-depth look at the future of residential waste hauling in Golden Valley. As a continuation of its research, the City will host a waste hauling forum (see box) to engage and educate citizens about the subject and hear public input.

The forum will offer insights from a panel to include waste hauling companies and communities with different waste hauling systems. A moderator from the nonprofit Center for Policy Planning and Performance will facilitate the discussion and engagement.

For more information, contact Golden Valley's Physical Development Department at 763-593-8030. To stay updated on the latest residential waste hauling news, visit the Waste Hauling page on the City website.

www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling/residential-waste-hauling.php

Waste Hauling Forum
Oct 29 | 6:30–8:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers

GOLDEN VALLEY'S GREAT FALL CLEAN-UP

Be environmentally responsible by participating in two City-sponsored clean-up events this fall at Brookview Park. For each event, enter Brookview Parkway from Winnetka Ave N (no entrance will be allowed from Western Ave). Proof of residency required. Available for residents only and not businesses or other commercial enterprises.

MIGHTY TIDY DAY

Sat, Oct 6, 8 am–1 pm @ Brookview Park
goldenvalleymn.gov/recycling/mightytidyday

Purge your property of unneeded stuff and dispose of it safely at Mighty Tidy Day. Workers will collect fees by cash or check and direct you to the right lot.

A Note About Donations

Consider donating reusable items to a local charity. Donations are tax-deductible at the fair market value of each item. For donation options in the area, check out the "Donate Your Stuff" handout that will be distributed at the event or go to www.hennepin.us/choose-to-reuse and click "Donate."

Disposal Costs

Appliances: \$10/each for small, \$20/each for large

Batteries: free

Computer Monitors/TVs: \$10–\$15 each

Electronics/Computers: \$1/each for peripherals, \$5/each for non-television

Fluorescent Bulbs: \$1–\$5 each

Miscellaneous Items: \$15 (box spring/chair) or \$20 (mattress/couch)

Misc: \$20/cubic yard, \$10/half cubic yard (trash, non-hazardous construction debris, etc)

Paper Shredding: \$1/paper bag or banker's box (no binders or plastic material, etc)

Scrap Metal: free if it's clean, \$5/each for other (bikes, etc)

Tires: \$5–\$7 each

Not Accepted: Hazardous waste (motor oil, asbestos, cleaning solvents, pool chemicals, concrete, etc), exercise bikes or treadmills, concrete/cement

QUESTIONS?

Call the City at 763-593-8030.

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**

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

Dispose of your leaves at no charge. Workers will direct vehicles to drop-off points.

Guidelines

Residents must untie leaf bags, de-bag leaves at the site, and take the bags home for reuse or disposal. No brush or garden waste accepted.

For fast unloading and to conserve your bags, leave them untied. A parking area will be provided for residents to untie their bags before getting in line.

Residents hauling loose leaves must unload their leaves at the site. (Tip: If you're hauling loose leaves, line the trailer or truck bed with a tarp before loading the leaves. To unload, lift the corners of the tarp and dump the leaves into the drop-off area.)

If you miss the Leaf Drop-Off, contact your garbage hauler for its policies and rates or check for names of commercial yard waste processing sites. The Maple Grove Yard Waste Site (14796 101st Ave N) accepts leaves, brush, and grass for a fee. Call 763-420-8971 or visit www.mgyardwaste.com.

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.

EMERALD ASH BORER FOUND IN GOLDEN VALLEY

On July 25, the invasive Asian beetle known as the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was found in a single ash tree in Golden Valley's Stockman Park. It is the first confirmed case of EAB in Golden Valley, and City foresters are confident it won't be the last.

The City developed an EAB management plan in 2010 with the goal of removing all public ash trees over the course of two decades.

A 2012 inventory of public trees, not including those in nature areas and wooded areas, identified approximately 2,000 ash trees, 24 percent of all trees inventoried at the time. Since then, the City has removed approximately 640 public ash trees and replaced them with several different varieties of trees to limit future loss if another insect or disease were to develop.

"We will continue to remove and re-

place ash trees throughout public property each winter to spread out the ash tree liability costs" says Al Lundstrom, park maintenance supervisor. "Each year we will reassess the situation and make adjustments as necessary."

Residents who have treated boulevard ash trees to prevent EAB need to notify the City so those trees are added to a list for non-removal. Call Physical Development at 763-593-8030.

EAB On Private Property

City foresters are currently working on a policy regarding condemnation of ash trees on private property and will update the public as needed.

If you suspect an EAB infestation on your property, visit the invasive species web page on the City website for tools and resources. Go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov and search "invasive species."

City Considers Wildlife Management Plan To Address Public Safety Concerns

The City of Golden Valley is in the beginning stages of developing a Goose Management Plan (GMP) and a Turkey Management Plan (TMP) with guidance from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR). Geese and turkeys have become a wildlife management problem in certain areas of the city, and both plans are being developed to focus on two key issues, public safety and community nuisances.

The type of wildlife management recommended for turkeys and geese differs from the Deer Management Plan (DMP) adopted by the City Council in 2006. The DMP is an annual, citywide removal process based on counts and permits through the MN DNR. The proposed GMP and TMP will be as-needed targeted approaches that require approval and permits from the MN DNR.

The initial draft of both plans will be available for hard copy review at the Open Space and Recreation Commission (OSRC) meeting Oct 22, 6:30 pm, at Brookview. Once the Commission's recommended changes have been made, electronic versions of both plans will be available for public review on the City website, with the option to give feedback.

When the public comment period ends, the updated plan will be reviewed at the Nov 13 Council meeting. The OSRC will host a final document review and public input meeting Nov 26, 6:30 pm, at Brookview.

Final GMP and TMP drafts are scheduled to be presented to the City Council Jan 2. If approved, both plans will be implemented beginning in 2019.

Questions or concerns? Contact Parks & Recreation Director Rick Birno at 763-512-2342 or rbirno@goldenvalleymn.gov.



GVFD Offers CPR/AED Classes

According to the American Heart Association, more than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital each year, and about 90 percent of those cases are fatal. The percentage of fatal cases drops to 55 percent when proper bystander CPR is administered. In a Heart Safe Community like Golden Valley, the goal is to decrease that number even more.

Heart Safe Communities educate their citizens about sudden cardiac arrest and how to improve heart health. They also teach them how to use Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and perform CPR.

Golden Valley was officially designated a Heart Safe Community by the Minnesota Department of Health in 2014, but work in that direction started years earlier.

In 2012, Battalion Chief Steve Baker and the Golden Valley Fire Department (GVFD) decided to make our community safer by educating residents about administering CPR and using AEDs. Since then, Baker estimates the GVFD has trained more than 5,000 people in CPR and AED use.

In addition, Baker has worked with local police, fire, and emergency medical services to create transition education so patient care transfer is seamless between the lay public and first responders. He also developed a cardiac arrest management learning program for first responders that fits their needs and work environment.

Be prepared when the time comes by signing up for one of the GVFD's Hands Only CPR/AED training classes (see box), and help Golden Valley maintain its Heart Safe Community status.

Sign up online. Go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov, search "public education," then click the "register here" link for classes you want.

Hands Only CPR/AED Classes

7-8:30 pm

Bassett Creek Room

Brookview Golden Valley

316 Brookview Parkway S

Oct 30, 2018

Nov 27, 2018

Feb 12, 2019

March 12, 2019

FIRE SAFETY STARTS WITH "LOOK, LISTEN, LEARN"

Every October the Golden Valley Fire Department (GVFD) educates the community about fire prevention and overall fire safety by visiting schools, businesses, and other organizations.

This year firefighters are using the National Fire Prevention Association's (NFPA) "Look, Listen, Learn" campaign to break down fire safety into three basic but essential steps.

LOOK for places a fire could start. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

LISTEN for the sound of the smoke alarm. When it beeps, you may only have minutes to escape and go to your outside meeting space.

LEARN two ways out of every room in case you need to escape. Make sure all doors and windows open easily and are free of clutter.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of Oct 9, in commemoration of the deadly Great Chicago Fire. For more information about fire safety, go to www.nfpa.org.

For information about how to help the GVFD help you, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov and search "fire safety."

Social Media Offers Additional Outlet For Public Information

Social media provides a variety of tools for the City to better communicate with citizens and other audiences about services, activities, news, and events. Since June, the City of Golden Valley has supplemented its social media presence on Facebook with the addition of Instagram and Twitter accounts.

While Facebook and Twitter are used to share news, events, emergency updates, and happenings, Instagram focuses on celebrating the beauty and community spirit

of Golden Valley and connecting with residents through Golden Valley Vibes (see story below).

Golden Valley's Police and Fire Departments each have their own Twitter accounts that feature updates about police and fire activity, community events, and safety tips. If needed, they also notify the public about emergencies.

Follow the City on social media for news about all things Golden Valley. Learn more at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/newsandevents/socialmedia.php.

Golden Valley Social Media

facebook

@CityofGoldenValleyMN
@BrookviewGolfCourse
@BrookviewThreeOneSix

twitter

@GoldenValleyMN
@GVMNFire
@GVMNPolice

Instagram

@CityofGoldenValleyMN

What's Your Vibe?

Are you on Instagram? Check out Golden Valley Vibes, a monthly themed photo series on the City's Instagram account that shows off different aspects of Golden Valley from a variety of viewpoints. Share your photos for each theme, and we'll repost our favorites at the end of each month.

August's theme was #GrowingUpGV, which showed how fun it is to be a Golden Valley kid. September's theme is #GoldInValley, which will feature gold scenes of flowers, sunsets, sunrises, or anything else gold in Golden Valley.

Don't have any gold photos? Start planning for upcoming themes (which are pretty self-explanatory):

- #GVFallSplendor in October
- #GVSuburbanWildlife in November
- #GVBoldNorth in December



Photo by Sandy Benson, Views of the Valley 2002

Share your Golden Valley photos using the hashtags for the monthly theme or #GoldenValleyVibes or #GoldenValleyMN.

For more information about future Golden Valley Vibes themes, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov and search "Instagram."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

goldenvalleymn.gov/events/annual

Mighty Tidy Day

Sat, Oct 6 | 8 am–1 pm
Brookview Park (see page 4)

GVF Donut Day

Sat, Oct 6 | 9–11 am
Coffee and donuts at all
three Fire Stations

Market In The Valley

Sundays through Oct 7
www.marketinthevalley.org

Golden Valley Reads

Thur, Oct 11 | 6:30 pm
Brookview

Parks & Rec Challenge

Through Oct 19

Annual Leaf Drop-Off

Three Oct & Nov weekends
Brookview Park (see page 4)

Waste Hauling Forum

Mon, Oct 29 | 6:30–8:30 pm
(see page 3)

Hands-Only CPR/AED Class

Tue, Oct 30 | 7–8:30 pm
(see page 6)

Election Day

Tue, Nov 6 | 7 am–8 pm
(see page 2)

GVPD University Offers Citizen's Police Academy Classes



GVPD University is a safety education series for citizens taught by the Golden Valley Police Department. Its Citizen's Police Academy offers a chance to go behind the scenes with local police and learn about things like investigations, crime lab,

SWAT, use of force, patrol operations, and more.

Classes are free—attend one or attend them all. To learn more and register, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/police/gvpdu.

Citizen's Police Academy

Thur, 6–9pm

Brookview Golden Valley
316 Brookview Parkway S

Nov 15, 2018: Use Of Force

Jan 17, 2019: Topic TBD

Feb 21, 2019: Topic TBD



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