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City of St. Paul Park

Bringing the Arts and Our Community Together

Heritage Days is a fun filled event that the residents of St. Paul Park and surrounding communities look forward to each year in August. The Heritage Days Committee has made it their mission to look for new and innovative ways to enhance the festival and with that in mind they are excited to announce that they will be sponsoring an “Arts in the Park” fire hydrant painting contest! It’s well documented that art can enhance, improve and/or create attachment to one’s community and this contest provides an excellent platform to do just that. So how does it work?

- Registration and selection runs May 1, 2016 through June 1, 2016. The \$10 entry fee and proposed design ideas must be submitted for approval during this period. Selected applicants will be notified.
- Painting of fire hydrants will begin on July 1, 2016 and last through July 31, 2016.
- The Heritage Days Committee will be basing their decision to approve applications based on creativity, originality, imagination, and appropriateness. People’s Choice Awards will be decided by votes by the public based on pictures of the painted hydrant. Votes can be made at the Heritage Days Facebook Page or by paper vote at designated locations. Winners will be announced at the Heritage Days festival on Sunday.
- The entry fee of \$10.00 per Fire Hydrant s required and will be used towards next year’s Heritage Day Festival. By participating in the Fire Hydrant Design Contest you acknowledge that the Heritage Days Committee, the City of St Paul Park and Washington County are not responsible in any way for any injury or property damage directly or indirectly associated with this contest.
- Any questions should be addressed to Jennifer Cheesman at jcheesman@stpaulpark.org or Sandi Dingle at Sandi.Dingle@metc.state.mn.us

A complete list of rules and a downloadable application are available at our city of St Paul Park website www.stpaulpark.govoffice.com under Heritage Days Festival or at City Hall.



32nd Annual Heritage Days “Music and Arts in the Park-Then & Now” August 19-21, 2016

With the summer being right around the corner, the St. Paul Park Heritage Days Committee along with the St. Paul Park/Newport Lions Club are going full steam ahead with organizing it biggest event of the summer!

Communications Corner

City of St. Paul Park
600 Portland Avenue
St. Paul Park, MN 55071
Phone: 651-459-9785
Fax: 651-459-6144
www.stpaulpark.govoffice.com

City Hall Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City offices will be closed on the following days:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
President's Day
Memorial Day
Good Friday
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve (noon)
Christmas Day

City Council Members

Keith Franke, Mayor
Tim Jones
Sandi Dingle
Jeff Swenson
Jennifer Cheesman

Kevin Walsh, City Administrator

Frequently Called Numbers

City Hall 651-459-9785
City Hall Fax 651-459-6144
Fire 651-459-9918

Police/Emergency 911

Police/Non-Emerg. 651-459-9785
Police Dispatch 651-439-9381

Public Works 651-459-3730

After Hours 651-439-9381
Utility Billing 651-459-9785

Meeting Calendar

City Council

7:00 pm at City Hall, 1st and 3rd
Monday of the month, unless noted.

Planning Commission

7:00 pm at City Hall, 2nd Monday of
the month, unless noted.

Police Chief Jessica Billmeyer

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Jessica Billmeyer and I am privileged and honored to be the Police Chief for the City of St. Paul Park and Grey Cloud Island. My career in law enforcement began with the City of Inver Grove Heights where I served as a patrol officer, investigator, and sergeant for a total of over seventeen years. I graduated with a four year degree and since returned to college to obtain my Master's degree in Criminal Justice Leadership.

I have a great amount of passion for law enforcement and working with the wonderful police and reserve officers with the department and for the citizens of this community has helped that passion.

The police department welcomes and encourages the support of the community. This is one of the most important building blocks of a strong partnership. Having this partnership will help improve the quality of life and decrease crimes throughout the City.

I look forward to meeting you at activities throughout this spring/summer.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Police Chief and if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact us.

I hope to see you on the Police Department's Facebook page!

Businesses and Individuals making a difference

For the Year 2015—\$31,674

American Legion Post 98	Heritage Days Festival	\$1,450
American Legion Post 98	Summer Rec Program	\$500
Anchor Bank	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$100
Attorney Jim Shiely	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$250
Cottage Grove		
Athletic Association	Summer Rec Program	\$300
Garelick Family Foundation	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$50
Kimberly Burns	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$64
KOK Funeral Home	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$75
New-Park Lions Club	Summer Rec Program	\$100
Northern Tier Energy	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$1,000
Northern Tier Energy	Fire Department	\$20,000
St. Paul Park Newport Lions Club	Summer Rec. Program	\$1,000
St. Paul Park Newport Lions Club	Lions Levee Park	\$1,000
St. Paul Park Newport Lions Club	Movies-in-the-Park	\$500
Tammy Dunning	Summer Rec Program	\$10
Tennis Sanitation	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$25
WSB & Associates	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$250

Milk Carton Recycling at Pullman Elementary School

On February 10, students started recycling milk cartons at Pullman. Since they had already been in the habit of emptying their milk into a bucket, it was simple for them to place their empty cartons into a dedicated recycling container rather than the trash cart.

After lunch, the milk cartons were weighed and a calculation was used to determine the number of cartons recycled. Below are the results:

Pounds of cartons recycled per day	12.96
Number of cartons recycled per day	432
Pounds of cartons recycled per school year	2,268
Number of cartons recycled per school year	75,600



What happens to the milk cartons?

The district's recycling and trash hauler, Allied Waste/Republic Services, collects the milk cartons with other recyclables and sorts them at their recycling facility in Inver Grove Heights. The cartons are baled and sent to Fox River Fiber in De Pere, WI. Fox River makes a high quality pulp that is sold to other mills to make fine writing and printing paper and also tissue products.



Environmental Benefits of Recycling Cartons

The number of cartons recycled in one school year would:

- Save over 15 trees from being harvested and manufactured into paper.
- Provide enough fiber to produce 363 reams of paper.

Potential Cost Savings from Recycling Cartons



Milk cartons are a high-volume material in the trash and now, two 32 gallon containers full of cartons are being recycled each day.

The district will be examining the level of trash service to look for savings as a large volume of waste is now being removed from the trash dumpster.

Estimates show eight trash pick-ups per year could be eliminated through the carton recycling efforts.



Classroom and Office Recycling

Pullman will also be launching new recycling efforts in the classrooms, library, and office areas so look for the new green recycling containers with recycling labels around school.

All trash containers will be paired with recycling containers and recycling containers will be labeled with a sticker showing what should go into them.

This project is a partnership between District 833 and Washington County Dept. of Public Health & Environment.

How recycling will look in the classroom and office areas



Free Product Room

All products brought into the Washington County Environmental Center are inspected to determine if they are usable products. If the containers and products are in good shape, the products are put in the Free Product Room for others to take. One person's waste can be another's useful product!

The Free Product Room is located inside the Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury. Residents may browse the shelves and take home products such as paint, stain, automotive products, household cleaners and other products.

Single Sort Recycling

The way you recycle has changed. Residents of St. Paul Park have the option of "single-sort" recycling. There is no need to sort your recyclables by item. Simply place the following items together in your bin or cart:

PERMITTED RECYCLABLES

- Clean #1-#7 plastic bottles, tubs, and containers, landscape edging, plastic toys.
- Glass bottles and jars of any color (avoid breaking glass)
- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil (clean only)
- Steel (tin) cans
- Empty aerosol cans (no caps)
- Scrap metal, pots and pans with handles removed (household quantities)
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Office paper, newspapers, magazines, junk mail (remove non-paper items)
- Shredded paper (enclosed in sealed paper bag)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Pizza Boxes (clean food and grease from box)
- Paperboard and cartons (juice box, wine box, etc)

ITEMS NOT RECYCLABLE

- Garbage, food waste, diapers, paper plates
- Window glass, ceramic or dishware, mirrors
- Packing peanuts
- Black deli take-out containers
- Foil gift wrapping paper
- Light bulbs (recyclable, but not curbside)

RECYCLING PICKUP

Place your recycle container on the opposite side of the driveway from your trash cart. Check with your licensed hauler to determine the pick up date of your recyclables.

Special Appliance Collection Day

City of St. Paul Park, City Offices, 600 Portland Avenue

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Refrigerators	Dehumidifiers	Microwaves
Humidifiers	Heat Pumps	Dryers
Dishwashers	Trash Compactors	Vent Hood
Freezers	Furnaces	Stove/Oven
Air Conditioners	Washers	Water Softener
Disposals	Water Heaters	Garage Door Openers

**Attention residents:
Save \$\$\$ on appliance disposal environmentally correct recycling!**

Cost: \$10 Per Appliance

Cash or Check OK.

Composting in St. Paul Park

It is illegal in Minnesota, to place yard (grass, leaves, small brush, and plant materials) and tree waste in with your household garbage. St. Paul Park Residents have several options for disposal of yard waste.

City Compost

The City Compost will be closed until a Compost Attendant can be hired. Anyone interested in this position should contact Public Works Supervisor Rob Weldon at (651) 459-3730.

Curbside Yard Waste Pick-up

Contact your waste hauler to schedule weekly or bi-weekly yard waste pickup or a special one-time pickup. Your hauler will let you know how to prepare your yard waste and fees associated with pickup.

Cottage Grove Compost-Rumpca Companies

9600 Glendenning Road, Cottage Grove

www.rumpcacompanies.com

651-459-1556

Opens Monday, March 28

Hours: Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 pm.

Closed Sundays

Recycling Program

June 4, 2016

8:00 am to Noon

City Hall Parking Lot

J.R.'s Appliance Disposal Inc. will be collecting recyclable items again this year. Bring in appliances, electronics, tires, batteries, and bulbs.

Contact J.R.'s at 651-454-9215 for a price list.

Need a Recycling Container (or two)?

For your convenience recycling containers are available at the Public Works Garage or the Public Works Department will deliver them to your address between the hours of 7:00 am - 3:30 pm.

Call City Hall at 459-9785 or Public Works at 459-3730.

Important Information regarding Elections

Path for Presidency

- 1. Caucuses**—Precinct caucuses are the first step used by Minnesota's major political parties to select the candidates and issues they will support in the 2016 elections. Minnesota's two major political parties are the Democratic-Farmer-Labor and Republican parties. Delegates elected at the precinct caucus will go on to party conventions held later in the year. Preference polls for a party's presidential candidates may also be conducted at the caucuses. The caucuses are held the first Tuesday in March.
- 2. Party Conventions**—After the caucus are over, each political party holds a convention at which their presidential and vice presidential nominees are formally selected.

Democratic National Convention:	July 25-29, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Republican National Convention:	July 18-21, Cleveland, Ohio
- 3. Primary Election**—In a primary, Minnesota voters narrow the field of candidates by choosing the candidates that will appear on the ballot in the general election. All votes must be for candidates of one party. Crossover voting between party columns is not allowed.
- 4. General Election**—In the general election, voters elect candidates to office.
- 5. Electoral College**—The Electoral College meets in December to formalize the election. The candidate who wins the most votes in each state wins all of that state's electoral votes. The State of Minnesota has 10 electoral votes.

Which offices will appear on my ballot in 2016?

Federal:	President and Vice President U.S. Senator U.S. Representative
State:	State Representative State Supreme Court Justices Judges of the Court of Appeals District Court Judges
Local:	County elected officials



When are the elections?

Primary:	Tuesday, August 9, 2016
General Election:	Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Voting Hours:	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

State law allows employees to take time off for the time necessary to vote without a reduction in pay.

Where do I vote?

Your polling location is dependent upon your address. If you are not sure where to cast your ballot, call City Hall at (651) 459-9785. St. Paul Park has three polling locations.

- Precinct 1--Council Chambers, 600 Portland Ave
- Precincts 2 & 4--Community Room, 600 Portland Avenue
- Precinct 3--Heritage Park, 1345 Laurel Avenue

How do I register to vote?

Registration is the first step in the voting process. Your registration remains current until you move, change your name, or do not vote for four consecutive years. You may register or update your registration information by completing a Voter Registration Application on line at mnvotes.org. Voter Registration Applications are also available at City Hall during normal business hours.

Elections-continued

Last day to pre-register:

State Primary: Tuesday, July 19
 General Election: Tuesday, October 18

After these dates, you will need to register at the polls Election Day.

What is absentee voting?

You may find that you are unable to get to your polling place on Election Day, but still want to vote in the election. You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Election Day. Absentee Voting is available by mail, designated agent, or in person. To request an absentee ballot contact Washington County Elections at (651) 430-6175.

The easiest way to vote by absentee ballot is to do so in person, at the Washington County Government Center in Cottage Grove, 13000 Ravine Parkway South, during normal business hours 45 days prior to election.

First Day to vote by absentee

State Primary: Friday, June 24
 General Election: Friday, September 23

Backyard Recreation Fires or Bonfires

With the warmer seasons around the corner recreational fires (bonfires) are a popular back yard activity here in St Paul Park. Recreational fires do not require a permit in the City but are subject to burn bans set forth by the State Department of Natural Resources and local authorities due to dry weather or drought conditions. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

Size - Bonfires or Recreation Fires must be kept under 3 feet in diameter and 3 feet high.

Location - Place bonfire pit away from your home, out buildings, fences, trees and shrubs, and anything that can catch fire easily. It is recommended to keep the bonfire area at least 25 feet from your home or any structure unless it is a BBQ pit. A fire ring is also recommended to help with keeping the fire contained and to help with the fire spreading accidentally.

Burning Material - Only burn unpainted, untreated wood or natural wood such as cut or split logs. Burning trash, furniture, mattresses, tires, and other household items is not permitted. Burning leaves or grass clippings is also not permitted. Never use gasoline or lighter fluid to start the fire. Gasoline is very volatile and can cause an

explosion. Only use small kindling or sticks to start the fire.

Supervision - Never leave a bonfire unattended, especially with children around. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment. Recreational fires should always be attended until they are extinguished or out.

Extinguishing - Buckets, shovels, garden hoses, or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.

The Fire Chief or a Police Officer is authorized to have a fire put out or extinguished if they cause a hazardous condition or a nuisance.

Before having a recreational fire always check the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website www.dnr.state.mn.us for any burn bans that could be in effect due to dry or very windy conditions.

Always remember to keep safety in mind when having a bonfire. Many burns are caused from improper lighting or improper supervision.

Sewage Backups at Home

If you have sewage backing up into your home, DO NOT WASTE TIME, call the Public Works Department at 651-459-3730, and they will dispatch someone to your home to determine if it is a problem with you or the City. Quick response by homeowners could help reduce damage to your home and personal property.

If no one answers your call, or during "non-working" hours, call the Washington County Dispatch at 651-439-9381 to report the problem. Washington County Dispatch or St. Paul Park Police will notify Public Works personnel to respond to your problem.

**DO NOT
 Waste
 Time**

Meter Readings and Dogs Don't Mix

The City of St. Paul Park Utilities Department has encountered numerous problems with dogs during meter readings. The report of several close calls has caused many changes and heightened our concerns with meter reading and dogs. The city is requesting your help in resolving this problem.

1. Do not let your dog(s) run at large.
2. Do not tie your dog(s) close to your

outside meter register.

3. Make sure your dog(s) are current on license and shots.
4. Meter readings are most commonly done around the 15th of the month.
5. Any home we cannot read safely will be estimated.
6. Citizens will receive citations for violations to City Code Section 10, Article I and II regarding animals.

Things you need to know before having a garage sale

City Code Section 74-323 limits the number of garage sales.

- Limit not to exceed two (2) per year.
- Cannot exceed three consecutive days.
- All signs must be removed at the term of sale.
- One sign not to exceed 4 square feet is permitted on the site of sale.

Before posting signs

- Signs must be placed on private property.
- Placing your sign at least 15 feet from the edge of curb or paved roadways will ensure that your sign is on private property.
- Do not post signs on power poles, stop signs, street signs, park land and boulevards
- Signs placed in city right-of-way or illegally placed are removed by the City. Signs may be returned to the owner upon request, but the owner shall pay a fee of \$5 per sign. To claim your sign(s), contact the Public Works Department at (651) 459-3730. Unclaimed signs are discarded after 14 days.

Water Meter Upgrade Program

Public Works will be continuing with the water meter replacement and upgrade program this year. Your old water meters will be replaced with new meters that allow staff to remotely read your meter without accessing your property. This new technology not only increases reading efficiency but simplifies billing and helps detect tampering with the public water system. The City is divided into three zones for meter reading and replacement. Currently we have completed meter upgrades in one of those zones and plan to continue with replacements in a new zone this year. You will receive a letter from the City notifying you that your meter is to be replaced and you will be directed by that letter to call and schedule an appointment. Typically these appointments take about 15 minutes to complete the meter replacement.

Information for Dog Owners

- Not more than three (3) pets are allowed per residence.
- When on street or public property dogs must be under owner's control by leash or otherwise.
- License is required (renewed annually).
- Owner is responsible for the removal of dog excrement on public and private property not owned by the dog's owner.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor any dog which is a barking dog. A barking dog is any dog that barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise continuously or incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or barks intermittently for 30 minutes or more.
- Running at large is prohibited.
- Impounded dogs are taken to South St. Paul Animal Hospital, 501 N. Concord St., So. St. Paul, MN.

Impound fees are \$50 for first occurrence; \$75 for second occurrence; \$100 for third occurrence. Additional boarding fees as well as vaccination fee (if you are unable to provide proof of rabies) also applies.

For the complete Ordinance regarding Animals (Section 10), please refer to our website, www.stpaulpark.govoffice.com

Posting Signs



Must be at least
15 feet
behind the curb

Mini Flags and Colored Paint



Ever wonder why flags and paint appear in your yard or business? It's part of the "Call Before You Dig" program. Gopher State One Call grew out of

response to a serious pipeline accident in the northern Twin Cities in July of 1986. Following the accident the Minnesota Commission on Pipeline Safety was created. In 1987 the centralized statewide notification center "Gopher State One Call" was implemented.

All underground utility companies are required to be linked with the "one-call" system. The locate center receives calls from contractors, utility companies and property owners and creates a locate ticket. The underground utility companies respond to the locate ticket by marking their underground utilities with paint or flags which represent their individual lines.

It's Digging Season Remember to Call

Spring is finally here, with the snow melted and the ground ready for planting; anxious homeowners, like yourself, are gearing up to start those outdoor digging projects. Before you reach for that shovel to start digging, remember to call 811, the national call-before-you-dig number to ensure that your buried utility lines are marked.

Here's how it works:

- One free, simple phone call to 811 makes it easy for Gopher State One Call to notify all appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig.
- Call at least two business days prior to digging to ensure enough time for utility lines to be properly marked.
- When you call 811, a representative from Gopher State One Call will ask for the location and description of your digging project.
- Gopher State One Call will notify affected utility companies, who will then

Minnesota Statute Chapter 216D requires anyone engaging in any type of excavation to provide advance notice of at least two business days to Gopher State One Call. The service provided by Gopher State One Call to excavators is free of charge.

APWA UNIFORM COLOR CODE

	WHITE - Proposed Excavation
	PINK - Temporary Survey Markings
	RED - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
	YELLOW - Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
	ORANGE - Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit
	BLUE - Potable Water
	PURPLE - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
	GREEN - Sewers and Drain Lines

send a professional locator to the proposed dig site to mark the approximate location of your lines.

- Once lines have been properly marked, roll up those sleeves and carefully dig around the marked areas.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Water Saving Tips

Residents should check their toilets for leaks. A running toilet can dramatically increase your water bill in no time at all. ***A leak the size of lead pencil head at 50 lbs pressure uses 200 gallons of water in 24 hours!***

Check for leaks by putting food coloring (red or blue) in tank. **DO NOT** flush. Check periodically to see if color has migrated to the bowl. If it has, replace worn or defective parts.

Install water saving shower heads in your tub and bath. This will save gallons every time you shower. Remember, be water conscious.

Is your water softener operating efficiently? Water softeners and water heaters should be drained and cleaned yearly; this provides efficient operation. Water softeners with salt tanks not cleaned regularly could result in low water pressure in your home. If you should need assistance, call your local plumber or water softener company for assistance.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance



Sewage Backup, do you know what to do?

Sanitary sewer problems should be reported to the City of St. Paul Park's Public Works Department at (651) 459-3730 or (651) 439-9381 after business hours.

The City will work with you to identify the cause of the problem. If there is a blockage in one of the City's main sewer lines, the City will attempt to clear the blockage.

The sewer line from your home, business or other property to the City sewer main is your responsibility. That means that you as the property owner are responsible for clearing any blockages. Property owners must schedule any blockage located in the individual sewer line on their property.

The City of St. Paul Park Public Works Department provides for the operation, maintenance and treatment of wastewater to an environmentally safe level for returning the water back to the ecological system.

St. Paul Park has 19 miles of sanitary sewer mains. Each year about one-half of the City's sanitary sewer mains are inspected and cleaned. Mains requiring a higher level of maintenance are cleaned annually or semi-annually. This routine maintenance helps to prevent blockages and sewer backups.



Are you prepared for a sewer backup?

Sewer backups happen. If you've ever experienced one, you know there's a lot of time and money spent to correct the damage caused by the backup. Sanitary sewer line blockages are typically caused by roots, grease, and improper disposal of items.

If a sewer backup occurs on your property, the City encourages you to take the following steps:

Call the City immediately at (651) 459-3730 or (651) 439-9381 after business hours to report the sewer backup.

Make arrangements for the blockage to be cleared if it determined to be in the individual sewer line to your property.

Notify your insurance agent of the sewer backup to see if such a claim is covered.

Clean the entire contaminated area in a safe and professional manner.

Document the actions you take (calls, contacts, costs) in response to the sewer backup.

Clean your sewer lines regularly. Call your local plumber for help and prevent costly backups with a preventative maintenance program.



City Telephone Listings

Each year from time-to-time incidents occur in the City after normal work hours. Those incidents include but are not limited to; water freeze ups, broken water mains, dog problems, and a variety of other issues related most often to the Public Works Department. If something occurs that you, as a resident, feel needs the immediate attention of the Public Works Department, please call the non-emergency dispatch number for the City of St. Paul Park and report your problem to the dispatcher who, in turn, will direct the call to the appropriate individual who can resolve the issue.

Weekend/After-Hours Dispatch: 651-439-9381

This call will be answered by the same people who dispatch our police and fire personnel and should only be called after normal business hours and on weekends.

At other times, the appropriate numbers to call are:

City Office

651-459-9785

Email

city@stpaulpark.org

Public Works

651-459-3730

Police (non-emergency)

651-459-9785

Landscaping Workshops Offered

Spring is coming! As Minnesotans, we are ever so grateful for this time of year. Warmer, sunnier and longer days, birds chirping, ice melting, and a fresh start in the yard. Do you have big dreams for your landscape? Have you ever wondered how to create a more family and eco-friendly oasis in your urban backyard? Or how to draw more wildlife to your rural lot?

The East Metro Water Resource Education Program in partnership with Master Gardeners in Washington County invites you to join us at one of the many landscaping workshops offered this spring.

- These fun, informal workshops will help you with ideas and how-to's for your own property including
- Small landscaping projects: incorporating gardens, natural areas, and spaces for play;
- Gardening with kids: vegetables, fairy gardens, butterfly gardens.
- Managing drainage and erosion issues using rain gardens, swales, dry creeks while protecting water resources;•
- Creating habitat for pollinators, birds and wildlife on your property;
- Managing invasive species such as buckthorn.

Enjoy an evening with your community and get helpful advice from Master Gardeners and Water Resource Educators.

Spring Gardening Program FREE

Saturday, March 26, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Stillwater Area High School, 5701 Stillwater Blvd. N., Stillwater

Washington County Master Gardeners offer three presentations for homeowners: sustainable gardening, landscape design principles and landscaping with native plants.

This program is free, open to all, and no pre-registration is required.

Urban Landscape Workshops FREE

Thursday, April 7, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Lake Elmo Public Library, 3537 Lake Elmo Ave N., Lake Elmo

Tuesday, April 26, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

All Saints Lutheran Church, 8100 Belden Blvd., Cottage Grove

Wednesday, May 4, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Vanelli's by the Lake, 55 Lake St. S., Forest Lake

Rural Landscape Workshops FREE

Wednesday, April 27, 6p.m.-8p.m.

Scandia Community Center, 14727 209th St. N., Scandia

Tuesday, May 10, 6p.m.-8p.m.

Carpenter Nature Center, 12805 St. Croix Trail S., Hastings

To sign-up for any of these workshops, visit <http://tinyurl.com/2016LandscapeWorkshops>
Contact: Jenn Radtke jradtke@mnwcd.org 651-330-8220 x44

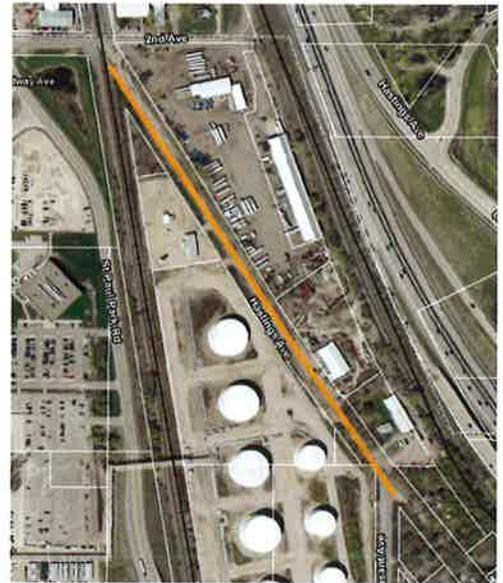
2016 Street Reconstruction and Utility Improvements

The City of St. Paul Park is considering a 2016 Street and Utility Improvement project. The proposed project area includes: 2nd Street from 9th Avenue to Pullman Avenue, along with 11th Avenue from 3rd Street to 2nd Street and 10th Avenue from 3rd Street to 1st Street. The



utility improvements in these areas will consist of storm sewer installation and upgrades to the sanitary and water mains. Streets will also be widened with curb and gutter installation in the project area.

Hastings Avenue from Pleasant Avenue to 2nd Avenue will see surface improvements done in 2016. This stretch of road will go from gravel to asphalt with curb and gutter. After project completion on Hastings Avenue, the Railroad Crossing on 2nd Avenue will be vacated and closed by Burlington Northern and that short portion of 2nd Avenue will become a dead end street.





388 W. 9th Street
St. Paul Park, MN 55071
Phone: 651.400.0121

I agree Arlene !!
NO COST SOBER CAB
Within 10 mile radius
612-789-2222
Fri & Sat 8:30pm - Close

HAPPY HOUR
3:00 - 6:00 p.m. (M-F)

- Monday** - Free Poker & \$5 Apps
- Tuesday** - Free Pool & \$1.50 Tacos
- Wednesday** - Wing Crazy \$0.95 Jumbo Wings
- Thursday** - Game Day & Build your own burger
- Friday** - Live Music & Pasta dinner
- Saturday** - BINGO/Meat Raffle & Live Music
- Sunday** - Breakfast brunch & Evening Karaoke

Lucy,
TAVERN 829
Really cares about
their customers!



Dine in savings
\$5.00 Off
\$25.00 Food Purchase
Expires 12/31/2016

*Please visit our website for band schedule and specials, as specials and events may change.
www.tavern829.com

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Over twenty four thousand dollars.

In 2012, the citizens of St. Paul Park lost over **\$24,000** in goods and money to criminals. It wasn't all in one lump sum, it wasn't a large burglary or robbery, the local bank wasn't hit. It was lost, in most part, due to people not locking their vehicles. Our police officer's were taking reports from citizens who reported that their car's had been entered usually at night, often in their owner's driveways.

One recurring theme to a lot of these crimes was the vehicles had been left unlocked. The vast majority of the vehicles entered were not damaged in any way; the crooks just opened the door. There were some vehicles that were actually broken into and those vehicles generally had a valuable item such as a purse, a laptop computer, a cell phone or GPS that was in plain view.

How can you help our officer's cut this crime trend you may ask?

Do not leave valuables in your car. Don't leave a purse or electronics out in plain view of someone walking by. Also, don't leave items like bicycles and other valuable items outside at night unless they are locked up.

Lock your vehicles even in your own driveway. Think of one thing a lot of vehicles have, a garage door opener. By leaving your vehicle unlocked, someone may be able to open up your garage and if you have an attached garage now they would have a direct access to your home.

Report suspicious activity right away. The St. Paul Park Police Department is on duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week. If you see something you feel is suspicious in your neighborhood report it right away. **If it is an emergency or crime in progress call 911.** You can remain anonymous if

you want. If you don't feel it is an emergency please contact our dispatcher at the Washington County Sheriff's Department non-emergency number 651-439-9381. Dispatcher's will prioritize the call and notify the on duty officer, who will then respond. Please don't call city hall to report a crime or suspicious person or activity and don't leave a message on an officer's voice mail to make a report. With officer's working various shifts and days off they may not receive your message for several days.

Please contact us if your car is entered, even if nothing is taken.

It helps us direct our patrol efforts when we know there is a problem.

Turn on your outside lights at night.

The people who are stealing your property don't want to be seen. A well lit exterior of your house can help deter thefts.

Be sure to make note of the brand, model and serial numbers of your valuables.

If your items are stolen and you have a serial number, that number will be entered into a national data base and it can increase your chance of getting your belongings back. On most electronics you can find this information both on the item and the original box it came in from the store. On bicycles the serial number is generally found on the bottom of the frame under the pedal crank.

In taking these reports some citizens tend to feel that it is just kids that are committing these crimes. While some of the thefts probably were committed by juveniles there were also many committed by adults, some of which could be considered career criminals.

The best way for the citizens of St. Paul Park to protect their property is to:

1. Lock your vehicles, sheds, and garages and don't leave valuables in

vehicles or outside.

2. Report suspicious activity immediately. It is your neighborhood; you know what and who belongs there.

3. Copy down the serial numbers and model numbers of electronics and tools and keep them in a safe place.

Help our officer's keep St. Paul Park a safe community to live and raise your family by taking simple steps to keep your property secure and that of your neighbors.

Report suspicious activity right away

911 or

651-439-9381

Police Department Facebook page



Check us out. The link can be found on the city's webpage under Helpful Links.

“See Something, Say Something”

Report suspicious activity when it is occurring by dialing 911. Keep your valuables out of your vehicles, remember to lock and shut garage doors, etc.

National Night Out Set For August 2nd

National Night Out is an evening designated to get people outside, involved with their neighbors and say good-bye to crime in their neighborhoods.

The City of St. Paul Park has an event planned every year on the first Tuesday in August. For 2016 this day will be August 2nd. The get together will be at Heritage Park and run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be displays from the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department. We hope to have displays on railroad safety, the effects of alcohol, the Washington County Mounted Patrol, and U.S. Coast Guard.



Curfew

A reminder for parents and children - the St. Paul Park Police Department does enforce a curfew for juveniles age 16 and under.

Sec. 46-20. Curfew for juveniles. (c) Prohibited acts. The following acts are prohibited:

(1) It is unlawful for a juvenile under the age of 15 to be present in any public place or establishment within Washington County:

a. Any time between 10:00 pm on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday and 5:00 am of the following day.

b. Any time between 11:00 pm on any Friday or Saturday and 5:00 am on the following day.

(2) It is unlawful for a juvenile, age 15 or 16, to be present in any public place or establishment within the city:

a. Any time between 11:00 pm on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday and 5:00 am of the following day.

b. Any time between 12:01 am and 5:00 am on any Saturday or Sunday.

Don't Get Scammed

The St. Paul Park Police Department would like residents to be aware of some common scams aimed at seniors:

- Grandparents scam
- Fake check scam
- Lotteries scam
- "You have won" scam
- Medicare scam

Prevention is the most effective way to attack this problem. How to avoid scams:

- Never send money or give bank or personal information to someone you don't know.
- Never send money to receive a prize
- Never cash a check or money order for someone you don't know.

The scams listed above are just a few identified in the guide titled "Seniors' Guide to Fighting Fraud" prepared by the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. For a copy of this guide or to report these scams and their perpetrators call the Attorney General's Office, 1400 Bremer Tower, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul MN 55101 (651) 296-3353.

Do You Know Who's Drinking At Your House Tonight?

Police Chief Billmeyer wants to remind everyone that the City Council adopted a Social Host Ordinance in 2012 to discourage underage drinking by holding persons who host an underage drinking party criminally responsible.

How to be a responsible host

To protect your guests, yourself and others and reduce your exposure to alcohol-related liability, if you are hosting a party where persons under 21 years of age are present, you should verify the ages of guests and ensure that alcohol is not served to those under age 21. Control access to alcohol. Control the quantity of alcohol served to adults. Supervise persons under 21 years of age. Refuse entrance to uninvited people, especially the ones who arrive at the door with alcohol or are already intoxicated. Call the Police for assistance with uninvited people.

Outdoor Warning Siren

“Get Inside then Get Information”

The message that emergency officials want to tell the public by using outdoor warning sirens is to find protective shelter, using the catch phrase “get inside then get information”.

Outdoor warning sirens are meant to be heard outside. When sirens sound, residents should always seek shelter and tune to local weather information on radio, television, or NOAA weather radio for the duration of the warning period.

Washington County does not issue an “all-clear” tone. The threat of severe weather does not stop when the sirens stop. The all clear will come from broadcasts and other sources while people remain in the sheltered location.

Washington County Sheriff’s Office 911 Communication Center tests all sirens in the county at 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, from March through October.

Discharge of firearm prohibited within the City

Hunting with or discharging any firearm, including a rifle, shotgun, pellet gun or BB gun, and bow and arrow is prohibited within the city limits.

Don’t feed cats

Here in St. Paul Park there are several feral cats that roam the community. Providing a food source or shelter only increases the number of feral cats in your neighborhood. While it’s hard to imagine living outdoors during our winters, we know cats have adapted and manage to survive because we continue to have stray and feral cats living in our community.

Did you know that reducing the existing populations of breeding and roaming cats, does not eliminate the nuisances created by the cats. When cats are removed from an area but the resources (food and shelter) remain, the cats will naturally compensate for the population loss through increased breeding or other cats will move into the area to fill the resource gap. Please don’t feed cats.

The Importance of House Numbers

House numbers are not only convenient for finding addresses but necessary for emergency responders to locate those in need. When responding to an emergency, minutes matters so be sure that fire, ambulance, and police personnel can easily and quickly find your address.

It is recommended that St. Paul Park residents take a few moments to install house numbers or examine existing house numbers. Be sure that the numbers are easily read from the street. Consider the following:

- Script numbers or numbers that are spelled out in words may be aesthetically pleasing but are difficult to read quickly from the street.
- Brass and Bronze numbers are difficult to see. Use numbers that contrast with the background.
- Be sure that the view of the numbers is not obstructed by shrubs, trees or decorations, such as flags.
- Numbers should be clearly seen when approaching from either side of the house.



When it's OK to hang up on the IRS?

Don't Get Scammed! Beware of Fake IRS Calls

If you get a phone call from the IRS, think twice before you respond with personal information or money.

Calls from scammers pretending to be the IRS are common, and many scammers use sophisticated methods—such as using an IRS caller ID or “robo-calls”—to make the call sound official. Some scammers even send emails or letters on official IRS letterhead using a fake IRS address.

Don't fall for a scammer's tricks.

The IRS will not call you to demand immediate payment, nor will it threaten to arrest you or revoke your license for not paying taxes. In fact, the IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first mailing you a bill.

Suspicious? Report the call.

If you receive a suspicious call from the IRS, don't give out any information and hang up right away. Call TIGTA at 800-366-4484 or visit their website to report the call. You should also report the call to the Federal Trade Commission via the FTC Complaint Assistant on FTC.gov (add “IRS Telephone Scam” in the notes).

To learn more, read the full advisory from the IRS.



Are You Enrolled To Receive Emergency Notifications?

The City of St. Paul Park has joined Washington County in the use of a mass communication notification system called CodeRED. The CodeRED system provides St. Paul Park officials the ability to send important emergency messages and information to your home telephone, cell phone or e-mail address.

No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included. Individuals and businesses are encouraged to log onto the City's website, www.stpaulpark.gov/office.com, and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page. Those without Internet access are encouraged to find someone who does or access the internet at the local library. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number; additional phone numbers can be entered as well. The data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes. Questions should be directed to the Chief of Police at (651) 459-9785. The system is only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called. Enroll today!

St. Paul Park Police Officers recognized

The St. Paul Park Police Department was nominated and received recognition of support from Firefighter Special Teams. Beginning in October 2015 the Firefighter Special Teams traveled Minnesota stopping at police stations thanking them for what they do.

The plaque read: To all the men and women who make up “The Thin Blue Line” we stand with you, support you and would like to say THANK YOU for your sacrifice.”



Financial Assistance for Homeowners

Foreclosure Prevention

If you're struggling to make your mortgage payments, *Washington County HRA* homeownership team can help. Services are confidential and are provided at no cost to homeowners. While every person's situation is different and they can't guarantee an outcome, nearly 80% of their resolved cases last year ended with a successful result. Call *Washington County HRA* today at (651) 202-2822.

Home Improvements

The *HousingResource Center* offers low cost financing to fix up your home, rental property or business. As a community lender *HousingResource Center* offers a wide range of programs, a friendly and professional staff and technical assistance to support you throughout the lending and construction process. For more information call *HousingResource Center* at (651) 486-7401 or visit ww.gmhchousing.org.



Septic Systems

Last year, *Washington County* offers a program to help homeowners replace failing and noncompliant septic systems to protect surface and groundwater resources. Low interest loans are available for anyone and there are grants for low income households as well. To qualify for this assistance, septic systems must be deemed noncompliant by the county or a private inspector. Learn more by contacting Washington County at (651) 430-6655.

Sealing abandoned wells

Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment has funds available for residents to seal abandoned wells. If you are interested in receiving financial assistance to seal a well, please contact Washington County at (651) 430-6655. You must submit an application and be approved for the program before sealing your well. Funding may not be applied retroactively to wells that have already been sealed.

Welcome New Businesses

The St. Paul Park EDA would like to welcome the following businesses to St. Paul Park:

- **Farm Bureau Financial Services**, 321 Broadway Avenue Suite 102

Home Improvement

Remember, building permits must be obtained prior to starting projects such as:

- Decks, porches or gazebos
- Additions, basements or multi-level finishing work
- Utility sheds or garages
- Driveways or parking areas
- Swimming pools or outdoor hot tubs with a capacity of 1,500 gallons or a depth of three feet or more of water
- Roofing, siding, window installation
- Furnaces, central air conditioning, water heaters
- Fences

Some permits may be issued while you wait or simply processed by mail. Permit applications may be obtained in person at City Hall, by mail or via our website. For more information, call (651) 459-9785 or stop by City Hall, 600 Portland Avenue.



Welcome Steve Trog

Steve Trog joined the City of St. Paul Park in December 2015 as a Public Works Maintenance Worker. Steve has a very strong construction background and is skilled at operating heavy machinery. Welcome to St. Paul Park Steve!

Best Wishes Michele Mair

Michele Mair joined the St. Paul Park Police Department in July 2008 as the City's first full-time female Police Officer until June 2015. After serving seven years with the City she accepted employment with CP Railroad.



Best Wishes Nicholas Koethe

Nick served the City of St. Paul Park as Community Service Officer from April 2014 to June 2015. Nick is now employed as a Police Officer with the City of Oakdale. Best of Luck Nick.

Best Wishes Joel Jackson

Joel Jackson has left the City of St. Paul Park Public Works Department and accepted employment with the City of Inver Grove Heights Public Works Department. We would like to wish Joel best wishes on his new endeavor!



Best Wishes Michael J. Monahan

The City of St. Paul Park said goodbye to Michael J. Monahan who retired from his law enforcement career with a total of 37 years of service. Mike began his career with the City of Menomonie, Wisconsin prior to his employment with the City of St. Paul Park; and served the City of St. Paul Park for 33 years from January 16, 1983 through January 31, 2016. Mike was first hired as a Police Officer and later promoted to Chief of Police for the past 16 years. Mike also served the City of St. Paul Park as a Volunteer Firefighter for 25 years. A retirement celebration was on held January 29, 2016. Happy Retirement Mike!

Welcome Sam Barton

In November 2015, Sam Barton began working for the Police Department as the Community Service Officer. This is a part-time position to address city code violations within the City and to perform other duties, including animal control. Welcome, Sam!

2016 Crack Filling and Seal Coat Project

Crack filling and Seal Coating will take place again this year in various areas of the city based on street conditions.

Crack Filling will largely take place in the area around Dingle Park. Streets such as Portland Avenue and Holley Avenue between 9th Avenue and Pullman Avenue along with 10th Avenue and 11th Avenue from Summit Avenue to Holley Avenue will see crack filling. Also, 13th Avenue from Lincoln Avenue and Selby Avenue to Pullman Avenue will have crack filling work done.

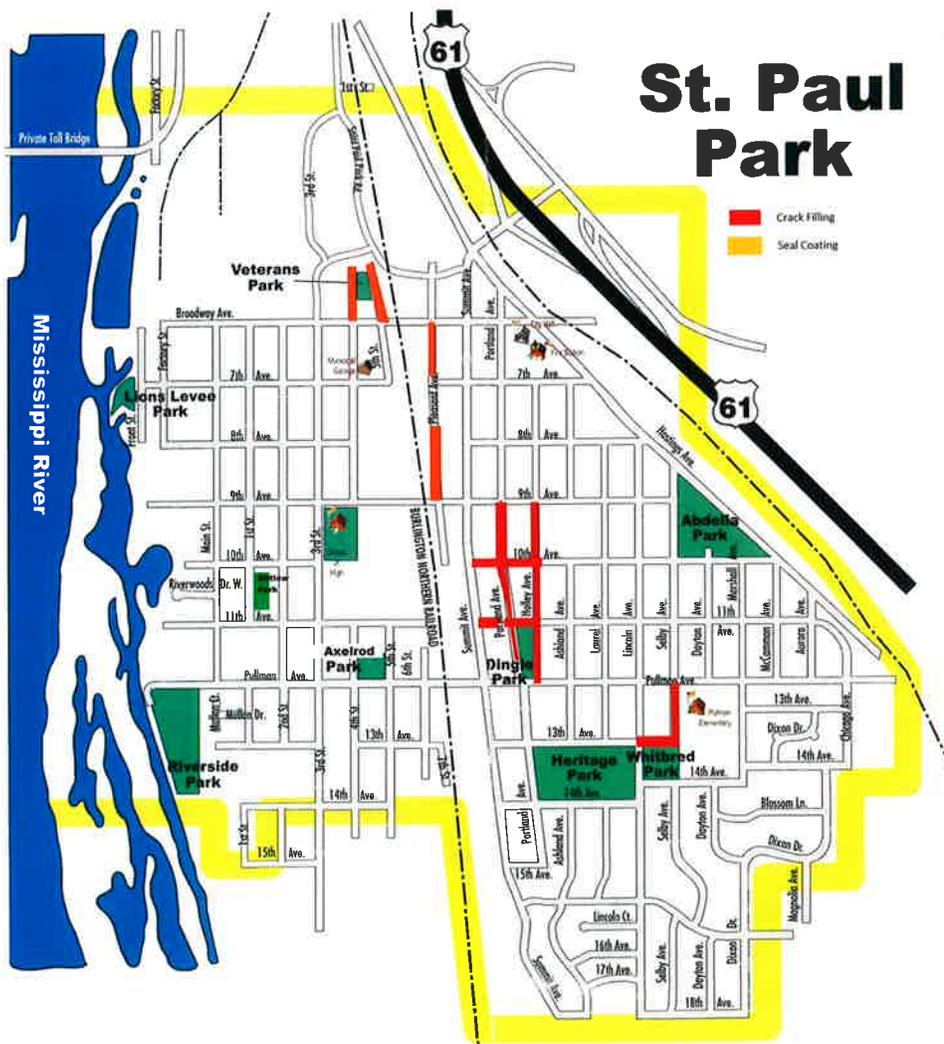
Seal Coat area this year will include 4th Street and 5th Street around Veterans Memorial Park, Pleasant Avenue from Broadway Avenue to 9th Avenue and the parking lots at the City Hall, Police and Fire Departments.

Schedule: Crack filling is tentatively scheduled to begin in May with seal coating scheduled to start in July. It typically takes 1-3 days to complete the work in your area.

Boulevard Irrigation: Residents are asked to shut off irrigation that is in the work zone. This should be done when the "No Parking" signs are posted.

Residential Parking: No parking on city streets 24 hours prior to seal coating. "No Parking" signs will be posted.

Seal Coat Sweeping: Surplus aggregate sweeping will be done by the contractor three days after the first application or as weather permits.



Become Better Informed about Wellhead Protection

The City has been taking steps to protect local groundwater and drinking water resources by amending their Wellhead Protection Plan and working to implement the protection strategies. The goal of the Plan is to identify and manage potential sources of contamination in the areas which supply water to the City wells. The City's Wellhead Protection Plan was approved by the Minnesota Department of Health in January, and implementation activities are beginning now.

The City will be doing a variety of education and outreach activities about Wellhead Protection. Become better informed about wellhead protection! Learn more ways to protect your drinking water at: <http://www.mrwa.com/sourcewater.html>

Keep fertilizer, leaves and grass clippings out of our lakes and rivers

Leaves and grass clippings might be natural, but that doesn't mean they're good for our lakes. When yard waste gets washed into the water, it decomposes and releases phosphorus, which feeds algae. You can help keep our lakes blue all summer by raking up leaves and grass clippings from your street as well as your yard.



Got a small yard?

Rake and bag leaves from your yard, sidewalk and driveway. Do not let grass clippings blow into the street enter storm drains, always sweep them back onto vegetated surfaces. Dispose of the leaves by composting them in your yard, taking them to a drop site or bagging them for curbside pick-up.



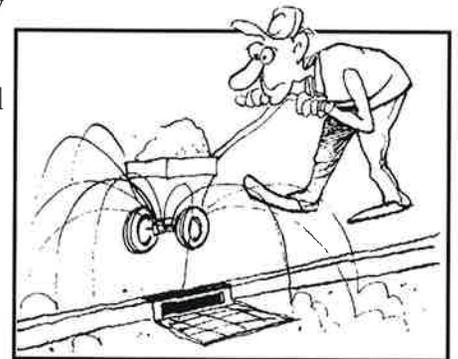
Got a big yard?

Rake areas directly under trees and then use your mower to mulch the rest of the leaves into the grass. Mowing is less time intensive than raking and the shredded leaves act as a natural fertilizer for your lawn. Be sure to aim the blower away from the street and driveway or bag the mulch and compost it.

Got a street?

Rake and bag the leaves and debris settled against the curb and in the street in front of your home, as well as any debris covering the nearest storm drain. Left in the street, leaves and grass clippings can clog storm drains and cause your street to flood. Yard waste that washes into storm sewers that connect directly to our lakes and rivers, causes them to turn green in the summer. In addition, use caution if you apply fertilizer. It is illegal to apply fertilizer to any hard surface – if it spills onto streets and sidewalks, simply sweep it back onto your lawn.

Remember! Keep leaves and yard waste out of the regular garbage, and never dump them in wetlands or buffer areas – it's illegal!



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Odd/Even Watering Ban In Effect Year Round

Residents or businesses with addresses ending in an even number may water their lawn on even-numbered calendar days. Likewise, those with addresses ending in odd number may only water their lawn on odd-numbered calendar days. Those with newly sodded or seeded yard must contact City Hall to receive a letter of permission to water for a 30-day period.



Child Car Seats: You Can Do It

You may have heard that 80% of child car seats are installed incorrectly. This sounds alarming but, in fact, the most common errors are simple ones that can be easily corrected:

- **The harness straps are too loose.** Tighten the straps so they are snug against the child.
- **The retainer clip on the chest harness is too low.** Slide the clip to the baby's or child's armpit level.
- **The child car seat is too loose.** Tighten the belt so that it does not move more than an inch from side-to-side or front-to-back. Center your weight, kneel in the seat and pull the safety belt tight.
- **Babies switched to a forward-facing car seat too soon.** Keep kids rear facing as long as the car seat allows (to age 2 is recommended)
- **Children in the wrong seat for their size.** Don't rush a child into safety belt.

For information about how to select and install car seats, visit www.CarSeatsMadeSimple.org.

As they grow, don't skip a step.

1. Rear-facing seat as long as possible, until the child outgrows the height and weight limits of the seat. Experts now recommend rear facing until age two (12 months and 20 pounds is actually considered the minimum size and age or changing to a forward-facing seat.)
2. Forward-facing seat with a harness until the child is at least age 4.
3. Booster seat until the child is 4' 9" tall.
4. Adult safety belt will fit properly when child is more than 4' 9"

And no matter what type of restraint, remember—kids are safest in the back seat.



Family Fun Day

St. Paul Park Athletic Association

The St. Paul Park Athletic Association will be hosting a Family Fun Day for our community on **Saturday, May 14, 2016** at Heritage Park. For more details visit www.sppaa.com or like us on Facebook St. Paul Park Athletic Association.



Sign your kids up for a summer they will not forget!

The St. Paul Park Summer Recreation Program allows kids to get outside and interact with their friends and people their age in a safe, friendly environment. Every day includes new games, activities, crafts, and more. Some popular events include a pizza party, dodge ball, 4-square, Cascade Bay, castle contests, and the Overnight Adventure. There are even weekly field trips.

Program dates: June 13 – August 5 (no program the week of July 4)

Where: Whitbred Park

Registration: Beginning Tuesday, May 3 at City Hall
Monday - Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Meet the Staff: June 4 (Saturday) • 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Whitbred Park



Registration Information:

Pre-registration is required. The program is offered to St. Paul Park residents only and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms are available on-line or at City Hall. Three ways to register: In person, mail or drop box. All registration forms must be accompanied by fee and emergency card. Make all checks payable to the City of St. Paul Park. Space is limited. Non-Resident applications accepted June 4. Registrations received on or before June 4 will be guaranteed a Park & Rec. t-shirt.

In Person	Mail	Drop Box
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City Hall 600 Portland Avenue	Summer Rec Program City of St. Paul Park 600 Portland Avenue St. Paul Park MN 55071	Located inside the main entrance to City Hall 600 Portland Avenue Available 24 hours

Program Information:

PRE-SCHOOL AGE (Ages 3 to Grade 1)
Must be potty trained. Non-resident accepted. (Limit 20)
Monday - Friday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. \$85

SCHOOL AGE (Going into Grades 1 - 6)
(Limit 60)
Monday - Friday 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. \$85

LEADERSHIP (Kids going into grades 7-12) \$35 (Limit 35)
A great way to get involved and learn leadership techniques. They are responsible for helping maintain the positive, safe environment for the younger kids at both sessions. They are still part of the program, and get to participate in everything, as well as help the staff set up and take down activities, and assist the staff with any miscellaneous tasks. Leadership training - June 6 - 10.



Take a Kid Fishing Weekend is June 10 - 12, 2016.

Pickle-ball Courts at Heritage Park

Those interested in playing pickle-ball can do so at Heritage Park. The tennis courts have been striped with grey lines, indicating the pickle-ball court. Pickle-ball is similar to ping pong on a mini tennis court. Players use a special wooden paddle and a ball similar to a wiffle ball (slightly smaller.)



Warming House Improvements— a new home the Summer Recreation Program

Last Spring the warming house received some needed attention. A steel roof was installed, electrical was updated and the interior and exterior received a coat of paint. With these new improvements, the warming house will be the new home for the Summer Recreation Program during the summer months.



Bird Feeders and Houses at Riverside Park

Last year the Parks & Recreation Commission approved a project proposal to install Prothonotary Warbler bird feeders and houses in Riverside Park. The project was proposed by Greg Jahner who designed, constructed, and installed the bird feeders and houses that caters to the specific needs of a nesting Prothonotary Warblers. Placement of the bird feeders and houses are key factors for success. The installation of the bird feeders and houses will be an asset for bird watchers who visit Riverside Park.



Get Involved on a Commission

If you are looking for a way to contribute to your community, apply to serve on a citizen advisory commission. Applications are now being accepted. Citizens appointed to these groups serve on a volunteer basis. The term is for three years in most instances.

Public Works Commission (2 positions)—Meets quarterly on the first Tuesday following the 1st Monday in March, June, September and December at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The Public Works Commission advises the Council on matters of the development and management of streets, sewer and water mains.

For an application, call City Hall at (651) 459-9785 or download an application from the City website at www.stpaulpark.govoffice.com

2015 Walk to School Day

The St. Paul Park Mayor, Council and City Staff participated in the 2015 Walk to School Day held in October 2015. Walk to School Day supports the ongoing Safe Routes to School initiatives in South Washington County Schools. The goals are to bring the community together to celebrate the joys of walking/biking to school; create the conditions where more children can walk/bike to school by improving street, sidewalks, security and neighborhood collaboration; promote safe driving around our schools and neighborhoods, and encourage healthy lifestyles and find ways to incorporate walking/biking in daily activities



Get Caught Recycling

The City of St. Paul Park has teamed up with Washington County to reward residents who participate in the curbside recycling. The “Get Caught Recycling” program was established in July 2011 whereby a resident is randomly selected. If the resident is found recycling they are rewarded with a check of \$50. If they are not found recycling, one of their neighbors who is found recycling becomes the recipient. Place your recycling container at the curb; you may be the next family caught recycling. It pays to recycle!

Happenings

May

- Community Garden Event
- Registration begins for the Summer Rec. Program
- 2016 Street Project Begins
- 2016 Seal Coat/Crack Seal Project begins

June

- Summer Rec. Program begins
- Appliance and Electronic Recycling Day
- Absentee Voting begins for State Primary
- 2017 Budget workshops begin

July

- 3rd Annual Pub Crawl

August

- National Night Out
- Heritage Days Festival
- Primary Election—Remember to Vote

September

- Absentee Voting begins for General Election

October

November

- General Election—Remember to Vote
- Winter parking ban begins
- Fire Dept. annual Ham & Turkey Raffle
- Last chance for seniors to apply for water discount for next year
- Last chance to pre-pay special assessments in full before certification
- Pre-Holiday Train events begin
- Holiday Lights Contest nominations due
- Small Business Saturday



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Consumer Confidence Report

All community water systems must distribute a drinking water report known as the Consumer Confidence Report annually to their customers. The reports tell where drinking water comes from, what's in it, and how you can help protect it. The report is published in the *South Washington County Bulletin* and posted on the city's webpage.

