

# News in the Park

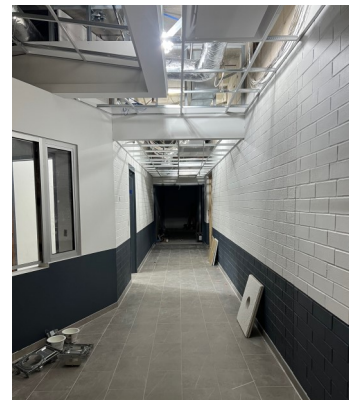
## City Hall Project Nears Completion

Spring Lake Park is thrilled to announce that the City Hall renovation and expansion project is on track and nearing substantial completion! This transformative project is designed to better serve our community by creating a modern, functional, and accessible space for residents and staff alike.

The construction team has made significant progress over the past year. Key upgrades include expanded public meeting spaces, improved ADA accessibility, enhanced building security, and a dedicated entrance for the Police Department. These changes reflect the city's commitment to providing top-tier facilities that meet the needs of our growing community.

We are planning an Open House this Spring, where residents can tour the newly-renovated City Hall and see the improvements firsthand. In addition, we anticipate that City Council, Planning Commission, and Parks and Recreation Committee meetings will return from the Able Park Building to City Hall in April. This marks an important milestone as we transition back to utilizing the improved facilities for civic engagement and decision-making.

Until then, we thank you for your patience and support throughout this renovation process. For updates on the project, Open House details, and meeting schedules, visit our website at [www.slpmn.org](http://www.slpmn.org) or contact us at 763-784-6491.



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## Council Round-Up

### Spring Lake Park City Hall

1301 81st Avenue NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432  
Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (Monday—Friday)  
General Information: 763-784-6491  
Fax Number: 763-792-7257  
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### City Council

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Fire and Police Emergency 911  
Fire Non-Emergency 763-786-4436  
Police Non-Emergency 763-427-1212  
City Hall 763-784-6491

### Meeting Broadcast Spring Lake Park Channel 16

#### City Council Meetings

Live: Every first and third Monday of the month at 7 PM  
On-demand video link on city website.  
Replays: Monday—Sunday (1:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM)  
Channel 16 Live Streaming 24/7

#### City Planning Commission Meetings

Live: Every fourth Monday of the month at 7 PM  
On-demand video link on city website.  
Replays: Monday—Friday (7:00 AM, 3:00 PM & 10:00 PM)

### Spring Lake Park City Meetings on Podcast

Search “Spring Lake Park City Meetings” on Apple, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Podbean, Amazon Music, iHeartRadio, or Pocketcasts. Meetings are available the day following all City Council meetings.

### Connect With Spring Lake Park



Like Us on Facebook: [@slpmn](https://www.facebook.com/slpmn)



Follow Us on X: [@SpringLkPark](https://twitter.com/SpringLkPark)

Have a great photo of life in Spring Lake Park you would like to share? E-mail it to [info@slpmn.org](mailto:info@slpmn.org) for possible inclusion in a future City publication.

### October

- Approved variances from the minimum lot size and side yard setback requirements and a conditional use permit to allow a two-family dwelling at 8031 Hayes Street NE.
- Approved a purchase agreement for the City to purchase the property at 8492 Highway 65 NE.
- Proclaimed October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- Ordered preparation of feasibility report for the Taylor Street Improvement Project.
- Adopted an ordinance to allow the City to transition plumbing plan review and electrical inspections from the State of Minnesota to private contractors.
- Approved consultant services agreements with Rum River Ventures (plumbing plan review) and Nykanen Inspections LLC (electrical inspections).
- Authorized City Hall furniture purchase.
- Replaced Arthur Street Pumphouse camera system.
- Appointed Austin Becker to fill a Maintenance Worker vacancy in the Public Works Department.

### November

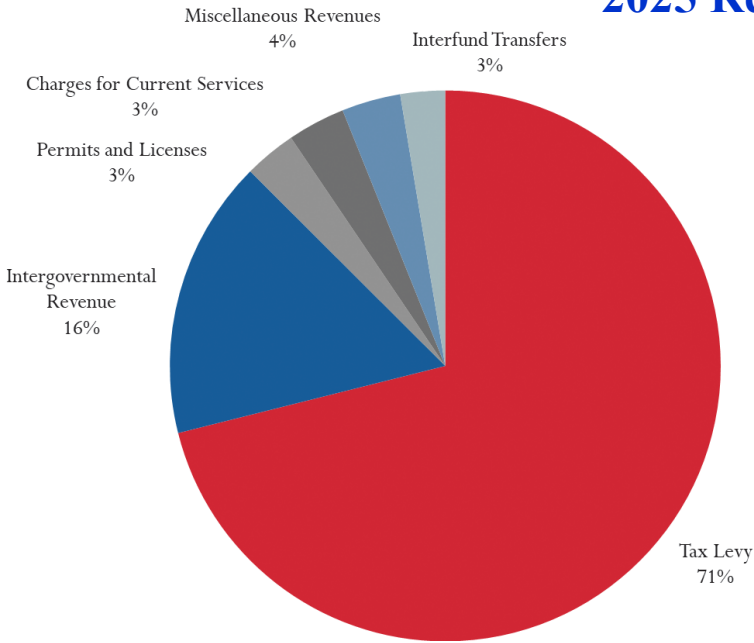
- Certified outstanding costs for the abatement of nuisances at 8064 Garfield Street NE.
- Granted Centerpoint Energy a non-exclusive franchise to provide natural gas within the city limits.
- Approved a variance to allow a driveway expansion at 673 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE.
- Received feasibility report for 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Taylor Street improvements and called for a public hearing on the improvement project.
- Assessed delinquent utility account balances, administrative penalty tickets and escrow accounts to property taxes.
- Offered a police officer position to Ashlyn Haste.
- Replaced City Hall server.

### December

- Conducted improvement hearing for the 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Taylor Street improvements and approved a resolution calling for preparation of plans and specifications for the proposed projects.
- Adopted an ordinance regulating the sale of adult use cannabis within the city.
- Established utility rates and adopted public utilities budget for 2025.
- Approved 2025 recycling budget.
- Adopted 2025 Fee Schedule, 2025 property tax levy and 2025 general fund budget.
- Authorized purchase of new ventilation system for Police Department gun range.
- Authorized plans and specification for 2025 seal coat and crack repair project.
- Approved custodial contract with Tegrete.

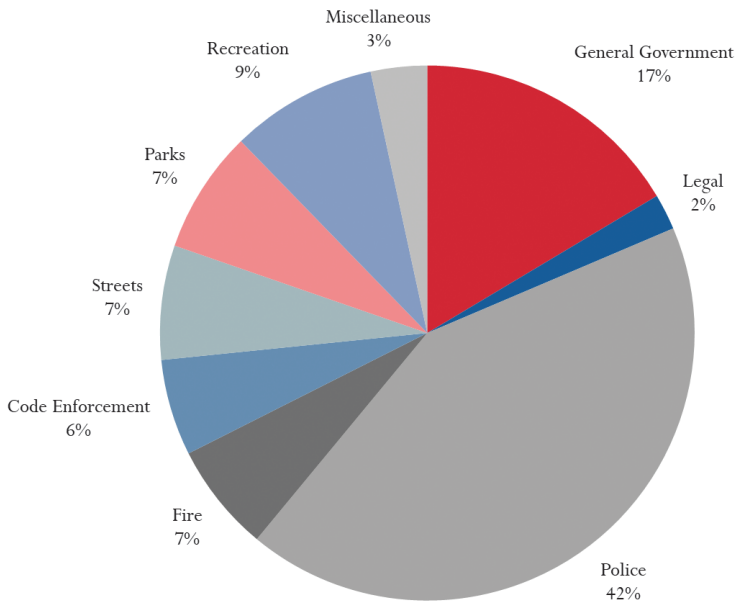
# City of Spring Lake Park 2025 General Fund Budget

## 2025 Revenues



Property Taxes .....	\$4,029,435
State Aids .....	929,679
Permits, Licenses & Fees .....	173,029
Charges for Services .....	192,087
Miscellaneous Revenues .....	196,031
Interfund Transfers .....	148,497
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,668,758</b>

## 2025 Expenditures



Police .....	\$2,402,043
Fire .....	372,235
Code Enforcement .....	329,880
Streets .....	391,136
Parks .....	420,842
Recreation .....	502,777
General Government .....	934,645
Legal .....	122,500
Miscellaneous .....	192,700
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,668,758</b>

The 2026 budget planning process will begin in mid-June. If you have comments or suggestions regarding next year's budget, please call City Hall at 763-784-6491. Budget meetings are open to the public and the date and times for those meetings are posted at City Hall in advance of each scheduled meeting. Public input in this important process is encouraged and welcomed.

If you have any questions regarding the 2025 Budget, please don't hesitate to contact Administrator Daniel Buchholtz at [dbuchholtz@slpmn.org](mailto:dbuchholtz@slpmn.org).

## City of Spring Lake Park Budget Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2025 budget information concerning the City of Spring Lake Park to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with M.S. 471.6965. This is not the complete City budget. The complete City budget may be examined at City Hall, 1301 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park. The City Council adopted this budget on December 16, 2024.

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
Property Taxes	\$4,113,290	\$4,721,272
Licenses and Permits	\$160,289	\$166,009
Intergovernmental Revenues		
State	\$876,720	\$884,679
Federal	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services	\$197,462	\$290,618
Fines and Forfeits	\$85,000	\$85,000
Interest on Investments	\$10,000	\$30,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$21,606	\$10,000
<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$5,464,367	\$6,187,578
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>		
General Government	\$1,325,670	\$1,387,025
Public Safety	\$2,417,454	\$2,648,236
Streets and Highways	\$368,817	\$391,136
Parks and Recreation	\$882,883	\$923,619
G.O. Debt Service	\$167,500	\$609,525
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$136,400	\$142,700
Capital Outlay	\$332,145	\$126,042
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$5,630,869	\$6,228,283
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<b>(\$166,502)</b>	<b>(\$40,705)</b>
Other Financing Sources and Uses	\$149,342	\$148,497
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue and Other Financing Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$0	\$107,792
Property Tax Levy Requirement to Fund the Budget	\$3,965,625	\$4,721,272





## Help Code Enforcement Work for You. Understanding the Code Enforcement Process!

Code awareness and compliance promotes the health, safety, and appeal of our community. The code process in Spring Lake Park is complaint driven and relies on assistance from the public. Here is how you can get in touch with us.

Code enforcement begins with a complaint. Complaints can be made by residents, the general public, or any city department. Generalized complaints regarding particular violations or neighborhoods are welcome. Complainant information is always kept anonymous. Code enforcement staff then conducts an inspection to identify violations present at the property of concern. Once verified, code staff becomes the complaint source and any information provided by the initial complainant will be used solely for the purpose of providing updates upon request. Code Enforcement will work with responsible individuals diligently and courteously until the matter is resolved. Please be aware that this process may take several weeks or months depending on the conditions requiring attention.

When making a complaint please be as specific as possible regarding the location (address & street of the property in violation) as well as a complete description of the conditions. There are several ways you can share your concerns with Code Enforcement:

- **Email:** [info@slpmn.org](mailto:info@slpmn.org)
- **Call:** Code Enforcement – 763-784-6491
- **Visit:** Share your concerns in person with Code Enforcement staff at City Hall:  
1301 81<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Contact the Code Enforcement Department for specific questions and permit information at 763-784-6491 or by e-mail at [info@slpmn.org](mailto:info@slpmn.org) or visit our web page for answers at [www.slpmn.org](http://www.slpmn.org).

## Help Keep Fire Hydrants Clear This Winter

### Why Clearing Hydrants Matters

In an emergency, firefighters rely on quick access to water to fight fires effectively. A buried hydrant can delay the response time, potentially putting lives and property at greater risk. Taking a few minutes to clear snow away from a hydrant near your home or business ensures it can be used without delay.

### How to Shovel Out a Hydrant

1. **Locate Your Nearest Hydrant:** Take note of the hydrant closest to your property before the heavy snow falls.
2. **Clear a 3-Foot Radius:** Remove snow around the hydrant to create a clear area that gives firefighters room to work.
3. **Shovel a Path to the Street:** Ensure there's a path leading to the hydrant so crews can access it quickly.



## Do Not Deposit Snow in Public Streets

As a reminder, according to **State Statute 160.2715**, it is prohibited to deposit snow onto public streets. This regulation is in place to help ensure the safety and accessibility of our roadways for everyone in the community.

We kindly ask all residents and property owners to refrain from moving or depositing snow onto city streets when clearing driveways, sidewalks, or other areas. Your cooperation in following this regulation will help keep our streets safe and clear for snowplows and emergency vehicles.

If you have any questions or concerns about snow removal practices or this regulation, please feel free to reach out to us. You can contact Code Enforcement at 763-784-6491.



## Winter Parking Restrictions are in Effect

Just a reminder, do not park on any city street between the hours of 2:00 AM to 8:00 AM. Also, we are in the midst of winter, meaning we will get more snow. With that being said, there is no parking regardless of the time of day on city streets if there is a snowfall of more than three (3) inches of snow until the streets are plowed curb to curb. This is to allow Public Works to make sure the streets are clear and prevent damage to the equipment.



## Household Safety Tips

The following are some basic safety tips to help keep you and your family safe throughout the year.

- Check electrical cords frequently for frayed wires or loose plugs. Nearly 32% of all deaths caused by residential electrical systems are a result of faulty cords and plugs.
- Have a qualified professional inspect your heating/cooling system annually.
- If you use a space heater, keep it vented, away from walkways, and at least three (3) feet away from items such as curtains, rugs and furniture.
- Make sure rooms have the proper lighting. Use the recommended size light bulb in each fixture.
- Use only GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) outlets in the bathroom or near kitchen sinks.
- If you suspect a gas leak, call your supplier immediately from a safe location, and also call 9-1-1.
- Have a fully stocked first-aid kit handy.

## Winter Driving Safety Tips

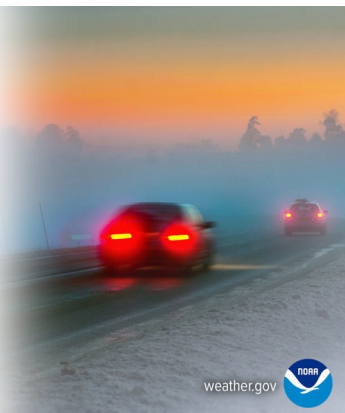
We understand we talked about this last year, but it is always a good reminder! Please be mindful when driving, especially if there is snow and/or ice on the roadways. Plan for extra time to get to your destination, and don't follow other vehicles too closely. You want to have a safe stopping distance to prevent any crash or other incident. Make sure to turn your headlights on in any type of precipitation – rain, snow, sleet, hail, fog, smoke, etc. per MN State Statute 169.48. Do NOT rely on the automatic lights as they may not turn on the headlights and tail lights. Avoid risky driving behaviors. Do not text or drive distracted, obey all speed limits and drive for the road conditions, and always drive sober. Remember to wear your seatbelt!

## ICE & SNOW, TAKE IT SLOW

Each year in the U.S., there are over **1,000 deaths** and **100,000 injuries** due to vehicle crashes during winter weather.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Clean off your vehicle before driving.**  
Flying snow from cars causes accidents.
- Keep it slow, and don't use cruise control.**  
Roads can be slick even if they just look wet.
- Leave extra distance between vehicles.**  
Stay especially far from snow plows.



weather.gov

## Staying Healthy

Being active and practicing good hygiene will help keep everyone feeling great this winter season. Keep yourself and others healthy by following these tips.

- Wash your hands with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces to prevent the spread of germs.
- Stay active by exercising or getting some daily physical activity.
- Eat well-balanced meals with plenty of fruits and vegetables.
- Make sure to get enough sleep.
- Join a new group or activity to keep things fresh. Check out our activities with the Parks and Recreation Department!



## Safe Medication Disposal

With the remodeling of City Hall and the Police Department, we do not have the medication drop box available. There are a number of pharmacies and neighboring police departments that do have a drop box available. Please visit <https://www.anokacountymn.gov/2930/Prescription-Drug-Take-Back-Sites> for various locations or a postage-paid, pre-addressed envelope for disposal by Stericycle. Remember, do not dispose of needles or other medical devices in the drop boxes. They are meant for medications only.



## Contact and Connect with Us

The Police Department would also like to remind you that officers are available to serve our city and its citizens 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Please call 9-1-1 *for any reason*, and Anoka County Central Communications will dispatch an officer. We do not dispatch out of our office. If you need to speak with a *specific officer*, police administration or investigator, our front office is available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM—4:30 PM. Please call 763-792-7200.

You can also follow us on Facebook for news and useful information on what is happening our great city. Simply search for “Spring Lake Park Police Department” and follow us.





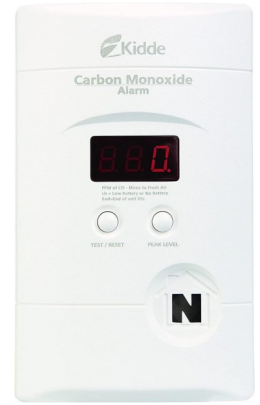
### Carbon Monoxide 101

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, poisonous gas. Your senses cannot detect its presence. CO is produced by anything in your home that burns fuel inefficiently. Sources can include, but are not limited to gas dryers, furnace, stove/burner or water heater, fireplace, automobile fumes, and portable heaters.

It is important to have a CO alarm for early warning and detection. MN State Law requires that every home have at least one CO alarm within 10 feet of every room legally used for sleeping. If people sleep on multiple levels, there must be a CO alarm on every level.

Don't forget to occasionally press the 'test' button on your CO alarm and check its replacement date on the label. CO alarms last between five (5) and 10 years per the manufacturer's date, which is located on the back of the device.

Need assistance? Give Ashley Krepsky with SBM Fire a call at 763-231-1802 today!



### Follow SBM on Social Media

Like us on Facebook at Spring Lake Park, Blaine, Mounds View Fire Department, or follow us on Instagram and TikTok at @SBMFireDept.



### UTILITY DEPARTMENT

#### Utility Bills

Utility Bills for your 2024 4th quarter usage were mailed and eBills, the online delivery, uploaded on December 31, 2024. **If you have not received your bill by January 7, 2025 please contact Breanna in the Utility Billing Department.**



If you are signed up for paperless billing, please make sure to check your "Junk" or "Spam" folder in your email. Paperless bills will come from *City of Spring Lake Park - Utility Billing* [noreply@bsacloud.com](mailto:noreply@bsacloud.com). You may need to mark this sender as "Not Junk" or "Safe" to see them in your inbox.

If you are not already enrolled in paperless billing but would like to sign up to receive your quarterly Utility Bills via email please contact the Utility Billing Department. Once you have enrolled in paperless billing you will no longer receive a paper bill in the mail.

Payments are due January 30, 2025. If you are unable to meet the due date, your payment should include the applicable late fee outlined on your quarterly bill.

**Utility Billing Department:**  
763-792-7213 | [bbrown@slpmn.org](mailto:bbrown@slpmn.org)

#### Reminder to Snowbirds

The City is happy to mail statements to a secondary address if you are heading south for the winter months, or you can pre-pay your account. Please update the Utility Billing office if you expect to pack away your winter parka and boots for shorts and flipflops.



#### New Secure Drop Box Now Available at City Hall

We're excited to announce the installation of a new secure drop box outside the City Hall entrance. This secure, 24/7 drop box is video monitored for your peace of mind and designed to make it easier for you to submit important documents or payments safely and conveniently.



## Frequently Asked Questions about Snow Plowing

With the winter season in full gear, Public Works would like to provide some answers to the most commonly asked questions about snow plowing operations and snow removal responsibilities.



### Q1. When does the City begin plowing snow?

The Public Works Director decides when to begin snow plowing operations. This decision is based upon various factors including snow accumulation, drifting of snow and icy conditions affecting travel, time of snowfall in relationship to heavy traffic, air and pavement temperatures, and weather forecast. Snow plowing is expensive and Public Works has only a limited amount of equipment and personnel to perform this work.

### Q2. When will my street be snow plowed?

Streets will be snow plowed in the most efficient manner possible. This means that streets in the same vicinity will typically be plowed one after the other. However, the City has designated some streets as Priority Snow Plow Routes that may be plowed first or more often than other streets during major winter storms. These priority streets usually have more traffic and connect major sections of the city to provide emergency access for fire, police, and medical services.

### Q3. Why do the snowplows sometimes come by a second time and leave a windrow of snow on the end of my driveway after I already shoveled it?

Snow plows only have to make one pass by your driveway during normal winter storms. A second pass is sometimes required during bigger winter storms to clear the entire width of the street. This sometimes results in having a windrow of heavy snow placed at the end of your driveway. This windrow might even occur the day after a major winter storm since snow plow drivers might only be able to make one pass on the day of the storm.

### Q4. Can I throw the snow from my driveway into the street if the street has not been plowed?

No – this is illegal, under Minnesota State Statute 160.27. All snow removed from driveways must be placed next to the driveway on private property. It is unlawful to deposit snow from your driveway into the street, sidewalk, boulevard, or neighbor’s property – regardless if plowing has or has not occurred. If you have a contractor plow snow from your driveway, it is unlawful for them to push the snow across the street and the homeowner will be responsible for these actions.

### Q5. My mailbox was damaged when the snowplow came by – will the City repair it?

It depends. Most instances of damaged mailboxes occur when the snow being plowed is pushed into the mailbox and breaks it – in which case the homeowner is responsible to fix the mailbox.

The City is responsible for damaged mailboxes only if the snow plow makes a direct physical contact with the mailbox. In addition, the City will not be responsible for any irrigation systems, landscaping, trees, shrubs, or other private property installed in the City boulevard (the grass area 10 to 20 feet from the street edge) damaged by snow plowing operations.



### Q6. I noticed my lawn was scalped by the snowplow – who will repair it?

The City will repair any lawns that were damaged by snow plow blades. Public Works will restore the damaged lawn by leveling out the damaged area, if necessary, and spreading black dirt, fertilizer, and seed. Lawn damage is typically limited to streets without concrete curbs.

## Be Safe This Winter

Stay at least 75 feet away when traveling behind snow removal equipment of any kind. In addition, move away from the street as soon as you see the snow plow moving toward you. Snow plows are unable to stop quickly and must keep their momentum in order to keep the snow removal process going and not get stuck in heavy snow.





# How to Register

**Online** - Visit our website at [slprec.org](http://slprec.org) and click "Registration". Payment is due at time of registration. If you need help setting up an account, call 763-792-7201.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, Apr 12 | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
**FREE**

**Location:** Lakeside Lions Park

*Sponsored by the Spring Lake Park Lions Club*

This annual event is structured for children ages 2-12, where participants will hunt for eggs in separate age groups. Each participant will receive a specific bag to collect their goodies (no outside bags or baskets are allowed). All hunts begin promptly on time, so please be sure to allow enough time to park (no parking in the park), sign-in, and find your child's designated area.

**Hunt sign-in is between 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM.**

Each age group will hunt in a designated area of the park.

Ages 2 - 4 will begin at 12:40 PM

Ages 5 - 7 will begin at 1:00 PM

Ages 8 - 12 will begin at 1:20 PM

## Raised-Bed Community Garden

Sanburnol Park is home to the raised-bed community garden. Located in the south east corner of the park, these raised-beds make gardening easier for you to plant, maintain and harvest your crops.

Returning gardeners have until March 1 to reserve their garden bed. New gardeners may reserve starting March 2.

One garden plot per household can be reserved by mail or in person at the Recreation Department.

There will be access to water, however, the gardens will be situated to receive regular watering from the park irrigation system. Barrels for waste and organic materials will be provided to encourage a clean garden area.—Mowed grass paths separate the gardens.



Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
May - Oct.	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM	\$20	See Above



## Inclusion Programs



Programs designed for all abilities

Please let us know if you require an accommodation specific to a disability-related need, a behavioral support, an allergy, or other need for inclusion services. Please register early to allow adequate time to process requests. Buddies may be required for some activities.

## Family CPR & First-Aid Class (Ages 10+)

Designed for youth and adults alike, gain life-saving skills in CPR, first aid, and emergency response in this one-day course, building confidence to handle health emergencies and ensure safety for all ages.



Sat, Apr 26 | 1:00 - 5:30 PM

\$55/participant

**Deadline:** Apr 23

**Location**  
Mounds View  
Community Center

# Spring Break

(Ages 6 - 12)

**Drop off / Pick up:** Able Park

Outing	Date	Fee
<b>Conquer Ninja Gym</b> Join us to have your child test their abilities as a ninja! Supervised by Youth Program Leaders and trained staff members of Conquer Ninja Gym.	Tue, Mar 11 1:15 - 3:30 PM	\$30
<b>T. Swift Era</b> Immerse yourself in creativity inspired by Taylor Swift's music and style. From painting to friendship bracelets, embark on an unforgettable artistic journey.	Wed, Mar 12 9:00 AM - Noon	\$46
<b>Grand Slam</b> Dive into laser tag, mini golf, bumper cars, and more! With thrilling challenges like a ninja course and batting cages, plus a fun-filled Play Zone, there's something for everyone.	Thu, Mar 13 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	\$35
<b>Foam, Slime, &amp; Potions</b> Our hands-on workshop will immerse your child into the enchanting realm of foam, slime, and potions, as we unravel the secrets of science.	Fri, Mar 14 9:00 AM - Noon	\$46

**Dungeons & Dragons Classes (Ages 10+)**

D&D is a tabletop roleplaying game that teaches players skills such as creative thinking, group problem solving, & building social connections.



**Miniature Monster Painting**  
Wed, Feb 19  
\$36/class

**Location**  
Badwolf Adventure Studio

**Red Cross Babysitters Course (Ages 10 - 17)**

Students learn essential babysitting skills, such as basic first aid, child development, supervision, accident prevention, emergency response, feeding, & infant care.

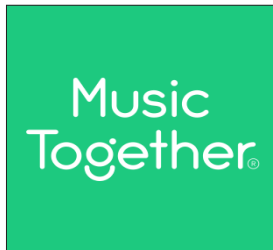


**Program Dates**  
April 19  
\$58/participant

**Location**  
Able Park Building

**Music Together (Ages 0-5)**

Sing, laugh, move and learn along with your child. Our goal is to make the world a better place by making it more musical.



**Mon, Mar 31 - June 9**  
Times & Prices vary,  
see online

**Location**  
New Brighton Community Center



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

**Little Sluggers T-Ball (Ages 4-5)**

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 9 - July 2  
(Make-up week: July 7 - 9)

**Fee:** \$35/child (t-shirt, hat, & participation medal)

**Coed Slow-pitch Softball (Ages 7-17)**

Practices begin late April/early May

**Registration fee:** \$75/child until March 20.

After March 20, fee is \$85/child

Register online at [www.slprec.org](http://www.slprec.org).



**Basketball Clinic (Ages 4 - 10)**

This is the perfect place for young athletes to develop their talents, boost their confidence, and have a blast! With fun drills, exciting games, and team-building activities, your child will love every minute on the court!



**Sat, Feb 8 - Mar 8**  
Times & Prices vary,  
see online

**Location**  
Mounds View Community Center



**(Ages 4-8)**

This camp gives kids the opportunity to practice and learn new 'ninja' skills. In this hip hop and acro based camp students will work on stamina, flexibility and 'trick' moves focusing on technique. Great for kids who like to run and jump around.

Join us for games, ninja crafts and fun!

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Sat	Feb 8	10:00 AM - Noon	\$30	Feb 6

**Youth Sports Classes (Ages 3-9)**

RevSports classes focus on teaching basic sport skills through age-appropriate warm-ups, progressive activities, & scrimmages.



**Volleyball  
Soccer**  
Dates & Times vary, see online  
\$67/session

**Location**  
Mounds View Community Center



**Paint with Me - Adult/Child Classes**

Paint with Me classes offer a fun way for adults and children to connect while exploring their creativity.

Guided by a professional artist, each pair collaborates on a shared canvas to create beautiful art and lasting memories.

Perfect for all skill levels!

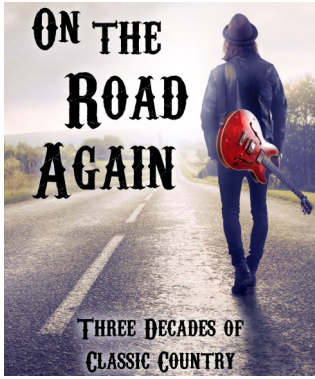
*Additional cost of \$5.00 for each additional child.*

<b>Irish Gnome</b>	Sat, Mar 1	\$30
<b>Easter Vibes</b>	Sat, Apr 12	\$30
<b>Garden Critters</b>	Sat, May 10	\$30
<b>Teacher's Choice</b>	Sat, Jun 14	\$30

Register at [www.slprec.org](http://www.slprec.org)



**On the Road Again**



ON THE ROAD AGAIN returns to the Sidekick stage with another memorable concert filled with your favorite country music from decades past.  
*Lunch Included.*

Thursday, Mar 20  
Time: 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Fee: \$95  
Deadline: February 20

**Lake Mille Lacs Fishing Trip**



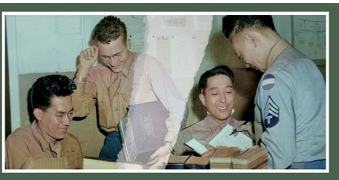
Join us for a 4-hour charter on Lake Mille Lacs from Twin Pines Resort, where we'll fish for walleye, perch, and crappies. Afterward, enjoy a delicious lakeside lunch at the resort.  
*Lunch choice made at registration.*

Thursday, May 22  
Time: 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
Fee: \$120  
Registration Deadline: Apr 22

**Secret Warriors**



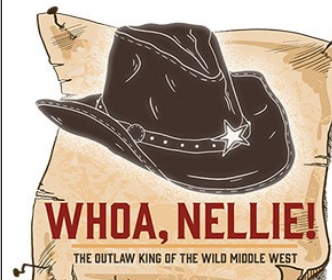
Secret Warriors shines a light on the Japanese-American soldiers who served as translators and interrogators for the U.S. Army in WWII.  
*Lunch included.*



Thursday, Apr 17  
Time: 9:15 AM - 3:00 PM  
Fee: \$98  
Deadline: Mar 20

**Whoa, Nellie!**

**The Outlaw King of the Wild Middle**



It's a whirlwind story of a fake detective and former child performer who became a media sensation in late 1800s Minnesota. This is a fast-paced, funny, and moving musical  
*Lunch Included.*

Thursday, May 29  
Time: 9:15 AM - 3:00 PM  
Fee: \$98  
Registration Deadline: May 1

**37 Postcards at Day Trippers**



In this charming 1930's screwball comedy, Avery Sutton and his fiancée return from Europe after eight (8) years to find his eccentric family in chaos.  
*Lunch included.*

Wednesday, Apr 23  
Time: 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Fee: \$92  
Deadline: Mar 23

**Grease**



Enjoy the drama, comedy, and classic songs like "Summer Nights," "We Go Together," and "Greased Lightnin'." Join the fun and groove along to this beloved production!  
*Lunch included.*

Wednesday, Jul 16  
Time: 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Departure location: Spring Lake Park City Hall  
Fee: \$107  
Registration Deadline: Jun 19

**Perfect Wedding at the Sidekick**



A riotous comedy and touching Love Story. A groom wakes up on the morning of his wedding day with a hangover and a strange woman in his bed and trouble ensues.  
*Lunch Included.*

Thursday, May 1  
Time: 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Fee: \$95  
Deadline: Apr 1

**Twins Baseball with Mounds View**



Experience the excitement of America's favorite pastime on June 12 at Target Field as the Minnesota Twins take on the Texas Rangers!

June 12  
Call 763-717-4040 to register and secure your spot!  
*Lunch is on your own.*



### Learn about Medical Cannabis

This **FREE** class covers CBD and medical cannabis, including how they work, their potential benefits, and how to use products like oils and pills safely. You'll also learn about side effects and possible interactions with other medications. Alicia, a nurse with 23 years of experience, is currently pursuing a master's in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics.

Location : SLP City Hall

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Thu	Mar 6	10:00 AM - Noon	\$0	Feb 27

### The Quiz Show Scandals & Other Game Shows of the 50s & 60s

Location: Spring Lake Park City Hall

In the 1950s, quiz shows like The \$64,000 Question and Twenty-One became a TV sensation—until the rigging scandal rocked the nation. In this one-hour class with North Metro TV's Eric Houston, explore the controversy that changed television, plus other iconic early game shows like What's My Line, To Tell the Truth, and Password.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Mon	Mar 17	10:00 -11:00 AM	\$0	Mar 10

### Scams and Frauds

Location: Spring Lake Park City Hall

Join us for a **FREE** session with the Spring Lake Park Police Department on Scams and Frauds. Learn valuable tips and tricks to identify scams and frauds, both online and over the phone. Discover key red flag warnings that could save you thousands of dollars and help protect you from future risks.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Wed	Mar 26	11:00 AM - Noon	\$0	Mar 25

### Come on Down: Game Shows of the 70s & 80s

Location: Spring Lake Park City Hall

Game shows made a big comeback in the 1970s! In this one-hour class with Eric Houston, explore how Let's Make a Deal revolutionized the genre, how The Price Is Right became the longest-running game show, and why Family Feud's Richard Dawson was so popular. Plus, get a behind-the-scenes look at Match Game, Jeopardy!, and Wheel of Fortune.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Mon	Apr 21	10:00 -11:00 AM	\$0	Apr 14

### Naturalist Melonie Shipman (Foxy Lady Talk - all about foxes)

Location: Spring Lake Park City Hall

Join us for a free talk with coffee and treats! Enjoy engaging conversations and learn about North America's fascinating foxes—from red to arctic. Naturalist Melonie Shipman will share stories, images, and activities that highlight these sly, captivating creatures.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Wed	May 7	1:00 -2:30 PM	\$0	May 6

### Skating Rink / Warming House

**Able Park** is located at 8200 Able Street. It has a skating rink, a hockey rink, and a warming house. The warming house will be open from December 26 - February 21, weather permitting. Rinks are lit from dusk until 10:00 PM.



- Able Park Building Hours  
Fridays: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Saturdays: Noon - 8:00 PM  
Sundays: Noon - 6:00 PM

- Rental Skates | Snowshoes  
Able Park has a limited supply of *Free ice skates and snowshoes / poles available for use!* Bring your own socks. If you'd like to donate your skates, please bring them to SLP City Hall.

**Terrace Park** is located at 79th Avenue & Terrace Road and has a hockey rink with lights until 10:00 PM. There is not a warming house at Terrace Park.

**Sanburnol Park** is located at 520 Sanburnol Drive and has a general ice-skating rink without lights. There is not a warming house at Sanburnol Park.

### Weather & Ice Maintenance

- Rink Closures & Inclement Weather Guidelines-While the guidelines below are generally the criteria which will be followed to determine outdoor rink and warming house closures, we reserve the right to close rinks whenever we feel it is in the best interest and safety of the participants.
- All regularly scheduled rinks and lights will remain open unless:
  1. The air temperature is -10 degrees or below.
  2. The wind chill factor is -20 degrees or below.
  3. Unusually warm temperature has softened the ice, making the rinks unsafe for skating.
  4. We received a snowfall of more than two inches. This could delay cleaning the rinks and opening the building.

**\*All parks close at 10:00 PM.\***



**2025 Recycling Days**

**March 8 | May 10 | July 12 | September 13 | November 8**

**8:00 AM—Noon**

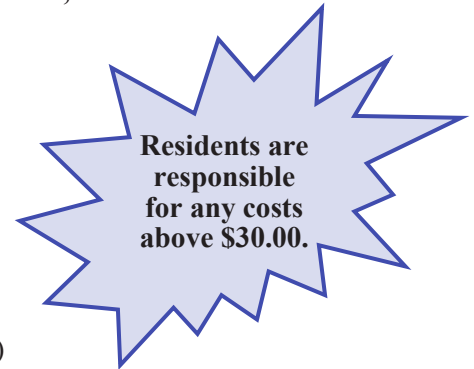
**Recycle Technologies—10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine, MN**

**ID Will Be Required**



**RECYCLE 2 ITEMS FOR FREE WITH COUPON**  
**(UP TO \$30.00)**

- Lamps / Bulbs / Ballasts / Fixtures **DO NOT TAPE LAMPS TOGETHER** \$0.50 - \$25.00
- TV's & Monitors \$20.00 - \$85.00 (if broken add \$20.00 each)
- Miscellaneous Electronics
  - Small Electronics (DVD / VCR players, stereos, speakers, coffee makers, record players, toasters/ toaster ovens, landline phones, small appliances, video game consoles, etc.) \$6.00
  - Printers, scanners, fax machines \$10.00 - \$35.00
  - Commercial copier \$95.00
- Appliances \$12.00 - \$30.00
- Batteries (Small household and rechargeable) \$1.75 - \$6.75 /lb
- Exercise equipment \$25.00 - \$40.00
- Propane tanks & dry chemical fire extinguishers \$6.00 - \$35.00
- Car / truck tires without rim \$7.00 - \$9.00 each (with rim, add \$2.25/tire)
- Hard drive shredding \$5.00
- Mattresses & box springs (all sizes) \$25.00 - \$30.00



**RECYCLE**  
**2 items for FREE**

**March 8, 2025**  
8 am - 12 pm  
**Recycle Technologies**  
10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine, MN  
**SLP/up to \$30 value**  
**LIMIT 1 COUPON PER HOUSEHOLD**



**RECYCLE FOR FREE WITHOUT COUPON**

- Holiday lights (string only, no rope lights or decorations)
- Scrap Metal (remove all non-metal parts, no auto hulks)
- Charcoal grills (must be clean with all non-metal material removed)
- Tablets, servers, cables, laptops & cell phones (if server or laptop contains a hard drive add \$7.00 each)
- Sealed lead acid car batteries

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED**

- Child car seats
- Furniture or household goods
- Garbage
- Building, construction, or compost materials
- Household hazardous waste (paint, oil, etc.)
- Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors

Recycle Technologies reserves the right to refuse items.  
Please **DO NOT** drop off items before or after the event.

**Questions on the event?**  
Contact Haley Morrison at 763-792-7240 or hmorrison@slpmn.org  
These events are funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE funds (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment)

### Holiday Lights Recycling

The City of Spring Lake Park offers free, year-round Holiday Light recycling. Bring your used lights to City Hall, located at 1301 81st Ave NE, for proper recycling. Please do not bring rope lights or decorations.



Residents are able to drop off lights Monday—Friday from 8:00AM—4:30PM in the lobby.

### Gift Wrap

Many people are surprised to find out their gift wrapping paper is **not** recyclable. Typical gift wrap has metal and other things in it to make it shiny and attractive. Unfortunately, those things mean paper mills can't use it to make new paper products.



Instead of gift wrap, consider using gift bags which can be reused and recycled. Other suggestions include: using the Sunday comics, paper colored by the kids, using a scarf to wrap the present which then becomes part of the gift.

### Organics Recycling

Organics are a resource, not a waste! Did you know that one-third of what you throw away is organics that can be composted? You can drop off food scraps, non-recyclable paper products (i.e. pizza boxes, paper egg cartons, paper towels, napkins, tissues, etc.), coffee grounds and more at the Spring Lake Park Compost site. When you participate in the Organics recycling program, your food scraps and non-recyclable paper products will be recycled into compost, a valuable resource that improves soil, reduces erosion and decreases the need for fertilizers.

If you would like to participate it is easy and FREE. Please stop by City Hall to sign up and pick up a starter kit. Collect your organic waste in a compostable bag and tie it off. Drop your bags off in the organics dumpster at City Hall that is available 24/7 and video monitored. If you run out of bags simply stop at the front desk Monday—Friday during business hours to pick up more.



If you have any questions contact Haley via phone at 763-792-7240 from 8:00AM—4:30PM or via email at [hmorrison@slpmn.org](mailto:hmorrison@slpmn.org).

### Spring Lake Park Curbside Recycling Information

The City of Spring Lake Park is contracted with Walter's Recycling and Refuse for residential recycling needs. Here are some things you should know:



**Recycling Carts:** Recycling carts are available in 30, 60, and 90 gallon varieties. If you need a cart, your cart is broken, or you would like to request an additional or different size cart, please contact Walter's at 763-780-8464. There is no additional charge for a cart exchange or for an additional cart.

**Missed Collection:** If your recycling cart was at your curb by 6:00 AM on your designated collection day and it was not picked up by 6:00 PM, please call Walter's at 763-780-8464 by noon the day following your missed pick up. Please remember to leave your recycling cart out so the hauler will be able to pick it up after we report the missed collection.

**Moving In/Out:** If you are just moving in, there should be a recycling cart at your home for you use. The recycling cart is green with an orange lid and should say "Walter's" on the side. If there is no cart present, please call Walter's to arrange for a cart to be delivered to your home. If you are moving out, please leave your empty cart in the garage. If you need a special pick up to empty the cart and it is not your normal recycling day, please call Walter's to make arrangements to have it emptied.



**Extra Cardboard:** Cardboard boxes can be flattened and tied into bundles no more than three (3) feet by three (3) feet by one (1) foot tall and placed next to your recycling cart. There is no charge for additional recycling.

**Collection Days:** Wednesday is the service day for every-other-week recycling. You can find the full collection schedule online at <https://waltersrecycling.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Spring-Lake-Park-2025.pdf> or visit the City's website at <https://slpmn.org/calendar>.

### Online Recycling Directory Tool

Can pizza boxes be recycled? What about Styrofoam? Anoka County has an online recycling directory tool that's easy to use. If you're unsure if an item is recyclable or not, visit <https://www.anokacountymn.gov/1653/Search-the-Recycling-and-Disposal-Direct> to find out. If the item is not recyclable the site will provide you information on how to properly dispose of the item(s) in question.





## Help Keep Our Storm Drains Clean

Snowmelt can lead to flooding if storm drains are not regularly cleaned. The city and the Coon Creek Watershed District encourage you to join *Adopt-a-Drain* to help keep storm drains free of debris, also known as *illicit discharges*. By participating, you will help prevent flooding due to snowmelt and protect water in lakes, ponds and streams in your community. Signing up is quick and easy—visit [mn.adopt-a-drain.org](http://mn.adopt-a-drain.org).

ADOPT  
A STORM  
DRAIN



City ordinance 494 prohibits anything other than water from entering the streets or storm drains. If you see anyone spilling, dumping or disposing any of the materials listed below into a storm drain or on the street report it immediately to the Public Works Department at 763-784-6491. If you think the material may be hazardous, call 9-1-1 – the Fire Department will respond to emergency responses for contamination and spills.

These materials, which are considered *Illicit Discharges*, may include:

- Grass clippings or leaves
- Pet Waste
- Sand or dirt
- Fertilizer
- Motor oil and grease
- Pesticides or herbicides
- Paint
- Winter de-icers/salt



## A Reminder to Dog Owners

As temperatures drop and snow begins to fall, it's essential to continue picking up after your dog, even in your backyard. Dog waste contains harmful bacteria, like *E. coli*, and excess nutrients that can wash into storm drains during the winter. These drains carry the waste into lakes, ponds and streams, where it can make the water unsafe for activities like fishing and swimming and can harm aquatic life.

To help minimize these impacts, dog waste should be disposed of properly in trash bins or designated pet waste stations.

To help residents properly dispose of their dog's waste, the Coon Creek Watershed has installed 10 new pet waste stations in the drainage of Springbrook Creek (its subwatershed). One is in Spring Lake Park's own **Sanburnol Park!** Located on the east side of the parking lot, this station is maintained weekly and provides a reliable source for residents to properly dispose of their dog's waste. To find out more about this project, check out our webpage at <https://www.cooncreekwd.org/pws-project>.

By using trash bins or pet waste stations, you can help protect the waterways and wildlife in your community, ensuring a cleaner and safer environment for everyone. So, this winter remember to pick up the dog waste!



This information was provided by the Coon Creek Watershed District:  
[cooncreekwd.org](http://cooncreekwd.org) | 763.755.0975.





1301 81st Avenue NE  
Spring Lake Park MN 55432

**Dated Material**  
**Postmaster: Time Sensitive Mail**

**Upcoming Events**

Office Closed (New Year's Day)	Jan 1
City Council Meeting	Jan 6
Office Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)	Jan 20
City Council Meeting	Jan 21
Planning Commission Meeting	Jan 27
City Council Meeting	Feb 3
Office Closed (Presidents Day)	Feb 17
City Council Meeting	Feb 18
Planning Commission Meeting	Feb 24
City Council Meeting	Mar 3
Recycling Day (8AM—Noon Recycle Technologies)	Mar 8
Daylight Savings Begins	Mar 9
City Council Meeting	Mar 17
Planning Commission Meeting	Mar 24
City Council Meeting	Apr 7
City Council Meeting	Apr 21
Planning Commission Meeting	Apr 28
Recycling Day (8AM-Noon City Hall)	Apr 26

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM, and are held at the Able Park Building,, 8200 Able St NE.

**SLP Lions Pancake Breakfast**

Join the Spring Lake Park Lions for their popular all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. For just a free-will offering, you can enjoy your fill of pancakes, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. In addition to the breakfast there will be face painting, a craft and bake sale, and community exhibits. You may also donate used eyeglasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges and cell phones. Bring the entire family for an enjoyable Spring morning. All proceeds go to the support of local/community programs.



Sunday, March 30  
8:00 AM – Noon  
SLP High School (door #29)  
Fee: Free-will offering

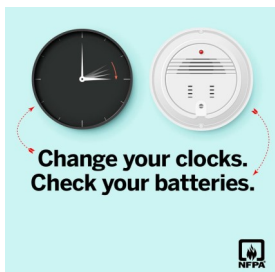
**Thank You Election Judges**

The City of Spring Lake Park staff would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the incredible election judges who dedicated their time, effort, and energy to help us run a successful election. Your hard work and support were essential in making this possible, and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for helping us ensure that every vote



**Spring Ahead**  
**March 9**  
**Daylight Savings Begins**

Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour  
Replace the batteries in your Smoke/CO2 detectors



**Report Your Power Outage or Street Light Out to Xcel Energy**

Call Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-1999 to report a power outage in your home or a street light out on your block.

You can also get information about outages in your area, an estimate of when power will be restored and tips and resources to stay informed.



If you suspect a gas leak, leave your home or business and call 911.