

News in the Park



Reminder:
General Election November 5, 2024
 All precincts vote at Emmanuel Christian Center
Early Voting September 20—November 4, 2024
 Spring Lake Park City Hall
 8:00AM - 4:15PM



Who Filed For City Council?

Council Member (4 year term: elect 2)

- Lisa Dircks
- Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
- Ryan Hollihan
- Eric Julien
- Sharon Weighous

Where Can Candidates Campaign?

It is unlawful for a person to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park, other multiple-unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family dwellings are located on private roadways to a candidate who has filed for election to public office or to campaign workers accompanied by the candidate, if the candidate and workers seeking admittance to the facility do so solely for the purpose of campaigning. *This information was taken from Minnesota Statutes 211B.20*

A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor. There are some exceptions to this law. Exceptions allowed under this provision include:

1. Denial of admittance into a particular apartment, room, manufactured home, or personal residential unit;
2. Requiring reasonable and proper identification as a necessary prerequisite to admission to a multiple-unit dwelling;
3. In the case of a nursing home, denial of permission to visit certain persons for valid health reasons;
4. Limiting visits by candidates or workers accompanied by the candidate to a reasonable number of persons or reasonable hours;
5. Requiring a prior appointment to gain access to the facility; or
6. Denial of admittance to or expulsion from a multiple-unit dwelling for good cause.

Absentee Ballot Services

Spring Lake Park residents who are unable to go to their polling place on Election Day may cast an absentee ballot by mail or in-person during the 46 days prior to the election.

Voters who prefer to cast their absentee ballot in-person may do so at the Spring Lake Park City Hall during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM, Monday through Friday. In-person absentee balloting will also be available at City Hall on the Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM, Tuesday, October 29 from 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM, Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and until 5:00 PM the day before the election, Monday, November 4.

Voters who live in Anoka County and wish to vote absentee by mail, can download the absentee ballot application any time at www.anokacounty.us/absenteevoting or they may call 763-324-1300 to have an absentee ballot application sent to them.

Voters who live in Ramsey County and wish to vote absentee by mail, can download the absentee ballot application any time at www.co.ramsey.mn.us/elections/absentee or they may call 651-266-2171 to have an absentee ballot application sent to them.

For more information about elections and voter registration, go to www.anokacounty.us/elections or to www.ramseycounty.us/search/site/elections.

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Spring Lake Park City Hall

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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 and Planning Commission.

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 for possible inclusion in a future City publication.

Council Round-Up

July

- Approved an ordinance updating the City’s nuisance code.
- Amended the City’s liquor ordinance to bring it into alignment with changes in State Law.
- Denied a request for a variance from fencing performance standards at 697 79th Ave NE.
- Authorized purchase of new office furniture for the City Hall renovation.
- Proclaimed July 2024 as Park and Recreation Month.
- Awarded contract for new sidewalk at Terrace Park.

August

- Heard a report on the 2023 audited financial statements. Accepted the 2023 audited financial report.
- Approved a change order to the 83rd Avenue NE street project to restore the boulevard on the south side of 83rd Avenue east of University Avenue.
- Authorized purchase of Flock Camera system, which will alert the Police Department when the camera detects a known wanted vehicle.

September

- Adopted a resolution establishing the proposed 2024 tax levy, collectible in 2025, at \$4,721.272 and set the Truth in Taxation public hearing for Monday, December 2, 2024 at Able Park Building, 8200 Able Street NE.
- Approved a resolution cancelling two debt service levies and reducing a third due to sufficient funds on-hand to guarantee repayment of the bonds.
- Approved a variance from the side yard setback for a driveway expansion at 725 82nd Avenue NE.
- Ordered preparation of a feasibility report for a street improvement project on 79th Avenue NE, between Highway 65 and Monroe Street.
- Accepted quotation for purchase of new playground equipment at Terrace Park.
- Accepted letter of retirement from Recreation Director Kay Okey. Her last day will be March 3, 2025.
- Authorized hiring processes for a Public Works Maintenance Worker and a Police Officer.
- Made a conditional job offer to Rachele Gulbranson for an open Police Officer position.
- Accepted proposal for a Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment at 8476-8478 Highway 65 NE.
- Accepted loan agreement between the City and Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to facilitate the purchase of 8476-8478 Highway 65 NE.
- Authorized recruitment process for Recreation Director position.

Public Notary Services Available to Residents

The City of Spring Lake Park offers Public Notary services to residents at no cost. **If you need a notary, please call City Hall at 763-784-6491 prior to stopping in.** This way, we can ensure a notary is available and ready for your visit.



Where to Vote for 2024 General Election

In-person voting will take place at Emmanuel Christian Center, 7777 University Ave NE, Spring Lake Park on Tuesday, November 5 from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

Precinct 1A and 1R will be located closest to door 2.
Precinct P-2 will be located closest to door 4.

Voter Registration

To vote you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day (16 & 17-year olds can pre-register)
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- Not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- Not under a court order that revokes your right to vote

1. Register Online or Update Your Registration at www.mnvotes.org.

It's quick and easy to register online. You will need the following:

- Your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four (4) numbers of your Social Security number
- An email address
- Be eligible to vote in Minnesota
- You will need to re-register if your name or address changes.

Other Ways to Register:

- **Use a paper form.** Download a voter registration form to print, complete, and return to your local elections' office.
- **Register when you vote.** In Minnesota voters can register at polling places on Election Day or early voting locations before Election Day. To register on election day you will need to bring one of the the following:
 - **ID with current name and address**
 - Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID; or a receipt for any of these.
 - Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature.

2. Photo ID and a document with current name and address:

APPROVED PHOTO IDS (CHOOSE ONE)

The ID can be expired.

- Driver's license, state ID or learner's permit issued by any state
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military or Veteran ID
- Tribal ID with name, signature and photo
- Minnesota university, college or technical college ID
- Minnesota high school ID



APPROVED DOCUMENTS (CHOOSE ONE)

Can be shown on electronic device.

- Bill, account or start-of-service statement due or dated within 30 days of the election for:
 - Phone, TV or internet
 - Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas or water
 - Banking or credit card
 - Rent or mortgage
- Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day
- Current student fee statement

Registered voter who can confirm your address

A registered voter from your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters. You cannot vouch for others if someone vouched for you.

Photo ID with student housing list

Colleges and universities that enroll students accepting state financial aid must send election officials a student housing list. This list includes students who live on-campus and those that have provided their current address to the school and live in the city where campus is located. If you are on the list, show any form of photo ID listed in step number two (2) to complete your registration.

Valid registration in the same precinct

If you are registered in the precinct but changed names or moved within the same precinct, you only need to tell the election judge your previous name or address.

Notice of Late Registration

If you registered to vote within 20 days of the election, you may get a Notice of Late Registration in the mail. Bring it with you and use it as your proof of residence to register.

Staff person of a residential facility

If you live in a residential facility, a staff person can go with you to the polling place to confirm your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A staff person can vouch for all eligible voters living in the facility.

The staff person must prove their employment at the facility. There are several ways to do this, including by showing an employee badge. Learn more about voter registration in residential facilities here: <https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/im-in-a-residential-facility/>

Need help?

Call us at 1-877-600-VOTE (8683) or contact your County Elections office at 763-324-1300 if you live in Anoka County or 651-266-2171 if you live in Ramsey County.

Where to Vote

Find polling places in Spring Lake Park, Minnesota, there are several methods you can use:

1. **Online Resources:** Visit the official website of the City of Spring Lake Park (www.slpmn.org), or the Anoka County Elections website (www.anokacountymn.gov/220/Elections-Voter-Registration).
2. **Anoka County Elections Office:** Contact the Anoka County Elections Office directly at 763-324-1300. They can provide you with information about your assigned polling location based on your residential address.
3. **Minnesota Secretary of State:** Visit the Secretary of State website at www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/. On this site you will find out how to register to vote, where to vote and what is on your ballot.
4. **Early Voting Locations:** Early voting is available in Spring Lake Park, at the City Hall from 8:00 AM – 4:15 PM.
5. **Stay Informed:** Keep yourself updated on any changes to polling places or voting procedures. Visit official websites, follow local news, and subscribe to newsletters or notifications from the City or County elections office.

By utilizing these methods, you can easily find your polling place in Spring Lake Park, Minnesota, and participate in the electoral process effectively.

CITY NEWS

City of Spring Lake Park Proposes 2025 Budget and Property Tax Levy

At its September 3, 2024 meeting, the City Council approved the 2024 preliminary tax levy to fund the proposed 2025 budget.

The proposed 2025 General Fund budget shows an increase of 6.13%, with the General Fund levy proposed to increase by 5.38%, from \$3,823,887 to \$4,029,435. This increase aims to maintain essential services while addressing the growing needs of our community.

The Capital Improvement Plan levy is proposed to increase by 5%, from \$183,560 to \$194,591, to ensure the continued purchasing power of our Equipment Fund. Additionally, the property tax levy for the City's share of the 2022 Street Improvement project will remain steady at \$24,078, while a new levy for the City's share of the 2024 Street Improvement project is proposed at \$28,421 per year for the next ten (10) years.

City Administrator Daniel Buchholtz explained the reasoning behind these changes: "The proposed increase in the General Fund levy is necessary to support the City's ongoing commitment to public safety, infrastructure, and community services. The City Council's goal is to maintain the quality of life for all residents while ensuring fiscal responsibility."

A significant factor affecting the overall tax levy is the increase in debt service for the 2025 fiscal year. The debt service levy is set to rise from \$80,000 in 2024 to \$444,747 in 2025, entirely due to the debt service for the City Hall Renovation/Expansion project.

The overall levy for 2024, collectible in 2025, is proposed to increase by 14.78%, from \$4,113,290 to \$4,721,272.

"We understand that any increase in property taxes is a concern for residents," stated Administrator Buchholtz. "However, this proposed budget is carefully crafted to balance the needs of our community with the City's long-term financial health. We are committed to being transparent and responsible stewards of public funds."

Residents are encouraged to participate in the budget process. The annual Truth in Taxation hearing will take place at 7:00 PM on December 2, 2024 at the Able Park Building, 8200 Able Street NE, offering an opportunity for residents to provide input and learn more about the proposed budget. The final budget will be approved at the December 16, 2024 City Council meeting.

For questions or more information about the proposed 2025 budget and property tax levy, please contact City Hall at 763-784-6491.

MnDOT Wants Your Input on Conceptual Designs to Make University Avenue (Highway 47) Safer and Easier to Use.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is seeking to transform the 7-mile stretch of Highway 47 between 37th Ave. in Columbia Heights and just north of 85th Ave. in Blaine. A previous study determined this segment of University Avenue to be crash and accident prone, and redesign is necessary for safety. MnDOT wants to make sure everyone can use University Avenue safely and comfortably, whether they walk, roll, bike, use public transit, or drive a vehicle or truck.

Collecting information on the public's experience and needs is critical to understanding how each intersection design concept along University Avenue can better serve all users. MnDOT wants to know how proposed roadway changes impact you, what concerns you have about safety and what changes are most important to you. MnDOT invites all residents, business owners, commuters, and community members to visit the study website at <https://bit.ly/Hwy47North> and share feedback.



What is Nuisance Activity, You May Ask?

In a nutshell, nuisance activities are those that can and do affect the quality of life for residents.

Many of the code-related reports that are received relate to nuisance violations, which are generally neighbor to neighbor and, often in residential areas. However, they can also crop up in commercial or mixed-use areas.

The goal of Code Enforcement is compliance, **NOT** enforcement. Being a “good neighbor” can head off complaints before they get out of hand and come to the attention of the City or create ongoing tensions between neighbors. Communication is a key factor, so the goal is to get neighbors to communicate with each other, whether it’s discussing property issues or other difficult topics.

Picture this: A Code Enforcement Officer suddenly shows up on your doorstep to discuss the unruly vegetation in your front yard. While our Code Enforcement Officers are very friendly, this can catch people off guard and the initial reaction may be, “Oh no, I’m in trouble and am going to be fined.” **AND** “Did my neighbor report me?”

Now... Picture THIS, instead. Your neighbor’s vegetation is getting out of hand. You have already introduced yourselves to each other by waving or saying “Hi” when you pass, or you’ve taken the time to know your neighbor’s name. That personal touch can be the difference between a nuisance complaint and the following: **“Oh, I’m sorry my grass is so out of control. My spouse is often away for work and usually handles the yard work. I have three kids and a full-time job, so my free time is limited”. NOW—You as a good neighbor might be able to offer, “Hey, I have a strong and energetic teenager who could easily mow your yard for \$10.00! He also receives credit from his Boy Scout Troop for his community involvement”.**

To summarize: nuisance violations are generally easier to remedy when addressed early on and before they become an insurmountable and overwhelming task. Our Code Enforcement Department is always happy to speak with residents and, together, come up with creative solutions to a problem.

Remember: Communication is essential to being the neighbor you would like to have.

Contact the Code Enforcement Department for specific questions and permit information at 763-784-6491 or by e-mail at info@slpmn.org or visit our web page for more information at www.slpmn.org.

Help Keep Fire Hydrants Clear This Winter

As we prepare for the winter season, we’d like to remind residents of the importance of keeping fire hydrants clear of snow. In the event of a fire, every second counts, and a snow-covered hydrant can delay emergency response. Please take a few extra minutes when shoveling or snow blowing to clear at least three (3) feet around any fire hydrant near your home. This simple act can make a huge difference in keeping your neighborhood safe and ensuring firefighters have quick access in an emergency.



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 Walter in Code Enforcement directly at WMorris@slpmn.org or 763-792-7236.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2024 Santa Parade Tours

Ho-Ho-Ho! He’s makin’ a list and checkin’ it twice. He’s gonna find out who’s naughty or nice. The Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View (SBM) firefighters have reached out to the North Pole and can confirm that Santa’s planning on making a special appearance again this year for the annual SBM Santa Parade food drive! Parades will be December 2, 3, 4, 5 and travel through all three cities. Please watch SBM’s website (www.sbmfire.org) and social media pages for updated information on parade routes and start times as we get closer to Santa’s arrival.




Follow SBM on Social Media



Our goal for 2024 is to reach 10,000 followers on our Facebook page. Please like us on Facebook at Spring Lake Park, Blaine, Mounds View Fire Department, or follow us on Instagram and TikTok at [@SBMFireDept](https://www.instagram.com/SBMFireDept).

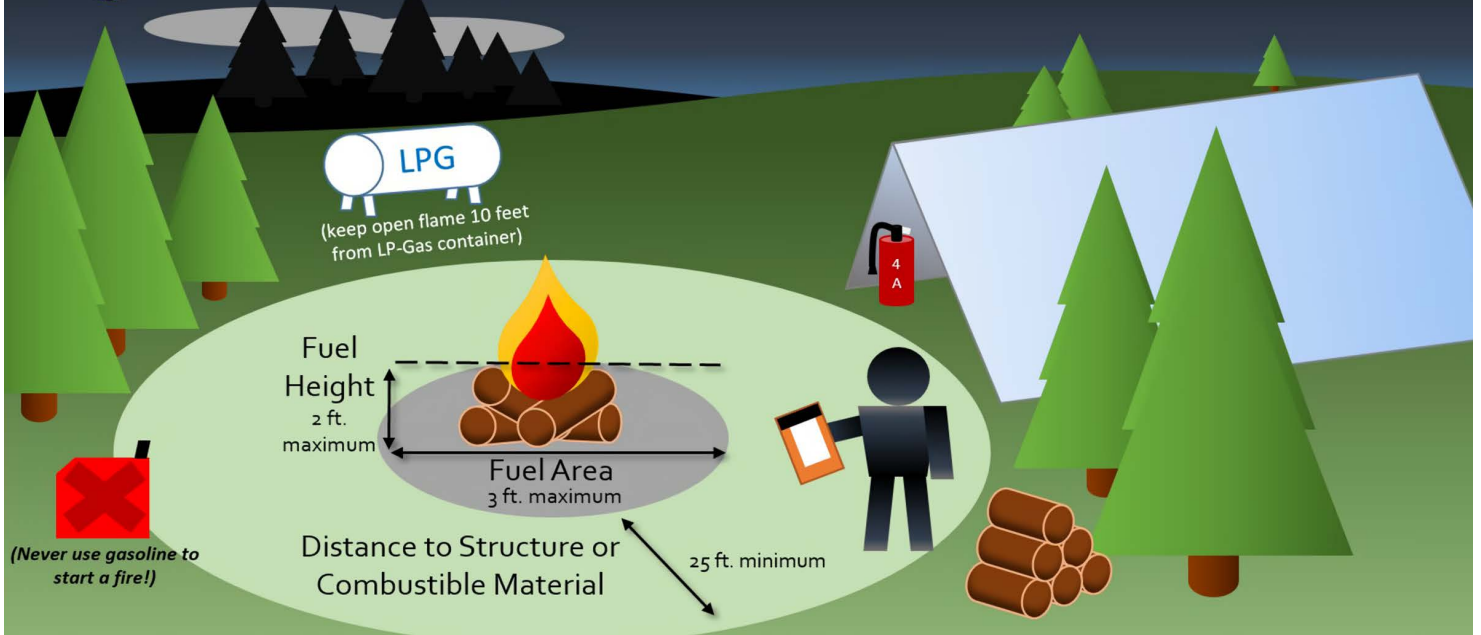
Fire Safety

Bonfire season will soon be here! Be safe when it comes to enjoying your bonfire this fall. Make sure to keep your open fire 20 feet from any structure, and a portable fire pit 15 feet from any structure. State Fire Code and City Ordinance require you to have a fire extinguisher or hose ready to put out the fire, and you must also be in constant attendance. Remember to obey any fire warnings or burning bans as well.



Recreational Fire Requirements: Open Fire

RECREATIONAL FIRE. An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.



307.4.2 Recreational fires. *Recreational fires* shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.5 Attendance. *Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires* and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other *approved* on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

307.3 Extinguishment authority. When open burning, a recreational fire or a portable outdoor fireplace creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit has not been obtained, the *fire code official* is authorized to order extinguishment.

Neighborhood Safety

Lighting can be a deterrent for potential criminals. One way to help deter criminal activity is to leave your front lights on or have a motion sensing light in the overnight hours. Another lighting consideration is the street lights in your neighborhood. We know that there are some lights that are out. You can help by reporting the light fixture that is out to Xcel Energy. There is a website (<https://mn.my.xcelenergy.com/s/outage-safety/report-lighting-outage>) where you can enter in information on which light pole and its location. Xcel Energy is fairly quick to respond and repair the lights. If you notice the light out, please help out by completing the online information.



Suspicious Activities Awareness

You've likely heard the old adage, "Nothing good happens after dark." In some ways, it holds true, especially when it comes to incidents like thefts, burglaries, and other illicit activities that tend to occur during the nighttime hours. Therefore, our dedicated police force remains vigilant, actively monitoring individuals exhibiting suspicious behavior. Whether it's individuals or vehicles lingering around closed businesses or loitering in residential areas, our officers are trained to identify reasonable suspicion and initiate contact. Our primary aim is to prevent crimes before they happen. If you ever observe anything that raises suspicion, please do not hesitate to dial 911, and an officer will promptly investigate the area. Your cooperation plays a crucial role in maintaining a safe community. You are our eyes and ears throughout the community!

Winter Weather Reminders

Although some of us hate to admit it, the days are growing shorter along with the weather becoming colder. The Spring Lake Park Police Department would like to remind residents of a few items for winter safety and security.

- As the days get shorter, leaving a porch/patio light on or having motion sensing lights are a great way to deter the crimes of opportunity during the dark hours. Also make sure to secure your garage doors, especially before going to bed. Criminals have entered homes through open garage doors. If you are confused about light or locks, please call the police department to schedule a safety survey.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running. Auto thieves take this as an opportunity to steal your vehicle. This also goes for those with remote start as some thieves have learned how to defeat the safety features.
- Any time there is precipitation (fog, mist, rain, sleet, snow, etc.) in the air, drivers **MUST** turn on their headlights when operating on any roadway. Although your vehicle may be equipped with auto-sensing headlights, they may not turn on. Manually turning on your lights also ensures your taillights are also on so you are visible to other drivers.
- As the holiday shopping season begins, do not leave your purchases in your vehicle. If you must do so, make sure they are locked in the trunk or hide them from view.
- Remember, no ice is ever truly safe. Please don't venture onto our lakes and ponds without checking the thickness and having proper gear.
- Last but not least, November 1 is the start of the seasonal parking restrictions, and it continues until March 31. City Ordinance 7.08.020 subd. E states there is no overnight parking between the hours of 2:00 AM and 8:00 AM. It also includes no parking on any street following a snowfall of three (3) inches or more, regardless of the time of day, until the street has been plowed curb to curb.



Additional General Safety Tips and Helpful Reminders

- **Furnace Check Up** – As winter approaches, now is a great time to have your furnace checked. It is a good idea to have your furnace running safely and at peak efficiency. Also, do not forget to check your fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working properly. When you change your clocks, change the batteries in those detectors.
- **Mailbox Safety** - Place your outgoing mail in an official US Post Office collection box. Never leave outgoing mail in your curbside mailbox with the flag up. This can be an invitation for identity thieves to come and remove the mail and gain access to your personal information.
- **Remove Your Valuables** - Remember to always remove your valuables such as cell phones, cameras, purses, garage door openers and anything of value from your vehicle, especially if it is going to be left out overnight.
- **Driving in Snow** - Even though we're "Minnesotans," it seems that the first snowy driving experience takes us by surprise. Remember to slow down and plan extra time to reach your destination. Stopping distances are severely increased and acceleration capabilities can be unpredictable.
- **Vehicle Check** - Give your car a winter checkup. Make sure you have good tires and brakes. Test your heater and defroster for proper working order. Check for worn out windshield wipers and low windshield washer fluid. Be sure to put your scrapers & brushes in your vehicle to clear windows of snow and ice. If you plan on winter travel, make sure you have a winter survival kit in your car including extra blankets, boots & gloves, etc..



December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

Every president since 1981 has proclaimed December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month or Impaired Driving Prevention Month. With the celebrations and festivities between Thanksgiving and New Years, The National Association of Drug Court Professionals describe this as “one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on America’s roadways due to an increase in impaired driving.” The Minnesota Department of Public Safety stated during the 2022 holiday extra enforcement DWI campaign, there were 2,228 DWI arrests across Minnesota. Here are a few tips while you attend holiday parties and other get togethers.

- Plan ahead – designate a sober driver or arrange for an alternative ride home.
- Remind loved ones how important it is to be responsible and not drive while under the influence. This does not just include alcohol, but also marijuana, certain medications and illicit drugs.
- If you are hosting a party, always offer non-alcoholic options for your guests.



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 911 *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.

Utility Bills

Utility Bills for your 2024 3rd quarter usage were mailed and eBills, the online delivery, uploaded on September 30, 2024. **If you have not received your bill by October 7, 2024 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*. 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 October 30, 2024. 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

ANNUAL NOTICE - For Military Personnel

Minnesota law requires that utility providers make utility payment arrangements available to military service personnel in the following situation: A member of a household has been issued orders into active duty, deployment, or has had a change in duty station as long as the residential customer meets specific income criteria and completes the application process. An application must include copies of income statements and proof of military orders as described in the law. A utility provider may shut off utility service for nonpayment if an application does not include the required copies of income statements and proof of military orders as required by Minn. Stat. § 325E.028. Please contact the water utility department for information.



Certification/Tax Lien of Delinquent Utility Fees

City Staff will be reviewing water utility accounts to refer to the City Council for their approval to certify unpaid delinquent balances to the County Auditor. If you are in receipt of a notice from the City, prompt payment would be appreciated. All delinquent accounts certified to the county will be assessed an additional \$125.00 administrative fee. Certification may also include unpaid citations and (or) service invoices.



Preparing to Protect Your Water Meter During The Winter Months

Minnesota’s cold weather temperatures threaten to freeze water meters and pipes. The following are a few tips to take to avoid the disaster of a frozen meter:

- Make sure warm air is allowed to circulate around your water meter and is free of obstruction. Keep in mind the coldest air is near the floor and along the walls of a basement.
- If your water meter is in a separate room, leave the door open to this room to allow warm air to circulate.
- Keep cabinet doors open if your water meter is inside a cabinet.
- If the water meter is in a crawl space or garage, you may want to consider adding insulation.

Here are some additional tips to prevent pipes from freezing:

- Insulate any exposed pipes. Be sure to protect pipes with northern exposures, and wrap with UL-approved heat tape. Note: Improper use of heat tape or pipe insulation can cause a fire, so be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Keep thermostats set to at least 55 degrees if you plan to leave your home for any amount of time or go on vacation. It is also a good idea to have someone check on the home while you are away and make sure it is staying warm enough to prevent pipe freezing.
- If you plan to be away for a long period of time, drain and shut off the water system completely, except indoor fire sprinkler systems.
- Open cabinet doors under your kitchen and bathroom sinks to allow the heat inside your house to keep your pipes warmer. Keep basement or crawl spaces warm enough to prevent freeze-ups.
- Turn on water faucets and allow hot and cold water to trickle at night from sinks inside your home, especially those located on an exterior wall.

If in the coming winter months you experience a frozen water meter or water line:

- Make sure you and your family members know how to shut off the water in case pipes burst.
- Be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water.
- Never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch.
- Call the City at 763-784-6491, Monday – Friday, between the hours of 8:00AM to 4:30PM. The Public Works Water Department may help you choose the best way to “thaw it out” and get it working again or you may need to contact a licensed plumber. If the meter is damaged, property owners are responsible for paying for the new meter which can cost between \$155.00 to \$215.00.

Following these few tips will help avoid an unpleasant surprise and a costly repair.

Fall Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is expected to begin the first week of November, weather permitting. It is very difficult for the driver of the sweeper to see all of the activity around them, so please maintain a safe distance from the street sweeper.

PARENTS, PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM THE SWEEPER.

Winter is Coming!

Ready or not, winter is coming. Keeping city streets and sidewalks clear of snow and in safe driving condition is an essential service of the Spring Lake Park Public Works Department. The clearing of residential streets is determined by weather conditions.

The Public Works Staff are concerned about persons, particularly children, near the road and vehicles following too closely behind them as they go about their task of keeping Spring Lake Park streets in good traveling condition. Often times, there are winter snow conditions when the driver must stop his forward motion and back up before continuing on, particularly at intersections. Following too closely can cause an accident. Always exercise extra caution near or around the snowplows.

Here are some additional tips to make everyone's winter much safer:

- Obey parking regulations.
- Slow down – slick pavement reduces traction and can cause loss of control of your vehicle.
- Increase your following distance, use headlights and wear your seatbelt.
- Apply anti-lock brakes steadily.
- Use caution near snow plow equipment, staying at least 50 feet away to reduce the risk of accidents.
- Allow for snow removal equipment's wide turns at intersections.
- Winterize vehicles: check brakes, tires, battery, wiper fluid and wipers.
- Pay attention to weather advisories and leave home earlier than usual.

Mailboxes

This is a good time to check the condition of your mailbox/post to determine if it meets installation requirements. The base of the box should be 48-50" above street level. The post should be 20" back from the curb. The face of the mailbox should line up with the curb.

The snowplow wing needs 48" of height clearance to avoid hitting the box and the 20" from the curb to clear the post. The City does **NOT** assume liability for mailboxes damaged during plowing operations, unless it is determined the plow made direct contact with a mailbox that is properly installed using the standard 4" x 4" post and metal box requirements. Decorative mailboxes are not within the requirements and will not be replaced if damaged. The mailbox should be secured to the base and post and the post securely in the ground; no rotting wood. There should not be any plastic newspaper tubes or attachments to the mailbox below the 48" minimum height requirement.

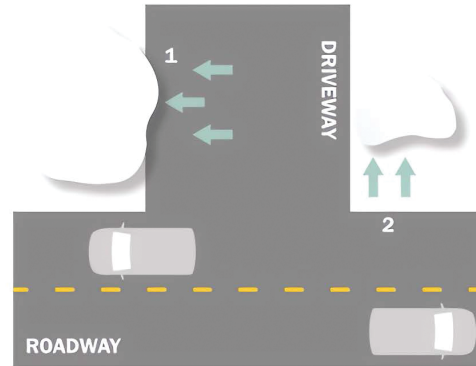


Snow Removal from Private Property

Minnesota State Law and City Code prohibit removing snow and ice from private property, including driveways and parking lots, to a roadway, across a roadway or onto a sidewalk or adjacent property.

DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL

Recommendations from the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

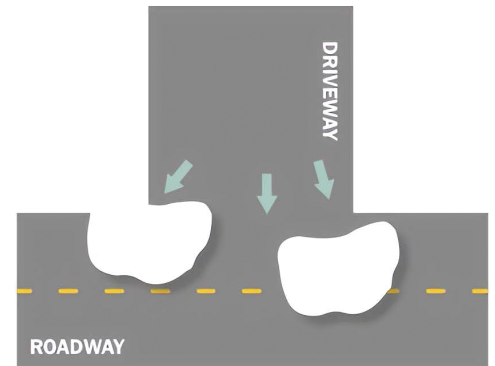


DO this

- 1 Move snow from your driveway onto your property: Standing, facing the road, move snow over to the right side of your driveway.
- 2 And clear the area by the road on the left side of your driveway. This gives plows a place to unload snow and helps reduce the chance of a snow berm being created across your driveway.

NOT this

Move snow from driveways into the road or right-of-way: It's illegal to push snow into or across roadways and rights-of-way. This can create a hazard for people traveling the road, such as drivers, bikers and snow removal equipment operators, and can create liability issues for the property owner.



Where Should You Place Trash/ Recycling Bins on Pickup Day?

Winter snow accumulations can pose a challenge when it comes to trash/recycling pickup, so where should you place your bins on pickup day? Trash/ recycling bins should be placed at the end of your driveway no further than three (3) feet from the curb. Do not put your bins in the street as this creates a hazard to plow trucks and other passing vehicles. Avoid placing your bins on top of snow piles as the shifting and melting of snow could cause your bins to tip over. The unlevel surface can also make it difficult for the garbage trucks to put your bins back down properly. You may need to clear a level space for your bins to sit safely on pickup day.





family FALL FEST

**Join Spring Lake Park Parks & Recreation
as we celebrate all things fall!**

Families are invited to Fall Fest where fall-themed activities will include pumpkin bowling, pumpkin ring toss, fire pit with smores', picture booths, sidewalk chalk drawings, crafts, music and more.

Costumes or flannel are encouraged!

Sat. Oct. 26 1:00-3:00 PM
Able Park

Food donations will be accepted.

Parking is limited. You must park only in designated parking areas and side streets.

Pre-registration is preferred for this **Free event**.

Family Hayride at Bunker Park Stable

This event is a fun outdoor activity suitable for all ages. Families will meet at Bunker Park Stables where you'll enjoy a leisurely hayride and then gather around a campfire to make s'mores!

Check in at 5:00 PM
Fee: \$12.50/person



All activities are located at Able Park Building. Clubs will relocate to City Hall once the remodel is complete.

Join the fun! Free Senior Clubs



Bingo

Join us for Free Senior Bingo on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month starting Sept 23, 2024 to May 2025! Enjoy an afternoon of fun, socializing, and the chance to win great prizes. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to connect with friends and make new ones while enjoying a classic game of Bingo. See you there!

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time
2nd & 4th Monday	Sep 23 - May 26	1:00 -3:00 PM

Senior 500 Card Club

Join our Senior Card Club for lively games of 500! Meet new friends and enjoy friendly competition as you play this classic card game. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to 500, everyone is welcome. Come share the fun, sharpen your skills, and be part of our warm and welcoming community! Each week on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.
***Resuming in 2025**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time
Thursdays	Year round	1:00 - 3:00 PM

Book Club

Whether you're an avid bookworm or just getting back into reading, our club offers a warm and inclusive space for everyone. Together, we'll explore a diverse range of genres, share insights, and engage in lively discussions. Come along and enrich your reading experience with us—your next favorite book and a group of wonderful new friends are just a page away! **October:** *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
November: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time
1st Thursday	Oct - Dec	11:00AM - Noon

Hand and Foot Card Club

Hand and Foot is an enjoyable and stimulating card game, ideal for seniors seeking a relaxed and social activity. As a variation of Canasta, this game is typically played by four players in teams of two, though it can be adapted for different numbers of participants. **Join us on October 23rd, November 27th at 1:00PM. Starting January 8th, 2025 Hand and Foot will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00PM.**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time
Wednesdays	Jan - May 2025	1:00 - 3:00 PM

Visit our website at slprec.org or call us at 763-792-7201 for more information

Enrichment Programs

YOUTH PROGRAMS & CLASSES

MEA Break Outings
(Ages 6-12)

Twin Cities Harvest Festival & Maze	Thu, Oct 17	\$55
Zero Gravity & Pumpkin Carving	Fri, Oct 18	\$55

Winter Break Outings
(Ages 6-12)

All About Sports	Mon, Dec 23	\$54
Maple Grove Pool & Maple Maze Indoor Playground	Thu, Dec 26	\$54
Eagles Nest & Edible Activities	Fri, Dec 27	\$54
Sledding & Hot Chocolate	Mon, Dec 30	\$54
Movie Party & Popcorn Bar	Tue, Dec 31	\$30

Red Cross Babysitters Course

(Ages 11-17)



This one-day course, taught by certified Red Cross Instructor Allison Curtis, equips kids with essential childcare skills, covering topics like child development, supervision, accident prevention, emergency response, feeding, infant care, and basic first aid.

Babysitters Course - Nov	Sat, Nov 16	\$58
Babysitters Course - Jan	Sat, Jan 4	\$58



Revolutionary Sports

(Ages 3-9)

Basketball Session I	Thu, Oct 10 - Nov 7	\$67
Basketball Session II	Thu, Nov 14 - Dec 12	\$67

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

Bean Bag Toss Leagues

6 weeks + playoffs

Fall Season	Starts Thu, Oct 17	\$40
Winter Season	Starts Thu, Jan 16	\$40

Indoor Volleyball Leagues

Individual Fee: \$45	Team Fee: \$375
Winter Season (Deadline: Jan 6)	Starts week of Jan 13 9 weeks + playoffs
Coed	Mondays
Women's	Wednesdays

Pickleball Ladder Leagues

Winter Season
Deadline: Week of Dec 30

Ages 20-40	Mon, Jan 6 - Mar 10	\$40
All Ages (18+)	Wed, Jan 8 - Mar 12	\$40

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

Yoga with Michael Ledman

October Yoga	Oct 3 - Oct 31	\$45
November Yoga	Nov 7 - Nov 21	\$27
December Yoga	Dec 5 - Dec 19	\$27

Zumba with QC Dance

October Zumba	Oct 2 - Oct 23	\$40
November Zumba	Nov 6 - Nov 27	\$40



QC Dance - Trick or Treat Dance Party

Sat, Oct 26 | 10:30AM - Noon

Come BOO-gie with us in your favorite costume for a Halloween themed dance class! We will crawl like spiders, float like ghosts and dance like skeletons to fun and spooky Halloween songs. Your child will also make a fun craft! Please wear ballet slippers/non-slip socks.

After the dance, head over to **FALL FEST** It's a FREE event!

Ozark Jubilee Presents: Branson

Ozark Jubilee Presents:




Get ready for an evening of entertainment that intertwines music, comedy, and a profound Christmas message at Paramount Center for the Arts. **Buffet Lunch included.**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Mon	Nov 4	10:00 AM -5:30 PM	\$97	Oct 4

Bells Will Be Ringin' Sidekick Theatre's Annual Holiday Show



Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with Sidekick Theatre's heartwarming, funny holiday show. It will leave you feeling merry and bright! **Lunch included.**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Tue	Dec 10	10:30 AM - 4:45 PM	\$94	Nov 10

1940's Holiday Radio at the Plymouth Playhouse



Set during Christmas Eve, the Feddington Players, amidst chaotic mishaps like noisy plumbing and electrical blackouts, are live on air for their rendition of A Christmas Carol, with an inexperienced Scrooge. **Lunch included.**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Sun	Dec 15	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	\$95	Nov 14

Vintage Vegas New Years Eve Matinee



Fireside Theatre stage features many of the members of the Andy & Bing Christmas Orchestra. Vintage Vegas New Years is going to be, without a doubt, one of the most amazing musical events! **Lunch included.**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Tue	Dec 31	10:30 AM - 5:00 PM	\$110	Nov 10

Day Trips 2025

Lunch included

Folsom Prison Experience Johnny Cash

Thu, Jan 16	10:00 AM - 5:30 PM	\$107
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All Shook Up - Elvis

Thu, Feb 6	10:00 AM - 5:30 PM	\$107
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55+ Driver Discount Classes



The course often covers traffic laws, defensive driving techniques, and tips for managing common age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. Additionally, completing the course may qualify you for up to a 10% discounts on your car insurance premiums.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Wed	Oct 30, 2024	12:30-4:30 PM	\$29	Oct 23
Wed	Oct 30, 2024	5:00-9:00 PM	\$29	Oct 23
Wed	Feb 5, 2025	12:30-4:30 PM	\$29	Jan 29
Wed	Apr 2, 2025	5:00-9:00 PM	\$29	Mar 27
Thu	Jun 26, 2025	12:30-4:30 PM	\$29	Jun 19
Tue	Aug 19, 2025	12:30-4:30 PM	\$29	Aug 12

Getting Started with Libby (ebooks)

Thinking about trying eBooks or eAudiobooks on your smartphone, tablet, or Kindle? Join us for an introduction to Libby, the library app for reading and listening! Bring your device for assistance with downloading. Check with your library to make sure your card and PIN are current. Anoka County Library is committed to accessibility; please contact the hosting branch in advance for any specific accommodations needed to fully enjoy our programs.

Location	Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Deadline
Northtown Library	Mon	Oct 14	5:30 -7:00 PM	Oct 14
Able Park Building	Fri	Nov 15	10:30 AM - Noon	Nov 15

How to Use Uber

Expand your transportation options and independence through the ride sharing service, Uber. In this class, you will learn the basics and gain the knowledge on how to use Uber. Learn to use Uber at major airports so that you can travel with confidence and without having to ask a friend for a ride, as well as other appointments and errands.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Tue	Dec 10	Noon - 1:00 PM	\$17	Dec 3

Google Sheets for Beginners

Expand your skills with Google Sheets and use this training for a lifetime! Whether it's for work or for play, this class will teach you comprehensive skills which will turn you from a Sheets novice into a Sheets expert. You will learn to enter, organize, refine, analyze, and visualize your data using Google Sheets.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Thu	Nov 7	Noon - 1:00 PM	\$17	Oct 31

Adult Enrichment & Clubs

(Ages 18+)

Adult Painting Classes

Fall Leaves Mon, Oct 7 | \$37
Mystery Class Mon, Nov 11 | \$37
Candle Glow Fri, Dec 6 | \$37

VIRTUAL Classes by The Formidable Genealogist

Intro to Online Genealogy Mon, Sep 30 | \$23
Level Up Your Genealogy 1: Intermediate Tue, Oct 22 | \$23
Level Up Your Genealogy 2: Genealogy Boot Camp Wed, Nov 20 | \$23
Genealogy Methods: Research Skills Through Case Studies Thu, Dec 12 | \$23

Jeff Sandino Cooking Classes

Asian Favorites
Tue, Oct 8 | \$45
Tantalizing Thai Cuisine
Wed, Dec 4 | \$45

Mandala Rock Painting

Have you ever wanted to tap into your creative self? Come and explore how to find peace and relaxation while creating an intricate and original Mandala Rock.

Wed, Oct 2 | \$30
or
Wed, Nov 6 | \$30

Virtual Cooking Classes with Chef Tess

Soups for Fall and Winter Sat, Oct 12 | \$37
Churros & Handmade Corn Tortilla Tacos Tue, Oct 15 | \$37
Mediterranean Chicken Gyro Meal Sat, Oct 19 | \$37
Family Fright Night - Ghoulish Fun! Fri, Oct 25 | \$37
Chicken Shawarma Meal (High Protein) Sat, Nov 9 | \$37

Adult Mixed Media Classes

Wood Pumpkins, Glass & Resin
Sat, Oct 12 | \$47
Mystery Class: Teachers Choice
Wed, Nov 13 | \$47
Glass Tree with lights
Wed, Dec 4 | \$47
Tomato Cage Gnome or Santa
Tue, Dec 10 | \$47

Paint with Me (Adult / Child)

Fall Leaves Sat, Oct 12 | \$30
Teachers Choice Sat, Nov 9 | \$30
Down the Chimney Sat, Dec 7 | \$30

Spruce Tips

Join us for a festive workshop where you will create a unique spruce tip pot with mixed greenery and accents to enjoy throughout the holiday season. Instruction and assistance will be available throughout the workshop.

Fri, Nov 15 | \$50

Travel Show

November 13th at 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM
Able Park Building

RSVP 763-792-7201 by November 13, 2024

We offer Day and Extended trips designed for your enjoyment, handling all the logistics for a hassle-free experience.

We will present our 2025 trips.

2025 Trips and Tours

- ✦ Lake Michigan Loop
- ✦ Savannah Holiday
- ✦ Iron Range Exploration
- ✦ Mystery Tour
- ✦ Plus our Collette Tours





Fall Recycling Day
Saturday, October 26, 2024
8:00 AM—Noon

Spring Lake Park City Hall
1301 81st Ave NE

ID Will Be Required



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- No child car seats
- No carpet
- No furniture, household goods
- No garbage
- No building, construction or compost materials
- No household hazardous waste (paint, oil propane tanks, etc.)
- No carbon monoxide or smoke detectors

Residents are responsible for any costs above \$55.

Payment accepted: Cash or check ONLY
****Small bills appreciated****

RECYCLE 2 ITEMS FOR FREE W/COUPON
(UP TO \$55.00)

- Appliances—all major household (no ammonia)
- Batteries—household, rechargeable and vehicle
- Cell phones, eyeglasses, ink cartridges and hearing aids
- Computer towers, laptops, tablets, keyboards, and accessories
- Electronics—DVD/VCR/CD player, stereo, copiers, speaker, power tools, small appliances, game consoles, etc.
- Hard drive destruction (if not with computer)
- TVs & computers
- Mattresses
- Box Springs
- Tires

RECYCLE FOR FREE WITHOUT COUPON

- Fluorescent Lamps, Bulbs, Ballasts. **DO NOT tape lamps together**
- Holiday Lights—string lights only, no rope lights or decorations
- Scrap Metal—Remove all non-metal parts, no auto hulks
- Paper Shredding—Mixed paper, envelopes and file folders. Paperclips and staples are OK. NO laminated or carbon papers, no 3-ring binders.

We reserve the right to refuse items.

Please DO NOT drop off items before or after the event. Premises is video monitored.

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)

2024 Fall Leaf Drop-Off
October 26—November 8, 2024
Spring Lake Park City Hall
1301 81st Ave NE

****NO PLASTIC BAGS****
If your leaves are in plastic bags please dump them & take your bags with you when you leave.

Questions? Call 763-792-7240

RECYCLE
2 items for FREE

October 26, 2024
8 AM - 12 PM
Spring Lake Park City Hall
1301 81st Ave NE
SLP/up to \$55 value
LIMIT 1 COUPON PER HOUSEHOLD

Leaves! Leaves! Leaves!

“Leaf” it to nature to break down your leaves by mowing them finely so your grass can use them as natural fertilizer and You can save time and money on fertilizing, raking, or blowing.

If you keep leaf piles for the kids to jump in, afterwards use the leaves as mulch for your flower beds or recycle them other ways:

- Check with your garbage hauler for proper leaf disposal. It is illegal to put yard waste in with your garbage.
- Take the leaves and other yard waste to a county compost site where up to four (4) cubic yards is no charge (One (1) cubic yard = approximately five (5) to eight (8) yard waste bags, so 20-40 bags are free).

<https://www.anokacountymn.gov/359/Compost-Sites>

Reminder: Out of the Street, Pond, and Creeks!

Please keep all leaves out of the street since they can clog storm drains or add pollution to our waters. City street sweepers are out to collect sand and dirt that needs to be vacuumed up from streets. Leaves lower the ability of the sweeper to collect the sand & dirt, which are pollutants for our creeks.



A recent study has shown street sweeping can effectively and highly reduce these pollutants if done strategically. You can also help by adopting a storm drain through adopt-a-drain.org where you get to name your drain, get swag, and join over 10,000 other Minnesotans in protecting our waters.

Leaves (and grass clipping piles!) need to also be kept out of or adjacent to creeks, ponds, ditches, and wetlands. Why? Leaves can add excess phosphorus to our creeks, ponds, and lakes. Excess phosphorus leads to algal blooms that can cause fish die-offs. Piles of grass clippings and leaves also kill the vegetation below, causing erosion.

By mulching your leaves and grass clippings with your mower, you save time, feed your lawn, protect property by reducing potential flooding sources, and protect our waters!

**ADOPT
A STORM
DRAIN**



The City of Spring Lake Park **WILL NOT** be accepting leaves, clippings or brush for composting until Spring 2025 due to construction. If you need to dispose of composting materials, please contact Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids at 763-767-7964 or Rice Creek in Lino Lakes at 651-429-3723 to inquire about hours and potential cost for disposal.

Clean Water Starts at Home

We want to remind you that come the snow and ice, to shovel first and early. Using chloride products to melt ice on your sidewalk and driveway is not the best way to deal with icy areas around your home. Salt products can corrode your vehicle, cause pitting or spalling of concrete, and run off into our lakes (and ponds and creeks) when melting. Once salt gets into our waters it is nearly impossible to get out; only reverse osmosis works.

City staff get training on this topic regularly. Still, we are seeing salt levels too high in some of our local waters. Here are ways for you to have safe walking areas, reduce salt/chloride pollution, and maybe save some money:

- Shovel snow **during** a snowstorm instead of waiting until the end. Start with the very first snow and keep up the rest of the winter, especially in shaded walkways.
- Think “anti-icing.” The goal is to break the bond between ice and pavement just where you need it so it can be shoveled or plowed (as opposed to melting everything).
- Treat **before** a storm to help prevent ice buildup so less de-icer is needed.
 - Alternatives: use Sand - for traction only - safe and effective. Remember to sweep up any excess and reuse. You can do this for salt products, too.
- After storms; use as little de-icer as possible:
 - Sand - safest for pets and children (sweep up any excess). The pet-safe products usually have urea in them which adds nutrient pollution and so can cause algae blooms.

Remember, regular salt (sodium chloride) is not effective at temperatures below 15 degrees (F). For colder temps, try sand... or pre-treat with a salt brine like cities are doing.

Watch this 15-minute How-To video to see how it’s done:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qc8Y-_Nmfm0

Using Salt Safely This Winter

The Salt Ghost is back to remind you to use salt wisely. Even when preparing for snowstorms the goal is to aim for about three (3) inches between salt granules. This maximizes melting while reducing the amount of salt that can haunt our waters. More salt does not always mean more safety.



Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District
(763.755.0975; www.cooncreekwd.org).



1301 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park MN 55432

Dated Material
Postmaster: Time Sensitive Mail

Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting	Oct 7
City Council Meeting	Oct 21
Recycling Day (8AM—Noon ISD 16 Dist. Offices)	Oct 26
Absentee Voting—City Hall 9AM—3PM	Oct 26
Spring Leaf Drop-Off Begins (Lakeside Lions Park)	Oct 26
Planning Commission Meeting	Oct 28
Absentee Voting—City Hall Open until 7PM	Oct 29
Absentee Voting—City Hall 9AM—3PM	Nov 2
Absentee Voting—City Hall 9AM—3PM	Nov 3
Daylight Savings Time Ends	Nov 3
City Council Meeting	Nov 4
Absentee Voting Ends—City Hall Open until 5PM	Nov 4
General Election—Emmanuel Christian Center	Nov 5
Spring Leaf Drop-Off Begins (Lakeside Lions Park)	Nov 8
Recycling Day (8AM—Noon Recycle Technologies)	Nov 9
Office Closed (Veterans Day)	Nov 11
City Council Meeting	Nov 18
Planning Commission Meeting	Nov 25
City Council Meeting	Dec 2
Truth in Taxation Hearing 7:00PM	Dec 2
City Council Meeting	Dec 16
Office Closed	Dec 24
Office Closed	Dec 25
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

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

Recycle Smart – Keep Batteries and Other Hazardous Materials Out of Your Curbside Carts.



**No Batteries
or Electronics**

Batteries and Battery Enclosed Electronics (household and rechargeable) are recyclable at City Hall and should not be included in your curbside trash or recycling carts. Cell phones are the most common.

Why: Batteries and electronics, with non-removable batteries, can explode and start fires if crushed or punctured. As batteries get stronger, this is occurring more and more. Every month garbage trucks and recycling facilities experience fires when batteries are improperly thrown away.

Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

3230 101st Avenue NE, Blaine, MN 55449

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility accepts many materials that should not be put in your recycling or trash carts. Besides pesticides, painting and refinishing products, you may not realize that the following materials are also accepted:

- **Automotive Products** (antifreeze, gasoline, used motor oil and used oil filters)
- **Fluorescent Bulbs** (including HID and CFL's)
- **Household Batteries** (alkaline, lithium ion, cell phone, power tool, button and rechargeable batteries)
- **Lead tackle**
- **Sharps** (syringes, lancets, used EpiPens®, hypodermic needles, pen needles and IV needles) Sharps must be placed in a rigid, puncture-resistant plastic container.

Go to AnokaCountyMN.gov/HHW for hours, the complete list of materials accepted and transportation guidelines.

Anoka County Sheriff's Office

13301 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304

Prescription Medication – prescription and over-the-counter medication (pills, powder, liquids, creams and sprays), pet medications, IV bags, inhalers and vials can be disposed of in a drop box at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. Keep medications in their original containers and black out your name on any prescriptions. Go to AnokaCountyMN.gov/RecyclingDirectory and search for Prescription Medications.



Fall Back
November 3, 2024
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Set your clocks back 1 hour.



Change the batteries in your Smoke & CO2 detectors.