

# News in the Park



## Spring Lake Park Tower Days June 5-8, 2025

### Thursday, June 5

Parade & 3K Fun Run 6:30 PM  
Rain or Shine!

Thursday—Saturday  
All City Garage Sale

### Friday, June 6

Senior 500 Tournament  
Puzzlepalooza

### Saturday, June 7

Beer Garden and  
Food Concessions  
—SLP Lions

Bingo  
AWF Wrestling  
Good for Gary Band  
Fireworks 10:00 PM

### Sunday, June 8

Craft/Business Fair  
Free & Easy Band  
Will Hale Kids Music  
Car Show

\$3.00  
donation for  
Tower Day  
Button

Bingo, Pull Tabs  
Food Trucks/Beer Garden  
All American Lumberjack Shows  
Kids Events/Games



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## Council Round-Up

### Spring Lake Park City Hall

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Fire and Police Emergency 9-1-1  
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.

### January

- Approved annual appointments.
- Promoted Recreation Program Supervisor Anne Scanlon to the position of Parks and Recreation Director.
- Accepted resignation of Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Walter Morris and authorized search.
- Extended franchise agreement with Comcast for five (5) years.
- Authorized environmental remediation work at 8478 and 8480-8492 Highway 65.

### February

- Received a presentation from Rep. Erin Koegel on the upcoming legislative session.
- Adopted resolution approving plans and specifications for the 2025 Street Improvement Project and ordered advertisement for bids.

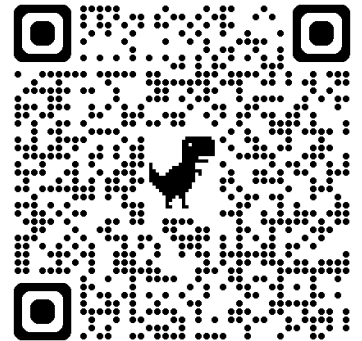
### March

- Approved Ordinance 501, returning regular City Council and City Board/Commission meetings back to City Hall.
- Approved 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.
- Approved Ordinance 502, clarifying language relating to sight distance triangles. *(See related article on page 5)*
- Appointed Clare Waddell as the new Recreation Program Supervisor for senior programming and trips.
- Executed grant agreements for and authorized the purchase of a new street sweeper.
- Awarded bids for 2025 seal coat and crack repair project.
- Authorized purchase of 2025 Dodge Durango Police Squad.

## Citizen Survey

The City of Spring Lake Park is conducting a **City Services Survey** as part of its

participation in the voluntary Performance Measurement Program through the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor. This program helps residents and local officials evaluate how effectively the City is providing core services. The survey gathers feedback on police and fire services, city streets, water and sanitary sewer systems, overall appearance of the city, and changes in taxable market value and bond rating. The survey is open through Monday, May 19, 2025, and results will be posted on the City's website in June.



You can access the survey at <https://slpmn.org/community/page/citizen-survey> or by scanning the QR code.

## Door-to-Door Solicitation

The City of Spring Lake Park requires all solicitors to obtain a Solicitor's License from the City. If someone comes to your door soliciting and cannot provide a signed badge by a City Staff Member with the times they are allowed to solicit and the expiration date, they have not been licensed. Please call the Police Department and report any unauthorized solicitors within the City.

## Temporary Traffic Change for Tower Days

The Spring Lake Park Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the Spring Lake Park Police Department and the Spring Lake Park Lions will be hosting the annual festivities for Tower Days at Lions Lakeside Park on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2025. These festivities are an annual event, but there is going to be a change in traffic flow during the hours of the events each day. Here is the breakdown for the changes:

- McKinley St NE will be one-way traffic going southbound from 81<sup>st</sup> Ave NE to 79<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.
- 79<sup>th</sup> Ave NE will be one-way traffic going eastbound from McKinley St NE to Pleasant View Dr NE.
- Pleasant View Dr NE will be one-way traffic going northbound from 79<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 81<sup>st</sup> Ave NE.

This change will allow for parking on both sides of the street, but still maintain a traffic lane as there will not be opposing traffic. There will be temporary signage along the route during the weekend. As always, vehicles parked on the street are not allowed to block mailboxes or driveways. The area along 79<sup>th</sup> Ave NE along the park side of the street will be reserved as handicap parking, along with some motorcycle parking east of the entrance to the park. Please see the map below for further explanation of the temporary change. If you have any questions regarding this temporary change, please call the Police Department or Parks and Recreation.



## Property Tax and Valuation Statements

In mid-March, Anoka County will be mailing statements for 2025 Property Taxes Payable and Valuation Notices (2025 Valuation that taxes will be based on in 2026). For general questions regarding these statements, Anoka County has an online resource at <https://www.anokacounty.us/281/About-Your-Tax-Statements>

If you have specific questions about the valuation or the classification of residential properties in Spring Lake Park, call Mary Wells at 763-412-1966 ext. 1 or email her at [mnassessormary@gmail.com](mailto:mnassessormary@gmail.com). For specific questions regarding commercial, industrial or apartment properties, call Erik Skogquist at 763-412-1966 ext. 0 or email him at [mnassessorerik@gmail.com](mailto:mnassessorerik@gmail.com).

Most questions and concerns can be addressed with a phone call to Mary or Erik. If you prefer an in-person meeting with them, you may go to the appeal meetings on Tuesday, May 6 from 1:00—7:00 PM or Wednesday, May 7 from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM at the Anoka County Assessor's office (2100 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Room 160 Government Center, Anoka). If you plan to come to the in-person meetings, you are encouraged to call 763-324-1175 to make an appointment so that your wait time is minimal when you arrive.



## Property Assessor 2025 Annual Review

Assessors are required by state law to visit and physically inspect each property, once every five (5) years. The purpose of this visit is to ensure that the assessment record details are accurate to ensure a fair estimated market value is set. The estimated market value is used to allocate property taxes. This year, starting in May, the Spring Lake Park City Assessors will be working in the area outlined on page 4.

If your property is in the review area, here's what you can expect:

- The assessor will come to the property and knock or ring the doorbell. If an adult is present, an inside review may be requested depending on the last time a full review was done. The assessor will also walk around the outside of all buildings (if accessible) to verify exterior characteristics.
- If no one is there when the assessor stops by, they will leave a door tag with instructions if they have questions.
- Characteristics of the property that affect market value are age, square footage, quality of construction, condition, basement finish, recent remodeling, location, etc.
- The assessor will be wearing an official identification badge and carrying business cards.

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In addition to the 5-year review area outlined above, the assessor will visit new construction, permit, and remodeling work of all property types in all areas of the city throughout the year.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation during this year's assessment review. If you have any questions, call City Assessor Mary Wells at 763-412-1966 Ext. 1 or email her at [mnassessormary@gmail.com](mailto:mnassessormary@gmail.com)



## Minnesota Homeowners and Renters May be Eligible for Property Tax Refunds

### Homeowners:

Homeowners may qualify for the Regular Property Tax Refund and/or the Special Property Tax Refund.

### Homeowners Regular Property Tax Refund is based on income and property taxes.

Basic qualifications for the Regular Property Tax Refund are as follow:

- 2024 total household income less than \$139,320.
- Must be a Minnesota resident or part-year resident.
- Must have owned and occupied your home on January 2, 2025.
- Your property must be classified as your homestead.
- Have no delinquent property taxes on your homestead.

### Homeowners Special Property Tax Refund may be available if the net property taxes of your homestead property increased by more than 12% from 2024 to 2025.

Basic qualifications for the Special Property Tax Refund are as follows:

- No income limit.
- Must have owned and occupied your home on January 2, 2024 and January 2, 2025.
- The increase was at least \$100.
- The increase was not because of improvements you made to the property.

Use the 2025 Property Tax Statement you receive from your county in March or April (mid-July for mobile homeowners). Do not use the Notice of Proposed Taxes received in late 2024.

The 2024 Homeowner Property Tax Refund return should be electronically filed, postmarked, or dropped off by August 15, 2025. Ask your tax professional for more information or go online to the Department of Revenue website: <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-refund>.

### Renters:

Basic qualifications for the Renters Refund are as follows:

- 2024 total household income less than \$75,390.
- Must have a valid Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.
- Cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return.
- Must have lived in a building where either:
  - Property taxes were payable in 2024, or
  - Payments in lieu of property taxes (such as special assessments) were payable in 2024

You will need the Certificate of Rent Paid (CRP) provided by the property owner or managing agent.

**Important Note:** Starting with 2024 taxes, renters will claim the Renter's Credit as part of the Minnesota Individual Income Tax return (Form M1). You will no longer file a Renter's Property Tax Refund return (Form M1PR). The Renter's Credit is a refundable credit on an income tax return. It will be part of the amount owed or refunded.

Information source for this article: <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-refund>

You can find additional information and forms on this site or check with your tax professional.

## Administrative Professionals Week April 20-26, 2025

Administrative Professionals Week is celebrated annually every last full week in April and this year it will be observed from April 20 - 26. This week is dedicated to recognizing and applauding the brilliant work of administrative personnel: receptionists, secretaries, administrative assistants, executive assistants, personal assistants, customer support, among other administrative support professionals. Administrative Professionals power the corporate world in untold ways, and for every unspoken thank-you, the week presents the perfect opportunity to make amends. Originally established as National Secretaries Day in 1952, in efforts to celebrate secretaries and their significant contributions to the workplace, after undergoing several changes, A.P.W. came into existence.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT



Be a good neighbor and help the Spring Lake Park Code Enforcement Department maintain a higher quality of life, safety and property values within our community. Often residents are not aware of city codes that may affect your property. The following is a summary of items that arise most often in Spring Lake Park. For more information on maintaining your property and home, visit our website at [www.slpmn.org](http://www.slpmn.org) and download our Homeowners Frequently Asked Question brochure or contact the Code Enforcement Department by email at [info@slpmn.org](mailto:info@slpmn.org).

**Exterior Storage:** Furniture, appliances, car toppers, car parts, building materials, brush, junk, debris and miscellaneous items not meant for outdoor storage and daily use cannot be stored outside or in your yard.

**Vehicles:** Vehicles must be parked on an approved driveway; a driveway consists of an improved surface that is attached to the right of way and made up of concrete or asphalt. An improved surface is defined as any exterior area constructed of asphalt, concrete, brick, or similar dust-free surface as approved by the Building Official. Each household is limited to having one vehicle per licensed driver in the household plus two (2) additional vehicles. All vehicles on the property must be operable, and display current tabs and registration.

*Trailers and boats* may be parked or stored on a residential lot provided they are not used for living, sleeping, housekeeping or business purposes and parked on an approved driveway. One (1) *recreational vehicle* and/or trailer may be parked at your home provided it is not closer than five (5) feet to the side yard property line and is on an approved driveway.

You may park one (1) *commercial vehicle* on residential property with up to one-ton carrying capacity or a tractor used for pulling trailers. Parking of any other type of commercial vehicle is prohibited.

**House Maintenance:** Houses must be kept in sound condition and free from deterioration. All house address numbers must be at least four (4) inches in height and visible from the street. If emergency personnel cannot find your home in a timely manner, it could be the difference between life and death.

**Cats and Dogs:** All dogs must be licensed with the city each year. The pet license schedule runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. To license their animals, pet owners must show current proof of rabies vaccination. Dogs must be on a leash when outside, except in a fenced in yard. It is the pet owner's responsibility to clean up any defecation by their pet. All cats must be licensed once within their lifetime.



## Sight Distance Triangle Ordinance Change

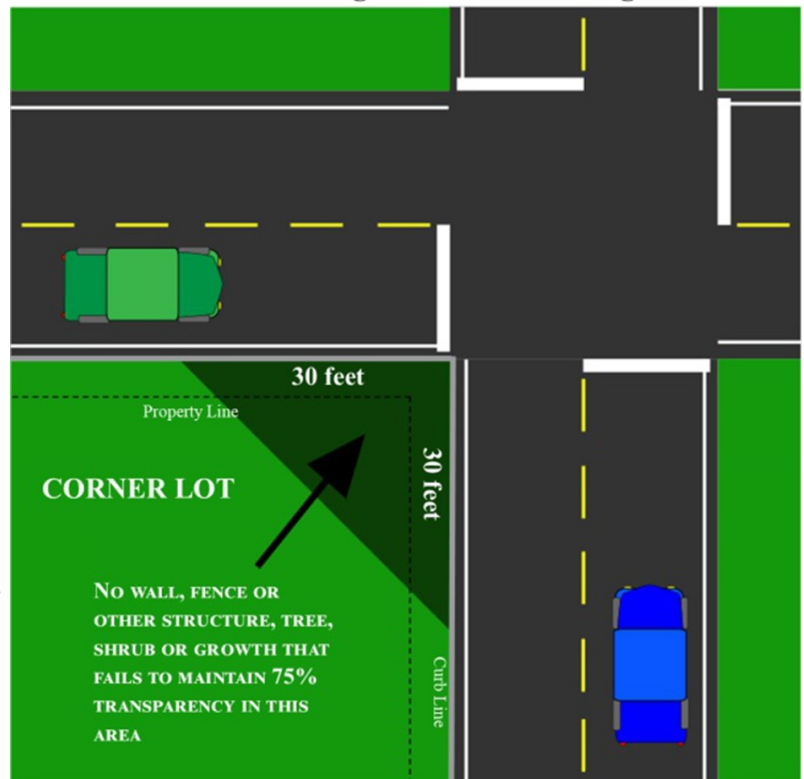
### Intersection Sight Distance Triangle

The Spring Lake Park City Council recently adopted changes to its ordinance regulating “sight distance triangles” at intersections—areas that must remain clear of obstructions to allow for safe visibility.

This update resolves a longstanding conflict within the City Code by aligning the zoning and fence regulations under one clear standard. Previously, the ordinance required a 50-foot sight triangle at intersections. The revised ordinance reduces that requirement to a 30-foot triangle, making the rule less restrictive while still maintaining public safety.

Under the new ordinance, structures like fences, walls, shrubs, and other objects within the 30-foot triangle must not obstruct visibility. Only fences that are no taller than 48 inches and at least 75% transparent—such as chain link or decorative open fencing—are allowed within this area.

The goal of this change is to provide clearer, more consistent standards for property owners while maintaining safe sightlines for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. Residents considering new fencing or landscaping near intersections are encouraged to contact City Hall with any questions.



SLPC 16.64.030 Appendix C: Intersection Sight Distance Triangle



**2025**  
**Bike**  
 ☆ ☆ **HELMET**  
**FITTING & SALE**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 10**  
**9:00 - 11:00 AM**

**11920 ULYSSES ST NE, BLAINE, MN 55434**

VARIOUS HELMET COLORS AND SIZES FOR  
 THE WHOLE FAMILY PRICED AT \$15 EACH!  
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BRING HELMETS FROM HOME TO  
 HAVE THEM FITTED FOR FREE.

VISIT [WWW.SBMFIRE.ORG](http://WWW.SBMFIRE.ORG) OR CALL 763-231-1802 FOR MORE INFORMATION

## CPR & Heart Health

CPR is an emergency lifesaving procedure performed when the heart stops beating. According to the American Heart Association, every year, 350,000 people die from cardiac arrest in the United States. Did you know immediate CPR can double or triple chances of survival after cardiac arrest?

High-quality CPR should be performed by anyone – including bystanders following these five (5) critical components:

1. Minimize interruptions in chest compressions.
2. Provide compressions of adequate rate and depth.
3. Avoid leaning on the victim between compressions.
4. Ensure proper hand placement.
5. Avoid excessive ventilation.

If you or someone you know is interested in taking a CPR class, visit [sbmfire.org](http://sbmfire.org) to find the upcoming dates and times of training opportunities.



## Dryer Fire Safety

Did you know that the leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them? With a few safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has also collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.



## 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](https://www.instagram.com/SBMFireDept).





## Honoring Our Heroes: National Police Week 2025

Each year, National Police Week serves as a time to honor and remember the brave law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. From May 12–18, 2025, communities across the nation will come together to pay tribute to those who dedicated their lives to protecting and serving others.

President John F. Kennedy first proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day in 1962, with the surrounding week designated as National Police Week. Since then, this observance has provided an opportunity to express gratitude to the men and women in law enforcement who work tirelessly to ensure public safety.

During this week, memorial services, vigils, and events will be held across the country to honor fallen officers and support their families. It is also a time to recognize the dedication of active officers who continue to uphold the values of justice and service. As we observe National Police Week, let us take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers and express our appreciation for their unwavering commitment to our communities.



## Meet our Newest Officer

In 2024, we had the opportunity to add two new officers to our department. The most recent hire has been Officer Ashlyn Haste. Here is a little bit about her, and if you see her on patrol, please welcome her to our wonderful community!

Officer Haste began her career with Spring Lake Park Police Department on December 13, 2024. Officer Haste is currently assigned to the Patrol Division.



Officer Haste was raised in Anoka, MN and graduated from Anoka High School. Officer Haste graduated from Alexandria Technical and Community College and worked as a Community Service Officer for Anoka from March 2023 – February 2024. Officer Haste then served the City of Fridley as a Police Officer from February 2024 – July 2024.

Officer Haste enjoys spending time with her family and relaxing at her cabin. Officer Haste enjoys all things outdoors, like hunting, sports/water sports, motorcross, and much more. Officer Haste also enjoys training in the gym and training Brazilian Ju Jitsu.

## Road Construction in the Area

As many of you are well aware, there has been a significant amount of road construction on Highway 65 starting in Spring Lake Park and continuing through Blaine. The next round of construction could start as early as this year, and it will impact how we commute throughout the area, whether it be for shopping, sporting events or visiting friends and family. Please visit the MN Department of Transportation website and [Thriveon65.com](https://www.thriveon65.com) for project plans, projected timelines, and contact information.



## Spring Time

Spring is in the air, and the end of school is just around the corner. As the school year winds down and the weather is starting to warm, this is just a reminder to be paying attention to the extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area. Also, all drivers must slow down when a school bus is displaying the flashing yellow lights, and stop for the flashing red lights and extended stop arm. Help keep our youngest residents safe as the school year comes to a close.



## Safe Medication Disposal

With the remodeling of City Hall and the Police Department, we do not have a 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.



## Hands-Free Minnesota

Minnesota has been “hands-free” since August 1, 2019, yet we continue to see drivers who are having conversations, texting or accessing the internet with their phones in their hands. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions provided by the MN Department of Public Safety.

- You may **NOT** hold your phone in your hand. Also, a driver may **NOT** use their phone at any time for video calling, video live-streaming, SnapChat, gaming, looking at video or photos stored on the phone, using non-navigation apps, reading or composing texts, and scrolling or typing on the phone.
- The new law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts, get directions, but only by voice commands or single-touch activation without holding the phone. Remember, hands-free is not necessarily distraction-free.

- If you need to hold your phone to make a call or read a text, here are some rules to follow. If you are on an interstate freeway or controlled access highway, it is already illegal to stop on the shoulder unless it is an emergency. Stopping on the shoulder of a state or US highway or a county road is legal, but it is not always safe to do so. It is strongly encouraged for drivers to find a safe place to pull completely off the roadway such as a parking lot of a gas station or convenience store.
- The penalty for the first ticket is more than \$120 (includes the fine plus court costs), and subsequent tickets are more than \$300! Put your phone down and focus on driving.



## 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.



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Roadways Spring Load Limits (SLL)

During the spring, pavement layers are generally in a saturated, weakened state due to partial thawed conditions and trapped water in the road bed. The critical time for SLL is when the pavement first thaws. Load limits began March 10 and will last for 7 to 9 weeks. Load limit permits are required for the City of Spring Lake Park.

**SPRING WEIGHT  
RESTRICTIONS  
NOW IN EFFECT**

### National Public Works Week May 18-24, 2025

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as Public Works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of Public Works in community life. NPWW seeks to enhance the prestige of the often, unsung heroes of our society, the professionals who serve the public every day with quiet dedication. This year’s theme is “People, Purpose, Presence,” celebrating the vital role that Public Works plays in connecting us all together. If you see a member of the City’s Public Works Department, please share a word of thanks for the great work they do maintaining the City’s infrastructure.



**PEOPLE  
PURPOSE  
PRESENCE**



## Hydrant Flushing

City employees will begin flushing the water system the week of April 14. The following dates have been scheduled for flushing:

**Monday, April 14—Friday, April 18**  
**Monday, April 21—Friday, April 25**

As in the past, residents are cautioned AGAINST DOING LAUNDRY OR MAKING ANY USE OF THE WATER SYSTEM WHICH COULD CREATE A DISCOLORATION PROBLEM. IF YOU NEED TO DO LAUNDRY PLEASE DO SO AFTER 4:00 PM.



It is not possible to determine which areas of the City will have an excessive amount of sediment at any particular time during the flushing, as the water pressure and location of the water lines sometimes causes a disturbance many blocks from the point of flushing.

## Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is expected to begin at the end of April, or the beginning of May, weather permitting. It is very difficult for the driver of the sweeper to see all of the activity around him, so everyone is cautioned to maintain a safe distance from the street sweeper.

Parents, PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN TO KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE STREET SWEEPER.



## Odd and Even Day Watering

Spring Lake Park has regulations for outside water use. Per Resolution No. 93-17 if your address ends in an odd number, outdoor watering is allowed only on the odd numbered days of the month. If your address ends in an even number, outdoor watering is allowed only on even days of the month. Exceptions are allowed for new sod, seed or landscaping for the first two weeks after planting.



## Public Works Seasonal Employment

The City of Spring Lake Park Public Works Department is hiring for seasonal Employees. Visit our website [www.slpmn.org/publicworks/page/public-works-seasonal-maintenance](http://www.slpmn.org/publicworks/page/public-works-seasonal-maintenance) to view the detailed job description and job application.

Applications can be turned in at City Hall, 1301 81st Ave NE, Monday through Friday from 8:00AM—4:30PM or emailed to [info@slpmn.org](mailto:info@slpmn.org).

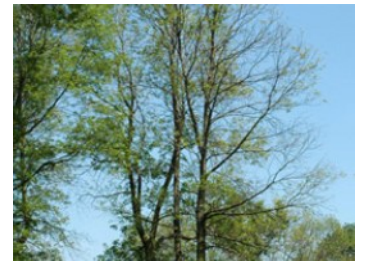
Applications are due by Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

## Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a tree pest that attacks and eventually kills Ash trees. EAB is a small green beetle that, as adults, sparingly eat the leaves of Ash trees. But the real damage to the tree, which ultimately results in the eventual death, is caused by feeding of the EAB larvae underneath the bark of Ash trees. By the time damage is visible in the canopy of an Ash tree, it is usually too late to try to save the tree.

EAB is Native to Eastern Asia. It was identified in Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario in 2002. Today, it has been confirmed in a total of 36 states, including Minnesota. EAB has been found in several counties on the eastern side of Minnesota.



EAB damage can be identified in several ways. Woodpecker damage is one of the best potential early indicators of EAB. Woodpeckers feed on EAB larvae (which are under the bark), so increased Woodpecker activity can be a sign that there may be EAB larvae (or other insect larvae) feeding underneath the bark. Vertical cracks may also appear on the surface of the tree. The tunneling of the very active EAB larvae can cause splits in the bark which will reveal their distinct S-shaped galleries beneath the bark. Finally, look for small D-shaped exit holes on trees. The body of the adult EAB has a flat back and curved abdomen, leaving the distinct D-shaped exit hole in the bark when it chews its way out of the tree. The adult insect is pretty small, making these exit holes challenging to see on the rough bark of Ash trees.

The adult EAB flight season is considered to begin May 1 and last through September 30. Within this time, it is critical that Ash wood not be transported to different locations to ensure that the spread of EAB is not accelerated. Like some other pests/diseases, EAB is easily spread by transporting Ash firewood (from infested trees). So, unless the firewood is Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) certified, do not transport it across or within Minnesota's borders. If you detect or think you detect EAB, note the location, take a digital photo, and contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture at 1-866-322-4512 or report online at

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/plant-pest-and-disease-programs/pests-and-diseases/emerald-ash-borer/report-it>.



## Utility Billing Schedule

1st Quarter	January, February, March	01/01 - 03/31
Billed March 31	Due April 30	
2nd Quarter	April, May, June	04/01 - 06/30
Billed June 30	Due July 30	
3rd Quarter	July, August, September	07/01 - 09/30
Billed September 30	Due October 30	
4th Quarter	October, November, December	10/01 - 12/31
Billed December 31	Due January 30th	

*If payment is not received by the due date, a 10% late penalty applies.*

### Haven't Received Your Utility Bill?

If you normally receive a paper bill and have not received it by the 7th day of the month in which your bill is due, please contact 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.

### Is Your Billing Address Up to Date?

Please inform the City of any changes to your billing address to ensure accurate and timely delivery of your utility bills. Keeping your information current helps avoid delays and disruptions in receiving important billing notices.



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

### Utility Payment Options

- **Drop Box**
  - Located outside the City Hall entrance: 1301 81st Ave NE
  - Available 24/7
- **Online Bill Pay**
  - Visit our website: [www.slpmn.org](http://www.slpmn.org) > Utilities > Payment options
  - Ask for an Online Payment Service Guide handout
- **Phone Payments**
  - Credit / Debit Cards
  - 763-792-7213
- **Recurring Payments**
  - Visit our website: [www.slpmn.org](http://www.slpmn.org) > Utilities > Payment options
  - Ask for an Online Payment Service Guide handout
- **Walk-In Payments**
  - City Hall: 1301 81st Ave NE
  - Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00AM - 4:30PM

### Accepted Payment Types:

- Cash (small bills or exact change appreciated)
- Checks (personal or cashier)
- Credit / Debit cards
- Money Orders
- Bill Pays



**Please note:** Postmarks **not** accepted. Please allow 7-10 business days for mail delivery and processing.

*\*All credit / debit card transactions carry a convenience fee.\**

## Youth Group Tennis Lessons

(Ages 7-14)

Wondering about the basics of tennis? Well, stop wondering and start playing! Bring your own racquet and join in the fun!

All classes utilize USTA tennis 1-2-3 fundamentals. For players who have little or no tennis experience. Instruction focuses on grip, rules, & fundamental strokes.

Practice balls provided. Please bring a water bottle. All classes will be held outside.

**Location:** Cummings Park (Arden Hills)

### Beginner

9:45 - 10:45 AM

Session	Day(s)	Date(s)	Fee	Deadline
I	Mon & Wed	Jun 9 - Jun 25	\$52	Jun 2
II	Tue & Thu	Jun 10 - Jun 26	\$52	Jun 3
III	Mon & Wed	Jul 7 - Jul 23	\$52	Jun 30

### Intermediate

10:50 - 11:50 AM

Session	Day(s)	Date(s)	Fee	Deadline
I	Mon & Wed	Jun 9 - Jun 25	\$52	Jun 2
II	Tue & Thu	Jun 10 - Jun 26	\$52	Jun 3
III	Mon & Wed	Jul 7 - Jul 23	\$52	Jun 30

## Adult Tennis Lessons

(Ages 18+)

All classes taught by USTA-trained instructors. Weather makeup on July 14 if needed.



### Beginner

Discover the joy of tennis, a sport you can enjoy for a lifetime! Perfect for those new to the game or with minimal experience. You'll learn essential strokes, develop rally skills, and start your tennis journey off right - with a brand new racquet included for all beginner participants!

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Mon	Jun 2 - Jul 7	6:00 - 7:00 PM	\$80	May 29
Mon	Jul 21 - Aug 25	5:45 - 6:45 PM	\$80	Jul 17

### Advanced Beginner

Classes are for those who know the basic strokes and are working further on ball tracking, movement and consistency. Players are ready for introductory social match play.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Mon	Jun 2 - Jul 7	7:15 - 8:15 PM	\$80	May 29
Mon	Jul 21 - Aug 25	7:00 - 8:00 PM	\$80	Jul 17

*Both Youth & Adult programs are a collaboration between Spring Lake Park, Mounds View, and Arden Hills Parks and Recreation Departments.*

## Bean Bag Toss and Sand Volleyball Tournaments

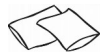
Registrations will be taken on a team basis. Only the team manager will need to complete the registration process.

**Tournaments will begin at 10 AM with a double elimination format. End time is dependent on the number of teams registered and when teams are eliminated.**

Championship team will be awarded a prize.



### Bean Bag Toss



### Sand Volleyball - Coed



This tournament will be taking place at Mounds View's Festival in the Park!

Day(s)	Date(s)	Location	Fee	Deadline	Day(s)	Date(s)	Location	Fee	Deadline
Sat	Aug 16	Silver View Park, Mounds View	\$40 (2 players/team)	Aug 8	Sat	Aug 23	Silver View Park, Mounds View	\$120 (up to 10 players)	Aug 15

*Tournaments are a North Metro Sports Association event partnering with Mounds View, Spring Lake Park, Fridley, and New Brighton Parks and Recreation Departments.*



## Bird Hike

Bird watching is an easy way to get outdoors and get some exercise. An experienced birder will be along to help identify birds, lead the hike and answer birding questions. Binoculars provided or you may bring your own. **Location: Coon Rapids Dam**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Wed	May 7	9:00 - 11:00 AM	\$5	April 25
Fri	May 23	9:00 - 11:00 AM	\$5	May 9

## Kayaking on the St. Croix River

No kayaking experience is necessary! Participants will meet at **Interstate Park near Taylors Falls**. Transportation is not provided to the park. You'll need a Minnesota State Parks pass for entry. The one-way trip begins below the falls and ends at the Osceola landing. Open seated Kayaks and life jackets are provided, and participants are required to wear life jackets. We will get you back to your cars after kayaking.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Thu	Jun 12	11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	\$43	Jun 4

## Nordic Walking

(shared class with Wargo)

Nordic Walking is an enhanced walking technique that uses poles to work your upper body as well as your legs. Nordic Walking uses specially designed poles - not to be confused with trekking poles - to enhance your natural walking experience. Burn more calories, improve your posture and gait. Strengthen your back and abdominal muscles. Poles provided by instructor. **Location: Coon Rapids Dam & Wargo Nature Center**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Mon	Jun 16	9:00 - 10:15 AM	\$12	Jun 11
Wed	Jun 18	3:00 - 4:15 PM	\$12	Jun 11

## Stand-Up Paddle Boarding

Participants will learn how easy and fun it is to stand-up paddle board. After instructions on land and in the water, the rest of the session will be spent on the water with the paddle boards. All equipment is provided. **Location: Coon Rapids Dam**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Mon	Jul 28	6:00 - 7:30 PM	\$25	Jul 14
Tue	Aug 19	6:00 - 7:30 PM	\$25	Aug 6

## Card Making Class - Birthday Cards

Make birthdays truly unforgettable by sending personalized, handmade cards to your friends and family! We'll provide inspiring examples and all the supplies you need to create your own masterpieces. **Location: SLP City Hall**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Sat	Sep 13	10:30 AM - Noon	\$30	Sep 5

## Jeff Sandino Cooking Class Tantalizing Thai Cuisine

You'll begin by preparing Vietnamese summer rolls (fresh) served with both hoisin and peanut sauce for dipping. Included are Vietnamese spring rolls (fried) with pork, turkey, and glass noodles stuffed in rice paper and fried crisp and golden. You'll then prepare Pad Thai blending the vibrant flavors of Thailand with rice noodles, breast of chicken, eggs, chilies, garlic, basil, scallions, bean sprouts, and more. For dessert, Thai lime custard topped with fresh whipped cream.

**Location: Fridley High School**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Wed	May 13	6:00 - 9:00 PM	\$45	May 12

## 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. **Location: SLP City Hall**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Thu	June 12	1:00 - 3:00 PM	\$30	Jun 5
Thu	Sept 18	1:00 - 3:00 PM	\$30	Sept 10

## Knitting & Crocheting Classes

Discover the joy of knitting or crocheting with our engaging classes! Guided by an experienced instructor, you'll master essential techniques, perfect foundational stitches, and learn how to read patterns, empowering you to craft beautiful, handmade projects. Whether you're a beginner or looking to sharpen your skills, these classes offer the perfect opportunity to express your creativity and bring your ideas to life.

**Location: SLP City Hall**

**Crocheting:** 9:00 - 11:00 AM

**Knitting:** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Day(s)	Date(s)	No Class	Fee	Deadline
Fri	Jun 13 - Jul 25	July 4	\$35	Jun 9

## DAY TRIP - Lake Mille Lacs Fishing

Kick off summer with an exciting fishing adventure! Join us for a 4-hour charter trip on Lake Mille Lacs, targeting Walleye, Perch, and Crappies. Departing from Twin Pines Resort, enjoy stunning lake views and a delicious lunch after your day on the water. Don't forget to buy your fishing license before departure—let's make this season unforgettable!

*Lunch choice made at registration.*

**Departure from SLP City Hall**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Thu	May 22	7:00 AM - 5:30 PM	\$120	April 22

# REGISTER

at [www.slpsec.org](http://www.slpsec.org)

## Upcoming Recycling Days

**April 26**

**8:00 AM - Noon**

**Spring Lake Park City Hall - 1301 81st Ave NE**

**Residents are responsible for any costs above \$55.00**

**RECYCLE  
2 items for FREE**

**April 26, 2025**

**8 AM - 12 PM**

**Spring Lake Park City Hall**

**1301 81st Ave NE**

**SLP/up to \$55 value**

**LIMIT 1 COUPON PER HOUSEHOLD**

**May 10**

**8:00 AM - Noon**

**Recycle Technologies - 10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine**

**Residents are responsible for any costs above \$30.00**

**RECYCLE  
2 items for FREE**

**May 10, 2025**

**8 AM - 12 PM**

**Recycle Technologies**

**10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine, MN**

**SLP/up to \$30 value**

**LIMIT 1 COUPON PER HOUSEHOLD**

**Payment accepted: Cash or check ONLY**

**\*\*Small bills appreciated\*\***

### RECYCLE 2 ITEMS FOR FREE WITH COUPON

- Lamps / Bulbs / Ballasts / Fixtures  
**DO NOT TAPE LAMPS TOGETHER**
- TV's & Monitors (prices vary by size)
- Appliances
- Car / truck tires without rim
- Hard Drive Shredding
- Mattresses & box springs (all sizes)
- Batteries (Small household and rechargeable)
- Propane tanks & dry chemical fire extinguishers
- Exercise equipment
- Miscellaneous Electronics
  - Printers, scanners, fax machines
  - Commercial copier
  - Small Electronics (DVD / VCR players, stereos, speakers, coffee makers, record players, toasters/ toaster ovens, landline phones, small appliances, video game consoles, etc.)



### 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
- Paper shredding—2 box limit (no laminated or carbon papers or 3-ring binders. Paperclips & staples are okay.)

### 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 (can be thrown in the trash after removing battery)

**Recycle Technologies & the City of Spring Lake Park reserve 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 [h Morrison@slpmn.org](mailto:h Morrison@slpmn.org)**

**These events are funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE funds (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment)**

## City Hall Recycling Drop-Off

Spring Lake Park offers a FREE recycling drop-off program for all Spring Lake Park residents. The drop-off site is located inside the Link at City Hall and is available to residents Monday through Friday from 8:00AM—4:30PM.

### Accepted Items:

- Cell phones (with or without batteries)
- Laptops, iPads, tablets
- PC's (computer towers)
- Hard drives
- Holiday string lights
- Small hand-held electronics
- Gaming consoles (Xbox, PlayStation, etc.)
- Ink Cartridges
- Batteries (single-use and rechargeable)



## Plastic Recycling Guide

Plastic, more than any other recyclable material, generates the most questions and confusion from residents. There are so many different types and uses of plastic you need to know some basic principles to make sure you are putting the correct plastics in your curbside bin. This article should help you recycle correctly!

### Plastics Recyclable Curbside



- **Only recycle numbers 1, 2 and 5**

These numbers are located on the bottom, on the neck, and on lids, tub covers and to-go containers. They are used to identify the type of plastic it is. If the container doesn't have a code, throw it away.



- **Do not include these items (even if they are a 1, 2 or 5):**

- Black plastics – too dense to be identified by sorting equipment.
- Smaller than your fist – Throw away loose caps, condiment cups, and small prescription bottles.
- **Opaque #1 PET – Fair Life Milk or other colorized, very glossy PET containers are not wanted by manufacturers of clear, #1 PET products.**
- No containers larger than three (3) gallons.
- Large, bulky items, such as, laundry hampers, children's toys, lawn chairs or big cat litter tubs.

- **Empty contents, rinse and place cap back on container before recycling**

- Rinse out containers before depositing in your recycling cart, especially smoothie or specialty drinks that had whipped cream.
- Throw away straws, pumps or spray nozzles.
- Most of the caps on plastic bottles are plastic, simply place the cap back onto your empty, rinsed container. You do not have to find a number on small caps.
- Remove plastic overwrap from container – Plastic overwrap is usually a different type of plastic than the container so the optical sorter may not detect the correct number. This is found on yogurt cups, beverage bottles and various condiment containers.

## What to Do with Shredded Paper

Recycle better! You may have been told you can recycle shredded paper in your recycling cart if you put it in a paper bag and staple the bag shut. However, tiny pieces of paper are difficult to sort at the recycling facilities and they don't get recycled, even if you put them in a paper bag. The rule of thumb is to not put any paper smaller than a postcard in your recycling cart. So what should you do with your shredded paper? Keep your shredded paper clean and dry and take it to a recycling center. You can find a list of locations that accept shredded paper at

<https://www.anokacountymn.gov/1653/Search-the-Recycling-and-Disposal-Direct>.

## Recycle Better

### NO! Shredded Paper

Don't toss bagged or loose shredded paper into the recycling cart. Its small size falls through recycling processing equipment and contaminates other recyclables for capture.

MN Recycling Education Committee





## Grants for Native Plants

Are you thinking of incorporating native plants into your planting plan in 2025? Native plants are a great alternative to traditional landscaping due to their inherent properties of providing habitat and food for pollinators and stormwater infiltration through robust root systems. The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) has funding available for residents in Spring Lake Park towards purchasing and planting native plants in yards or on shorelines.

Residents can explore funding options, determine eligibility for RCWD grant funding, and apply for a grant at [www.ricecreek.org/grants/](http://www.ricecreek.org/grants/). Please contact Grants and Outreach Technician, Molly Nelson, at [mnelson@ricecreek.org](mailto:mnelson@ricecreek.org) for answers to general questions or to discuss a free site visit to develop a planting plan.

*This information was provided by the Rice Creek Watershed District.*



## Water Friendly Lawn Care Tips

How we maintain our lawns can impact the health of our local creeks, rivers, and wetlands – even if you don't live next to a body of water. Rain and snowmelt can send fertilizer, pesticides, soil, and yard waste left on driveways, sidewalks, or curbs into storm drains and straight into local waterways. Fertilizers, exposed soil, grass clippings, and other yard waste contain pollutants such as phosphorus. When introduced to our waterways, these pollutants can lower water quality and promote algae growth. Soil, sediment and grass clippings can also clog storm drains and reduce the ability of ponds, creeks and wetlands to hold floodwaters. Try the following lawn care tips to help protect our local waterways:

1. **Keep your grass at least three (3) inches tall.** This will help promote root growth, reduce weed growth, and reduce watering.
2. **Keep grass clippings off sidewalks and driveways.** Consider mowing the clippings back into your lawn to feed the soil - an easy and natural fertilizer.
3. **Test your soil before fertilizing.** A \$21 soil test from the University of Minnesota can save you time and money by providing recommendations based on your lawn's soil chemistry: [www.soiltest.cfans.umn.edu](http://www.soiltest.cfans.umn.edu)
4. **Water your lawn once a week if it hasn't rained.** Giving your lawn 1-1.5 inches of water per week will encourage root growth and drought tolerance.
5. **Remove weeds manually when possible.** When using herbicides, always follow the label directions and take old pesticides to the Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Blaine: [www.AnokaCounty.us/HHW](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/HHW)



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



Join the City of Spring Lake Park this year for our city-wide Earth Day clean-up service event.

It's free to participate and there is no advanced registration needed—just choose a site and show up.

Volunteers will be provided bags and assigned an area within the City.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time
Sat	Apr 26	9:00 - 11:00AM

**Check in site:** Able Park Building  
8200 Able St NE



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### Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting	Apr 7
City Council Meeting	Apr 21
Planning Commission Meeting	Apr 28
Recycling Day (8AM-Noon City Hall)	Apr 26

City Council Meeting	May 5
Recycling Day (8AM—Noon Recycle Technologies)	May 10
City Council Meeting	May 19
Office Closed (Memorial Day)	May 26
Planning Commission Meeting	May 27

City Council Meeting	June 2
Leaf drop-off begins (City Hall)	June 2
Red Cross Blood Drive (9AM - 3PM)	June 5
City Council Meeting	June 16
Office Closed (Juneteenth)	June 19
Office Closed	June 20
Planning Commission Meeting	June 23

Office Closed (Independence Day)	July 4
City Council Meeting	July 7
Recycling Day (8AM—Noon Recycle Technologies)	July 12
City Council Meeting	July 21
Planning Commission Meeting	July 28

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM, and are held at City Hall, 1301 81st Ave NE.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

The City of Spring Lake Park is hosting a blood drive to help support the blood supply and provide you a convenient place to donate.

**Thursday, June 5, 2025 from 9 AM - 3 PM**

Come donate at the blood drive. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter code "slpmn", download the **Blood Donor App**, or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule your appointment today!



### **Dog/Cat License**

Spring Lake Park City Code 9.12 mandates all dogs and cats kept or harbored within the City to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. Furthermore, the tags must be affixed to the dog. **DOGS AND CATS MUST BE LEASHED UNLESS THEY ARE CONFINED IN THEIR YARD.** Please print information on this form and return it to the City **with proof of current rabies vaccination**. Your license, certificate and tag will be sent to you upon approval. The license year runs from April 1 to March 31.

Mail to:  
City of Spring Lake Park  
1301 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432



\$15.00 for each non-neutered/spayed dog/cat \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 for each neutered/spayed dog/cat \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccination Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (proof required)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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