

News in the Park

Spring Lake Park Lions and the
City of Spring Lake Park presents

Spring Lake Park Tower Days June 6-9, 2024



Thursday, June 6
◆ Parade 6:30pm & 3K Run

- Friday, June 7**
- ◆ Senior 500 Tournament
 - ◆ Puzzlepalooza
 - ◆ Cricket Dart Tournament

- Saturday, June 8**
- ◆ Distilled - Rock and current hits
 - ◆ Stone Daisy - Country
 - ◆ Fireworks



- Sunday, June 9**
- ◆ All American Lumberjack Shows
 - ◆ Chops, an "all age" marching-arts corps
 - ◆ Power of 10

Visit our website at: www.slprec.org for full schedule

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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.

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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

January

- Approved annual appointments.
- Approved labor agreement between the City and I.U.O.E., Local #49, Representing Public Works Employees.
- Authorized purchase of skid steer.
- Revoked rental license for 7779 University Avenue, 7799 University Avenue and 7859 University Avenue for property maintenance and life safety violations. [Note: The licenses were later reinstated after the properties passed subsequent inspection.]
- Approved joint powers agreement between MnDOT, Anoka County, City of Blaine and City of Spring Lake Park for replacement of the 85th Avenue/Highway 65 traffic signal.
- Purchased new playground equipment for Able Park.

February

- Conducted hearings on violations of City liquor law for Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits and Sunset Grill. The City Council imposed civil penalties for the violations in accordance with its ordinance.
- Adopted resolution declaring cost to be assessed and ordering preparation of assessment roll for the 2024 Street Improvement Project (Sanburnol Drive, Elm Drive and 83rd Avenue between University Avenue and Terrace Road). Ordered public hearing on the proposed assessment roll for March 18, 2024.
- Granted conditional use permit to allow auto repair at Northtown Auto Sales, 8235 University Avenue NE.
- Granted conditional use permit to allow motorcycle repair at 8421 Center Drive NE, Suite A.
- Amended City Code to permit “sacred communities,” subject to the settlements complying with performance standards as set forth in State Law.
- Authorized the competitive sale of \$8,210,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds for the renovation of City Hall.
- Accepted bid from Construction Results Corporation for the City Hall Renovation/Expansion Project in the amount of \$5,955,690.
- Appointed Ryan McLaughlin to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Temporarily moved all City Council, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and other municipal meetings to Able Park Building, 8200 Able Street, for the duration of construction at City Hall.
- Awarded bid for installation of new playground equipment at Able Park.

March

- Authorized application for DNR Outdoor Recreation grant.
- Awarded sale of General Obligation CIP Bonds, Series 2024A.
- Awarded bid for 2024 street seal coat and crack repair project.
- Conducted assessment hearing on 2024 Street Improvement Project. Accepted bid for said project.
- Authorized purchase of furniture and technology as part of City Hall Renovation/Expansion.
- Issued request for proposals for City Assessor services.

Absentee Ballot Services

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

Voters who prefer to cast their absentee ballot in-person may do so at the Spring Lake Park City Hall during the hours, 8:00 am to 4:15 pm, Monday through Friday. In-person absentee balloting will also be available at City Hall on the Saturday prior to each election from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm and until 5:00 pm the day before each election.

The absentee balloting period for the Primary Election, August 13, 2024, runs from Friday, June 28 through Monday, August 12, 2024. For the General Election, November 5, 2024, the absentee balloting period runs from Friday, September 20 through 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/absentee voting](http://www.anokacounty.us/absentee-voting) 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.

City Council Filing Opens July 30

There are two (2) City Council Member seats up for election on the ballot in November. The two (2) Council Member seats will be four-year terms (2025-28).

If you are interested in running for an open seat, you must file an Affidavit of Candidacy. Candidate filing packets will be available July 30 at City Hall from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

The filing period will open on Tuesday, July 30 and will close on Tuesday, August 13 at 5:00 pm. The filing fee is \$15 and must be paid with cash or check.

Candidates may withdraw from the ballot by filing and Affidavit of Withdrawal at any time during the filing period and through Thursday, August 15 at 5:00 pm. Filing fees are non-refundable.

For more information about the filing process contact the City at 763-784-6491.

City of Spring Lake Park Seeks Election Judges

Learn the election process, serve your community and become an election judge!

The City pays \$18.50 for general election judges and \$20.00 for head or assistant head judges. The Primary Election is held in August, and the General Election is in November.

We are required to have an equal party affiliation during the elections, so if you wish to be an election judge please visit our website www.slpmn.org/elections to fill out an election judge application, or call Wanda at 763-784-6491.



WE NEED YOU!

Where to Vote

To 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.



Reminder:
Primary Election August 13, 2024
 All precincts vote at Emmanuel Christian Center

Early Voting June 28—August 12, 2024
 Spring Lake Park City Hall
 8:00AM - 4:15PM

2024 Seal Coat and Pavement Marking Project

As part of the street maintenance, the city completes an annual street maintenance project consisting of crack repair and seal coating. Seal coating includes placing bituminous emulsion and small aggregate on the street surface. The 2024 construction area is for the northwest corner of the city (north of 81st Avenue and west of Terrace Road), and pavement markings for the main streets in the entire city. Below is the map of the streets scheduled to be seal coated this summer.

City of Spring Lake Park – 2024 Seal Coat Project



Temporary Traffic Change for Tower Days Festivities

Tower Days is the annual celebration in Spring Lake Park with festivities at Lakeside Lions Park on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9. There has been an increase in attendance, which has led to some traffic difficulties in the area. For the 2024 celebration, there will be a temporary traffic flow change for **McKinley St NE, 79th Ave NE, and Pleasant View Dr NE**. This area will become one-way traffic to allow for parking on both sides of the street while maintaining traffic flow.

- McKinley St NE will be one-way traffic going southbound from 81st Ave NE to 79th Ave NE.
- 79th 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 79th Ave NE to 81st Ave NE.

There will be temporary signage along the route during the weekend. There will also be a designated area for handicap and motorcycle parking along 79th Ave NE. As always, vehicles are not allowed to park in such a manner as to block a driveway or mailbox. Please see the map for further explanation of the temporary change. If you have questions regarding this temporary change, please call the Police Department or Parks and Recreation.



Citizen Survey Launched

The City 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. The purpose of the program is to help residents and local officials determine how effective the city has been in providing core city services and to measure residents' opinions of those services.

The City's performance measures include both objective and subjective indicators of the quality of police services, fire, city streets, water system, sanitary sewer system, overall appearance, and changes in taxable market value and bond rating.

Your opinions on the services we provide are an essential component to evaluating the City's effectiveness. You can access the survey on the City's website at <https://slpmn.org/community/page/citizen-survey> or click on the QR code. The City will post the link on the City's Facebook pages as well. The survey will be open from now until Friday, May 10, 2024. The Performance Measurement Report, which will include the survey results, will be available on the City's website in June.



First-Time Homebuyers

Are you a first-time homebuyer interested in buying a home in Anoka County?

Included cities: Andover, Anoka, Bethel, Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbia Heights, Columbus, Coon Rapids, East Bethel, Fridley, Ham Lake, Hilltop, Lexington, Lino Lakes, Linwood Township, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Ramsey, Spring Lake Park and St. Francis.

Minnesota Housing (MHFA) www.mnhousing.gov, the state's housing finance agency, provides funds for various homebuyer and homeowner programs. The County participates in Minnesota Housing's **Start Up** program for first-time homebuyers. The program offers affordable fixed-rate mortgages to qualified buyers; down payment and closing cost loans may also be available. Mobile home purchases don't qualify unless the home is permanently attached to a lot and taxed as real property.

Minimum Start Up Requirements for 2024

You may be eligible if you:

- Are a first-time homebuyer or haven't owned a home in the past three years;
- Meet minimum credit score requirements as set by Minnesota Housing;

- Don't exceed gross income limits—**Combined household INCOME limits:**
 - 1-4 Persons - \$99,300***
 - 5 Person - \$107,300***
 - 6 Person - \$115,200***
 - 7+ Persons - \$123,200***

- Don't exceed purchase price limit - **Home PURCHASE PRICE limit is: \$515,200*(11-CountyMetroArea)**

*Interest rates, income limits and home purchase prices are subject to change during the program year so,

-Check with your MN Housing approved lender for most current numbers-

1. **The first step is contacting an approved lender** (Anoka County doesn't have applications). You must use a lender who is approved by Minnesota Housing. You can find one at <http://www.mnhousing.gov/findalender>.
2. You are required to attend a homebuyer education class. Class options include an in-person class *HomeStretch* or *Framework* an on-line course. Class websites at:
 - *Homestretch:* <http://www.accap.org/home-ownership/> or <https://www.hocmn.org/search-workshops/>
 - *Framework:* <https://www.hocmn.org/buyingahome/framework/>
3. Minnesota Housing offers qualified buyers down payment and closing cost loans up to \$18,000. **Anoka County does not fund its own down payment assistance program.**
4. Minnesota Housing also offers loans for:
 - Repeat buyers and refinancing through its **Step Up** program; and
 - Home improvement through its **Fix-Up Loan** program.

CONTACTS for homebuyer/owner information:

- **ACCAP** (Anoka County Community Action Program) at (763) 783-4747 or visit www.accap.org (homeownership classes)
- **MN Homeownership Center** at 651-659-9336 or visit www.hocmn.org
- **Minnesota Housing** at (651) 296-8215 or 800-710-8871 or visit <http://www.mnhousing.gov/sites/homebuyers/process>
- General questions? Call Anoka County's Community Development Department at (763) 324-4601
- **Spring Lake Park Recreation Department** free class (see page 12) 763-792-7201 or visit www.slprec.org.

Check Anoka County's Community Development website:

<https://www.anokacountymn.gov/133/Community-Development>

for additional info on county-run Homeowner programs including:

Low-Interest Well/Septic Loan Program, Home Rehab Loans and more.

Open Book Meetings Scheduled

Anoka County & Ramsey County have announced the dates of the 2024 open book meetings.

The open book meetings provide a forum for you to meet with assessment staff on an informal basis to review information about your property and to ask questions about the assessment. You do not need to make an appointment to meet with the assessment staff. You can simply show up at the dates/times below to discuss your assessment.

For properties located in Anoka County, open book meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 7 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on Wednesday, May 8 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Both meetings will be held at the Anoka County Government Center, 2100 3rd Avenue in Anoka.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the open book meeting, you can appeal your property valuation to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. To obtain an appeal form for Anoka County residents, please contact 763-324-1175. For Ramsey County residents, please contact 651-266-2131.

If you have any questions regarding the open book process or your valuation, or you are unable to attend an open book meeting, please contact City Assessor Ken Tolzmann at 651-464-4862.

CODE ENFORCEMENT



Your Guide to Successful Home Improvement: Navigating Permit Requirements

As warmer weather approaches, many of us are gearing up for exciting home improvement projects. To ensure a smooth and successful process, it's crucial to be aware of the necessary permits for various undertakings. Whether you're embarking on a new construction or enhancing your existing space, compliance with local regulations is key.

Here's your comprehensive guide to common permit requirements for different home improvement projects:

Common Permit Requirements:

- Fences – *zoning*.
- Driveways – *zoning*.
- Swimming pools – *building*.
- Accessory buildings (detached garage and sheds) 200 square feet or less – *zoning*.
- Accessory buildings (detached garage and sheds) over 200 square feet – *building*.
- Decks – *building*.
- Re-roofing – *building*.
- Window replacement – *building*.
- Siding – *building*.
- Basement remodeling or repairs – *building*.
- Retaining walls (over four (4) feet in height) – *building*.
- Towers, antennas and satellite dishes – *building*.



Additional Information:

- Any structural alterations or repairs also require a building permit.
- Finishing work such as painting, papering, tiling, and carpeting do not require a permit.
- Separate permits are required for the installation of new plumbing and heating equipment.

DIY and Contractor Guidelines:

- Homeowners may do the work themselves only if they reside in the home where the work is being conducted.
- Residential contractors must carry a State of Minnesota residential contractor's license if required by state law.
- Commercial contractors must be licensed and bonded with the City of Spring Lake Park before submitting the permit application and commencing any work.

Contact Information:

For verification of permit requirements, please contact the City of Spring Lake Park at 763-784-6491 or via email at jbaker@slpmn.org. Detailed information and applications for building and zoning projects, as well as guidelines for hiring a contractor, are available on our website at www.slpmn.org.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Long Grass

As the weather begins to warm up, please remember that all lawns must be maintained in an appropriate manner. This includes all noxious weeds, tall grasses defined as anything over nine inches, and other rank growths.



Managing Grass Clippings and Leaves

Do not blow or rake grass clippings and leaves into the street as this is unsafe for bikes and motorcycles and a violation of our City Code. Leave them on the lawn. Leaves and grass clippings can be used for compost, or you can bag them up and bring them to a yard waste site.

Hire Licensed Contractors

Whether you're embarking on a new construction or enhancing your existing space, hiring a licensed contractor is important.

By hiring a licensed contractor, they have proven their legitimacy and insurance coverage so residents can be assured they are dealing with a reputable and established business.

Please call City Hall at 763-784-6491 with any questions, to see if your contractor has a license or to obtain a list of licensed contractors.

Pet Licensing

All dogs must be licensed with the city each year. The pet license schedule runs from April 1st – March 31st of each year. For pet owners to license their animals they must show current proof of rabies vaccination. Dogs must be on a leash when outside, with the exception of 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 life time. Pet license applications can be found on page 16 or on our website at www.slpmn.org.



All dogs MUST be on a leash in City Parks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Safely Dispose Fireworks

According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks started an estimated 19,500 fires in 2018, including 1,900 structure fires, 500 vehicle fires, and 17,100 outside and other fires. These fires caused five deaths, 46 civilian injuries, and \$105 million in direct property damage. Stay safe this season by following these fireworks disposal tips:

- Never discard used fireworks directly into the trash.
- Always soak used fireworks in a bucket of water for at least 24 hours, then place them in the trash.
- Unused and expired fireworks should also be soaked in a bucket of water for 24 hours. Then, double bag them to keep them wet before placing in the trash.



Fire Pit Safety Tips

Recreational fires have become an important part of our outdoor experience. In order to ensure that these types of experiences can continue without creating a safety hazard or nuisance, the recreational fire regulations listed below have been developed. Recreational fires are permitted under the following conditions:

- Only natural firewood cut in short lengths less than two (2) feet may be burned. The fire must be contained in a manufactured freestanding fire pit or ring not exceeding three (3) feet in diameter.
- All fire rings or pits must be located a minimum of 25 feet away from any structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles, and wooden fences.
- The fire must be constantly attended and supervised by an adult until the fire has been completely extinguished.
- A connected garden hose or other means to extinguish the fire must be readily available. The use of flammable or combustible liquid accelerants is not permitted.
- Recreational fires are not permitted on windy days when the smoke may create a nuisance for nearby neighbors.

Prevent Smoking Related Fires

Did you know that careless smoking is the leading cause of fatal fires in Minnesota? Smoking material fires are preventable. Follow these recommendations from the National Fire Protection Association to avoid fires related to smoking materials:

- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and dens or in bedrooms.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.
- Use a deep, sturdy ashtray to dispose of smoking materials. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out. Dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.
- Never smoke and never allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used.



For more information, call 763-786-4436 or visit sbmfire.org.

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).



Spring Lake Park & Mounds View Safety Camp

Safety Camp is a one-day event held by Spring Lake Park PD, Mounds View PD, and SBM Fire geared toward teaching kids how to be safe in their daily lives. Participants will spend the day learning skills necessary to avoid injury and handle emergency situations. Safety Camp is open to incoming 4th grade children and will be held on Wednesday, June 19 at the Mounds View Community Center. Registration can be completed online at sbmfire.org.



Live Fire Extinguisher Training (Adults only)

Have you ever actually used a fire extinguisher? You have likely seen information on how to use them and what to do in the event of a fire, but maybe you’ve never had the chance to pull the pin and spray the extinguisher. With SBM’s new state-of-the-art fire extinguisher prop, now is your chance to learn how they work and get hands-on experience! This is a fun, free class that will be held monthly at various locations. Our first quarter session of the year are as follows: April 25 at SBM Station 4, May 18 at the Mounds View Community Center, and June 24 at the Mary Ann Young Center. All classes start at 7:00 p.m. and will last about an hour. Class sizes are limited so call Chief Jeff Lundquist today at 763-767-4012 or email jlundquist@sbmfire.org to reserve your spot!

PUBLIC SAFETY

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Minnesota’s Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 8 – 12, 2024. The statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 11 at both 1:45pm and 6:45pm. Outdoor warning sirens will sound for a simulated tornado warning. The first drill is intended for institution and businesses. The evening drill is for second shift workers and families. This is the perfect time for families to plan and practice what to do in the event a tornado is approaching.

The MN Department of Natural Resources states Minnesota experiences an average of 29 tornadoes per year. In 2021, there were 64 recorded tornadoes, including 22 on December 15th alone! The record for total number of recorded tornadoes in Minnesota was in 2010 with 113 touching down across the state! Take the time to learn how to respond when a tornado is approaching – it can save lives.

Please visit dps.mn.gov and search “2024 Severe Weather Awareness Week” for more safety topics.

Increased Motorcycle Traffic

Many of us have seen motorcycles on the road during this winter that isn’t really a winter. Motorcycles are unlike any other vehicle on the road, therefore, they require special consideration. While motorcycles are nearly as likely as passenger vehicles to be involved in crashes, motorcyclists are almost three times more likely to be injured and five times more likely to be killed in a crash. Motorcycles have increased in popularity due to being fun, relatively inexpensive to own and insure, and get excellent gas mileage. Due to this popularity, it becomes even more important for drivers to share the road. In many car vs. motorcycle crashes, drivers claim they “didn’t see” the motorcycle, or didn’t see it until it was too late. Motorcycles are smaller, making them harder to see, which requires everyone to take greater care to watch for them on the roads. This means to slow down, keep your eyes on the road, and don’t drive distracted.



Juvenile Curfew

As the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, more time will be spent outside. The City of Spring Lake Park and neighboring communities share and enforce the same curfew hours for all juveniles. Spring Lake Park Ordinance 13.04.050 contains information regarding juveniles under the following ages, and states they may not be in a public place without direct parental or guardian supervision:

Under Age 12

- Sunday - Thursday: 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM
- Friday and Saturday: 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM

12-14 Years of Age

- Sunday - Thursday: 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM
- Friday and Saturday: 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM

15 to 17 Years of Age

- Sunday - Thursday: 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM
- Friday and Saturday: 12:00 AM to 5:00 AM

Connect with Us and Contact Us When You Need To

Follow us on Facebook for news and useful information on what is happening in our community. Simply search for “Spring Lake Park Police Department” and follow us.

The officers of Spring Lake Park Police Department serve the 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 from 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 to 4:30 PM. Please call the office at 763-792-7200 in those instances.



Night to Unite – August 6, 2024

Make sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 for this year’s Night to Unite! This evening continues to be a remarkable night filled with activities and residents coming together to build a safer community and focus on crime prevention. Start planning your neighborhood party as some of our parties have grown to include ice cream socials, cookouts, potlucks and even kiddie carnivals! The sky’s the limit for what you can do.



Watch our website, slpmn.org, for the registration forms and party ideas. We look forward to coming and participating in your neighborhood parties!

National Police Week May 12 - 18, 2024

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.



National Public Works Week May 19-25, 2024

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.



Hydrant Flushing

City employees will begin flushing the water system the week of April 15. The following dates have been scheduled for flushing:

- Monday, April 15—Friday, April 19
- Monday, April 22—Friday, April 26

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 STAY AWAY FROM THE MACHINE WITH THEIR BICYCLES.



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.



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 February 26 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

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 Bills

The April bills (2024 1st quarter usage) were mailed and eBills, the online delivery, uploaded on March 29, 2024. **If you have not received your statement by April 8, 2024 please contact Breanna at 763-792-7213.**

If you enrolled in eBill and haven’t received an email stating that your bill is ready to view, check your spam or junk folder. You may need to contact your internet provider to let them know it is not spam.

Payments are due April 30, 2024. If you are unable to meet the due date, your payment should include the applicable late fee outlined on your quarterly bill. Payments can be mailed to City Hall at 1301 81st Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. We also have a payment slot located in the entry of City Hall that is available 24/7. The City accepts bank and credit union bill pay checks, personal checks, money orders, cash (the exact amount or small bills are appreciated) and credit/debit card payments. Credit/debit card payments either by phone, online or in person all carry a convenience fee. The City does not offer auto-pay at this time. Timely payments are greatly appreciated.



Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

When making your payments or enrolling in eBill, please make sure to include the dashes in your account number.

RECREATION

Parks Information

The six (6) parks in Spring Lake Park provide year-round enjoyment for all ages.

To reserve facilities at Lakeside Lions Park, call 763-717-4040 or visit www.moundsviwmn.org

For all other park facility reservations and locations, please visit www.slprec.org to fill out reservation form.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS

Location: Able Park, 8200 Able St NE, SLP

Supervised by our playground camp staff, we offer a range of free & paid program options that will surely meet your summer needs! Our staff will have fun and engaging outdoor activities planned each day, including art projects, engaging games, team building, and more!

Program Dates

Session I: Monday, June 17 - Friday, July 12
(Closed July 4)

Session II: Monday, July 15 - Thursday, August 11

Free Program (Ages 6-12)

These free program days are supervised by our playground staff and are a great option to use in coordination with our other paid camp programs.

Day(s)	Time
Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri	9:30am - Noon
Fri	1:00 - 4:00pm

Munchkins (Ages 4-5)

Let your four (4) and five (5) year old's enjoy summer with stories, songs, games, arts & crafts and much more!

Day(s)	Time	Fee
Tue/Thu	9:30 - 11:30am	\$16/session

Panthers (Ages 6-12)

Join the fun in a program offered for youth to enjoy a variety of activities this summer. Special interest areas such as woodworking, arts & crafts, drama, sports, and nature are just some of the many areas that will be explored.

Day(s)	Time	Fee
Mon/Tue/Thu	1:00 - 4:00pm	\$23.50/session



New this year is our city wide Earth Day Clean-Up event. It's free to participate and there's no advanced registration needed: just choose a site and show up.

Volunteer coordinators provide bags, and volunteer waivers to sign.

Clean Up check in sites Able Park, Terrace Park, City Hall

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time
Sat	Apr 20	9:30 AM - Noon

YOUTH SPORTS

Co-Rec Softball

Teams meet a minimum twice per week, one-two practice nights and one game night, Monday through Thursday.

Practices begin week of May 6
Regular season starts week of May 20

Registration fee: \$85/child

Division	Ages	Night
7U	5 - 7	Tuesdays
10U	8 - 10	Tuesdays
13U	11 - 13	Thursdays
17U	14 - 17	Mondays

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

Learn basic skills with emphasis on skill development, rules, sportsmanship and fun.

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 10 - July 17
(No games June 19 & July 3)

Registration fee: \$35/child

Music in the Park
Summer Dine and Dance

May 29
Spring Lake Park High School Jazz Band

June 12
North Suburban Band

June 26
Me & Todd with Maryn

July 10
Stir Crazy

July 24
Half Dead Roses

August 7
Dan Ferstenou

WEDNESDAYS
6:30pm-8:00pm

Lakeside Lions Park
7840 Pleasant View Dr

C concessions available

Sponsored by Spring Lake Park Recreation Department | 763-792-7201

YOUTH WEDNESDAY OUTINGS & EVENTS

Ages 6 - 12

Join us for a new adventure each week throughout the summer! Whether it's a waterpark, zoo, or a trampoline park, we're sure to have something your child will love!

Drop off/pick up will be at Able Park

Please pack an allergy-free bag lunch & weather-appropriate clothing.

Pre-registration Required

ADULT SPORT LEAGUES (AGES 18+)

Summer Leagues

Co-Rec Softball
Starts Sun, Apr 28

Soccer
Starts Tue, May 28

Bean Bag Toss
Starts Thu, May 30

Sand Volleyball
Starts week of June 3

Pickleball Ladder Leagues
Starts week of May 20

Tournaments

Kickball
Sat, June 29

Bean Bag Toss
Sat, Aug 17

FAMILY HENDERSON ROLL IN

Enjoy your summer evening walking around downtown Henderson, MN at this classic car roll in. With over 200 cars and motorcycles showcasing craftsmanship of bygone eras. There will be food vendors and restaurants, a Farmers Market, and many business are open for shopping. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and just sit back and watch the cars roll by, or walk around checking out all the restored cars and motorcycles. Meal will be on your own. **Families are welcome.** Feel free to bring a folding chair.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Tue	Jul 16	3:30 PM - 8:30 PM	\$50	Jun 24

FAMILY TWIN CITIES RIVER RATS

Join us on this fun evening out watching the Twin Cities River Rats Water Ski Show. This is a family-friendly show, watch high-flying stunts, fast-paced barefooting, graceful swivel skiing, and even human pyramids on water as the **Madagascar crew** goes a **Little Wild on the River!** The team began in 1970 and has been going strong since then. They are nationally ranked and have skiers as young as 5 years old. This years theme is from the movie **Madagascar.** Please bring folding chairs or blankets to sit on. *Box meal included.*

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Tue	Aug 20	5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	\$36	Jun 24

RAISED BED COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sanburnol Park is home to the raised-bed community garden. Located in the south east corner of the park, these raised-beds make gardening easier for you to plant, maintain and harvest your crops. Returning gardeners have until March 1st to reserve their garden bed. New gardeners may reserve starting March 2nd.

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

Contact us at 763-792-7201



THINKING ABOUT BUYING A HOME?

This is a great place to start! Taught by a local realtor and lender, this seminar will teach you all about the process of buying a home with the goal of making it accessible to everyone. Learn how to qualify for a loan, what you need for upfront costs, and what programs are out there to help you. Discover how a customized search and success plan can help turn homeownership from dream to reality.

Registration Required. Location: Virtual

Day(s)	Date(s)	Time	Fee	Deadline
Wed	June 12	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	\$0	June 5
Sat	June 15	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	\$0	June 5
Wed	Aug 14	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	\$0	Aug 7
Sat	Aug 17	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	\$0	Aug 7

Register online at www.slprec.org

New Recycling Drop-Off Program Coming in May

Spring Lake Park is launching a new FREE recycling drop-off program for all Spring Lake Park residents. There will be a drop-off site inside City Hall that will be available to residents Monday—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.

Upcoming Recycle Technologies Events

10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine, MN
8AM — Noon May 11 | July 13

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

**Recycle 2 items for FREE with coupon
(up to \$30 value)**

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

2024 Spring Recycling Day

Saturday, April 27, 2024
8:00 AM—Noon

Spring Lake Park ISD 16 District Office Parking Lot
1415 81st Ave NE

ID Will Be Required



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

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2024 Spring Leaf Drop-Off

April 27—May 10, 2024

Lakeside Lions Park
7840 Pleasant View Dr 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

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)

Prevent Dumping into Streets and Stormdrains

To help reduce water pollution from stormwater runoff, City ordinances classify anything other than water going into the street or storm drains as illegal – called “Illicit Discharges.”

If you see anyone spilling, dumping or disposing of materials into a stormdrain or the street report it immediately. Call the Public Works department from 8:00am - 4:30pm at 763-784-6491. If you think it’s a hazardous material emergency, call 9-1-1.

Illicit Discharges

- Motor oil and grease
- Pesticides, herbicides
- Paint
- Winter de-icers/salt

“Organic” materials

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Sand
- “Pet-friendly” winter de-icers
- Fertilizer
- Bare dirt

Keep a Lake-friendly Lawn!

With Springtime here, it’s time to remember that lawn care can pollute our rivers, streams, and lakes.

Pesticides, fertilizers, and grass clippings are all pollutants that can come from lawns. Rain runoff can wash fertilizer or pesticides off lawns and pick up grass clippings left on driveways, sidewalks, or curbs. This polluted rainwater then flows to street storm drains and can run straight into local waterbodies.

Fertilizers and clippings in water can feed algae and cause algal blooms. Algae blooms can smell, be unsightly, and cause fish die-offs.

Lawncare tips for a Lake-friendly lawn:

- Keep your turf three (3) inches tall to promote root growth, reduce weed growth and reduce watering.
- Sweep up any grass clippings on sidewalks and driveways; instead, mulch your clippings as fertilizer.
- Before applying fertilizers, test your soil with the UMN -your soil might be just fine, so save some money.
- Only water if it hasn’t rained! Then, water deeply (1-1.5 inches) once a week to enhance root growth.
- Try to manually remove weeds first. Then, if using herbicides, follow the label directions.
- Take old or frozen pesticides to the Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. For hours and rules, contact the facility at AnokaCounty.us/HHW or at 763-324-3400.



Go to cooncreekwd.org/nooutsidepollution for an online resource guide about maintaining lawns that don’t harm the environment.

Please Don’t Feed Ducks and Geese!

While it is tempting to feed waterfowl it is unhealthy for them, for us, and our waters!

- Feeding can concentrate ducks and geese into one area, making it easier for disease to spread among the birds.
- Wild food is much more nutritious. Don’t feed bread or junk food.
- Feeding can cause ducks and geese to lose their fear of humans, and become more likely to attack people.
- Overcrowding can also cause water pollution from *E. coli* bacteria since their waste is concentrated.

If you want to help ducks and geese, provide or support habitat that provides their natural food, nesting, and migratory needs. Learn more from the state Duck action plan: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wildlife/waterfowl/index.html>

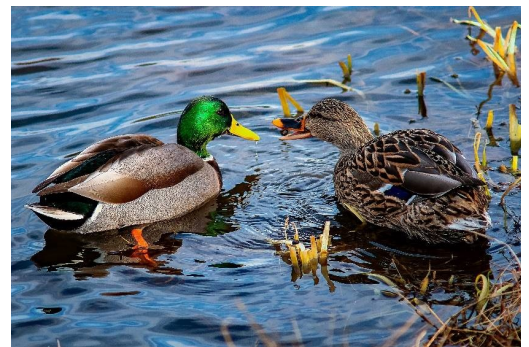


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Keep our waters, waterfowl, and goose/human relationships healthy by letting waterfowl forage for their own food.

Information provided by the Coon Creek Watershed District www.cooncreekwd.org
(763-755-0975 or info@cooncreekwd.org)





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Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting	Apr	1
City Council Meeting	Apr	15
Planning Commission Meeting	Apr	22
Recycling Day (8AM-Noon ISD16 Dist. Offices)	Apr	27
Spring Leaf Drop-Off Begins (Lakeside Lions Park)	Apr	27
City Council Meeting	May	6
Spring Leaf Drop-Off Ends (Lakeside Lions Park)	May	10
Recycling Day (8AM—Noon Recycle Technologies)	May	11
City Council Meeting	May	20
Office Closed (Memorial Day)	May	27
Planning Commission Meeting	May	28
City Council Meeting	June	3
City Council Meeting	June	17
Office Closed (Juneteenth)	June	19
Planning Commission Meeting	June	24
Absentee Voting Begins	June	28
City Council Meeting	July	1
Office Closed (Independence Day)	July	4
Recycling Day (8AM—Noon Recycle Technologies)	July	13
City Council Meeting	July	15
Planning Commission Meeting	July	22

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



Dog/Cat License

Spring Lake Park City Code Chapter 41 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 81st 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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