

News in the Park

Spring Lake Park City Hall Renovation and Expansion Project Progress

Construction is underway on the renovation and expansion of City Hall. The project is progressing smoothly and is on schedule. Below is a summary of the construction progress so far.

- **New Addition:** The new addition to City Hall is now enclosed, and framing work is underway. Electrical and low voltage cabling are being run into the link. We are awaiting glass to be installed in the new addition. Despite being slowed down by the rain, roofing work is progressing.
- **Interior Modifications:** Interior modifications to the old Public Works garage are underway to accommodate its new use as the Police Department garage. Preliminary framing work has begun on the multi-purpose room and City Council chambers. New office furniture has been purchased for the new Police Department area and Recreation offices. A new emergency generator has been purchased and will be installed later this summer.

It is anticipated that the Police Department and Recreation Department will move into their new spaces at the end of July. At that point, the Administration Department will temporarily move from its current location into the new multi-purpose room. Residents will be able to access these areas from the front entrances at that time. Work on the remaining project includes the renovation of the current Police Department to accommodate officer locker rooms, the Emergency Operations Center and staff conference rooms, as well as the current Administration space which will remain for Administration/Utility Billing and Building Department staff. Work is anticipated to be completed at the end of 2024.

We appreciate the public's patience during this construction project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Administrator Daniel Buchholtz at 763-784-6491.



New addition featuring the link area—June 13, 2024



Framing of the Parks and Recreation area—June 13, 2024.

More photos of the renovation project on pages 3 and 4.

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Spring Lake Park City Hall

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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 and Planning Commission.

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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

April

- Revoked rental license at 857 81st Ave NE.
- Approved an update to the City’s land use table set forth under SLPC 16.64.040.
- Awarded quote to AET for quality assurance testing for the 2024 Street Improvement Project.
- Granted a conditional use permit for an auto repair/transportation company at 970 County Highway 10 NE.
- Proclaimed the month of May 2024 as “No Mow May” in Spring Lake Park.
- Awarded quote for low voltage work in City Hall to CIT.
- Authorized purchase of new riding lawn mower for the Public Works Department.

May

- Granted a side yard setback variance for a driveway expansion at 738 Sanburnol Drive NE.
- Approved variances from side yard setbacks, rear yard setbacks and impervious surface coverage limit at 7705 Central Avenue NE.
- Entered into agreement with Spring Lake Park School District 16 to provide School Resource Officer services for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Authorized a recruitment process for an anticipated police officer opening.

June

- Approved a variance from the side yard setback requirements for a driveway expansion at 8075 Hayes Street NE.
- Granted interim use permit to allow a second accessory building at MYAS, 1011 Osborne Road NE.
- Authorized purchase of new computers for the Police Department.
- Awarded quote for purchase of new emergency generator for City Hall.
- Awarded quote to remove City Hall debris/dirt from yard area.
- Approved the dredging and cleanup of the Hayes Street stormwater pond
- Appointed Erik Skogquist and Mary Wells as the City’s new City Assessors, effective January 1, 2025.
- Accepted the City’s 2023 Performance Measurement Report and authorized submittal to the Office of the State Auditor.

Reminders:

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

General Election November 5, 2024

All precincts vote at Emmanuel Christian Center

Early Voting September 20—November 4, 2024

Spring Lake Park City Hall
8:00AM - 4:15PM



Bricks being removed from the front of the building —February 26, 2024.



Brick work for the new addition—March 21, 2024.



Parks and Recreation Office demolition—April 1, 2024.



Main building garage connected to the North garage to form new cold storage space—May 3, 2024.



Framing in the new Police Department area—June 14, 2024.



New entrance for Parks & Recreation and Administration framing—June 14, 2024.



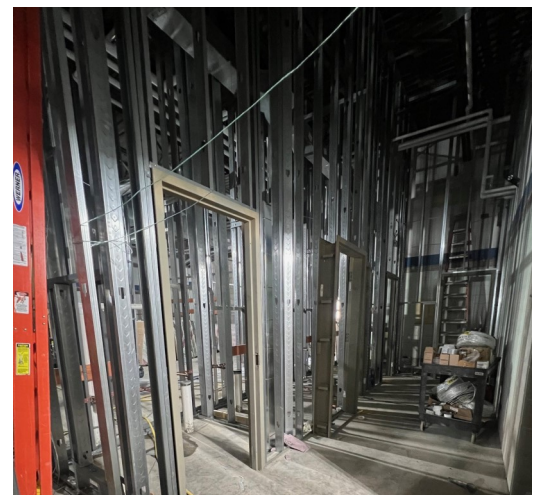
*Front portion of the multi-purpose room—
June 14, 2024.*



*Opposite end of the multi-purpose room—
June 14, 2024.*



*New cold storage space between the main
and North garages—June 14, 2024.*



*Framing for the six (6) public restrooms—
June 14, 2024.*

City Council Appoints New City Assessors

The City Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Erik Skogquist, SAMA and Mary Wells, SAMA as the new City Assessors for Spring Lake Park, starting January 1, 2025. This decision follows the retirement announcement of the current City Assessor, Ken Tolzmann, at the end of his contract on December 31, 2024.

Property tax assessors in Minnesota have a critical role in determining the value of properties for taxation purposes. Their responsibilities include inspecting properties, analyzing market data, and ensuring that property valuations are fair and equitable. Assessors also handle appeals from property owners and must stay informed about changes in property tax laws to ensure compliance and accuracy in assessments.

Erik Skogquist brings extensive experience in property assessment, having a strong background in real estate and valuation. His expertise in analyzing market trends and his meticulous approach to property inspections will be instrumental in maintaining accurate and fair property assessments in our community.



Mary Wells has a proven track record in managing complex property valuations and addressing property owner concerns with transparency and fairness. Her skills in leveraging technology and data for assessments will be a significant asset to the City's assessment operations.



The City Council is confident that Erik and Mary will serve the residents of Spring Lake Park with integrity and professionalism.

Please join us in welcoming Erik Skogquist and Mary Wells to their new positions and in thanking Ken Tolzmann for his years of dedicated service to our community.

City Council Filing Opens July 30

There will be two (2) City Council Member seats up for election on the November 5, 2024 General Ballot. The two (2) Council Member seats will be four-year terms (2025-2028).

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 cost to file is \$15 and must be paid with cash, check or credit card. If you use a credit card, there will be a \$3.00 flat fee applied for processing.

Candidates may withdraw from the ballot by filing an 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 Wanda at wbrown@slpmn.org or info@slpmn.org. You may also call 763-784-6491.

Absentee Ballot Services

PRIMARY ELECTION - 2024

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

Voters who prefer to cast their absentee ballot in-person may do so at the Spring Lake Park City Hall during the hours 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM Monday through Friday. In-person absentee balloting will also be available at City Hall on the Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and until 5:00 PM on Monday, August 12, 2024.

The absentee balloting period for the Primary Election, August 13, 2024, runs from Friday, June 28 through Monday, August 12.

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

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



GENERAL ELECTION - 2024

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

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

The absentee balloting period for the General Election, November 5, 2024, runs from Friday, September 20, 2024 through Monday, November 4, 2024.

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

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

Election Judges Needed For 2024 Elections

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 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 sign up with your affiliated party, as they provide us a list of those interested in being a judge.

Please visit our web site www.slpmn.org/elections to fill out an Election Judge Application. If you have questions or want more information call Wanda at 763-784-6491.

Absentee Voting at Spring Lake Park City Hall Amid Construction

As Spring Lake Park City Hall undergoes a significant renovation, city officials are ensuring that the construction work does not impede the democratic process. Despite the ongoing construction, absentee voting will remain fully accessible to residents, guaranteeing that everyone has the opportunity to cast their ballots without interruption.

To accommodate voters, City Hall will still be open for absentee voting. Voters can enter City Hall through the entrance on 81st Avenue NE. There is a sign outside the door labeled “City Hall Entrance”.

Election staff at City Hall want to stress the importance of maintaining voting accessibility during the construction period. Staff understand that construction can be disruptive, but we are committed to making sure that every resident has the opportunity to vote absentee if they choose. Staff are taking steps to ensure the process runs smooth and efficient, despite the ongoing construction work

For those who prefer to avoid any potential disruptions, the City is also encouraging the use of mail-in absentee ballots. This option allows voters to request a ballot be sent to their home. A ballot can be obtained by visiting mnvotes.org, and registering to absentee vote.

Spring Lake Park is dedicated to upholding the integrity of the voting process and ensuring that every resident’s voice is heard. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 763-784-6491 or email info@slpmn.org.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Safe Medication Disposal

The safest way to dispose of prescription and over-the-counter medications is to bring them to a secure Drug Take-Back collection site. **The medication collection bin that was located at Spring Lake Park City Hall has been removed due to the building remodel.** Residents of Spring Lake Park are encouraged to bring any unused or expired prescription or over-the-counter medications to the Anoka County Sheriffs’ Office during business hours for safe disposal.

Anoka County Sheriff’s Office

13301 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
Monday—Friday 8:00AM — 4:30PM

Accepted Medications | Prescription and Over-the-Counter:

- Pills
- Powders
- Liquids
- Creams
- Sprays
- Pet Medications
- IV Bags
- Inhalers
- Vials
- UNUSED syringes that contain medications (**MUST be in a puncture-proof container**)



Please keep medications in their original containers and black out all patient information on any prescriptions. Go to AnokaCountyMN.gov/RecyclingDirectory and search for Prescription Medications for more locations

Used Eyeglass Program

Old glasses laying around that you no longer need? Spring Lake Park Lions are happy to take them off your hands. They accept prescription glasses, non-prescription sunglasses, and reading glasses (frames with lenses intact—please no lenses without frames or frames without lenses). **The glasses donation box that was previously located at City Hall has been removed due to the building remodel.** Spring Lake Park residents can bring their unwanted glasses to the Kraus Hartig VFW (8100 Pleasant View Dr NE) and place them in the donation box located in the front entry way.



Online Recycling Directory Tool

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



City of Spring Lake Park Code Enforcement Department

The Code Enforcement Division's primary goal is keeping Spring Lake Park a healthy, safe, and beautiful place to live. Code Enforcement staff is responsible for the implementation of many sections of the City's Code of Ordinances. Ordinances are local laws which exist to promote our community standards, safeguard the quality of life for our residents, and protect housing investments for years to come. View the general City of Spring Lake Park Ordinances at www.slpmn.org/ordinances.

The code of ordinances governs many things, including, but not limited to, property maintenance, nuisances, signage, and zoning. Code Enforcement staff responds to inquiries and complaints regarding code issues. If a violation of the code is found to exist, typically a letter will be sent which outlines the steps that need to be taken to correct the violation.

In many instances, residents are simply unaware of the Code and correct the situation immediately. In the event the correction is not made in a reasonable amount of time, the code enforcement officer may issue an administrative citation to the violator. Residents may appeal the citation through the administrative hearing process.

How to Report Violations

When reporting a zoning code violation, please leave your name, address, telephone number, and email as well as the address and specific nature of the code violation. This information is necessary to allocate staff appropriately. Staff may also need to contact you in the event there are any questions regarding the nature of the complaint. You may report a complaint via standard mail, online, over the phone, or in person at City Hall. Point of contact for all complaints is Walter Morris (wmorris@slpmn.org).

Confidentiality

All information will remain confidential per MN State Statute 13.44, which states: "The identities of individuals who register complaints with state agencies or political subdivisions concerning violations of state law or local ordinances concerning the use of real property are classified as confidential data." (Section 13.02, Subdivision 3).

Inspection Process

The City Code Inspector, Walter Morris, will inspect the property. If a violation is present, it will be documented and a zoning violation letter will be mailed to the property owner. If corrective action is not taken within an appropriate amount of time, the City Code Inspector will mail out an administrative citation for zoning code violation.

The purpose of these guidelines is to develop a standardized procedure to ensure proper communication between staff, the complainant, and the party in violation in resolving issues present in the community.

Enjoy Your Recreational Fires Safely

Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

A portable outdoor fireplace is a solid-fuel-burning unit made from noncombustible materials like steel, concrete, or clay. These fireplaces can be open or have a small hearth opening with a chimney.

Recreational Fires

In Minnesota, recreational fires are a wonderful way to enjoy outdoor activities. Here are some key safety guidelines:

- **Distance:** Keep fires at least 25 feet from buildings and combustible materials, and 10 feet from LP-Gas containers.
- **Safety:** Always eliminate conditions that could cause a fire to spread and keep a portable fire extinguisher or other fire-extinguishing equipment nearby.
- **Materials:** Burn only wood from trees, small branches, brush, or charcoal. Do not burn treated lumber, construction debris, garbage, plastic, or waste materials.
- **Supervision:** Attend your fire at all times until it is fully extinguished.
- **Compliance:** Extinguish fires immediately if they pose a safety risk or if instructed by a fire code official.

Enjoy your fires responsibly while creating wonderful memories outdoors.

Stay Safe with Fires and Barbecues on Balconies and Patios

Minnesota State Fire Code Appendix O Highlights:

1. **Open Flame Prohibited:** No open flames or fires on balconies above ground level or ground floor patios within 15 feet of a structure in buildings with three (3) or more dwelling units.
2. **Fuel Storage Prohibited:** No storing or using fuel, barbecues, torches, or similar devices in prohibited areas.
Exception: Permanently mounted and wired/plumbed electric or gas grills with an 18-inch clearance (or as listed) are allowed with approval.

Safety Tips for Barbecuing:

- **Charcoal Storage:** Store in a dry area to prevent spontaneous heating.
- **Outdoor Use Only:** Barbecue grills should only be used and stored outdoors.
- **Proper Disposal:** Let charcoal briquettes cool naturally and dispose of them safely.
- **Lighter Fluid Storage:** Store away from living areas.
- **Propane Cylinder Storage:** Store cylinders outside, at least 10 feet from building openings.
- **Compliance with NFPA 58:** Follow guidelines for propane cylinder storage and transportation.

Stay safe and enjoy your barbecues responsibly.



SBM Fire Open House

SBM Fire will be holding a single all station Open House on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 10:00 AM—1:00 PM at Aquatore Park, 9191 Lincoln Street NE, Blaine. This is a free family event with a variety of fire demonstrations throughout the day!

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

SBM Fire Explorers

Are you between the ages of 14-20 years old and interested in learning more about what firefighters do? Join SBM Fire Exploring Post #3710! Fire exploring is a unique opportunity to gain experience in the career of firefighting and emergency services. Open house scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2024, 6:00 PM at Fire Station 3.



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 third quarter sessions take place July 23 at Blaine City Hall, August 22 at SBM Station 1, and September 19 at SBM Station 2. All classes start at 7:00 PM 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!

Safe Escape Planning

Fire is fast. On average, a fire doubles in size every 30 seconds. Are you prepared to safely escape your home in the event of a fire?

It is important to have a home fire escape plan. Working with those in your home, start by drawing a map of your home. Indicate all doors and windows. These are your two possible exits out of any given room. Walking through your home, locate all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. Next, indicate an outside meeting place. A meeting place should be in front of your home, on the same side of the street as your home. After escaping and arriving at your meeting place, call 9-1-1. Never re-enter the home. Stay at your meeting place until emergency personnel arrive.

Live in an apartment building? Locate all stairwells on your floor. If the one closest is blocked by fire or smoke, then you might have to use another stairwell to exit.

Know your safe escape plan! Practice your plan regularly, at least twice a year. Remember, if there is a fire you need to get outside and stay outside! Call for help. Never go back inside.

The SBM Fire Department offers free home safety surveys. They are confidential. Call 763-786-4436 to sign up for one to be done at your convenience.

Not ready for a home safety survey?

Take a few minutes to do a free online home assessment: virtualcrr.com/survey/sbm-fire/.

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.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Safety Tips to Prevent Becoming a Crime Statistic

With the weather warming up and the days being longer, it means more people are out and about. With that being said, there are also criminals out and about. Here are some tips to help keep you from becoming a crime statistic:

- Lock your doors, including the one between your garage and house. Unlocked doors make easy access for criminals.
- Don’t keep your garage door opener in your vehicle if you park outside. This will give easy access to your home if your vehicle is broken into.
- If you’re going on vacation, ask a trusted neighbor to gather your mail so it does not pile up. Also, use a timer or Wi-Fi controlled lights to make it appear someone is home.
- The best deterrent for crime is light! Keep the exterior lights on your home turned on, or install a motion sensing light to keep the criminals away. The use of cameras or video doorbells is also helpful.
- Visit the National Crime Prevention Council for other safety tips - <https://www.ncpc.org/resources/home-neighborhood-safety/>



Summer Heat Safety

Excessive heat during the summer months can pose dangerous risk to your health. Excessive heat is usually high temperatures combined with high humidity levels that persist for two or more days. Here are some tips to help survive the heat and humidity we get here in Minnesota:

1. Know the difference between Heat Stroke, Heat Cramps and Heat Exhaustion

- ◆ **Heat Stroke** is a very serious condition that requires immediate medical attention - Call 9-1-1! Here are some warning signs:
 - Extremely high body temperature, above 103° F
 - Hot, red, dry skin with NO sweat
 - Rapid, strong pulse
 - Dizziness, confusion and possibly unconsciousness
- ◆ **Heat Exhaustion** is sweating profusely, paleness, tiredness or weakness, headache, nausea or vomiting
 - For both heat cramps and exhaustion, move to a cooler location and remove excessive clothing. Only take small sips of water, and if symptoms don't improve, see your doctor or health care provider.
- ◆ **Heat Cramps** are muscle pains or spasms in the stomach, legs or arms

2. NEVER leave children, disabled person or pets locked in a vehicle! There were 33 reported children who died in hot cars in 2022.
3. Avoid strenuous activities, especially during the mid-day hours when the sun is at its highest.
4. Make sure to stay hydrated with water or sports drinks, and wear light colored clothing.

Night to Unite

Once again, we will be participating in Night to Unite. This is an annual tradition of bringing neighbors together and building relationships with the police and other community partners.

This year, we will be celebrating on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. Please consider hosting a party for your neighborhood.

Information on hosting a party along with various ideas for activities and registration forms can be found at <https://slpmn.org/police/page/night-unite-2024>.



Online Safety Tips

A little bit of knowledge and some effort can help keep you and your sensitive data safe in this online world. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe while online:

- Create unique, long passwords that are hard to guess by using numbers, symbols and capital letters. Also use multi-factor authentication if possible.
- Watch for malicious links in emails, especially from unsolicited or unfamiliar senders. These links can contain virus that could be downloaded onto your computer.
- Only use secure Wi-Fi networks as public ones could allow cybercriminals to see what you are doing on your laptop or smartphone. The use of a virtual private network (VPN) can help make the connection more secure.
- Be knowledgeable regarding the numerous scams that are out there, such as the romance or lottery scams. Remember, there is no such thing as free money!

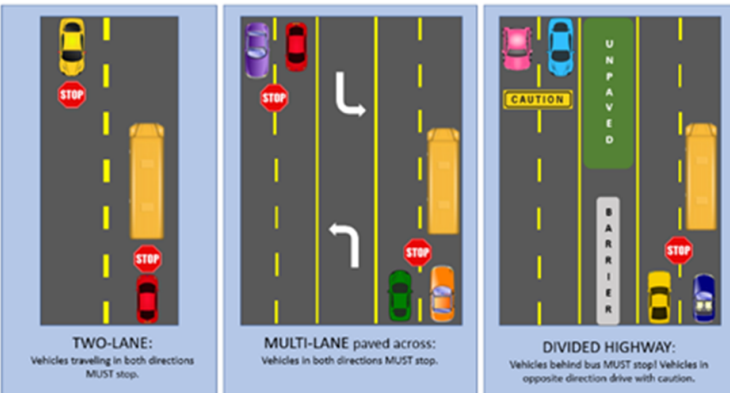


For more information regarding online safety, visit staysafeonline.org.

September is Back to School Time

As summer starts to wind down, school will be starting again. There will be more pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic. Remember to reduce your speed, buckle up and don't drive distracted, especially in school zone areas.

This goes without saying, but there will be the big yellow school buses. We take numerous calls of vehicles running through the red flashing lights and extended stop arm of these buses. Remember, when you see the yellow lights flashing, it means the bus is going to stop. Slow down and prepare to stop. Here is a reminder of when you need to stop for school buses.



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.



Utility Bills

Utility Bills for your 2024 2nd quarter usage were mailed and eBills, the online delivery, uploaded on June 28, 2024. **If you have not received your bill by July 7, 2024 please contact Breanna in the Utility Billing Department.**

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



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

Payments are due July 30, 2024. If you are unable to meet the due date, your payment should include the applicable late fee outlined on your quarterly bill.

Utility Billing Department:
763-792-7213 | bbrown@slpmn.org

Utility Payment Options

Online Bill Pay

- Visit: <https://bit.ly/3WEPjXx>
- PIN # Required (located on your Utility Bill)

Phone Payments

- Call 763-792-7213
- Credit / Debit Cards

Walk-In Payments

- City Hall: 1301 81st Ave NE
- Office Hours: M—F 8:00AM to 4:30PM
- Small bills or exact change preferred for cash payments

Please Note: All credit/debit card transactions (online, over the phone, or in person) carry a convenience fee.

Drop Box

- City Hall Entrance: 1301 81st Ave NE
- Available 24/7

Mail-In Payments

- Mail to: City of Spring Lake Park—Attn: Utility Billing, 1301 81st Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
- Please be sure to include the account number in the memo line of the check or include the bottom half of your bill to ensure your payment is applied to the correct account.

Utility Billing Schedule

1st Quarter	January, February, March
Goes out March 31st	Due April 30th
2nd Quarter	April, May, June
Goes out June 30th	Due July 30th
3rd Quarter	July, August, September
Goes out September 30th	Due October 30th
4th Quarter	October, November, December
Goes out December 31st	Due January 30th
<i>If payment is not received by the due date a 10% late penalty will be applied.</i>	



Utility Billing Online Payment Service
City of Spring Lake Park, Anoka County

Pay Online

Go to: <https://bit.ly/3WEPjXx>

You will need **one** of the following:

- Account number
- Property address
- Name on the account
- **AND your account PIN**

All of this information can be found in the top, right-hand corner of your Utility Bill.

1. Enter payment amount (bottom, right)
2. Make payment

View Account History

Go to: <https://bit.ly/3WEPjXx>

You will need **one** of the following:

- Account number
- Property address
- Name on the account
- **AND your account PIN**

1. View additional account information
2. Click the “History (# Items Found)” link

Lawn Sprinkling Regulations

Per Resolution No. 93-17, sprinkling is limited to an ODD/EVEN basis. Properties with addresses that end in an odd number may sprinkle on an odd numbered day. Properties that end in an even number may sprinkle on an even numbered day.

New sod and seed are exempt for a period of two (2) weeks after installation. Properties with a private well are encouraged to follow this same schedule. Uniform compliance throughout the City is less confusing to the public and Code Enforcement Officials. We also encourage you to water your lawn and gardens in the early morning when the water can penetrate the soil without evaporating as quickly. Placing your sprinklers where they will water your lawn and not driveways, sidewalks and streets will also reduce waste.

In addition, check your outside faucets and sprinklers for leaks. It is also a good idea to monitor your summer water usage by reading your water meter on a regular basis. Please keep in mind that meters read in 1,000 gallons. That way if it is a drier summer, you may decide to scale back on your watering to reduce the potential of a big bill in October. The October bill will reflect water usage from July through September.

During especially dry years, additional water conservation measures may be imposed. Check the Blaine/SLP Life, the City's website or the City's Facebook page for any additional watering restrictions.



Why Are These Colored Flags In My Yard?

If you have ever asked yourself that, the answer is simple. These flags (or paint) are indicators of located underground utilities. Minnesota State Statute requires anyone who will be digging underground to contact Gopher State One Call (GSOC) at least 48 hours in advance of doing so. GSOC is the on-call notification system that acts as a communication link between underground facility operators, homeowners, and excavators in the State of Minnesota.

Paint or Flag Color Indicator

When a notification or ticket is received, GSOC contacts the local utility companies and asks them to mark any underground utilities in a given area. As indicated on the accompanying chart, each utility type has a color assigned to it.

WHITE	Area of proposed excavation
PINK	Temporary survey markings
RED	Electronic
YELLOW	Gas, oil, steam, propane
ORANGE	Communication, CATV, fiber
BLUE	Water
PURPLE	Reclaimed water, irrigation
GREEN	Sewer

Lawn Care Tips

Mow at higher setting

Grass mowed to a height of 2 1/2 to 3 inches develops deeper, healthier roots and has a competitive advantage over weeds, which helps prevent them from taking over your yard.

Fertilize smart

Most Minnesota lawns only need to be fertilized once a year in the fall. Fertilizer containing phosphorous is unnecessary as soils in our area already contain enough phosphorous to maintain most lawns.

Water less frequently

Most lawns require one (1) inch of water a week. Watering too frequently encourages the grass roots to remain near the surface. By watering less frequently but more thoroughly, roots are forced to search more deeply for moisture, which results in longer, healthier root systems that can tolerate the hot summer months.

Manage grass clippings

Do not blow or rake grass clippings and leaves into the street. Leave them on the lawn. Leaves and grass clippings can be used for compost, or you can bag them up and bring them to the yardwaste site.

Seed bare patches to prevent erosion and soil loss

If you have trouble growing grass in a certain area of the yard, such as a shady spot or on a steep slope, consider replacing that section of the lawn with other plants that are more tolerant of the conditions.

Aerate the lawn periodically to loosen the soil

Aeration is done with a machine that pulls two (2) to three (3) inch cores of soil from the lawn allowing air, water, and nutrients to be incorporated into the soil. This improves plant health and water infiltration.

If you have hired a contractor for landscaping, driveway work, or underground digging, they are required to contact Gopher State One Call. If you are planning on digging yourself, you are also required to do so at least 48 hours in advance. The number to call is easy – **811** or make your request online at **GSOCsubmit.org**.

Gopher State One Call's website (**gopherstateonecall.org**) has a lot of helpful information, including a way to look up ticket requests by city, street or date.

Consumer Confidence Report Available

You are now able to view the City of Spring Lake Park's annual water quality report online by scanning the QR code or our website at <https://bit.ly/2023SLPCCR>.

You can obtain a paper copy of the CCR by contacting Spring Lake Park City Hall at 763-784-6491 or info@slpmn.org.

You can obtain previous years Consumer Confidence Reports as well as other utility information at our website— www.slpmn.org/utilities.



Discover Endless Fun with Parks and Recreation!

Looking for fun activities? Look no further than your local Parks and Recreation Department!

Why choose us?

- **Diverse Programs:** From sports leagues and fitness classes to art workshops, our wide range of programs cater to all ages and interests.
- **Community Engagement:** Join a vibrant community of like-minded individuals. Our events and activities are designed to bring people together and foster a sense of belonging.
- **Healthy Living:** Promote a healthy lifestyle with our recreational activities. Exercise, socialize, and rejuvenate in our well-maintained parks and facilities.
- **Affordable Fun:** We offer a variety of affordable options, ensuring everyone can participate and enjoy what we have to offer.



Get Involved Today!

Don't miss out on the fun! Register now for our exciting programs and activities by visiting our website at slprec.org. Discover the joy of community, health, and adventure with Parks and Recreation. Your next great experience is just a click away! Our Fall catalog will be available in August.

Spring Lake Park Music in the Park

July 10
Stir Krazy
A 4 Piece Rock Band
Food Truck: Egg Roll Queen

July 24
Half Dead Roses
A 5 Piece Rock Band
Food Truck: Rollin Nolen's BBQ

August 7
Dan Ferstenou
Acoustic, Folk, and Classic Country
Food Truck: Rollin Nolen's BBQ

WEDNESDAYS
6:30pm-8:00pm

Lakeside Lions Park
7840 Pleasant View Dr

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

Movies in the Park

Sponsored by the Spring Lake Park Lions

Playing at Dusk

Wednesday, July 24
and
Wednesday, July 31

Sanburnol Park | 520 Sanburnol Dr
Sanburnol Dr will be closed for repairs until September—please use alternate route.

If movies are rained out, they will be moved to the SLP High School Auditorium

Visit the Spring Lake Park Lions Club #00584 Facebook page for updates

Adult and Youth Softball Tournaments Scheduled

Adult Tournament

Youth Tournament

Terrace Park | Friday, July 19 — Saturday, July 20

Thursday, July 25 — Saturday, July 27

Concessions available



Able Park Playground Updates

Exciting improvements are coming to Able Park Playground! The playground will soon feature brand new equipment and enhancements including:

- Swing set with and adaptive seat
- Musical play pieces
- Free climber
- Whirlwind seat
- New playset for children ages 2-5 years
- New rubber surfacing for added safety and comfort around pieces



Old playground equipment being replaced

These updates aim to create a more inclusive, engaging, and enjoyable play environment for all children.

Partial funding provided by Anoka County CDBG grant.

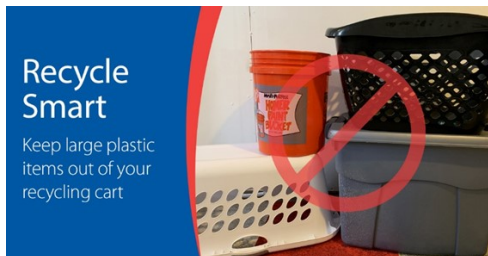
RECYCLING

Recycle Smart – Do Not Put Bulky Plastics in your Recycling Cart

It might be tempting to put that broken hamper in your curbside recycling cart or bring your child’s large worn toy to the recycling center... it’s plastic, so it’s recyclable, right? Actually, that IS NOT correct. Curbside programs are set up to sort plastic bottles, cups and containers #1, #2 and #5.

Large, bulky plastic items like children’s toys, kiddie pools, lawn furniture, laundry hampers, plant pots, buckets and other large plastic household items, should not be put in a curbside recycling cart. Drop-off centers don’t want them either because they ARE NOT recyclable.

If not damaged, consider reuse and donate these types of items. If damaged, contact your hauler before throwing away for more details and to see if there is a charge for disposal.



Reuse or donate these items if they’re not broken. If they are not reusable, they **ARE NOT** recyclable and must be put in your trash.

Spring Lake Park Curbside Recycling Information

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



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

Missed Collection: If your recycling cart was at your curb by 6:30 AM on your designated collection day and it was not picked up by 6:00 PM, please call Walter’s at 763-780-8464 by noon the day following your missed pick up. Please remember to leave your recycling cart out so the hauler will be able to pick it up after we report the missed collection.

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



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

Collection Days: Wednesday is the service day for every-other-week recycling. You can find the full collection schedule online at <https://waltersrecycling.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SLP-2024-Recycling-Calendar-1.pdf>.

2024 Upcoming Recycling Days

Saturday, July 13, 2024
 Saturday, September 14, 2024
 8:00 AM—Noon

Recycle Technologies
 10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine, MN

ID Will Be Required



Residents are responsible for any costs above \$30.

Payment accepted: Cash or check ONLY
 Small bills appreciated

RECYCLE 2 ITEMS FOR FREE W/COUPON (UP TO \$30.00)

- Appliances—all major household (no ammonia)
- Batteries—household, rechargeable and vehicle
- Cell phones, Eyeglasses, Ink Cartridges and Hearing Aids
- Computer Towers, Laptops, Tablets, Keyboards, and accessories
- Electronics—DVD/VCR/CD player, stereo, copiers, speaker, power tools, small appliances, game consoles, etc.
- Hard drive destruction (if not with computer)
- TVs & Computers
- Mattresses
- Box Springs
- Tires

RECYCLE FOR FREE WITHOUT COUPON

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

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

Don't Have Your Coupon?

Coupons for these events were mailed in December 2023 and were included with your most recent Utility Bill. If you do not have your coupon you can find them on our website at:

<https://slpmn.org/recycling/page/recycling-information>

or you may pick up a copy at City Hall Monday through Friday from 8AM—4:30PM.

Recycle Technologies reserves the right to refuse items.

Please **DO NOT** drop off items before or after the event.

Questions on the event?

Contact Haley Morrison at 763-792-7240 or hmorrison@slpmn.org

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

Clean Water Starts at Home

Lawn & Pet Care Tips

A University of Minnesota research study sourced two main water pollutants in the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities Metro, nitrogen and phosphorus, to homeowners and dog owners. Excess amounts of these nutrients can cause algal blooms which can be harmful to aquatic critters and possibly harbor toxic blue-green algae.

The main source of nitrogen? Household fertilizer use: 10 times the amount of commercial fertilizers used by golf courses and college campuses in the Metro. A main source of phosphorus? Dog waste!

Prevention is easy and vastly cheaper than treatment. Treatment is not done at a building facility like wastewater from your sink and toilet. It is done with stormwater ponds, rain gardens, vegetation buffers, special in-ground sand filters, or other landscape methods.

Your daily actions, or inactions, make a difference. Do these two simple things at home:

1. Test before you fertilize

Get out of the habit of thinking your lawn or turf area needs fertilizing every year. Test your soil and get recommendations by the UMN Soils Research Lab for just \$20. Go to <https://soiltest.cfans.umn.edu/> for a how-to video and in-depth information or call 612-625-3101 for more information.

Tip: leaving your grass clippings on your lawn when you mow recycles the nutrients from the clippings back into the soil. Doing this all season is like one application of fertilizer! Make sure your clippings are no more than one-inch long.

Tip: If you use a lawncare service check that they are using best practices from a special Turf Maintenance training where turf professionals learn from other professionals. This training costs little, is ½ day, and includes a voluntary certification option.

Learn more: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/business-with-us/turf-grass-maintenance-training>

2. Pick up after your pet, even in your backyard.

Though “organic,” dog waste contains *E. coli* bacteria and phosphorus. Dogs average 200lbs of waste per dog per year. So, it’s important to promptly pick up their waste, even in your backyard, and put it in the trash. Otherwise, rain storms can take it from our sidewalks and streets to flow into ponds, creeks, lakes, and rivers.

Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District: 763.755.0975 or www.cooncreekwd.org.



Water Education Grant Money Available

Funding is still available in our 2024 grant cycle for water resource education projects or programs that help fulfill our Mission and Comprehensive Plan on protecting and preserving our local water resources. Most grants are \$500-1000. This is a reimbursement grant for supplies or program costs.

Eligible applicants include non-profits, K-12 educators, businesses, cities and agencies that are within our boundary. Past grants have included workshops such as training on Aquatic Invasive Species herbicide use, supplies for experiential and educational activities about water quality issues, water quality testing supplies.

For more information, go to our website, www.cooncreekwd.org/ourgrants, for our Water Education Grant Guidance and Application or contact Jessica, Engagement Coordinator, at Coon Creek Watershed

District: 763-258-7305 or jindemyer@cooncreekwd.org.



Heidi Ferris of Growing Green Hearts Consulting shows students how to plant as part of a larger project on native plants as clean water filters.



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Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting	July	1
Office Closed (Independence Day)	July	4
Office Closed	July	5
Recycling Day (8AM—Noon Recycle Technologies)	July	13
City Council Meeting	July	15
Planning Commission Meeting	July	22
City Council Meeting	Aug	5
Absentee Voting—City Hall 9AM—3PM	Aug	10
Absentee Voting Ends—City Hall Open until 5PM	Aug	12
Primary Election—Emmanuel Christian Center	Aug	13
City Council Meeting	Aug	19
Planning Commission Meeting	Aug	26
Office Closed (Labor Day)	Sept	2
City Council Meeting	Sept	3
Recycling Day (8AM—Noon Recycle Technologies)	Sept	14
Absentee Voting Begins	Sept	20
Planning Commission Meeting	Sept	23
City Council Meeting	Oct	7
City Council Meeting	Oct	21
Recycling Day (8AM—Noon ISD 16 Dist. Offices)	Oct	26
Absentee Voting—City Hall 9AM—3PM	Oct	26
Planning Commission Meeting	Oct	28
Absentee Voting—City Hall Open until 7PM	Oct	29

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

Report Your Power Outage or Street Light Out to Xcel Energy

Call Xcel Energy at 1-800-960-6235, option 2 or go to www.xcelenergy.com/report%20outage to report a power outage in your home or a street light out on your block.

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

If you suspect a gas leak, leave your home or business and call 9-1-1.

