

Golden Valley

March April 2001 CITYNEWS

General Mills Withdraws Nature Preserve EAW

General Mills has withdrawn its proposal to the City to build a nature preserve on the land it owns at the southeast corner of Hwy 169 and Hwy 55. The company has decided to terminate the use of its once through cooling system at its headquarters campus pursuant to constructing a new cooling system as part of a proposed expansion (see story at right). This withdrawal also will terminate the EAW for the proposed Bassett Creek Nature Preserve project. For more information, contact City Public Works Director Jeannine Clancy at 763-593-8035.

General Mills Proposes Expansion

General Mills, an international food corporation with world headquarters in Golden Valley, is proposing a two-phase office expansion on its campus at Number One General Mills Blvd. Phase one includes construction of a six-story, 324,000-square-foot office building; a two-story, 138,000-square-foot employee services building; a four-level parking facility; and a new heating/cooling facility adjacent to

existing buildings. Phase two includes construction of up to 270,000 additional square feet of offices. The expanded facilities would accommodate the company's growth by serving up to 1,700 more employees.

In compliance with state and federal regulations, the corporation has completed an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to identify any potential environmental impacts (both negative and positive) of the proposed project. EAWs are intended to provide public and government decision-makers with information to help determine whether a project should be authorized or whether a more elaborate assessment, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), should be prepared. An EAW commonly addresses a proposed project's impacts on:

- fish and wildlife
- wetlands, farmlands, and park lands
- erosion and storm water runoff
- groundwater and soil conditions
- contaminated properties
- traffic, air quality, and noise
- cultural resources
- infrastructure and public services

The General Mills EAW was reviewed by City staff and engineering consultants Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc (SEH) to determine its completeness, then presented to the City Council at its March 20 meeting (which had not yet occurred at press time). If the City Council believes the EAW is complete, it will be distributed according to Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) rules. This includes publication of the EAW in the *EQB Monitor*, which will initiate a 30-day public comment period from April 2 to May 2, 2001. During that time, the City will take comments from the public, state agencies, and other groups to be addressed by the City before the City Council decides whether

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Update 2001: The State of City Development

Parts of Golden Valley are undergoing a face lift as three projects initiated by the City's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) enter varying stages of construction. In other areas of the city, another HRA project and several more private development projects are still in proposal or planning stages. This update will provide basic information about the status of each project.

Projects Under Way

Work on the Allianz Life USA office tower at I-394 and Xenia Ave is expected to be finished this summer. The Wesley Commons development at Winnetka Ave and Golden Valley Rd is making progress, with work on the retail building nearing completion and work on the residential buildings just getting started. At the northeast corner of Xenia Ave and Glenwood Ave, contractors have started work on the new Meadowbrook Community Center.

Valley Square Area B— Wesley Commons

This project (located west of Winnetka Ave, north of Golden Valley Rd, east of Wisconsin, and south of Bassett Creek) has three main elements: for-sale housing, rental housing, and a mixed-use office/retail building.

Town Square at Wesley Commons

The office/retail building shell at the corner of Winnetka and Golden Valley Rd (shown at right) should be completed and ready for tenant improvements in March. Tenants include Davanni's, Dunn Bros Coffee, Photofast, Best Wishes, Salon Six, Golden Valley Tailors, Don's Custom Trim, Golden Valley Animal Hospital, and Love Nails. These businesses should open by mid-May. Vanman Construction, the general contractor, will also occupy upstairs office space. Retail (3,100 square feet) and office (4,900 square feet) space is still available; both can be subdivided. For retail leasing information, contact Cindy Balderson at 952-474-0214. For office leasing information, contact United Properties at 952-831-1000.



Wesley Commons Townhomes and Urban Flats

David Bernard Builders and Developers has started construction on three of the seven proposed for-sale housing units. The first units should be completed by June and available for viewing by prospective buyers. Of the 130 units, approximately 41 townhomes and 15 urban flats are reserved (pre-sold), including all of the initial 15 townhomes available for \$134,250 to qualified buyers. For information about the townhomes (far left), call Steve Meyers at 651-387-8794. For information about the urban flats (near left), call Mary Kay Golden at 651-387-8135.



Valley Square Commons Townhomes

The developer for the rental townhome component of this project is seeking final planning approvals in April for construction of 25 units (eight three-bedroom, 16 two-bedroom, and one handicapped one-bedroom unit) at Winnetka Ave and Bassett Creek, where Tower Square Shopping Center now stands. Current Tower Square tenants are scheduled to move next door in May. If final approval is secured, the Tower Square building will be demolished in May. Construction on the townhomes would begin in June, with scheduled occupancy by mid-2002. Designed to serve families at 50% of the median income, rents would be approximately \$750-\$850 per month, and five units will be subsidized with income-dependent sliding scale rents and aimed at families at 30% of median income. For more information about the project, or to secure a place on the waiting list for rental information, contact CommonBond Communities at 651-290-6228.



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Development Projects

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Allianz

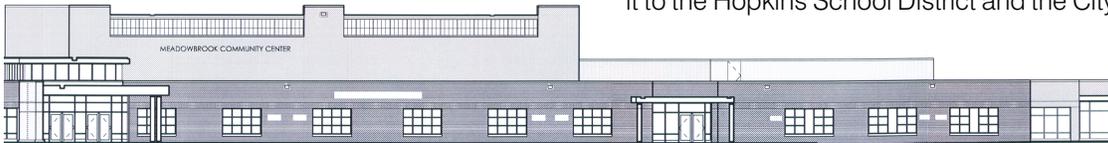
Allianz Life USA expects to finish constructing its 400,000-square-foot North American headquarters at the northwest corner of I-394 at Xenia Ave by September 1. This spring, the City will modify Xenia Ave and Golden Hills Dr to improve traffic circulation in the area and will demolish the Breck Ice Arena (Breck is building a new ice arena at Hwy 55 and Meadow Lane). In April 2000, Allianz

received preliminary construction approval for a second 200,000-square-foot building but has not yet sought final approvals from the City for construction.

Meadowbrook Community Center

Construction has begun on a 24,000-square-foot community center adjacent to Meadowbrook Elementary School, with completion anticipated for early fall. The building is a joint project of the Golden Valley HRA and the Hopkins School District and is located on land that became available after the City reconfigured Xenia Ave. The HRA will own the facility and lease it to the Hopkins School District and the City. The building's two gymnasiums will

be used by Meadowbrook students during the day and by City recreation programs during evenings and weekends.



Hidden Lakes

The Hidden Lakes residential development was approved by the City Council in 1997 as part of a planned unit development (PUD). As of February 2001, 93 of the proposed 137 for-sale housing units are under construction or completed, including 25 golf villas, 43 of 61 townhomes, and 25 of 51 single-family homes. In addition, all of the development's private streets, a public trail, and the utility systems have been completed as well as a small public park on Sweeney Lake that has a launch for non-motorized boats.

The Hidden Lakes developer recently indicated to the City that it would like to amend the PUD to allow for construction of seven single-family homes on the peninsula between Sweeney and Twin Lakes as well as 10 more golf villas on the east side of the property adjacent to Wirth Golf Course. This amendment requires an informal public hearing and recommendation from the Planning Commission, followed by a formal public hearing and decision by the City Council on the preliminary plan. Approval of the final (or general) plan to amend the PUD requires a public hearing and decision by the City Council.

Proposed Projects

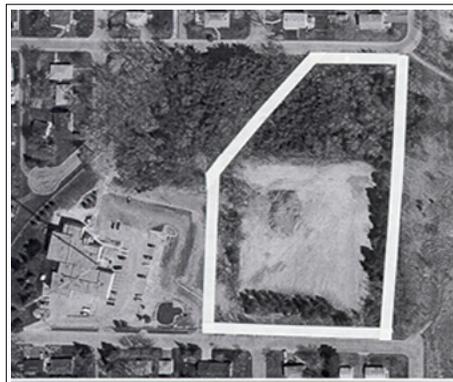
These proposed projects are in varying stages of approval by the City Planning Commission or HRA. The Sheriff's Site proposal is the only HRA project; the others are proposals by private developers. These brief outlines are intended to provide a basic overview of the proposals. For more detailed information, contact the City Planning Department at 763-593-8095.



Lions Park Planned Unit Development

A developer has applied to the City for approval to build six single-family homes on land directly across from Lions Park

(currently occupied by the Apostolic Lutheran Church, which is relocating to Medina). After building demolition, the developer plans to construct the two-story homes (ranging from \$450,000 to \$600,000) with driveway access on Louisiana Ave. The Planning Commission reviewed the preliminary design plan March 5 and has forwarded it to the City Council for approval.



Sheriff's Pistol Range Site

The HRA is in the process of purchasing a five-acre site from Hennepin County adjacent to the Hennepin County Dispatch Center, between Naper and Earl Streets (Naper St is shown at the bottom of the aerial photo at left). Since November 2000, a Citizen's Advisory Board has been studying the site and housing options, including considerations of density, price range, and the relationship to adjacent housing and open space. After the HRA determines the

scope of development, it must secure a developer who will take the project through various planning approvals. This project is unlikely to see activity before 2002.

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Get Ready: Brush Pick-Up Set To Begin April 30

Mark your calendar for Golden Valley's Spring Brush Pick-Up, which is set to begin Monday, April 30 and continue through the first three weeks in May (see schedule below). The program gives homeowners the opportunity to place tree limbs and brush at their curbs for collection and disposal.

Program Guidelines

Please observe the following guidelines when preparing your brush for pick-up:

- Tree limbs and brush must be less than four inches in diameter and six feet long.
- Stack so the larger ends face the street (limbs do not have to be tied).
- Condense brush to one pile per household. Trucks will stop only once at each property, so if there is more than one pile, only one will be picked up.
- Do not use plastic bags.
- Keep brush and limbs completely clear of sidewalks, mailboxes, streetlights and sign poles, landscaping and fences, overhead tree branches, and power lines. If piles don't fit between the curb and sidewalk, place them on the boulevard behind the sidewalk. The contractor uses trucks with automated loading arms to pick up the brush piles. If your brush is stacked near a restricted area or tossed in a pile rather than stacked, it will be left behind. The contractor will not load brush by hand.
- No leaves, grass clippings, stumps, roots, limbs exceeding the size limits, building lumber, landscape timbers, or bags of garbage will be picked up. If any of these items are mixed in the brush stacks, the entire stack will be left behind. The contractor will not sort through brush stacks for acceptable material.

Pick-Up Schedule

The City will be divided into three sections (see below), with a week designated for pick-up in each. Brush must be placed on the curb by 8 am Monday the week of pick-up and must remain there until picked up. If there is a lot of brush, pick-up may take longer than a week.

Section 1	Entire area north of Hwy 55 and east of Douglas Dr	week of April 30
Section 2	Entire area north of Hwy 55 and west of Douglas Dr	week of May 7
Section 3	Entire area south of Hwy 55	week of May 14

Be ready. This is a one-time pick-up only. Trucks will not return to neighborhoods for late set-outs. If you miss your pick-up week, you must plan for other means of disposal.

To dispose of brush or tree waste not collected in this pick-up, contact your garbage hauler or choose a contractor from the Yellow Pages. Watch this newsletter or check the Recycling Information Line (763-593-8119) for updates.

The Spring Curbside Brush Pick-Up is a component of the Golden Valley recycling program. If you have questions about the brush pick-up or about recycling, call 763-593-8119 or 763-593-8030.

Clip-N-Save

Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Memorial Day	Saturday, June 2
Independence Day	Saturday, July 7
Labor Day	Saturday, Sept 8
Thanksgiving	Saturday, Nov 24
Christmas	Saturday, Dec 29
New Year's	Saturday, Jan 5



The Golden Valley Recycling Program is partially funded by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

24-Hour Recycling Info-Line

Recorded answers to your recycling questions 24 hours a day. Just call 763-593-8119 to reach the Golden Valley Recycling Information Line (directions for rotary phone users are on the message). For information on:

- curbside recycling, press 1
- apartment recycling, press 2
- yard waste disposal, press 3
- household hazardous waste disposal, press 4

763-593-8119

Missed Pick-Ups

If your recycling is missed on Friday, call Waste Management at 763-890-1100 before noon on the following Monday.

If you have specific recycling questions, call 763-593-8030.

Compost Bins

To encourage waste reduction, Hennepin County Environmental Services is offering County residents the opportunity to buy a contained composting bin (limit one per household). The bin is \$15 (\$60 retail) and includes a complete guide to backyard composting.

Bins must be ordered and paid for by April 6, 2001. They will be distributed at the end of April and early May.

Finished compost provides an organic fertilizer for your lawn and garden, suppresses weeds, and saves water. For more information about this program, call 612-348-4919 (days) or 612-348-6500 (evenings and weekends).

Golden Valley Is Phosphorous Free

The promise of spring, along with hopes for some lush, green lawns, inspires a friendly reminder that Golden Valley is phosphorous free. Since most Golden Valley soil is rich in phosphorous, no additional phosphorous is necessary to keep lawns green. More importantly, the excess phosphorus eventually ends up in our surface water and can significantly impact the quality of water in our ponds and streams.

To help improve the quality of surface water in Golden Valley, the City Council passed two amendments to the City Code last year. One (Chapter 10, section 10.84) prohibits the use of fertilizers containing phosphorous. The other (Chapter 6, section 6.47) establishes licensing requirements for commercial lawn fertilizer applicators.

For more information on these ordinance amendments or yard maintenance, click to the City web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us or call Environmental Coordinator Al Lundstrom at 763-593-8046. 

Hennepin County Offers Waste Reduction Tips

Minnesotans are doing a great job recycling. However, Hennepin County Environmental Services is aware that from 1995 to 1999 the County's population grew 2.6% and garbage generation increased by 20%. Based on these trends and others throughout Minnesota, waste production could triple by 2020, leaving us to sit on about 13 million tons of trash.

In response, Hennepin County Environmental Services developed a Waste & Toxicity Reduction Calendar and other materials to provide residents with monthly waste-reduction tips and factoids. For information on Hennepin County Environmental Services Programs, call 612-348-6509. Call 763-593-8030 for information on Golden Valley's recycling programs.

January—Reduce junk mail with a request to Direct Marketing Association, Mail Preference Service, PO Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY, 11735. Typical households receive 500 pieces of unwanted mail yearly.

April—Minimize the need for pesticides by cleaning up spills and crumbs quickly, sealing and caulking cracks, and eliminating moisture and standing water.

July—Water your lawn before 10 am and only when it hasn't rained for seven days. Wash vehicles on the lawn to reduce runoff.

October—Change your oil regularly, keep tires inflated, and service your vehicle annually. Walk, bike, or ride the bus as much as possible. Used motor oil from one change can contaminate one million gallons of drinking water.

February—Replace mercury thermometers with digitals and properly dispose of old ones. The two local hazardous waste facilities are at 1400 West 95th Street, Bloomington and 8100 Jefferson Hwy, Brooklyn Park. For hours and information, call 612-348-6509.

May—Buy items with the least packaging. Shop from bulk bins in stores. Buy concentrates. Packaging makes up 30% of municipal solid waste.

August—Buy or make a composting bin (see box at left for Hennepin County program). Composting vegetable scraps and other organic materials would eliminate about one-sixth of a family's garbage annually.

November—Buy the right amount of paint for the job by measuring first. If necessary, consult a local paint retailer for help. In 1998, Minnesotans delivered nearly four million pounds of paint to hazardous waste sites.

March—Use one general purpose cleaner and avoid those labeled *danger*, *caustic*, *flammable*, and/or *corrosive*. Warnings on labels indicate hazard levels: *Caution* - mild or moderate hazard; *Warning* - moderate hazard; *Danger* - extremely flammable, corrosive, or highly toxic; *Poison* - highly toxic.

June—Mow grass no shorter than three inches high; leave clippings on the lawn for fertilizer. Yard waste is not allowed in regular garbage in Minnesota (see Spring Brush Pick-Up, page 4).

September—Donate and buy used items from thrift stores and organize a neighborhood garage sale. Golden Valley's *Recyclopedia* has information on where to recycle a variety of items. If you need a copy, call 612-593-3995.

December—Give no-waste gifts such as health club and gift memberships. And send electronic instead of paper greeting cards.

2001 Street Projects Are Ready to Roll

If there's no snow on the ground in Minnesota it can only mean one thing—road construction season. This year Golden Valley's Public Works Department will work on several street rehabilitation projects across the City. Major projects are outlined on this page. Residents and businesses in these project areas will receive regular *Construction Update* newsletters from the City, which provide current scheduling information and useful tips for coping with construction. For more information about Golden Valley's 2001 Pavement Management projects, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030.

Bassett Creek Pavement Management Area

This project is a continuation of the 2000 Pavement Management Program in an area north of Golden Valley Rd, east of Winnetka Ave, and west of Douglas Dr. Contractor CS McCrossan completed about half of the project last year and is set to get an early start this year. If weather cooperates, construction will begin in late April and last into August.

The contractor will first finish work left over from last year, which includes grading yards, sod installation, landscaping, and paving the final layer on the streets. Then crews will start working in new areas to remove existing streets, replace poor soils under the streets, repair the sanitary sewer and water main systems, install new storm sewers, place new curb and gutter, and pave streets. A new concrete sidewalk will be installed on the south side of Olympia St between Louisiana Ave and Douglas Dr, which will complete the sidewalk system between Winnetka Ave and Douglas Dr. In addition, several of the streets that have adequate soils will get a new overlay of the top pavement

34th Avenue North

The rehabilitation of 34th Avenue North (between Regent Ave and Kyle



Ave, along the Crystal city limits) is part of the 2001 Pavement Management Program. This is a cooperative project with the City of Crystal, which is reconstructing its streets north of this portion of Golden Valley. Construction is scheduled to begin in May.

Country Club Drive

The reconstruction of Country Club Drive between Rhode Island Ave and Douglas Dr will include storm sewer installation and complete street reconstruction with concrete curb and gutter. A major feature of the project is construction of the Hennepin Parks regional trail on the north side of Country Club Dr, which will result in removal of most of the trees shown on the left side of the photo. The regional trail will pass through the entire city and connect with existing regional trails in French Park and Wirth Park.



Country Club Drive contains a high number of major private utility facilities. Besides City water mains, sanitary sewer, and storm sewers, there are fiber optic lines, primary power cables, telephone cables, gas mains, and cable television wires along the street. To construct the street and trail improvements, crews will relocate many of these utilities and completely remove and replace others. This work must be completed before the street work starts and is scheduled to begin as early as April. After the utility work is completed, street reconstruction is scheduled to begin in early July. During reconstruction, Country Club Dr will remain open to local traffic only.

Work on the project will include sanitary sewer repairs, installation of storm sewers, subgrade correction, and installation of concrete curb and gutter and new street pavement. In addition, a trunk storm sewer that runs in back yards between Regent Ave and Hwy 100 will be reconstructed to better carry water runoff from Crystal and Golden Valley.

Laurel Avenue

Laurel Ave (between Colorado Ave and Florida Ave) will be reconstructed beginning in May. Work will include excavation to remove deep organic soils. These soils are very susceptible to compression and have deformed since the road was built, resulting in the street's uneven surface.

The poor soils will be replaced with a lightweight fill (in this case foam blocks). The weight difference will retard the soil settlement and deformation that has occurred over the years.

Because of the size of the necessary excavation, Laurel Ave will be closed to traffic during the project. A detour to the I-394 Frontage Road will be posted before construction begins. The project, and the detour, is scheduled to be completed in July.

Anatomy of a Pothole

Early in the transition from winter to spring, Minnesota enters pothole season. Potholes normally begin appearing around the middle of February and continue to appear until the freeze-thaw cycle ends sometime in April. As daytime temperatures begin to rise, ground surfaces thaw, allowing runoff to collect in the cracks of the pavement. At night, when temperatures often drop below freezing again, the ground and water refreeze and expand. This process breaks up the pavement. Traffic pops these broken sections out of pavement, and we have potholes.

During pothole season City maintenance crews are out daily, patrolling the streets for these nuisances. Priority is given to heavily traveled roads, but all holes are repaired as they are detected. Unfortunately, with the cold patch materials currently used for repairs and with thawing and refreezing conditions, a pothole can be repaired one day and need to be repaired again within a day or two. This is frustrating and annoying for everyone on the road and for City crews trying to keep up with filling the holes.

Potholes are part of life here in Minnesota. You can help keep them under control by reporting dangerously large or deep potholes to the City Street Department at 763-593-8081, so they can be patched as soon as possible.

Utility Bills Reflect Increase

As approved at the January 16 City Council meeting, the next Golden Valley utility bill will reflect a \$4 per quarter increase for all residential property owners. This brings the fee to \$12 per quarter. The same percentage increase was applied to all commercial/industrial (C/I) fees, which are higher per acre than residential because of the greater amount of impervious surfaces usually associated with C/I properties.

Storm water utility fees finance Golden Valley's Surface Water Management Plan programs, which include sediment removal, sump pump catch basins, and street sweeping, as well as new initiatives such as pond construction, storm sewer system improvements, storm water pond retrofits, and stream bank stabilization.

City water rates will increase by five percent, and sanitary sewer rates will increase by three percent. For more information about the fee increase, contact Finance Director Don Taylor at 763-593-8012.



City Schedules Spring Street Sweeping

By all accounts it's been a long, snowy winter. Since October, Golden Valley maintenance crews used about 800 tons of salt and 4,000 tons of sand to battle icy conditions on City streets—nearly twice what they used during the last several mild winters. Once the snow starts melting, that sand and salt will be visible on City streets. City maintenance crews will begin sweeping the streets as soon as possible, usually around mid-March, depending on the weather.

The first priority is “bulk sweeping” major intersections, hilly areas, and high traffic roads, where large amounts of sand were distributed in the winter. A special effort is made to focus on areas near Bassett Creek to keep the sand from entering the water. After this is complete, crews move into neighborhoods. Waiting a little longer to do residential streets minimizes the chance of a plowable snow while the street sweepers are in action. If the weather cooperates, bulk and curb-to-curb sweeping should be done by May 1. Streets are swept again in the summer and fall (see schedule below).

Street Sweeping Schedule

Spring: Sweep curb to curb in mid-March/April.

Summer: Sweep all gutters in June; clean low collection areas and sweep as needed in July, August, and September.

Fall: Sweep curb to curb in October and November (wait for as many leaves to fall as possible).

Golden Valley is divided into four sections for street sweeping. This allows crews to rotate sections each year so no area is always first or last. This year, Section II leads off the rotation, followed by Sections I, IV, and III.

- ❑ Section I boundaries: Winnetka Ave, north City limit, south City limit, west City limit
- ❑ Section II boundaries: Winnetka Ave, north City limit, Hwy 100, Hwy 55
- ❑ Section III boundaries: Hwy 100, north City limit, east City limit, Hwy 55
- ❑ Section IV boundaries: Hwy 55, Winnetka Ave, south City limit, east City limit

For more information about street maintenance, contact Golden Valley Public Works at 763-593-8030.

Lyle Johnson, Street Maintenance Supervisor

General Mills

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further environmental review is indicated. The public comment period is followed by a public hearing on the findings.

Besides publishing the EAW notice in the *EQB Monitor*, staff will place information about the EAW in the local newspaper and the City newsletter. The EAW will also be available for review at the Golden Valley branch of the Hennepin County Library, at City Hall, and on the City website (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us).

For more information about the General Mills EAW, call City Public Works Director Jeannine Clancy at 763-593-8035.

Street Dance

Fun for the whole family!

Enjoy an afternoon of family activities and games, face painting, karaoke, and refreshments, followed by live music in the evening and fireworks at dusk.

Saturday, June 23
3 - 11:30 pm

Music at 7:30 pm by
"The Hip Checks"
(Minnesota Wild House Band)

Fireworks at Dusk

Chester Bird
American Legion
Hwy 100 & Glenwood Ave

Sponsored by the
Golden Valley Fire Relief Association
to celebrate its bond with the community.

Redevelopment Projects

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Golden Meadows

The City Council has given preliminary approval for a planned unit development (PUD) of six new single-family homes on six new lots near Winnetka Ave and 23rd Ave N. The 2.7 acre PUD includes two existing lots for an existing two-family home at 2203-05 Winnetka Ave N and a lot for an existing single family home at 2125 Winnetka Ave N. The lots are located on a new public street called Valders Court. Access to this short cul-de-sac will be from Valders Ave, just south of 23rd Ave N. A public sidewalk will connect the cul-de-sac with the sidewalk along the west side of Winnetka Ave. Construction on these homes could start this spring.

Rudy Luther Toyota Automobile Dealership

The Rudy Luther Toyota auto dealership (located south of I-394 and west of General Mills Blvd) is in the process of obtaining final approval for a PUD permit from the City to allow for a new and improved auto service area and customer waiting space. The plan includes a redesigned parking lot, landscaping, and relocation of a used car sales building from the northeast corner of the site to 8901 Wayzata Blvd. Because the City may vacate the I-394 frontage road, about a half acre of land will likely be added to the north side of the site. 

Park & Rec News

Summer Employment—The Golden Valley Park & Recreation Department is taking applications through April for recreation leaders, coaches, tennis instructors, field attendants, park maintenance workers, and golf operations workers. For more information, call 763-512-2345.

Spring/Summer Recreation

Brochure—The Spring/Summer Recreation Brochure, which includes information information for Fall Soccer, was mailed to all residents the week of March 5. If you have not received one, call 763-512-2345.

First Steps in Musicland—This fun new early childhood music class teaches toddlers (18 months to four years old) basic musical concepts. Begins April 3 at Brookview.

Karate—For years Golden Valley Park & Recreation has offered Tuesday evening karate for youth and adults at Brookview. New this year is a family fee: the first family member pays the early bird/regular fee, and each additional family member from the same household pays only \$10.

American Red Cross Babysitting Training Course

—This babysitting training course is for youth ages 11 - 15. Held Saturdays, April 28 and May 5, 8 am - 1 pm. Register early; class size limited to 12.

Park & Recreation
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Golden Valley, MN 55426
763-512-2345

Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

City Continues Pool/Golf Exchange With St Louis Park

Summer is coming (really), and the Cities of Golden Valley and St Louis Park are gearing up for their annual pool/golf exchange program. Each summer, Golden Valley residents can enjoy St Louis Park's aquatic center by purchasing season passes at St Louis Park resident rates. In exchange, St Louis Park residents can purchase patron cards at Brookview Golf Course at the resident rate and with the same benefits. The exchange is a cooperative agreement approved by the Golden Valley and St Louis Park City Councils.

St Louis Park's outdoor family aquatic center is located at 2700 Monterey Dr, just east of Hwy 100 and Target. Scheduled to be open June 2 through September 3, it features a 300-foot water slide, a 275-foot inner tube ride, six-lane pool, two drop slides, and a one-meter diving board. There is also a large shallow water play area with zero-depth entry, water playground featuring amenities such as geysers and a tot water slide, a wet sand play area, outdoor beach volleyball courts, a concession area, and locker rooms. Hours are 11 am - 8 pm, Monday - Friday and 11 am - 7 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Daily admission is \$6 (ages 6-54) and \$3.50 (under age 6, age 55+, or after 5 pm). For more information, call St Louis Park Recreation at 952-924-2540.

Use the form below to purchase a season pass, or contact St Louis Park Recreation at 952-924-2540. Separate passes are required for each person over the age of one.

Free Programs

The Golden Valley Park and Recreation Department is offering two free children's programs in April at Brookview Community Center:

- Insects: A Closer Look at the Little Things That Run the World*—Wednesday, April 11, 11 am - noon. Presented by Bruce "the Bug Guy" Giebink. Co-sponsored by the Golden Valley Historical Society.
- Howlin' With Wolves*—Friday, April 13, 11 am - noon. Presented by Amy Kerber. Co-sponsored by the Golden Valley Historical Society and the Cities of Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and New Hope as part of the "Just for Kids" program.

Call the Park and Rec office at 763-512-2345 for details.

Season Pass Application

St Louis Park Aquatic Park

Mail this form with payment to SLP Parks and Recreation, 3700 Monterey Drive, St Louis Park, MN 55416, or fax to 952-925-5663. Season passes will be mailed back to you.

Name _____
 Street _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Personal Check: \$ _____ Check # _____
Checks payable to City of St. Louis Park

Credit Card Charge: \$ _____ to my VISA/
 Mastercard
 Account # _____
 Exp. Date: _____
 Card Holder's Signature: _____

Date Received: _____ Received by: _____ Issued: _____

Learn to swim programs are available through the Cities of Crystal (763-531-0052) and New Hope (763-531-5100) and through the Community Education Departments of the Hopkins (952-933-9248), Robbinsdale (763-535-1790), and St Louis Park (952-928-6780) School Districts.

For more information about the pool/golf exchange, call Golden Valley Park and Recreation at 763-512-2345. 

Received by May 1, 2001

Circle the fee for each pass holder

First and last name of EACH pass holder:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

	Regular	Tot	Senior	Twilight
	Ages 6-54	Ages 1-5	Ages 55+	After 5 pm
1.	\$34	\$30	\$18	\$18
2.	\$34	\$30	\$18	\$18
3.	\$34	\$30	\$18	\$18
4.	\$34	\$30	\$18	\$18
5.	\$34	\$30	\$18	\$18
6.	\$34	\$30	\$18	\$18

Received after May 1, 2001

Circle the fee for each pass holder

	Regular	Tot	Senior	Twilight
	Ages 6-54	Ages 1-5	Ages 55+	After 5 pm
1.	\$40	\$36	\$24	\$24
2.	\$40	\$36	\$24	\$24
3.	\$40	\$36	\$24	\$24
4.	\$40	\$36	\$24	\$24
5.	\$40	\$36	\$24	\$24
6.	\$40	\$36	\$24	\$24

Detective Beardsley Retires After 30+ Years of Service



Back in 1969 when Golden Valley was still a village, the Police Department hired a young ex-Marine Corps Reserve named Jim Beardsley. In March 2001, the City of Golden Valley salutes Beardsley as a veteran police officer who is retiring after more than 30 years of distinguished service to the community. It's been a good relationship all around.

Beardsley originally served the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) for nine years, then left briefly. "It was my wife's idea to move to California," he says, "and it was also her idea to move back a year-and-a-half later because she

was homesick. Luckily the GVPD took me back then. It could have been career suicide. But it says a lot that I wanted to come back too. It's a well-run, effective force."

It's a force Beardsley served well. Before his brief absence, Beardsley served as an officer and a sergeant. While in Tustin, California, he was officer and assistant street supervisor. Since returning to Golden Valley in 1980, his assignments have included police officer, corporal, investigator, sergeant, and most recently, detective. In 1985, Beardsley was named Officer of the Year, partly because of his work reestablishing the City's Police Reserves program, which he directed for 11 years. The award also recognized his long and successful career, his position as a role-model for other officers, his commitment to his education, and his willingness to take on additional tasks.

Besides having the respect of fellow police officers, Beardsley also has admirers around the community. His personnel file contains several letters from Golden Valley residents wanting to recognize his services, specifically his professional care and sensitivity. One example says "Just a quick note to thank you for your kind and considerate attitude towards ourselves and our son.... Too often, only the negative side of the police department is made public. We definitely will be your PR department."

This spring Beardsley and his wife, Patty (who was a dispatcher for the GVPD for 13 years), will relocate from Maple Grove to Bemidji with her two daughters. "I've been in law enforcement for 33 years," Beardsley says, "It's time for change." In Bemidji, they plan to build a log cabin on 160 acres they recently purchased. Beardsley will be "Mr Mom" for a while, and his wife has accepted a position as a dispatcher for Beltrami County.

"Although change can be challenging," Beardsley says, "I think that the changes here in Golden Valley over the years have been very good. I know that the officers on the force now are of much higher caliber than they were 20 years ago. I leave on a positive note."

Tina Perpich, Communications Assistant

Get Ready for Camp

Each year, Golden Valley's highly successful Safety Camps teach local youth how to be safety conscious, ready, and aware. Organized by Golden Valley's Public Safety Department, both the one-day camp for preschoolers (ages four and five) and the two-day camp for grade-schoolers (ages seven to 10) provide a positive outlook on safety education as well as plenty of time for fun.

Golden Valley Junior Safety Camp

Tuesday, June 12

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Brookview Park

Cost: \$10

(includes snacks, lunch, supervision, Safety Camp T-shirt, and a pin)

Camp counselors include personnel from the City's Police, Fire, and Park & Recreation Departments. They will oversee interactive programs and activities that include fire, bike,

and personal safety; safety in the home; first aid; Safety Olympics; and much more. Awards are presented to all youth who complete camp. Participants will have free time to recreate in a safe, supervised, high-energy setting.

Golden Valley Safety Camp

Wednesday, June 20

Thursday, June 21

8 - 4 pm

Brookview Park

Cost: \$15

(includes snacks, lunch, supervision, Safety Camp T-shirt)

Both Safety Camps will be held rain or shine, and parents must provide their children with transportation to and from Brookview Park. Funds are available for those in need.

Enrollment is limited (60 for Junior Safety Camp, 100 for Safety Camp), so sign up early. For more information, contact the Golden Valley Police Department at 763-593-8058. To register, contact the Park and Recreation Department at 763-512-2345. 

Mary Brekke Wins *Run the Valley* T-Shirt Contest

Mary Brekke, a freelance graphic designer who resides in Golden Valley, won the second annual *Run the Valley* T-Shirt Design Contest. Each year the Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF) provides *Run The Valley* (see story at left) participants with a T-shirt to commemorate the event. The design is changed annually, and the design process is open to the community.

GVHSF members selected the winning design arbitrarily (no ranking system was used) by consensus. The only criteria were that the design be colorful, eye-catching, and unique and incorporate either the City of Golden Valley logo or the name "Golden Valley Human Services Foundation." The design will be printed in three-color silk-screen on cotton, long-sleeved t-shirts.

Brekke has been working independently for the last four years in Golden Valley. For winning, she was awarded 10 T-shirts printed with her design. GVHSF retains sole ownership of the winning design and permission to reuse it when so desired. To see the winning design in color, log on to the City web site at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/community/runvalley.

Local 5/10K Event Supports Human Services

Sign up now for the seventh annual *Run the Valley*, sponsored by the Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF). The 5K and 10K race and 5K walk will be Saturday, April 21, at 8:30 am. Start and finish will be near the Brookview Park parking lot (one block south of Hwy 55 and Winnetka Ave at Brookview Parkway), and the certified course runs a relatively flat loop through residential Golden Valley.

Use the form below to register by mail (mailed registrations must be received by Wednesday, April 18—no faxes will be accepted). You may also register on-line at www.active.com, or you may register in person before April 18 at Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd (8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday). Registrations will be accepted on race day at Brookview Park between 7:30 and 8:15 am. Entry fee is \$13 before and \$20 after April 18.

The GVHSF was established by the City Council to provide financial support for organizations that benefit the residents of Golden Valley. Revenue is generated or received from fund-raising events, a portion of charitable gaming proceeds, and private donations. The GVHSF distributes 100% of funds to organizations that help Golden Valley residents in need. These include the Home Free Shelter, YMCA Detached Work Program, PRISM, Senior Community Services, and Suburban Northwest Dinner at Your Door.

Corporate sponsors for this year's event are Liberty Carton and Lupient Automotive Group. Other sponsors include Byerly's, Cable 12, Golden Valley Country Club, Golden Valley Rotary, Einstein Bros Bagels, Perkins, Super America Golden Valley, Valley Pastries, Wells Fargo Golden Valley, and Yoplaik.

Run the Valley Registration Form

Send completed entry form and check, payable to Golden Valley Human Services Foundation, to:

GVHSF, c/o Sue Virnig,
7800 Golden Valley Road,
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Male
 Female

State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____

T-shirt size:
 L XL

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Event: 5K Run 5K Walk 10K Run

Entry fee enclosed:

Release Form

I am entering this event at my own risk and assume all risk and responsibility for injuries I may incur as a direct or indirect result of my participation in this event. I, for myself and my heirs and executors, also agree not to hold any participating sponsor or supporters or the directors, employees, and agents of such parties responsible for any such injury or damage suffered. I verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved with this event, and that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in it.

Signature of runner/walker

Signature of parent or guardian if racer is under 18

Questions? Call 763-593-8010.

Photo Contest Has Something for Everyone

Whether you're into taking photos or simply enjoy looking at them, the ninth annual *Views of the Valley* photo contest has something for you. The goal of the contest is to help promote Golden Valley and civic pride in a way that's entertaining, educational, and fun.

There are two ways to participate. One way is to enter the contest (see rules below) by submitting your favorite photos of Golden Valley. What makes Golden Valley so special? Why is it so wonderful to live here? Everyone will have a different idea about this, and that's part of the fun. Another way to participate is to vote for your favorite photo (details below) in the "People's Choice" award category.

Rules

- You must be a Golden Valley resident.
- Submit photos of Golden Valley nature, cityscapes, buildings, people, activities, etc.
- Submit color or black-and-white 5 x 7 photos (no slides).
- Enter up to three photos. Include complete entry information for each (see at right).
- Deadline is June 8, 2001, 4:30 pm.**

Grand prize is \$100. Winning photos will be published in *CityNews* and reproduced for permanent display in City Hall. Winners will also receive certificates of appreciation at a City Council meeting. All entries will be displayed in City Hall.

Golden Valley residents may cast their vote for the "People's Choice" award at City Hall during business hours (8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday) from June 12 - 26 and during the June 27 City Open House (6 - 8:30 pm). Grand Prize and Honorable Mention winners will be notified by June 27. The People's Choice winner will be notified June 28.

Mail or drop off complete entries to *Photo Contest, City of Golden Valley, 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427*. City employees and their families are not eligible to enter. Questions? Need more entry blanks? Call 763-593-8004. 

Photo Contest Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Title of the Photo: _____

Day Phone: _____ Age (if under 18): _____

I agree to let the City of Golden Valley publish my photo(s) in City publications with proper credit.

Signature: _____

All photo entries become the property of the City of Golden Valley and will not be returned.

Bike Rodeo Set for May 2

Join your friends for the 2001 Spring Bike Rodeo Wednesday, May 2, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at New Hope City Hall (4401 Xylon Ave N). It's a one-stop shop to test your riding skills, get a free bicycle safety check, buy a bike license, enjoy special treats, and register to win new bicycles and other terrific prizes.

The annual Bike Rodeo is sponsored by the Cities of Golden Valley, New Hope, and Crystal, and VFW Post 7051. (Event will be cancelled if it rains. Call the Park & Rec weatherline at 763-512-2350 to check.) 



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