

# Golden Valley

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## Police Chief Shellum Retires

Golden Valley Public Safety Director Bob Shellum retired May 24 after a 30-year career with the department. He says his tenure in Golden Valley provided him with a wide range of varied work experience and ever increasing responsibility and enabled him to fulfill all of his public safety career goals, making this "a good time to go." He plans to take the summer off to "take care of all of those things you never have time to do" and then eventually pursue some options in the private sector.

Shellum says his appointment to public safety director in October 1999 gave him the distinction of being the only person in the department to have held every job from dog catcher to chief. The Golden Valley native started in June 1972 as a community service officer, became dispatcher two months later, was a patrol officer within the year, and was promoted to sergeant after six years. In 1982 Shellum was awarded a Bush Fellowship and took a leave of absence to earn a Masters in Public Administration at Harvard. After returning to Golden Valley, he was named captain in 1987.

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## Street Dance, Fireworks Set for June 22

Join the fun Saturday, June 22 at the annual Golden Valley Fire Relief Association Street Dance, featuring entertainment for the whole family. Festivities start at 3 pm with activities and games, face painting, karaoke, and refreshments, followed by live music in the evening and fireworks at dusk.

This free event, held at the Chester Bird American Legion at Hwy 100 and Glenwood Ave, is sponsored by the Golden Valley Fire Relief Association to celebrate its bond with the community. 

### Street Dance

**Saturday, June 22**

**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**

# Property Tax 101: Understanding Tax Shifting

To help taxpayers work through the maze of terms, formulas, and procedures that make up the property tax system, *CityNews* is publishing "Property Tax 101," a series of short articles on property tax. Articles in the January/February and March/April issues covered the mechanics of calculating the City portion of the property tax and detailed the various factors that go into calculating the tax, including the City tax levy, City tax base, City tax rate, market value, class rates, etc. This article will deal with one of the most misunderstood aspects of the property tax system—tax shifting.

Taxpayers often assume that a given percentage increase in their City tax means the City must be getting the same percentage increase in tax revenue. This is very seldom the case. The City will always get just what it levies—no more, no less. However, changes in non-levy factors result in a shifting of tax burden between classes of property, a phenomenon that has nothing to do with the City's revenue.

The hypothetical example below will show how this shifting of tax burden can occur. The example analyzes a change in residential taxes between two years in a situation where the City tax levy remains *exactly* the same. In fact, the only thing that changes is the composition of the City's tax base caused by a relatively large increase in Residential valuation as compared to Commercial/Industrial (C/I) valuation.

From the example, you can see that even though the City's tax levy remained the same between years, the City tax on the hypothetical property increased. This resulted when the tax burden shifted from C/I property to Residential property because of the large increase in residential market value as compared to C/I market value.

Any change in non-levy factors that affects the allocation of tax base among property types will shift the tax burden between those classes. The relationship between property taxes can change for a number of reasons, including a legislative change in class rates that aren't matched by the other classes.

Because this shifting of tax burden will have a major impact on residential property taxes in 2003, we will explore it further in the next issue of *CityNews*.

If you have questions about property taxes or the City budget, contact the City Finance Director at 763-593-8012.

*Don Taylor,*  
Finance Director

# Seniors Announce Essay Winners

The Golden Valley Seniors' 19th Annual Essay Contest, held in cooperation with the Minnesota Board on Aging, featured entries from 141 sixth graders from four Golden Valley schools who wrote essays about their grandparents or best older friend. Seven students (and their families) were invited to read their essays at the Golden Valley Senior Intergenerational Supper May 20, in celebration of May is Older American's Month. The two overall winning essays were sent to state competition.

Winners were: Lilly Carlon and Brian Yingst (overall boy), Meadowbrook; Emily Blau (overall girl) and Jeff Otto, Sandburg; Mary Keefe and Collin LaHay, Park Valley; Justin Hendrickson, King of Grace.

Golden Valley Seniors Mable Swanson, Leona Lev, Dorothy Mallin, Sylvia Olesen, Marjorie Helland, and Lori Diederichs judged the contest.

<b>Hypothetical Example</b>				
	<b>2002 Actual</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>200X</b>	<b>%</b>
Residential Tax Base	\$12,879,548	61.7	\$14,167,500*	63.3
C/I Tax Base	6,486,493	31.1	6,681,100*	29.9
Other	<u>1,515,953</u>	<u>7.2</u>	<u>1,515,953</u>	<u>6.8</u>
Total Tax Base	\$20,881,994	100	\$22,364,553	100
Tax Levy	\$10,682,120		\$10,682,120	
Tax Rate	51.15%		47.8%	
* Reflects a 10% increase in residential market value (detailed in example below) and a 3% increase in C/I market value.				
<b>Residential Tax on a \$190,000 Homestead</b>				
Market Value	\$190,000		\$209,000	
Tax Base	\$1,900		\$2,090	
City Tax	\$972		\$999	
<b>Percent Increase: 2.8%</b>				





## Foundation Seeks Golf Classic Sponsors

The Golden Valley Human Services Foundation is looking for area businesses and individuals to support and participate in the sixth annual Golden Valley Golf Classic Tournament, to benefit local charities. The event will kick off with a 9 am shotgun start Friday, September 13, at Brookview Golf Course.

The Foundation seeks support for the tournament in four areas:

- Corporate Sponsor** (\$1,000 contribution): hole designation, crystal tee marker with your company logo, green fees/carts for four golfers.
- Hole Sponsor** (\$500 contribution): hole designation, green fees/carts for four golfers.
- Cart Sponsor** (\$75 contribution): a golf cart with your company's logo on it
- Contributions of cash, merchandise, and in-kind items or gift certificates are also welcome for hole contests, prizes, and drawings at the end of the tournament.

For more information about the Golf Classic, call staff liaison Sue Virnig (593-8010).



## Shellum Retires

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When he took over as public safety director, Shellum wanted to focus on two main areas—one was internal operations, and the other was employee participation in community-oriented public safety programs.

"I tried to focus on the organization's identity," explains Shellum. "I wanted to develop a culture of excellence and encourage ongoing education, and I wanted to build pride in the organization and get people involved in a variety of things, such as Safety Camp and Kids & Cops." He feels he was successful at both.

He started by meeting one-on-one with every employee to discuss their career goals and what they wanted to do within the organization. "Almost all of them said they liked coming to work every day," says Shellum. "That's gratifying."

The nature of police work draws strong-willed individuals who can operate independently, says Shellum, and leadership is a balancing act. "You basically set the standards, provide the tools, and let them go."

"I'm really going to miss mentoring some of the younger people, giving them opportunities, and watching them shine," he adds. "There's so much talent here, I'm going to miss being part of that day to day."

Shellum believes continued success with Golden Valley's community-oriented public safety programs is the key to developing a strong public image.

"We have a 95% approval rating [referring to the 2001 citizen survey], yet less than 10% of our contact with the population is through police calls," he says. "That means our contact with the public through Safety Camp and other community programs adds up significantly."

While Shellum spends his summer building fences, riding horses, and hanging out with his grandchildren on his Hugo hobby farm, Golden Valley will be initiating a new public safety director chosen from a slate of three internal candidates. And Bob Shellum, the hometown boy who rose through the ranks to head Golden Valley's Public Safety Department, couldn't be more pleased.



## Senior Stuff

**Defensive Driving**—Four-Hour Refresher Course: June 13, 9 am – 1 pm, Brookview.

**Supper & Entertainment**—June 24, 7 pm, Brookview. Register in advance.

**Continental Breakfast**—June 26, 9:30 am, Brookview. Register in advance.

**Blood Pressure Screenings**—June 26, 11 am - noon, Brookview

**Upcoming Trips**—(register early)  
June 26: Mystery Trip; July 9: Lake Minnetonka Boat Cruise; July 18-19: Mississippi Melodie Showboat Tour, Grand Rapids, MN; July 26: Coffee Concert, Orchestra Hall; July 31: Dunn County, WI.

For more information and to register, contact:

**Golden Valley Seniors Program  
Brookview Community Center**

**200 Brookview Parkway  
Golden Valley, MN 55426**

**763-512-2339**

**8 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday**

# Get Rid of Your UGH

As you do your spring cleaning this year, here's some information to help you get rid of the UGH—"Unwanted Garden and Household" chemicals and waste—you may come across. Just plan your cleaning days in conjunction with the following free household hazardous waste collection in St Louis Park:

**Thursday, June 13 - Saturday, June 15**  
**9 am - 4 pm**  
**St Louis Park Senior High School**  
**6425 W 33 St, St Louis Park**  
**(N of Hwy 7 on Dakota to 33 St)**

The event, sponsored by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and the City of St Louis Park, provides County residents with an opportunity to conveniently and properly dispose of garden and household hazardous wastes (see list of accepted materials below).

Toilet cleaner, disinfectant, windshield washer fluid, and cleaners with bleach and ammonia (never mix products containing bleach with those containing ammonia—a toxic gas can form) can be flushed with lots of water down your sink or toilet (but not in septic tank systems). Latex paints and caulks, glaze, spackle, empty aerosols, cosmetics, putty, grout, and empty containers can be dried completely and placed in the trash with lids removed.

You can get rid of UGH any time of the year at Hennepin County's two permanent household hazardous waste drop-off sites:

- Hennepin County Recycling Center & Transfer Station**  
8100 Jefferson Hwy  
Brooklyn Park
- South Hennepin Recycling & Problem Waste Drop-Off Center**  
1400 West 96th St  
Bloomington

For materials accepted at these facilities and hours of operation, call Hennepin County's 24-Hour INFOLine at 612-348-6500. 

### Accepted Materials\*

- automotive wastes (fuel additives, starter fluids, waxes, etc)
- clean auto tires (\$2 each, limit of 10)
- cleaning solvents and adhesives
- consumer electronics (TVs, radios, etc)
- drain cleaners
- fluorescent and HID lamps
- household batteries
- rechargeable appliances
- paint and lead-based paint chips
- paint thinners and solvents
- pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, etc)
- photographic and hobby chemicals
- vehicle lead-acid batteries (cars, boats, etc)
- wood preservatives

\* Not a complete list. Call 612-348-6509 for more information about what is accepted.

### Materials Not Accepted

- any waste from businesses
- appliances\* (refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc)
- asbestos
- compressed gas cylinders and tanks
- explosives
- medical or infectious wastes
- motor oil, oil filters, and tires\*
- radioactive wastes (eg, smoke detectors)

\* Accepted at County's permanent drop-off sites (see article at left).

## Missed Pick-Ups

If your recycling is missed on Friday, call Waste Management at 952-890-1100 before noon on the following Monday.

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



*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**

## Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Memorial Day	Saturday, June 1
Independence Day	Saturday, July 6
Labor Day	Saturday, Sept 7
Thanksgiving	Saturday, Nov 23
Christmas	Saturday, Dec 28
New Year's	Saturday, Jan 4

## Get Ready For Your New Water Meter

In mid-May, the City of Golden Valley began a program to replace all residential water meters with the latest technology for improved efficiency and accuracy. City crews started in the City's northeast corner and will work their way through the community over the next 18 to 24 months. City staff is handling scheduling and installation, and all meter installers have City ID tags and drive City vehicles.

When it's your turn, you'll get a letter from the City, followed by a phone call to schedule your meter replacement appointment. Meanwhile, you can help the process run smoothly by preparing in advance.

### Before The Installer Arrives

- ❑ Clear a five-foot area around the water meter to give the installer room to work.
- ❑ Check valves above and below the meter by turning them on and off. If the valves on either side of the water meter are defective, the installer won't be able to easily shut off the water so the meter can be replaced. If the valves are not working properly, have them repaired by a plumber first.

### During Installation

- ❑ Make sure an adult (age 18 or older) is at home when the installer arrives. A typical installation with no problems takes about 45 minutes with no additional expense to City residents. If the meter installer encounters a faulty valve, the property owner will be notified and a new appointment will be scheduled after the homeowner has had the valves repaired.

For more information about the new water meters and for updates on the replacement process, watch upcoming editions of *CityNews* or click to the City web site ([www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us)). If you have questions, please call Golden Valley Public Works at 763-593-8075. 

# Do You Know Where Your Sump Connection Goes?

Homeowners commonly use sump pumps in their basements to battle moisture and flooding issues. However, water from sump pumps should NOT be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. That's called a cross connection, and it results in higher sewer charges.

Sump pumps should drain into the City's storm sewer system through one of two methods:

- ❑ a direct connection (a pipe from the house to the main storm sewer line), if available
- ❑ directly onto the ground (preferably 20 feet from the house and not into a neighbor's yard)

### The Difference Between Wastewater and Clear Water

Any water that goes down any drain in your house—sinks, showers, tubs, toilets, and washing machines—is wastewater that must be treated before it is discharged into the environment.

Golden Valley wastewater travels through the City's sanitary sewer system to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant, located on the Mississippi River in St Paul. Water treatment is provided by the Metropolitan Council through the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Division (MCES), the largest wastewater treatment facility in Minnesota. It processes about 300 million gallons of wastewater daily from 104 communities and 800 industries.

Sump pump water is what engineers call "clear water," just like rain water, ground water, or snow melt. Clear water is directed to the storm water system through storm drains in and under the gutters (catch basins) of the street system. The water going through storm water catch basins in the street is not treated before it is returned to the environment.

### The Problem With Cross Connections

A cross-connected sump pump is often a hose leading from the sump to a laundry tub or a floor drain. When sump water is pumped down a drain, it overloads the sanitary sewer system. During the rainy season (March through October), this clear water increases the flow through Golden Valley's sanitary sewer system one to two times the usual amount, primarily because of cross connections.

It comes down to paying to treat water that doesn't need it. Since sanitary sewer rates are based on the number of gallons that flow through the City sanitary sewer collection system and into the MCES water treatment system, treating clear water is costly.

For more information about your sump pump discharge or water resources in Golden Valley, please call the Environmental Coordinator Al Lundstrom at 763-593-8046. 

## Anatomy of a Sump

Sump pump systems are designed to capture surface or ground water that enters basements or crawl spaces and pump it away from the house.

The basic sump system includes drain tile, a sump pit, a sump pump, a float or switch, and a drain line. The sump pit extends below the slab and collects surface water that enters the basement/crawl space or groundwater that rises to the slab.

# On Your Mark, Get Set, MOW

Golden Valley residents are required by City ordinance to keep their lawns mowed and maintained. If a lawn is left to grow taller than eight inches, the resident is notified of the ordinance violation and required to correct the situation within five days of notification. If there's no compliance, the City will have the lawn mowed and then bill the homeowner.

This summer, if you plan to be away from home longer than two weeks, make arrangements to have your lawn mowed. If the City attempts to notify you and is unsuccessful over time, it may be forced to have your lawn mowed while you are gone.

This is such a beautiful time of year. Please be considerate of your neighbors and community by keeping your residence looking nice. If you need to report a yard maintenance complaint, call the Park Maintenance Department at 763-593-8045.

## Healthy Lawns

- help clean pollution from the air
- help prevent erosion of soil and contaminants from entering storm sewers and waterways
- need fewer chemicals to keep them healthy
- keep our neighborhoods and community looking great

If you have questions about other horticultural topics, try leaving a message at the Hennepin County Master Gardener Hotline (612-374-8433). These trained volunteers will return your call when they can and try to help.

*Ron Hammer,  
Park Maintenance Supervisor*

# Golden Valley Is Phosphorus-Free

Most Golden Valley soil is rich in phosphorus, so no additional phosphorus is necessary to keep lawns green and healthy. To help improve the quality of surface water in Golden Valley, the City Council adopted two amendments to the City Code. One (Chapter 6, section 6.47) establishes licensing requirements for commercial lawn fertilizer applications, and the other (Chapter 10, section 10.84) prohibits the use of fertilizers containing phosphorus.

One result of excess phosphorus is that it accumulates in waterways via storm water runoff and produces algae blooms. Too much algae throws off a delicate system by absorbing too much oxygen and blocking light from the other necessary weeds below the surface. The result is reduced oxygen in the water, which can discourage fish and other wildlife populations and make the water less attractive.

For more information on these lawn fertilizer amendments, click to the City web site at [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citycode1/index.htm](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citycode1/index.htm) or call Environmental Coordinator Al Lundstrom at 763-593-8046.

## Earth-Friendly Landscaping Seminars



Hennepin County Environmental Services and the University of Minnesota Extension Service of Hennepin County are hosting free earth-friendly home

landscaping seminars at the Eco-Yard Demonstration Site adjacent to the Hennepin County Recycling Center and Transfer Station, 8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park. The Eco-Yard demonstrates an approach to home landscaping in which plants thrive with minimal inputs of pesticides, fertilizers, water, and time.

### Composting 101

June 12 — 6:30 pm

### Selecting and Using Native Plants Wisely

June 22 — 9 am

### Rainwater Gardens

July 10 — 6:30 pm

### Earth-Friendly Landscaping Basics

August 14 — 6:30 pm

### Fall Maintenance For Earth-Friendly Home Landscaping

August 28 — 6:30 pm

### Low Input Lawn Care

September 7 — 9 am

For detailed seminar descriptions or to register, call Hennepin County Environmental Services at 612-348-9266 or visit [www.co.hennepin.mn.us/environmental/household/ecoyard.html](http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us/environmental/household/ecoyard.html).

## Golden Valley Library Offers Summer Fun

The following events will be held at the Golden Valley Community Library (830 Winnetka Ave N) unless otherwise noted.

### Thursday, June 20, 1:30 pm

**Kit and Kaboodle**—Popular singing, guitar-playing duo performs wonderful, wacky songs.

### Wednesday, June 26, 1:30 pm

**Big Fun Family Circus**—Circus performers and fun...minus the elephants!

### Tuesday, July 2, 7 pm

**Beading Workshop**—Make an Oglala Butterfly Bracelet with an expert beader (ages 12+)

### Tuesday, July 9, 1:30 pm

"Don't bug us, we're learning about giant cockroaches!"

### Thursday, July 11, 1 pm

**Puppet Wagon**—Enjoy Golden Valley Park and Recreation's popular attraction.

### Tuesday, July 16, 7 pm

**Underwater Adventures**—Join Swimmy the Shark and his friends from Underwater World. Receive a free pass to this popular Mall of America attraction.

### Thursday, August 1, 1:30 pm

**Pond Mysteries**—What kind of bugs are in your water? Find out with the help of a Hennepin Parks naturalist and help clean up Bassett Creek.

### Tuesday, August 6, 1:30 pm

**Hans Mayer**—"My Brother Eats Bugs" and other ear-tickling songs will get you giggling. At Brookview Community Center (200 Brookview Dr, 763-512-2345).

### Wednesday, August 14, 10:30 am

**Story Theater**—Unique, intergenerational storytelling for all ages.

**Plus**—Special story times, summer reading fun, videos, and more.

For more information, call the Golden Valley Community Library at 763-540-8290. 

# Take Three Steps To Seasonal Home and Yard Care

No matter the doubts, summer is coming, and now is a good time to give your home and yard the old one-two-three: inspect, clean, and fix.

## 1

### Inspect

- roofs for missing, loose, or damaged shingles, blisters, open seams, and bald spots, and chimneys for cracks.
- roof louvers for damage or blockage.
- around the antenna for potential leaks.
- floors, decks, patios, porches, and external railings for cracks, heaving, and other signs of deterioration.
- all wood surfaces, especially near the ground, for signs of weathering, peeling, or dry rot.
- grading for a proper slope away from foundation walls, and build up soil if necessary.
- fascia and soffits for damage or deterioration.
- crawl spaces and basements for water leakage and moisture.
- smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- your cooling system. Lubricate motors and change filters once a month.
- your yard. Are there areas of grass that never do well? Consider replacing grass with shrubs, perennials, or ground covers. Take photos now for winter planning.

## 2

### Clean

- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts.
- Remove lawn debris, such as leaves and dead plants.
- Clear slow or backed-up drains.

## 3

### Fix

- Plant trees, flowers, shrubs, and flower/vegetable gardens.
- Do interior painting and varnishing while it's warm and the windows can be left open for ventilation.
- Seal decks, paint siding and trim, etc.
- Trim bushes and shrubs near the house, but wait to prune trees until fall or winter (unless necessary due to storm damage).





This information is a seasonal home maintenance guide from the organizers of the Home Remodeling Fair, which is sponsored each February by the Cities of Golden Valley, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St Louis Park and by Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St Louis Park Community Education. If you need help funding this work, call the Golden Valley Planning Department (763-593-8095) to receive a list of repair/remodel fund sources available to Golden Valley and surrounding communities. 

# MnDOT Provides Latest Hwy 100 Update

Work on the Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) Hwy 100 project through Golden Valley, Crystal, Robbinsdale, and Brooklyn Center continues as planned. The reconstructed freeway will be six lanes (three in each direction) from I-394 to County Road 81 and four lanes (two in each direction) north of County Road 81. Here are current highlights:

- ❑ **Segment I (Glenwood Ave to Duluth St)**—The loops from eastbound Hwy 55 to northbound Hwy 100 and northbound Hwy 100 to westbound Hwy 55 are permanently closed. Bypasses are in place between Hwys 55 and 100 until the new overpass is constructed. The interchange at Hwy 55 will be reconstructed with one signal on Hwy 55. Access to Hwy 100 remains open at Glenwood Ave and Duluth St. The ramps from southbound Hwy 100 to eastbound and westbound Hwy 55 and from eastbound and westbound Hwy 55 to southbound Hwy 100 are closed as crews continue grading the south bound lanes and constructing the bridges. Paving in this segment began the week of May 20, and the ramps should reopen in June if weather permits work to proceed as scheduled. Work is expected to be completed in October 2002.
- ❑ **Segment II (29<sup>th</sup> Ave N to 38<sup>th</sup> Ave N)**—Work on Segment II at Golden Valley's northern boundary should be complete in June 2002. The east frontage road and noise walls near Bassett Creek are nearly finished. This segment will provide five lanes of traffic (three northbound and two southbound) until Segment V is completed.
- ❑ **Segment V (Duluth St to 29<sup>th</sup> Ave N)**—Work on Segment V is currently concentrated in the northwest quadrant and includes grading, curb and gutter, and the start of a temporary bridge over Duluth St to accommodate traffic while the permanent bridge is being built. When the new Duluth St bridge is complete, it will accommodate six lanes of traffic (three in each direction), and improve exit and entrance ramp safety. Necessary lane closures will occur during non-rush hour. Later in the summer, work will move to the northeast quadrant and will include the excavation of a new storm water pond. Work is expected to be completed by fall 2003.

## Who to Call

For more information on the Highway 100 reconstruction project, contact one of these MnDOT employees:

Kevin Gutknecht...651-582-1365  
(Director of Communications)

Todd Kramasz...651-582-1465  
(Public Affairs)

## What You Can Do

MnDOT will post signs announcing street or access closings about two weeks before they occur. MnDOT suggests that motorists watch for the signs, allow additional time to reach destinations, and plan to take alternate routes whenever possible.

Watch for updated information on the Hwy 100 reconstruction project in the next issue of *CityNews*. You can get more frequent updates from the City web site at [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/streetconst.htm](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/streetconst.htm), which includes links to

MnDOT's web site. Both sites will feature the latest news releases regarding the project as well as *Hot Spots*, MnDOT's project update news sheet. 

## Park & Rec News

**GV Rec Connect**—Try Golden Valley's new easy and convenient online registration system, available at: [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/parks/prprograms.htm#RegistrationInformation](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/parks/prprograms.htm#RegistrationInformation).

**Summer Programs**—Check the Spring and Summer Recreation Activities Brochure or the City web site for Adult and Youth summer offerings. Register in-person or by mail (200 Brookview Parkway, Golden Valley, MN 55426), by fax (763-512-2344), or online (see above). Two new classes offered at Brookview:

- ❑ **Power Yoga**—A rejuvenating, high-energy workout to strengthen, tone, and shape you up. Classes end with deep relaxation for body and mind stress relief. Start your summer Saturday mornings with increased energy, vitality and productivity! (9 - 10 am, Brookview, \$44, Code 4772)
- ❑ **Pilates**—Develop a strong and stable core, tight abs and increased lower back strength, deeper oxygenation through Pilates "core breathing," better posture, and self-confidence. (10 - 11 am, Brookview, \$44, Code 4773)

Sign up for both classes and pay \$40 each.

## Fall Adult Softball, Basketball, and Volleyball Leagues

Registration information will be available in June. To get on the mailing list, call the Park and Recreation office.

For more information about these or other City recreation programs, contact:

**Park & Recreation  
Brookview Community Center  
200 Brookview Parkway  
Golden Valley, MN 55426  
763-512-2345  
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm**

## The Winners

### Under 19

Jimmy Dean, Walker, 21:16 (5K)  
 Joy Adams, Golden Valley, 21:27 (5K)  
 Daniel Chiat, Golden Valley, 21:48 (5K)  
 Nicholas Hittler, 22:15 (5K)  
 Anne Waligora, St Louis Park, 23:53 (5K)  
 Jenna Dean, Walker, 23:55 (5K)  
 Jahred Stephens, Minnetonka, 38:08 (10K)  
 Ryan Vest, Shoreview, 38:13(10K)  
 Michelle Neal, Minneapolis, 43:37 (10K)  
 Pedro Perez, Stillwater, 47:33 (10K)  
 Rebecca Moritz, St Paul, 50:53 (10K)  
 Leah Deziel, Golden Valley, 52:17 (10K)

### 20 - 29

Brooks Grossinger, St Michael, 16:59 (5K)  
 Salomon Cruz Leyva, Minneapolis, 18:22 (5K)  
 J. Russell Wollery, Robbinsdale, 18:45 (5K)  
 Kate Clarkin, St Louis Park, 21:49 (5K)  
 Nissa Larson, Golden Valley, 24:17 (5K)  
 Cecily Anderson, Robbinsdale, 25:13 (5K)  
 Mark Erons, Lynchburg, VA, 34:06, 41:54 (10K)  
 Brad Graf, Newnan, GA, 37:38 (10K)  
 Michelle Capistrant, Minneapolis, 38:32 (10K)  
 Rachel Hasser, Roseville, 39:21(10K)  
 Daniel Abercrombie, Eagan, 39:48 (10K)  
 Roxanne Adrian, Roseville, 43:37 (10K)

### 30 - 39

Rick Taplin, Champlin, 16:50 (5K)  
 Adam Prince, Philadelphia, PA, 17:08 (5K)  
 Mike Paris, Maple Grove, 18:31 (5K)  
 Betty Murray, Edina, 21:43 (5K)  
 Maria Barton, Apple Valley, 22:24 (5K)  
 Kim Swift, Coon Rapids, 24:10 (5K)  
 Ron Kellerman, Minneapolis, 35:55 (10K)  
 Colin Gardner-Springer, Golden Valley, 37:04 (10K)  
 Randy Niemer, Minneapolis, 37:14 (10K)  
 Nancy Schemlze, St Louis Park, 39:30 (10K)  
 Amy Norby, Albertville, 40:37 (10K)  
 Kris Steven, Crystal, 44:17 (10K)

### 40 - 49

Doug Keller, Plymouth, 17:09 (5K)  
 Rick Peterson, Maple Grove, 18:26 (5K)  
 Jon Gutierrez, Stillwater, 20:50 (5K)  
 Patricia Langum, Brooklyn, 22:21 (5K)  
 Pam Hennen, Maple Grove, 23:15 (5K)  
 Annelie Green, Minnetonka, 23:30 (5K)  
 Paul Brown, Waconia, 35:44 (10K)  
 Kirt Goetzke, Plymouth, 36:00 (10K)  
 Michael Bjornberg, Minneapolis, 36:05(10K)  
 Ann Haugejorde, Minneapolis, 45:07 (10K)  
 Carol Pelletier, Hugo, 50.40 (10K)  
 Cathy Jewett, Golden Valley, 51:48 (10K)

# Run the Valley Raises \$8,345 for Local Human Service Organizations

The eighth annual *Run the Valley* 5 - 10K Run and 5K Walk drew 620 runners and walkers to Brookview Park April 20 to compete for prizes and raise funds for the Golden Valley Human Services Foundation. The event raised \$8,345 for the Foundation, which allocates the funds to local human service organizations such as Home Free Shelter, YMCA Detached Worker Program, Suburban Northwest Dinner at Your Door, Senior Community Services, Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Crisis Connection, and PRISM.

Corporate sponsors for this year's event were Liberty Carton, Allianz, and Lupient Foundation. Other sponsors included Byerly's, Cable 12, Golden Valley Country Club, Golden Valley Rotary, Einstein Bagels, Super America Golden Valley, Valley Pastries, Perrier, and Yoplait.

In the 10K, the top three male finishers were Mark Erons, Lynchburg, VA (34:06); Paul Brown, Waconia (35:44); and Ron Kellerman, Minneapolis (35:55). The top three female finishers were Michelle Capistrant, Minneapolis (38:32); Rachel Hasser, Roseville, (39:21); and Nancy Schmelzle, St Louis Park (39:30).

In the 5K, the top three male finishers were Mike Seaman, Edina (16:46); Rick Taplin, Champlin (16:50); and Brooks Grossinger, St Michael (16:59). The top three female finishers were Gloria Jansen, Edina (21:03); Joy Adams, Golden Valley (21:27); and Betsy Murray, Edina, (21:42).

### 50 - 59

Mike Seaman, Edina, 16:46 (5K)  
 Paul Pentel, Golden Valley, 20:25 (5K)  
 Gloria Jansen, Edina, 21:03 (5K)  
 Michael Witzany, Champlin, 21:14 (5K)  
 Diane Demars, Dayton, 23:22 (5K)  
 Connie Foster, River Falls, WI, 23:41 (5K)  
 Steven Sjolund, Minneapolis, 37:33 (10K)  
 Art Mugalian, Minneapolis, 37:51 (10K)  
 John Krawczak, Minnetonka, 41:05 (10K)  
 Robyn Hanscom, Golden Valley, 53:56 (10K)  
 Karen Gysin, 57:32 (10K)  
 Nancy Pagelkopf, Minnetonka, 58:25 (10K)

### 60 and Over

Richard Greinger, New Hope, 30:52 (5K)  
 Ron Wesenen, Excelsior, 31:56 (5K)  
 Barbara Hoelscher, Golden Valley, 33:31 (5K)  
 Rich Roeder, Brooklyn Park, 33:36 (5K)  
 Barb Thorgrimson, Golden Valley, 51:24 (5K)  
 Myron Anderson, Coon Rapids, 41:41(10K)  
 Lee Stauffacher, Mounds View, 41:48 (10K)  
 Ernest Ogren, Aitkin, 48:28 (10K)



*Laura Davies, a Golden Valley graphic designer, won the annual Run The Valley T-shirt design contest with this entry.*

All participants received Golden Valley T-shirts, and medallions were awarded to the top three finishers in each age group. The Foundation thanks all who participated. Next year's race is scheduled for April 2003. For more information, check the City web site for updates ([www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/community/runvalley](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/community/runvalley)), or contact Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010.

# Plan Ahead For National Night Out August 6



*National Night Out* is when neighbors all over the country join together in an annual celebration to demonstrate that people can reduce crime in their neighborhoods. This year's event will be August 6, and the Golden Valley Police Department encourages all residents to participate.

Last year's the National Night Out campaign included citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials from 9,500 communities from all 50 states and military bases worldwide. In all, 32 million people participated in 2001.

In the past, Golden Valley neighborhoods have come together for pot luck dinners, ice cream socials, lemonade parties, "charity" socials where neighbors bring nonperishable groceries for the food shelf, swimming pool parties, and have started a city-charter Neighborhood Watch group. Use your imagination and plan something fun.

This year the Public Safety Department is encouraging neighborhoods to collect nonperishable foods (no glass jars or baby food, please), and/or personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc) for the Second Harvest Food Shelf. If your neighborhood chooses to participate, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit. Public Safety personnel will be happy to pick up these donations while visiting your gathering. If staff is unable to stop by your gathering, please deliver your donations to the Public Safety building by Thursday, August 1.

## Reduce Crime

National Night Out is designed to:

- heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs
- strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- let potential criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

To learn more about participating in National Night Out or starting a Neighborhood Watch group, contact the Police Crime Prevention Unit at 763-593-8058. Funding for Golden Valley's *National Night Out* is provided by the Golden Valley Crime Prevention Fund. 

## City Needs Election Judges

The City of Golden Valley needs residents to participate in the democratic process by becoming election judges and alternates for the 2002 elections. Judges must be available September 10 and November 5, 2002, from 6 am until polls close and the work is completed. The pay rate is \$7.59 per hour, and paid training (one to two hours) is provided.

For more information, contact Edie Ernst at the City of Golden Valley at 763-593-8017 or apply online at [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citygovernment/electionjudges.htm](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citygovernment/electionjudges.htm). 

## Safety For Kids

Here's a list of things to help assure a safe summer for children:

- Wear seat belts and put kids in the back seat.
- Don't let kids play near driveways, roads, or streets.
- Insist on helmets when riding bikes, skateboards, or in-line skates.
- Walk with children under age 10. It's hard for vehicles to see them. Make sure they wear retroreflective materials and carry a flashlight when it's dark.
- Keep garage doors in good working order.
- Lock up chemicals and medicines.
- Provide constant supervision for children around water.
- Prepare children for emergencies like fire, tornadoes, and thunderstorms.
- Finally, know where children are at all times.

For more information on safety, have children call Safety Safari at 651-602-3242 or visit *Safe-A-Rooni* ([www.safe-a-rooni.org](http://www.safe-a-rooni.org)) online. Both the phone line and the web site are free and sponsored by the Minnesota Safety Council to provide information on poisoning, storms, toys, playgrounds, water sports, street safety, and more.

# Burn Treatment

## Minor Burns

- Don't use ice. Cool the burn in cold water.
- Cover the burn with a sterile gauze bandage.
- Don't break blisters.

## Major Burns

- Dial 911.

While waiting:

- Don't remove burnt clothing.
- If the burn victim is not breathing, clear the airway and, if necessary, do CPR.
- Cover the area of the burn with a cool, moist sterile bandage or clean cloth.

More information is available online from the Mayo Clinic at [www.mayoclinic.com](http://www.mayoclinic.com).

# Keep The Burn Out Of Summer Fun

Summer fun includes barbecues and now, with the new law passed in Minnesota, it may also include some fireworks. The Golden Valley Fire Department (GVFD) hopes you will review the tips below and take extra care when handling any type of ignitable material.

## Fireworks Safety

While some nonexplosive and non-aerial fireworks are now legal in Minnesota, none may be used on public property (ie, parks, roads, alleys, schools, etc), and purchasers must be at least 18 years old. Remember, fireworks are associated with many injuries.

- Only buy what you plan to use. Do not store fireworks.
- Read, understand, and follow the instructions on each device.
- Use fireworks with close adult supervision and keep fireworks away from small children.
- Only ignite fireworks outdoors, away from animals, buildings, storage tanks, brush, and combustible materials.
  - Keep fireworks dry; do not use them when dried after becoming wet.
  - Do not carry fireworks in your pocket or on your person.
  - Never light fireworks inside a container, such as a bottle or can.
  - Never throw fireworks or aim them at another person, animal, or building.
  - Light only one firework device at a time, then move away quickly.
  - Never relight malfunctioning fireworks.

Complete fireworks safety guidelines and a list of legal fireworks are available at [www.fire.state.mn.us](http://www.fire.state.mn.us). You can also call the State Fire Marshal Division at 651-215-0500.

## Barbecue Safety

GVFD regulations prohibit fire or open flame on any apartment balcony above ground level or ground level patio/balcony immediately adjacent to or within 15 feet of any apartment unit in building with three or more units.

- Read all instructions before using your grill.
- Clean grill thoroughly before and after using to avoid grease build-up, and never put lighter fluid directly on flames.
- Always grill outdoors, away from buildings, houses, and garages. Never grill inside or on a wooden porch.
- Store all lighting fluids away from children.
- Keep a fire extinguisher, a garden hose, bucket of water, or sand nearby, and never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep all children and pets away from grilling area (at least 5 feet in all directions).
- Use only fluids recommended for charcoal grilling, and dispose of charcoal properly in a metal container dowsed with water.

For more information on Fire Safety, click to [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/publicsafety/firedept.htm](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/publicsafety/firedept.htm).

## Open House Golden Valley Fire Department

**Wednesday, June 19, 2002  
6 - 8 pm**

Stop in at any or all of the Golden Valley Fire Stations, meet the firefighters who protect the City, and have fun!

### Fire Station 1

**7800 Golden Valley Rd**

Squirt House, Police Squad Car, Kitchen Fire Demo (7:30), T-Shirts, Fire Truck Rides, and Door Prizes

### Fire Station 2

**400 Turners Crossroad**

Old Number One, Live Fire Demonstration (7:30), Fire Truck Rides, Police Squad Car, T-Shirts, Squirt House, and Door Prizes

### Fire Station 3

**3700 Golden Valley Rd**

Auto Extrication (7:30), T-Shirts, Fire Truck Rides, Squirt House, Police Squad Car, Sparky, and Door Prizes

**For more information, call the Golden Valley Fire Department at 763-593-3977**

# Photo Contest Deadline Is June 14

The annual *City Views of the Valley* photo contest now has two separate categories—Natural Golden Valley and Golden Valley Lifestyles (see rules below). Submit your favorite photos in one or both categories depicting what makes Golden Valley so special, and vote for your favorite photo (details below) in the “People’s Choice” award category.

### Rules

- You must be a Golden Valley resident.
- Submit photos in one of two categories: Natural Golden Valley (landscapes, flora, fauna, etc), or Golden Valley Lifestyle (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 below).
- Deadline is June 14, 2001, 4:30 pm.**

The grand prize in each of the two categories 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) or online at [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us) from June 17 - 28. Grand Prize and Honorable Mention winners will be notified by June 28. The People’s Choice winner will be notified July 1.

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. 



*Janice Laulainen won first prize in the inaugural Views of the Valley in 1993 with this photo, entitled Near General Mills.*

## Photo Contest Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Category:  Natural Golden Valley  Golden Valley Lifestyles

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.**



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