

Park Perspective

Summer 2024

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Learn about the July 4th fireworks celebration and other summer events in this newsletter.

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There are 12 Election Day polling places in St. Louis Park. Voting early in person takes place at city hall.

Election update: state primary is Aug. 13

Vote before Election Day by mail or in person June 28 – Aug. 12

The next election in St. Louis Park is the Minnesota state primary, when voters pick which candidates will represent the major political parties in the Nov. 5 general election.

- State primary election, Aug. 13
- Early voting starts June 28
- Register to vote by July 23 to save time on Election Day

Your state primary ballot will contain all state and federal offices requiring a primary election, except president and vice president. All candidates will appear on one ballot in this election. Offices that may appear on the state primary ballot in August include: U.S. senator, U.S. representative and state representative.

Note: Not all offices appearing on the ballot in November may require a primary election.

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Tuesday, Aug. 6 6 – 9 p.m.

National Night Out is an annual community-building event aimed at creating safer, more connected neighborhoods and building police-community partnerships. Along with the police department, other city departments, including fire and public works, attend as many parties as possible. Register your neighborhood party to request street closures and attendance by police or other city staff. Party registration is open June 4 – July 30.

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/national-night-out for more information and to register.



Parktacular and Juneteenth just days away

Enjoy a variety of events and activities during Parktacular weekend June 14 – 16.

- Splash into Summer pool event, June 14, 5 – 8 p.m., The Rec Center Aquatic Park
- Grand Day Parade, June 15, noon – 2 p.m., 40th Street and Joppa Avenue to the ROC
- Kidtacular, Ecotacular, business expo and concert, June 15, Wolfe Park
- Juneteenth Celebration, June 16, 1 – 4 p.m., ROC (more details on page 8)

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/events for more information on these and other events.



Now hiring!

Experience LIFE in the Park

as a City of St. Louis Park summer, seasonal or full-time employee!

We have opportunities in multiple city departments, including recreation, police, fire and public works.

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/employment or scan the QR code today!



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Fire Chief Koering to retire July 12



St. Louis Park Fire Chief Steve Koering announced his retirement from the St. Louis Park Fire Department after 35 years with the fire service. He has served as St. Louis Park fire chief since 2013. His retirement is effective July 12, 2024.

“I’m proud of what the St. Louis Park Fire Department has achieved in the nearly 11 years I’ve been blessed to be chief,” Koering said. “I have great confidence in the fire department leadership and staff, in collaboration with city leadership, to continue to carry those achievements forward and accomplish even more in the future.”

Planning is underway for recruitment of the next fire chief. Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/fire for updates.

2025 city budget process underway

The city follows an open process to review and adopt its annual budget and capital improvement plan and welcomes public input on how tax dollars are used. Work is underway on the 2025 budget with discussion scheduled for the following city council meetings and study sessions:

- July 8: Base budget and fee update
- July 15: Operating budget discussion, fee update public hearing
- Aug. 12: Capital budget and levy recommendation
- Sept. 16: Approve maximum levy
- Nov. 18: Revised budget
- Dec. 2: Truth-in-taxation public hearing
- Dec. 16: Final budget adoption

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/budget for more information about the city budget. Please note, council dates and topics are subject to change. Visit bit.ly/slpccagendas to view city council agendas.

Follow the city’s strategic priorities

The symbols below represent the five core priorities of the City of St. Louis Park and its city council. Spot them throughout this newsletter.



Being a leader in racial equity and inclusion in order to create a more just and inclusive community for all.



Continuing to lead in environmental stewardship.



Providing a broad range of housing and neighborhood-oriented development.



Providing a variety of options for people to make their way around the city comfortably, safely and reliably.



Creating opportunities to build social capital through community engagement.

STAY INFORMED

To talk to someone in person, visit city hall at 5005 Minnetonka Blvd., during business hours, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Can’t make it out? Call the main number during business hours at 952.924.2500 or try one of our many online resources. For city events, activities, schedules and news updates, visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov, sign up for text and email notifications through govDelivery, or follow us on social media.

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 www.youtube.com/slp cable

Make service requests or receive city information via the app  my stlouis park or visit www.mystlouis park.org.

SAVE THE DATE



Fire Department Open House and Community Health Resource Fair

Fire Station 1, 3750 Wooddale Ave. S.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Look for more information about this event in the fall Park Perspective this September.

Attend a hands-only CPR training class



Hands-only CPR is a valuable skill that allows all of us to assist others in the community during cardiac emergencies. This class is taught by experienced fire department staff. While this is not a certification course, attendees will learn vital skills on how to confidently deliver chest compressions to improve survival rates and assist in choking emergencies. Classes are available to everyone 13 years old or older; guardian attendance is required for those under 18.

Training dates are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., at Fire Station 1, 3750 Wooddale Ave. S. Visit pickatime.com/stlouis park/save-a-life to register.



Permits required for recreational fires

Permits are required for recreational fires (in-ground fire pits, portable fire pits, fire bowls, chimineas, etc.). Natural gas and propane fire pits and fireplaces don’t require a recreational fire permit.

Visit www.stlouis parkmn.gov/fire permit to view or print the permit application and to find complete information and regulations.

Fires must be 25 feet away from any structure, and you may only burn clean, dry firewood. Do not have a fire if winds are more than 10 miles per hour or when still weather conditions prevent the smoke from moving away. Fires are prohibited when the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has declared a burning ban or the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has issued an air quality alert. Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us or www.pca.state.mn.us to learn more.

Be considerate of your neighbors when having a fire

Do your fires cause health issues for any of your neighbors? Listen to those who may suffer from your backyard fires. Let your neighbors know when you are planning to have a fire. Since fires release fine particles that contribute to air pollution, closing windows will not prevent wood smoke from affecting those with respiratory conditions.

Behavioral health unit focuses on mental health in policing



Police department dedicates social worker and two officers to new BHU

Police officers are more likely than any other emergency responders to encounter a community member experiencing a mental health crisis.

With the number of calls for service related to behavioral health concerns continuing to grow and in light of the amount of resources required to manage these types of calls effectively, the St. Louis Park Police Department recently established a behavioral health unit (BHU) within the department.

The BHU was launched in January 2024 and consists of on-site (embedded) social worker Leidy Cortes Arrington and officers Donald Lewis and Erin Nordrum. Working together out of the same office, they dedicate their time to behavioral health, mental health and substance abuse incidents in the community. In the first quarter of 2024, 117 calls were diverted to the BHU.

With this new team in place, the police department is on track to see an 18% increase this year compared to 2023 in opened behavioral health cases, meaning fewer residents in crisis will slip through the cracks.

The goal of the BHU is to connect an individual to the right resources and get them a case manager within three days of the initial reported contact with that individual. Scheduling regular check-ins with these individuals throughout the process is a key component to preventing recurrences.

“Oftentimes people are not given the care they need the first time around and end up back at the hospital, usually more than once,” Cortes Arrington said. “Now with the behavioral health unit, we have a structure that allows for more follow-up and dedicated attention.”

The BHU is the product of the city’s ongoing commitment to community policing. In 2019, the police department was one of the first in the county to partner with Hennepin County Behavioral Health to bring a senior social worker into the department as part of a pilot program.



Officers Donald Lewis and Erin Nordrum and Social Worker Leidy Cortes Arrington make up the city’s new behavioral health unit.

The program demonstrated a clear need for this type of service. Between 2021 and 2023, officers made over 900 mental health referrals to the social worker, who was then able to help the people involved in those cases get access to appropriate resources and care.

Results from the pilot initiative led to the creation of the BHU, which will continue to adapt to the needs of the community and work to reduce repeated interactions, prevent unnecessary arrests, guard against uses of force, build trust and connect patients to the services they need.

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/police to learn more about the program and its assigned officers, or email slpbhu@stlouisparkmn.gov or call 952.924.2119 to contact the unit directly.

Join the police department at summer community events

The St. Louis Park Police Department is excited to reconnect with the community this summer at these fun events for all ages!

- **Fishing with a Cop:** June 12, July 17 and Aug. 21, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Wolfe Park, 3700 Monterey Drive
- **Skateapalooza:** July 24, 5 – 8 p.m., Carpenter Park, 4900 Highway 7 (rain date July 31, 5 – 8 p.m.)
- **Basketball in the Park:** Thursdays: June 20 – Aug. 29 (no event July 4 or Aug. 8), 6 – 8 p.m., Ainsworth Park, 7700 28th St. W.
- **National Night Out:** Aug. 6, 6 – 9 p.m., citywide

Sign up for Citizens’ Police Academy

The Citizens’ Police Academy, offered each fall, is open to all interested adults 18 and over who live or work in the City of St. Louis Park. Participants will have an inside look at what it’s like to be a St. Louis Park police officer, learn about the police department’s role in the community, and the training and resources that go into effective community policing. Participants will also learn more about how they can play a part in maintaining a safe community.

Classes take place over 10 consecutive weeks, Sept. 5 – Nov. 14, on Thursdays from 6 – 9 p.m. at the St. Louis Park Police Department, 3015 Raleigh Ave. S. Fifteen applicants will be accepted to attend. Dinner is provided at each class. Potential participants must agree to a basic background check. To apply, complete the registration form at www.stlouisparkmn.gov/police-academy by Aug. 23.



Officer and civilian employee of the year recognized for 2023

The 2023 Robert Linnell Officer of the Year Award, voted on by all police officers in the department, was presented to Investigator Bobby Brewer.

His peers noted his leadership as field training officer, use-of-force instructor and firearms instructor. They also cited his efforts and initiative in patrol work (arresting a significant number of violent offenders throughout the year), his respect and fairness shown for community members, and his status as a trusted, positive role model for his fellow officers.



The Civilian Employee of the Year Award went to retired dispatcher Marv Solberg. His peers noted his expertise and knowledge about communications, information systems and software; his leadership and teamwork; and his dedication to his colleagues.

Keep your bike safe

The St. Louis Park Police Department recommends purchasing a high-quality method of securing your bike when not in use and recording your bike’s information for safekeeping. Stop by the police department lobby, 3015 Raleigh Ave. S., or the city hall lobby,

5005 Minnetonka Blvd., to get your free bike identification card to record your bike’s information. Additionally, take photos of your bike and keep this information in an accessible, secure location in case of theft. Taking the time to do this will help police find the bike and improve your chances of getting it back if stolen.

Bike identification	
Make:	_____
Model:	_____
Size:	_____
Color:	_____
Serial number:	_____
St. Louis Park Police non-emergency number: 952.924.2618	
Owner name:	_____
Phone number:	_____



Is your property at risk of flooding?

Wondering what the flood risk is for your property? The city will give you the following information at your request:

- If your property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM); in or out of the floodway; or in or near an area where the problems are not shown on the FIRM.
- Additional flood insurance data for a property, such as the FIRM zone and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown on the FIRM, and if a property is in or near an area of historical flooding and/or natural functions floodplain.

To request information, provide your street address and, if available, the subdivision, lot and block number. City staff will do the rest. Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/floodplain for more information on flood hazards, risks and building responsibly.



Small business help

Hennepin County offers resources and programming for small businesses at any stage through its Elevate Business program. Elevate Business is a hub where business owners can come together to learn through no-cost, one-on-one services from trusted consultants and advisors specializing in legal support, marketing, bookkeeping, finance, loan and grant navigation and more. Visit www.elevatehennepin.org for more about this program and services.

Additionally, the city's Open to Business program offers no-cost consultations from an expert business advisor the third Tuesday of each month between 10 a.m. – noon. Email vgonzalez@mccdmn.org or call 612.843.3269 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Pollinate the Park: native plant sale

Help our pollinators by creating a native plant garden in your yard or add to your existing pollinator-friendly landscape. Flats of plants offered are specifically designed for St. Louis Park and for a variety of environments. Discounts will be available for St. Louis Park residents. Ordering begins June 17.

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/pollinate-the-park for more details or to order.

Plant pickup will be Aug. 17 from 8 – 11 a.m. and Aug. 19 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Municipal Service Center, 7305 Oxford St.

Tree care assistance

Shade SLP Plus is a full-service, income-based program that helps property owners preserve, remove or reestablish trees on private land. The need for assistance is particularly high right now due to the invasive emerald ash borer (EAB) beetle and its deadly impact on area ash trees.

To qualify for funding assistance, residential property owners must have an adjusted gross income equal to or below 80% of the area median income, adjusted for household size, as determined by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/shade-slp-plus for details on the types of services funded through this program or for an application. Find paper copies at city facilities or call 952.924.2562.

Notice of ash tree condemnations

Untreated ash trees infested with emerald ash borer (EAB) need to be removed as they can become brittle quickly after they die. All untreated ash trees will succumb to EAB damage.

City tree officials are surveying public and private properties for ash trees infested with EAB. Per city ordinance, inspectors will be condemning private ash trees infested with EAB that may be a threat to public safety.

For more information, or to arrange a free tree inspection with the city, call 952.924.2562 or email naturalresources@stlouisparkmn.gov.



Climate Champions program offers incentives for energy efficiency improvements for all building types

The City of St. Louis Park recently expanded its Climate Champions program to include large commercial and industrial buildings, which means we now have cost-sharing funds available for energy improvements for every building sector in St. Louis Park (residential, multifamily, organizations/nonprofits, small to medium businesses and large commercial). To qualify, property owners must receive or have received an energy assessment within the past 36 months and prior to completing any work eligible for cost-sharing funds. Eligible projects include furnace and AC upgrades, commercial LED lighting, attic or wall insulation, and electrification projects such as heat pumps.

Contact Ellie Rabine, sustainability specialist, at erabine@stlouisparkmn.gov or 952.924.2131 to learn more.

DOO GOOD, CLEAN UP AFTER PETS

Protect our lakes and streams by picking up your dog's doo! Dog doo can pollute stormwater. Rain and melting snow flows across yards and trails, collecting in storm drains that lead directly to our lakes and streams. Dog doo contains millions of bacteria and accounts for a considerable percentage of the bacteria in our waterways. Dog doo also is a significant source of nitrogen and phosphorus, which act like fertilizer and promote algae growth in our waterways.

How to be a "Doo Gooder:"

- Be prepared with bags and take extras
- Place waste in public garbage carts or your own
- Pick it up regularly at home or hire someone to do it



PLEASE KEEP DOGS LEASHED IN PUBLIC

WHAT YOUR DOG LOOKS LIKE TO YOU:



WHAT YOUR DOG MAY LOOK LIKE TO OTHERS:



Every dog owner loves their dog, but some people are fearful of dogs or may have had a bad experience. While you may think your dog would never hurt someone, don't take that chance. Unless at an off-leash dog park, dogs are not allowed off leash in public places. Visit bit.ly/SLPpetowner for more information about leash laws and pet ownership in St. Louis Park.



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What to know about your state primary

Primary elections are determined based on the number of candidates who file for each office. For example, five candidates from one political party might run for the same office, but only one candidate can be on the ballot in November to represent the party for that office. The August primary election narrows the field of candidates. The winners of the August primary election will appear on the ballot in November.

If, in that above example, only one candidate from one political party files for office, a primary is not required.

Voters must choose a party

In the state primary, you can only vote for candidates from one political party (from one column on the partisan side of the ballot). If you vote for candidates from more than one political party, your votes will not count as that is considered cross-party voting. When you go to vote, you decide which one of the parties you will vote for throughout the ballot. You don't need to declare your party to participate in the state primary election.

Note: Nonpartisan offices, where candidates run unaffiliated, won't list a political party next to a candidate's name. You can vote for any candidate in any of these offices on your ballot. The nonpartisan candidates who get the most votes move on to the November general election.

Learn more

Use mnvotes.gov/pollfinder to find your polling place. Call 952.924.2503, email elections@stlouisparkmn.gov, visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote or look for the printed 2024 pocket voting guide available at city facilities for more details and clarifications on upcoming elections. Visit myballotmn.sos.mn.gov to view a sample ballot.

The city elections office is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the third floor of city hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd.

Keep an eye on your mailbox for more election information in the fall Park Perspective and the city's official 2024 Election Guide.



Apply here



Student/trainee election workers wanted

The city provides people 16 years or older the opportunity to serve as trainee election workers on election days for \$15 an hour. This is a great way to serve your community, and it looks impressive on college applications and resumes!

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote or scan the above QR code to apply. Call 952.924.2503 or email elections@stlouisparkmn.gov with questions.



Legacy program helps keep homes affordable

Rising home values have diminished affordable home ownership opportunities in St. Louis Park. In response, the city has teamed up with Homes Within Reach to establish a legacy program that helps expand and preserve affordable home ownership options in the city.

How it works

Homes Within Reach is a nonprofit organization that creates affordable home ownership opportunities for working households in the western suburbs of Hennepin County. It purchases and rehabilitates homes and then sells them to qualified low-to-moderate-income individuals and families using a community land trust (CLT) model. Under the CLT model, the buyer only pays for the cost of the home, not the land. The CLT retains ownership of the land, leasing it to the homeowner.

Removing the land value from the mortgage equation reduces the mortgage, down payment and closing costs. The CLT ground lease model includes built-in guarantees and protections to ensure the homeowner can build equity.

Sellers needed

In order to work, the program requires participation from home sellers. Residents who are considering selling their home and interested in helping address the affordable home ownership issue in St. Louis Park can leave a lasting affordable housing legacy by selling to the CLT. If you're interested or want to find out more, contact Marney Olson, housing supervisor, at 952.924.2196 or molson@stlouisparkmn.gov.

Testimonial

"Homes Within Reach were lovely to work with. They were very flexible about the closing date, handled all the paperwork and removed many of the daunting hurdles with selling one's home," said Param Pati, a home seller who recently took part in the program. "We couldn't think of our home merely as an investment and wanted to ensure that the house would be a home to the next family."

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/housing or call 952.924.2196 for more details.

City plans to revamp parts of zoning code

The zoning code update is a comprehensive review of the current zoning ordinance, which has not been substantially updated since 1992. Updates will focus on expanding residential zoning districts to meet a major goal of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan: increase diversity and affordable housing options in St. Louis Park's neighborhoods. Visit bit.ly/zoning-code-update to learn more about the project, find out about several upcoming public open house feedback events this summer or to sign up for email updates.

Airport flight path and aircraft noise updates

Residents can expect a temporary increase in aircraft noise this summer over the southern portion of the city due to construction on Minneapolis–St. Paul International Airport runways June – September. Visit bit.ly/MSPaircraftnoise for more. Also, Federal Aviation Administration procedures involving changes in departing flight paths from MSP are under study and expected to be implemented in 2025. Arriving flight paths into MSP aren't expected to change. The FAA will hold public workshops on these procedures Aug. 14 and 15. Check www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_engagement/msp for more.

What you need to know about public right of way

Land designated as “right of way” is intended for public purposes such as streets, bikeways, alleys and public utilities. The right of way generally extends beyond the pavement of the street or alley to include sidewalks, boulevards, utility poles, private underground utilities, signs and streetlights. In addition, the city uses the area for snow storage in the winter.

If utility or other work is within 16 feet of the street or within 2 feet of the edges of the alley, it’s likely taking place within public right of way.

In addition to city owned infrastructure, the right of way is accessible for other utility providers. The city is legally required by state law to allow non-public utilities, such as Comcast or CenterPoint Energy, to work in the right of way if they are meeting permit requirements.

What private improvements are allowed?

Examples of private improvements allowed within the right of way include sprinkler systems, pet containment, landscaping and driveways. Construction of retaining walls, steps, lighting or a fence is generally not allowed in the right of way.

Please keep in mind, private improvements in the right of way may be damaged when construction takes place. Repairs and relocation of underground private improvements are the responsibility of the property owner.

Where does right of way end and my property start?

In most instances, the street or alley runs down the middle of the right of way. Typically, the right of way is 60 feet wide for residential streets. For public alleys, it’s 15 feet wide. Wider streets have wider right of way. If you would like to install private improvements adjacent to a street or alley, we recommend you hire a surveyor who can find your property corners to help you determine if the improvement is on your property or in the right of way. Visit www.mnsurveyor.com for a list of registered land surveyors.

Work within the right of way requires a permit from the engineering department. For information about permits, visit bit.ly/ROWpermit or call the engineering department at 952.924.2656.

Stay informed about transportation projects

Construction activity is scheduled for several transportation projects in St. Louis Park this season. These projects include, but are not limited to:

- The METRO Green Line Extension: Visit greenlineext.org for weekly updates from the Metropolitan Council.
- Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue improvements: Phase I of the three-year project is set to begin this summer. Visit bit.ly/RedoCedarLou to learn more.
- Minnetonka Boulevard reconstruction: Minnetonka Boulevard (County Road 5) between Highway 100 and France Avenue will be getting a makeover in 2024 and 2025. This is a Hennepin County led project.

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/construction-updates to learn more about projects near you and sign up for email updates. Call 952.924.2656 with questions.



Bike safety tips for bicyclists and drivers

Whether driving a car or riding a bike, safety is everyone’s responsibility. As the weather warms, more bicyclists will be on the roads. Please help our community thrive by following the rules that keep bicyclists and drivers safe.

Turning across a bike lane

Yield to approaching bicyclists before merging into and turning across a bike lane. Think of a bicycle as a vehicle — you would never merge into an adjacent travel lane without looking and yielding to approaching vehicles.

Passing a bicyclist

When passing a bicyclist, pass at a safe distance, never less than 3 feet from the bicycle. Drivers can legally cross a double yellow line to the left side of the roadway to pass a bicyclist going in the same direction when it is safe to do so.

Crossbikes: crosswalks for bicyclists

At busy intersections, where there is a designated bikeway, crossings are marked by green crossbike blocks. Think of a crossbike like a crosswalk, but for people biking across an intersection. They are used to highlight locations where vehicles turn or merge across a bike lane. The crossbikes are colored green to draw further attention to them. Regardless of bike lane coloring, drivers should stop and let a bicyclist pass before turning, and bicyclists should always use caution and assume motorists can’t see them.

Reminders for bicyclists

- Stop at all red lights and stop signs.
- Ride with traffic, not against it.
- Use a front light and rear light or reflector at night.
- Signal turns and lane changes with your arm unless both arms are needed to control the bicycle.
- Wear light or reflective clothing

Don’t make a costly mistake! Call before you dig

When it comes to underground utilities, safety and damage prevention are the ultimate goals. Contact Gopher State One Call (GSOC) by calling 651.454.0002 or 800.252.1166 at least 48 hours (not including weekends and holidays) before starting any excavation or project that involves digging. Whether the project is large or small, and even if all you’re using is a shovel and rake to plant a garden, get your work area marked. Contacting GSOC in advance helps you and your loved ones dig safely while avoiding costly damages to underground facilities. Visit www.gopherstateonecall.org for more information.

Stay connected with internet service

St. Louis Park residents may choose from the following internet service providers:

- CenturyLink – 1.866.963.6665 or www.centurylink.com
- Comcast – 1.800.XFINITY (934.6489) or xfinity.com
- HughesNet – 1.877.809.7843 or internet.hughesnet.com
- US Internet – 612.444.1888

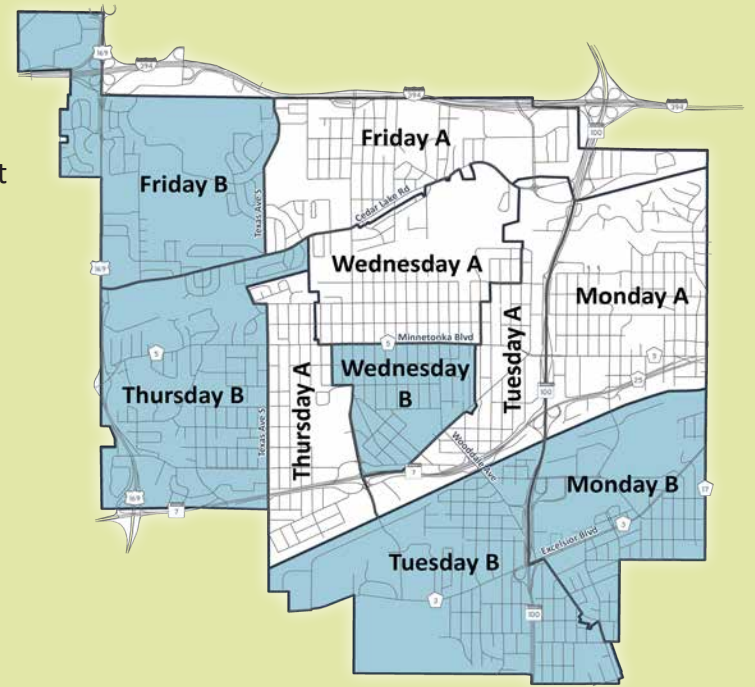
About US Internet and expansion of service

This year, US Internet will continue its expansion of internet service in St. Louis Park. You may see US Internet working in your neighborhood or preparing for work in the right of way (see top left article). US Internet uses directional boring, a trenchless method of installing underground utilities, to install fiber. This method results in less damage to the right of way than traditional open trench work. Like all other companies working in the right of way, US Internet is required by permit to restore disturbed areas in the right of way. The city is legally required by state law to allow utilities to work in the right of way if they are meeting permit requirements. Call 952.924.2632 if you have questions or comments about US Internet’s activities in St. Louis Park.

Know your recycling day

For your convenience, the next four months of the recycling schedule are provided below. Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/recycling to download a yearly calendar, find your collection day or sign up for email reminders.

- If your normal service falls on or after a holiday, you will receive service one day later.
- Missed collection? Contact Buckingham Companies at SLP@buckinghamcompanies.com or 763.783.5423.
- This calendar applies only to properties with city-provided recycling. Multifamily buildings are required to offer recycling to their tenants. Check with your building management or contact city staff at recycling@stlouisparkmn.gov if you have questions about recycling collection at your building.



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 WEEK B
 HOLIDAY

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29	30					

Collection service information and contacts

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/recycling to download a yearly service calendar, find your collection day or sign up for email reminders.

Collection service provider contacts:

- Garbage/recycling: 952.226.6457, SLP@buckinghamcompanies.com
- Organics: 952.941.5174, SLP@republicservices.com
- Yard waste: 612.405.9579, SLP@wastecontainersystems.com

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/cleanup for more disposal options and updates:

- Donation and repair opportunities
- Curbside pickup scheduling, for a fee
- List of drop-off locations
- City cleanup days and swap events
- Paper shredding events
- Building material reuse events
- And more!

Public works

Municipal Service Center
7305 Oxford St.
St. Louis Park, MN 55426
952.924.2562
recycling@stlouisparkmn.gov



Media swap is Aug. 13

The next city media swap event is Tuesday, Aug. 13, 5 – 7 p.m. at the Recreation Outdoor Center (ROC), 3700 Monterey Drive.

Instead of throwing away books, games, DVDs or other media you no longer want, swap them! Donate items in good condition and find new-to-you items to take home! A limit of five boxes worth of media may be brought to the swap.

Items accepted: books, DVDs, Blu-rays, video games, whole games and puzzles, all in working condition

NOT accepted: VCRs, DVD players, Blu-ray players, video game consoles, stereos, VHS tapes, home recorded videos, mixed tapes or puzzles/games with missing pieces

For more information, visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/reuse, or contact staff at recycling@stlouisparkmn.gov or 952.924.2562.



Take the water service line survey to help the city ID lead piping in homes

The City of St. Louis Park needs your help to inventory all private water service lines connected to the public water system. This is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirement to help people identify and replace any lead and galvanized service lines in their homes. Scan the above QR code to go directly to the survey, which asks residents to take and submit a cellphone photo of the service line in their basement. City officials do not believe the city has any lead or galvanized service lines, but it's important to confirm this.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 included funding to replace all lead service lines in the United States. The city's water service line material survey required by the EPA is part of that initiative. In the early 1990s, St. Louis Park undertook a citywide effort to find and replace all lead service lines. The 2015 – 2016 citywide water meter replacement project provided another chance to identify lead service lines.

St. Louis Park provides high-quality drinking water that meets and exceeds EPA action levels for lead and copper. Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/water-sewer for more.



Photos of the service line in your basement help us identify potential lead and galvanized piping in city homes.

Notice: State plumbing code now requires regular backflow device testing to ensure water quality and safety

State code now requires all testable backflow devices be tested upon installation and at least annually after that by a certified backflow tester. The city will notify homeowners of the annual testing requirements for backflow devices. Find out more at www.stlouisparkmn.gov/permits or call 952.924.2522.



SUMMER IS EVENT SEASON!



2024 Ecotacular



Saturday, June 15, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Wolfe Park, 3700 Monterey Drive

Learn about food waste prevention, recycling, solar panels, tree care, electric lawn tools, native flowers and more! Part of Parktacular.

July 4th Fireworks Celebration

July 4, 7 p.m.

Aquila Park, 3110 Xylon Ave. S.

Have a night to remember with your family and friends watching one of the best fireworks shows in the Twin Cities! Enjoy food trucks, vendors and fireworks to music!

Rain date is July 5.

- Food trucks on-site, 6 – 10 p.m.
- DJ Bob entertainment, 7 – 10 p.m.
- Fireworks begin promptly at 10 p.m.
- Sensory friendly space on-site

**Although leashed dogs are allowed in our parks, we strongly discourage them from attending due to their hearing sensitivity.*

PENNY CARNIVAL

July 26, noon – 2 p.m., ROC, 3700 Monterey Drive



Gather your pennies for dozens of fun games, music, nature exhibits and more! Games and activities cost between 2 – 4 cents per play. A refreshment coupon may be purchased for \$1. The event is free and for ages 3 and above. No registration required.

Roller-skating at the ROC

June 27, July 25, Aug. 29, 7 – 9 p.m., 3700 Monterey Drive

Get ready to ROC and roll with our new roller-skating series! Whether you're a seasoned skater or just starting, our DJ will be setting the tone for an energizing and vibrant atmosphere. This all-ages series is in collaboration with Twin Cities Skaters. Fee is \$5.

SAVE THE DATE!

FALL PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM registration opens Aug. 14 online: www.stlouisparkmn.gov/rec-registration

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 16, 1 – 4 p.m.
ROC, 3700 Monterey Drive

Come celebrate the community at the annual Juneteenth Celebration! There will be local Black-owned business booths, food, educational content and special guests centered around the Black and African American community. The event is hosted by the City of St. Louis Park, St. Louis Park Community Education and St. Louis Park Parktacular.



Learn more about city events at www.stlouisparkmn.gov/events or scan the QR code above.

In this newsletter, we've highlighted more than 40 upcoming city events and family-friendly activities. Believe it or not, we didn't get to them all.

Other upcoming activities:

Children First Ice Cream Social

Aug. 11, 2 – 5 p.m.
ROC, 3700 Monterey Drive

Community Talent Show

Aug. 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m. (auditions July 30, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at Wolfe Park)
Veterans' Memorial Amphitheater, 3700 Monterey Drive

St. Louis Park Art Fair

Sept. 7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
ROC, 3700 Monterey Drive
Artists should visit www.slpfota.org/artfair for details on how to participate.

Ongoing recreation programming:

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/rec-registration for more about programs, classes, sports and nature center activities. Or, watch for the Parks and Recreation Activity Catalog mailed to all households three times per year.

IN THE PARK



MOVIES

Thursday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m.
Ainsworth Park, 7700 28th St. W.
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Saturday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Cedar Manor Park, 9350 Cedar Lake Road
BARBIE

CONCERTS

All concerts in the park are at Veterans' Memorial Amphitheater, 3700 Monterey Drive

June 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Jolly Pops

June 29, 7 – 9 p.m.
Overdressed Duo: Under the Stars

July 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
The Beatnik Brothers: Beatles, Elvis, Roy Orbison

July 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Gypsy Mania Hot Club Quartet

July 12, 7 – 9:15 p.m.
Classical Actors Ensemble

July 13, 6 – 8 p.m.
Jeff Dayton

July 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Dred I Dread

July 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Power of 10

July 31, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
St. Louis Park Community Band

Aug. 3, 7 – 9 p.m.
Overdressed Duo: La Traviat

Aug. 7, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Salsa Del Soul

Aug. 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Talent Show

Aug. 24, 6 – 9 p.m.
Dan Israel Folk Fest

KIDS CONCERT SERIES

June 26, 10 – 11 a.m.
Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade

July 3, 10 – 11 a.m.
Tricia & the Toonies

July 10, 10 – 11 a.m.
Kid Power with Rachael

July 17, 10 – 11 a.m.
Todd'n'Tina

July 24, 10 – 11 a.m.
Jolly Pops

July 31, 10 – 11 a.m.
The Royal Order of Cords and Keys (R.O.C.K.)

Aug. 7, 10 – 11 a.m.
Riffin Griffin

Aug. 14, 10 – 11 a.m.
Teddy Bear Band (summer reading festival)

Concerts sponsored by:

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Call the weather hotline at 952.924.2567 for weather-related schedule updates.