



Sunfish Lake Quarterly



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Save the Date

☀ Fall Shred Event

Sat. Sept. 7th * 9am - Noon
Friendly Hills Middle School
701 Mendota Hgts. Rd
Mendota Hgts., MN

***FREE, No Limit, bring docs in
paper bags please**

☀ IGH Clean-Up Day

Sat. September 21st *8 am – Noon
IGH Public Works Facility

[www.invergroveheights.org/cleanup
day](http://www.invergroveheights.org/cleanupday)

☀ Pumpkin Recycling

Sat. November 2nd * 1pm – 3pm
Wakota Federal Credit Union
1151 Southview Blvd
So. St. Paul, MN

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Greetings Neighbors,

Lush landscapes abound in Sunfish Lake this time of year. I hope all of you are enjoying the long-awaited summer weather!

Sunfish Lake had two fun community events in May. A huge “Thank You” to Ginny Beckett and her team of great volunteers for managing all the details of the fun Spring Fling evening at Mendakota Country Club on May 10th. Also, a big “Thank You” to Jim Naves and community volunteers for the wonderful job they do each year at our annual Arbor Day, which this year was held at Musser Park on May 4th. I urge everyone to put these two events on your 2020 calendar as they are great opportunities to meet and socialize with your neighbors.

As noted in the last newsletter, on April 24th, a joint listening session for Sunfish Lake and Mendota Heights was held with the Noise Oversight Committee for the Metropolitan Airports Council. Interested citizens were brought up to date on ongoing efforts to reduce airport noise to lowest possible levels and the numerous factors that influence the amount of noise generated, weather related issues being a major factor.

In today's public discourse often anger is expressed with little effort at communication and finding common ground. Recently, the City Council has dealt with numerous complaints that are essentially issues between residents. Often rather than speak with their neighbors directly complainants raise the matter with the Council. This typically requires additional expense to research various ordinances and engage additional City Attorney and staff services which results in increased taxes for all residents. Many times these issues could be resolved by simply engaging in a neighborly discussion that addresses the issue and arrives at a compromise that is satisfactory to both parties. I encourage neighbors to resolve issues directly because when people engage with each other to express opinions, listen and learn they typically find common ground and amicably reach a solution.....a benefit to all and keeps our taxes as low as possible!

We know people are passionate in their views, but when passion leads to destructive behavior it also is costly to all. I regret to report that in the recent past the traffic counter cables being used to monitor Viking practice facility traffic have been intentionally cut. Additionally a vandal has broken and/or removed many of the survey stakes for the Charlton Road construction project. Surveying is an extremely costly procedure and this vandalism results in substantial increase in construction costs, assessments and taxes for all. We understand that there is not always complete agreement with City Council decisions. But we ask that citizens refrain from destructive activity. We also ask residents to contact police if they observe any destructive, illegal and/or suspicious activity. By all of us working together we'll keep taxes as low as possible and more importantly, we'll live in a serene and friendly community!

And lastly, upon receiving this Quarterly Newsletter, the Charlton Road construction project should be nearly completed. For the safety of all citizens, State Fire Code requires a minimum of 20 feet of roadway for fire emergency equipment access. Given that Charlton Road is 21 feet wide, “No Parking” signs will be posted, thus Charlton Road residents will need to ensure that their lawn and other service providers utilize their driveways when performing services. This inconvenience allows for community safety and critical access for emergency vehicles and specific equipment needed to extinguish any fires, given that Sunfish Lake has very few fire hydrants.

A lot of activity this past quarter! As always, I and your City Council members appreciate your engagement and enthusiasm for your community.

***Warmest Regards,
Dan O'Leary***

IMPORTANT NOTICE - SEPTIC SYSTEM PUMPING

The City Code requires that your septic system be pumped every three (3) years. Dakota County sent notice to the City that there are approximately sixty (60) residential properties that are not in compliance with the septic pumping regulations.

City Clerk Cathy Iago will be sending letters to these property owners to request they contact her to provide the date their septic system was pumped and the pumper's name.

If your septic tank has not been pumped within the last three (3) years, please schedule a pumping of your system within the next 60 days and ask that your pumper provide your name, address, date pumped and the pumper's name to Michele Calvo at Michele.calvo@co.dakota.mn.us or 952-891-7110 or Emily Gable at emily.gable@co.dakota.mn.us or 952-891-7008. If you have any questions regarding the letter, please contact Cathy Iago at 651-768-7542 or cjiago@comcast.net.

Keep It Fresh Info



How do you store a tomato

Tomatoes, strawberries and carrots are now in season, but do you know how to make them last longer? One of the easiest ways to prevent food spoilage and save money is by storing your fruits and vegetables right. Check if you're storing the right way using the Savethefood.com guide.

Quick tips

- Keep apples and bananas away from other produce—they give off ethylene gas that makes other produce ripen faster.
- Don't wash berries until you're ready to eat them. They have a protective natural layer on them and once it's washed off, fruit molds faster.
- Treat herbs, green onions and asparagus like cut flowers – put them in a jar with a little water.
- Think about where you got the produce in the grocery store – was it out in the open or in the cool, moist area?
- Never store your dairy or meat in the fridge door. It doesn't stay as cool as the middle part of your refrigerator.

And what about tomatoes? Store fresh tomatoes on the counter away from direct sunlight, with the stem end up. Find other useful tips on storage and preventing wasted food at SaveTheFood.com.

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Help Choose Our Next Chief of Police

Sunfish Lake residents are encouraged to help pick the next WSP Chief of Police. With Chief Shaver's recent retirement, the position is now open. You can go to the following website (<https://www.wspmn.gov/FormCenter/Police-Department-6/Police-Chief-Recruitment-Public-Input-Su-92>) and take a short survey to give your input.

Mark Your Calendars!

On October 12, 2019 come out and cheer on the West St. Paul Police Department as we take on South Metro Fire for our 2nd annual Police vs. Fire Hockey Game. Afterwards Dunham's Bar will be hosting a post party celebration with a taco bar, live music and a silent auction. The proceeds of this year's hockey charity game will benefit 360 Communities Partners for Success program. Partners for Success helps students and families overcome barriers to school success for families in West St. Paul, South St. Paul, Mendota Heights and Eagan. Family Support Workers engage within schools to collaborate with youth, families and educators to implement effective home based strategies that increase parental involvement, improve academic performance, and connect families to community resources.

Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!

Date: October 12, 2019

Time: 4:00pm

Location: West St. Paul Ice Arena (60 Emerson Ave W)

Entry Fee- \$5.00 kids under 6 free



After Game Party at Dunham's (173 Lothenbach Ave, West St. Paul
Taco Bar free with game entry

Friends and Neighbors We Lost

Lindsay Moosbrugger

Age 31 of Sunfish Lake, died peacefully with her family by her side on July 2, 2019 at U of M Hospital in Minneapolis. Lindsay is preceded in death by brother, Michael. Survived by her 4-month old son, Luca Michael, and his father, TJ Strassener of WSP, parents Bill & Brenda Moosbrugger of Sunfish Lake, sister Kacie of Eugene, OR, twin sister Courtney of MN, grandmother Fran High of NE, a host of aunts & uncles, dozens of lovin' cousins, and companion of 10+ years, her Jack Russell, Olive. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to help with ongoing medical costs through the website, or by checks made payable to: "Brenda High Moosbrugger for Luca", c/o Heartland Credit Union, 5500 S. Robert Tr., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077, for Lindsay's legacy, Luca Michael.

Mabel Cubus (Willette)

Age 91, of West St. Paul, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2019 with her loving family by her side. She was born July 10, 1927 in Marshall County, South Dakota to Louis John and Virgin (nee Dickinson) Lehmann. Mabel is survived by her husband, Ray Willette; children, Teresa (Don) Hamann, Barbara, Dave (Terri Truax), Joan, Jerome and Gregory (Pat Fryer) Cubus; 6 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.