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Save the Date

Shred Event- April 23rd
9:00am - Noon

WSP Sports Complex
1650 Oakdale Ave
West St. Paul, MN 55118

Spring Fling – May 7th
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Arbor Day – May 7
See Website for More
Information

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Greetings Neighbors,

Happy Spring! I keep thinking Spring has arrived and then our sometimes-erratic Minnesota weather plays tricks on us, hopefully, warmer temperatures are on the way and spring flowers will soon be poking up!

News we’ve all hoped for.....recently, the State of Minnesota reported that March 12, 2022, was the first day since August 15, 2021 that no one from the state died of COVID. Additionally, the weekly Dakota County Public Health Update 3-25-22 sent to all Dakota County cities reported that while there were 225 reported new cases and 21 hospitalizations there were **no new COVID-19 related deaths**. They continue to urge safety measures, like primary vaccines, boosters, masking, and distancing to ensure that rates continue to fall. It is their last public update so I’m guessing they share optimism that we are putting this in the rear-view mirror.

In line with this good news, our Sunfish Lake “Spring Fling” is once again on! Ozzie and Shannon Nelson have graciously offered their home at 357 Salem Church Rd., Sunfish Lake for our Spring Fling on **Saturday, May 7, 2022** beginning at **4 PM to 7 PM**. There will be drinks and appetizers and a fee for covering those costs. Shannon Nelson and Councilmember, Ginny Beckett are event co-chairs. The committee will shortly send a mailing giving you the details of price, parking etc. The Council encourages residents to come and catch up with old friends and meet new neighbors. I look forward to seeing you there.

Saturday, May 7th will be a busy day in Sunfish Lake, as it is also our annual **Arbor Day** event helmed by our Forester, Jim Naves. Activity begins at **9 AM at Musser Park**. As in the past two Covid years, **call Jim Naves 612-803-9033 to schedule your family or group tree plantings** on the hour and half hour. This tree planting event is a fun, eco-friendly family activity that offers children of all ages a nature experience to beautify and enhance our community and watch their plantings grow over the years. It is also a way to enjoy a fun time outdoors (rain or shine) and participate in an important community service. Please see the SFL website for more information.

The advent of Spring brings new construction and home improvements in Sunfish Lake; as such, there are workpeople often needing in-home access. We’ve experienced a **drastic increase (nearly 3x that of previous years)** in the number of security alarm calls. This presents an undue burden for our Police Department. We ask all homeowners to be mindful of informing workers and guests of their security systems and either providing code access or ensuring alarms are turned off if you are expecting any visitors in your absence. Our police officers will appreciate your increased vigilance. Thank you in advance for your help on this.

I hope to see all of you at both the Spring Fling and Arbor Day and I wish you a fun and safe summer.

Warmest regards,

Dan O’Leary

SUNFISH LAKE SPRING FLING:

Your Sunfish Lake Holiday Party Committee has been having fun while working to make our first citywide event in the past two years a celebration that all of you will look forward to. It's not far away, please mark your calendar for **May 7, 2022**, at the home of Ozzie and Shannon Nelson, 357 Salem Church Rd. We'll gather together beginning at 4:00 P.M. Our theme is **Kentucky Derby Day** so come decked out in your favorite Derby Chapeau and Attire!

Plan to enjoy sharing the evening from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. with your SFL neighbors, enjoying libations suitable for all, appetizers, and, if you're inclined you may take a chance on the Derby winner. We can't wait to see all of you there on **Derby Day**. Look for your invitation with the details in the US Mail soon.



Friends/Neighbors We Lost:

Nancy K Beedon, passed away surrounded by family on January 18, 2022. Nancy was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and enjoyed her Sunfish Lake home for 41 years. Nancy is survived by her husband Douglas, son Wes (Deanne), daughter Sara (Oliver) Crane, granddaughters Isabelle Crane and Ashley Beedon, brother Tom Keene and sister Bev Jones.



Janet Riley, passed away on February 1, 2022. She was a registered nurse and married the love of her life, Jim Riley, in 1961. Janet is survived by her children Sheryl, Jim (Heather), Jonathan (Jill) and Michele (Chris); her grandchildren, Tori (Jason), Olivia, James, Catherine, Jonathan, Nina (Cami), Austin, Thomas, Annabelle, Lucie, Mason, Ella and Isabelle; and her great grandchildren, Tristan and Isla.

Septic Pumping Reminder:

Residential Septic Systems must be pumped every 3-years to remain in compliance with City ordinance requirements. Please be sure to remind the pumper to send notice to Dakota County Environmental Services that your septic system has been pumped. Dakota County will send a reminder postcard to residents who are not in compliance with the 3-year pumping requirement.

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.

BE A CONFIDENT RECYCLER:

Say goodbye to recycling confusion by focusing on these basic items that are accepted by all recycling service providers in Dakota County. These products have stable outlets for recycling and are in demand by companies making new products. Make sure bottles, jars and containers are empty and dry before recycling. They don't have to be perfect — just free of most residue like food and liquids. Leave caps on containers and flatten boxes.

Paper

- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail and office papers

Cardboard

- Corrugated cardboard
- Paperboard (e.g., cracker boxes)

Cartons

- Milk and juice cartons
- Soup, broth and wine cartons
- Juice boxes

Metal cans

- Aluminum, tin and steel cans

Glass bottles and jars

Plastic bottles, containers and jugs

- Containers numbered 1, 2 or 5
- Soda, juice and water bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese and other tubs and lids
- Laundry detergent bottles and jugs
- Clear berry and produce containers

Leave out plastic bags, batteries, black plastic, food and things that can tangle around moving machines. If you're wondering about a specific item, use the online Recycling Guide at www.dakotacounty.us, search *recycling guide*.

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March is MN FoodShare Month

For the past 40 years, the month of March has been the time when the 300+ food shelves in the state conduct a food drive. This drive is instrumental in restocking shelves after the holiday season. The 2022 campaign runs from March 1st to April 11th. Food shelves serving Dakota County residents include Neighbors, Inc., 360 Communities and The Open Door. To learn more, go to www.mnfoodshare.org. In this continued time of COVID 19, the need for food assistance remains overwhelming. If you can help, please consider making a monetary or canned goods donation to your favorite food shelf before April 11th.