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Did You Know?

Sunfish Lake was awarded Federal grant funds from the State of Minnesota to install handicapped accessible automatic door openers at St. Anne's Church as part of the Federal Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) Grant Program.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Where has summer gone? I can't believe summer is almost over! I hope you had a wonderful Labor Day weekend and everyone is ready to go back to school. It has been a productive season in Sunfish Lake: two new homes have been completed and two new homes have been started while other remodel projects of existing homes are underway. Windy Hill Road and Windy Hill Court have been repaired and reclaimed, and the road work on Angell Road is almost finished. The city council is now preparing the preliminary 2015 budget with the goal to not increase the levy.

Our community is strong and we are thankful. I must say something about the tragic loss of Mendota Heights Police Officer Scott Patrick on July 30th. This senseless act of violence left an impact on all of us, and now is the time to look seriously at ways to prevent this from ever happening again. Our council has pledged its support to Mendota Heights and the greater community to work to achieve this. In our own city, it is time to develop a communication tool that can help us face public safety and extreme weather condition events. I'd like us to create an e-mail "blast list" in which crucial information can be shared in a timely and consistent fashion with all of our citizens. We need you to share your e-mail or contact information in order to do this. Please send your e-mail address to our City Clerk Administrator, Cathy Iago at cjiago@Comcast.net. An informed community that knows how to respond to a crisis situation is a strong and connected community. We can be this community in Sunfish Lake. Let's do it! Please send your email address to Cathy Iago so we can begin.

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Warmly, Mayor Molly Park

Officer Scott Patrick Memorial Fund

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union has set up a Scott Patrick Memorial Fund. To donate, call 651-291-3700 or mail your donation to: Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union
175 Lafayette Frontage Road
St. Paul, MN 55107

Upcoming Community Events

Neighbors Inc., a non-profit social service agency, will hold their annual Duck Race on Sat., Oct. 4th on Southview Blvd. in South Saint Paul from 11 am to 3 pm. Free admission and to adopt a rubber duck to race is \$5. Races will be held throughout the day, and there will be over \$5,000 in prizes for the winning ducks!

Voting Update and Absentee Ballot Information

There were 94 voters out of a registered 393 voters who turned out to vote representing a 24% voter turnout for Sunfish Lake. Council incumbents Molly Park for Mayor, Mike Hovey and JoAnne Wahlstrom for Council were the only candidates who filed for offices. All three will be placed on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 4th.

Absentee Ballot Applications may be obtained on-line through Dakota County Elections or the State of Minnesota. Residents may obtain a ballot at the Northern Dakota Service Center on Mendota Road in West St. Paul beginning Sept. 19 through Nov. 3, 2014.

Graduation Announcements

The Connors triplets have graduated from Visitation and St. Thomas Academy and will go their separate ways in college: Katie will attend the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, while Michael will head off to Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. Brother Jeremy will attend the University of St. Thomas here in St. Paul.

Molly McFadden (Visitation) will defer her admission to Boston College this fall to work on her father Mike McFadden's US Senate campaign. She will then volunteer at San Lucas Toliman Mission in Guatemala before heading off to Boston for college.

Former SFL resident JR Riley (St. Thomas Academy) will attend Duke University where he will play lacrosse. Caroline Nelson graduated from Visitation and will attend Rollins College in Winter Park, FL.

We would like to celebrate as many of our graduates as possible. Contact Mayor Molly Park with graduation information. Congratulations to all!

Back to School Tips by Maddie Schlehuber

Hello everyone! As you know, school is just around the corner and thought I would share some helpful tips to be successful for the school year.

1. Set achievable goals. If you get a project assigned, set a goal for when you want to finish it so you are not trying to complete it the night before a due date.
2. Use technology. If your school posts homework online, learn how the system works and use it regularly. Help your parents use that system too.
3. Check your grades periodically. It will help you to stay on top of things so you're not surprised when you get your report card.

Sometimes it helps to check in with your teacher, or use an online grade book if your school has one.

I hope my tips will be helpful and everyone has a great start to the school year!

Green Living and Recycling

With a little thought, you can reduce, reuse and recycle during the holidays to give the environment the precious gift of less while saving yourself time, money and stress. Provide condiments in bulk instead of individually wrapped servings. Use decorations that can be reused in future years. If you are providing party favors consider giving sustainable favors, such as a potted plant, or gifts made from recycled or reused materials. If gift giving is involved, encourage attendees to give an "experience", such as concert tickets, instead of "stuff". For more recycling tips, visit www.rethinkrecycling.com

Friends and Neighbors We Have Lost

Larry Coss, 75, ex-Green Tree Financial CEO and generous philanthropist, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on May 19, 2014. Known as a tough negotiator and visionary leader, Larry measured his success by the lives he influenced. His charitable gifts to educational institutions were national in scope. He was a devoted husband, father, brother and friend who never forgot his humble roots. He is survived by his wife Virginia, brother, 7 children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Residents in the News

SFL resident Patricia Penovich, MD, will receive the United Hospital Foundation's Service to Humanity Award at the annual Service to Humanity Gala Sept. 27th. The award is presented to both a physician and a community member who have demonstrated selfless dedication and exemplary leadership in improving the health and welfare of St. Paul residents and the communities served. The community honoree is Moe Sharifkhani, owner of the Downtowner Woodfire Grill and Burger Moe's.

At the recent voter polls, City resident Mike McFadden received 71% of the votes statewide as the Republican candidate for US Senate. Good luck to one of our own!

Bee Keeping and Chicken Coop Information

The City has received several requests from residents to be able to keep chickens or bees on their property. The keeping of farm animals on residential properties is an allowed use which requires approval of an administrative permit by City staff.

The administrative permit review process provides the City the opportunity to consider potential public health, safety and general welfare concerns posed by the animals in question, to verify the adequacy of the site and buildings to accommodate animals, and to notify neighbors of the proposed animal keeping project to be able to assess possible negative impacts upon other properties.

The cost for an administrative permit from the City is \$200 which is submitted to the City with an application form and information describing the proposed chicken or bee keeping project.

Should community members have questions regarding the regulation of chicken and bee keeping in the City, or would like to know more about how to proceed with an administrative permit to be able to keep chickens or bees on their property, contact City Planner Michelle Barness at 763-231-2555, mbarness@nacplanning.com