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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The glorious season of summer has arrived and if you are like my family, it's your favorite time of year! I hope you are all well and enjoying this beautiful weather. Since the snow has melted, we've had a lot of activity in our community, and I have a few highlights to share with you.

Sunfish Lake hosted the Minnesota Mayors Association Annual Conference in Bloomington from April 29th through April 30th. Over 100 mayors and 42 guests were in attendance, this was the largest group to date. We toured the new U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, had a visit from Governor Mark Dayton, and participated in a stimulating program about Minnesota's successful Business Climate. Sunfish Lake had an All-Star team panel to represent our community. Led by Myles Shaver, the residential panel included Bonnie Holub, Mike McFadden, and Ozzie Nelson who all shared their business expertise at the conference. The event was capped off with a beautiful dinner buffet at the home of Bob Riesberg and Christine Hartman. The mayors and their guests were spellbound! They got to experience first-hand what a special community we have.

The Sunfish Lake Annual Arbor Day Green Fair was held on Sunday, May 1st at the new Wildflower Planting Demonstration area which is located near the intersection of Salem Church Road and Windy Hill Road. Arbor Day was led by the Sunfish Lake's Forester Jim Naves and Master Recycler and Composter, Shari Hansen. If you would like to get involved with recycling initiatives in Sunfish Lake, please let me know. Don't forget to watch the wildflowers grow as the summer progresses. Thanks to all who participated!

On Wednesday, May 11th a special Charlton Road neighborhood meeting was held at the Mendota Heights Fire Station to discuss the possibility of updated road maintenance such as part or all of the road a bituminous surface aggregate. We wanted neighbors to hear information and share ideas, and we will keep you informed as this progresses. That's all for now, stay safe and enjoy our Minnesota summer weather! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mollypark@mac.com or 651-455-8809.

Warmly,
Mayor Molly Park

*The SFL Team Panel at the
Minnesota Mayor's Association
Annual Conference on April 30th, 2016
in Bloomington, Minnesota.*



From left to right: Bonnie Holub, Mike McFadden, Ozzie Nelson, Myles Shaver and Mayor Molly Park

Metropolitan Airport Commission Questionnaire Feedback

The MAC is developing a questionnaire to share with citizens who live in the Noise Oversight Committee cities. MAC wants to measure how well its airport use and policies are perceived by people living in its affected communities.

The questionnaire will be administered later this summer. Qualitative feedback is encouraged. Please contact Mayor Molly Park if you wish for your voice to be heard.

*Do you have any Special News or
Announcements you would like featured in
the next SFL Quarterly? If so, please
let Mayor Molly Park know by July 30th!*

Did You Know?

In 2013, Americans generated about 254 million tons of trash, and recycled and composted about 87 million tons of material. This is equivalent to a 34.3% recycling rate. On average, per person per day, we recycle and compost 1.51 pounds of our daily individual waste generation, out of a total average of 4.40 pounds. Organic material continues to be the largest component of Municipal Solid Waste.
EPA, epa.gov/smm

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Special Reminders

Graduation Announcements Parents of high school graduates, we want to celebrate your students' achievements! Please submit their name, high school name, and future plans to Mayor Molly Park by July 30th.

False Police Alarms When a property has more than two false alarms requiring a police response within a 12 month period, the Sunfish Lake City Ordinance imposes a user fee of \$50 for the third false police alarm. A user fee for each false police alarm of more than three within the 12 month period is \$100. Please review instructions for setting or disarming alarm systems to avoid these charges and to help reduce false police alarms.

Septic Pumping Residents must have their septic systems pumped every three years. Dakota County records the information provided by the company hired to pump residential septic systems. Dakota County will send out a reminder if a septic system has not been pumped.

Lake Access Permits For lakeshore residents who wish to allow visitors lake access, visitors must carry a permission slip signed by you. Forms are available at sunfishlake.org under "permit forms" or through the West St. Paul Police Department, 651-552-4200. Periodically, the WSP Police and the DNR monitor our area to make sure visitors are carrying permits. Remember, no motorized boats allowed.

Summer Tips by Maddie Schlehuber

Hi everyone, I have a few important tips to help you have a safe summer outdoors! When outdoors, always stay sky-aware and be prepared. Always tell an adult where you go. Before going outside, spray the top of your head and hair with sunscreen, and spray your socks and ankles with bug-spray to ward off mosquitoes and ticks. Always check for ticks after spending time outdoors. When in doubt, don't touch mushrooms or eat plants that you find, they could be poisonous. Write down and keep a record of all the new things you find or discover this summer!

If you or a family member gets stung by a bee, remove the stinger. If you are allergic to bee stings, seek emergency medical attention right away. It's helpful to carry an EpiPen (epinephrine auto-injector) in case someone who is allergic may need to use it.

Stay safe and a summer filled with lots of new adventures!

Upcoming Events

Taps & Apps: Happy Hour Benefiting Neighbors, Inc. Event will be held on Wednesday, June 22nd at the Wabasha Brewing Company from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$25 per person, \$20 for Neighbors, Inc. volunteers. Ticket's include a flight of four beers (21+), light appetizers, and access to games and a silent auction. Neighbors, Inc. events support efforts to provide social services in northern Dakota County. Please visit neighborsmn.org/ for more information.

2016 Election Information

Primary Election, Tuesday August 8th Voters may only chose candidates under one party at this election.

General Election Tuesday, November 8th Candidates for the City of Sunfish Lake will be listed on the General Election ballot. Polling location is at St. Anne's Church, located at 2035 Charlton Road, Sunfish Lake. Polls are open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Absentee Balloting Begins Friday, June 24th. All voters in Minnesota may now choose to vote before Election Day by absentee ballot without providing a reason. You can obtain an absentee ballot at the Northern Service Center 1 Mendota Road West, West St. Paul. 651-554-6600.

City of Sunfish Lake Candidate Filings Will open on Tuesday, August 2nd and close Tuesday, August 16th. Officer's to be elected: Mayor for a 2-year term and Two Councilmembers, each serving a 4-year term.

If you are interested in filing for Affidavits of Candidacy the filing fee is \$5. And if you want to serve as an Election Judge, please contact Sunfish Lake City Clerk Cathy Iago at 651-768-7542 or by email at cjiago@comcast.net. Office hours are **Mon-Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The office will remain open until **5 p.m.** Tuesday, August 16th. Candidates have until Thursday, August 18th at **5 p.m.** to withdraw their candidacy.

Sunfish Lake Now a "GreenStep" City

On Monday, May 9th Sunfish Lake became the 108th "GreenStep" city in Minnesota. "GreenStep Cities" is a Continuous Improvement Program designed to help communities achieve their sustainability and quality of life goals. Best Practices include the most efficient and effective development of programs for recycling and land and water management. These are among 29 different areas of measurement. The City of Sunfish Lake's Forester Jim Naves and Master Recycler and Composter Shari Hansen will co-chair this exciting program for us.

On Wednesday, June 15th at the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Convention in St. Paul, Sunfish Lake will be among other cities honored during an Achievement Ceremony. Currently, Sunfish Lake is at the Step One Level. With each passing year, it will be possible to move onto higher levels of achievement. To learn more, please visit greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/