

Treeways

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Living the Life

So, you just moved in from St. Paul, Edina, Eden Prairie, California or New York. You have always lived where street sweepers came by often to tidy up the street in front of your house. You had a sidewalk by the street that you were required to keep clear of snow/ice in the winter by City ordinance. The front sidewalk ran down the block providing a safe place to walk the dog.

Welcome to the City of Sunfish Lake! Here streets are swept once per year to collect the previous winters' ice sanding sand. Nobody requires you to clear whatever sidewalk you may have, although it is a good idea for your personal safety and so your home looks lived-in. Bonfires are allowed most of the year but do require obtaining a burning permit – call the City Forester for more information. You have lots of neighbors (usually around 525) but it will take a significant effort to meet them because in most cases you will need to walk through the woods or across a meadow or down a long driveway to get to their homes. In these unsettled times, it is worth the effort to meet your neighbors. Getting to know your neighbors makes all our families safer and our neighborhoods more fun and cohesive. **Community resilience must be built and it does take time and it is so worth the effort!**

Any resident can have a significant influence on our quality of life and isn't that why we all moved here anyway? There are many ways to get involved with your City/neighborhood including: Tree Board, Planning Commission, Welcome Committee, Friends of Musser Park, History of Sunfish Lake Project, Annual Party Committee, City Council, Neighborhood Watch, and others. Our Mayor would love a call to say that you want to get involved!

There is an annual **Arbor Day Green Fair** event usually held on the first Saturday in May. This year that is **May 4**. An **All-City Party** is typically held in the spring or during the end-of-year Holidays and all residents are invited. Watch for the announcement and there is a fee to cover expenses.

There are walking trails in both Musser Park and in Harmon Park. Park along the adjacent street and the trail is easily located. Anyone can fish in Sunfish Lake or Hornbeam Lake or Horseshoe Lake however since the lakes are surrounded by private property you will need to get permission from a lakeshore owner to access that lake. Get an access form from the City website, have it signed by that lakeshore owner and keep it with you while fishing. So get out to meet your neighbors, enjoy a walk in the parks or on the trails, attend annual events and get involved.

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