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City of Spring Lake Park Quarterly Newsletter



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Terrace Park Community Building Project Receives \$450,000 CDBG Grant

The City of Spring Lake Park has been awarded a \$450,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from Anoka County to support the reconstruction of the Terrace Park Community Building. The project represents a significant investment in one of the City's most popular neighborhood parks and will provide a modern, accessible facility for residents to enjoy for years to come.

The new building will replace the aging warming house and include accessible restrooms, improved amenities, and enhanced accessibility features that better serve residents of all ages and abilities. The project builds on previous improvements at Terrace Park, including the recently renovated playground and new pickleball courts, and reflects the City's ongoing commitment to maintaining high-quality parks and recreational facilities.

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Proposed Terrace Park Community Building. The new facility will replace the existing warming house and provide modern, accessible amenities for residents and park visitors.

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Meeting Broadcast Spring Lake Park Channel 16

City Council Meetings

Live: Every first and third Monday of the month at 7:00PM

On-demand video link on city website.

Replays: Mon–Sun (1:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM)

Channel 16 Live Streaming 24/7

City Planning Commission Meetings

Live: Every fourth Monday of the month at 7:00PM

On-demand video link on city website.

Replays: Mon–Fri (7:00AM, 3:00PM & 10:00PM)

Council Round-Up

April

- Ordered plans for the 2026 Street Improvement Project, which includes Plaza Boulevard, Theron Terrace, Center Drive, Sunset Road, and a portion of the Highway 10 Service Drive.
- Approved land use requests for a cannabis cultivation operation at 8478 and 8480–8492 Central Avenue NE, a retail workforce training program at 8421 Center Drive NE, Suite B, and vehicle sales/repair uses at 8375 Sunset Road NE.
- Accepted a \$15,000 Twins Community Fund grant and authorized matching funds for drainage improvements for the Terrace Park ballfields.
- Received the SBM Fire Department quarterly report, including updates on call volume, response times and expanded service coverage.
- Approved the purchase of a new unmarked Police Chief squad vehicle and creation of a seasonal Community Service Officer position as a pathway to a sworn officer position.

May

- Authorized the City to apply for a grant from the Metropolitan Council to support the 2050 Comprehensive Plan update.
- Approved year-end financial transfers to close completed funds and support future capital needs, including street and park improvements.
- Heard a presentation from Spring Lake Park High School students on ways to improve teen engagement in Parks and Recreation programs.
- Received an update that Anoka County approved Community Development Block Grant funding for the Terrace Park building project.
- Declared the costs to be assessed for the 2026 Street Improvement Project after bids came in approximately 13% below the original estimate.

June

- Received the annual Board of Equalization presentation, including an overview of the 2026 assessment cycle and property value trends.
- Approved a Conditional Use Permit for an adult daycare facility at 8407 Plaza Boulevard NE.
- Advanced the 2026 Street Improvement Project by holding the assessment hearing, adopting assessments and awarding the construction contract.
- Authorized design work for the 2027–2028 Water Tower Rehabilitation Project and professional services for the Terrace Park Building Replacement Project.
- Cancelled the 2026 Street Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project after staff determined the work was not needed this year, saving most of the project cost for future street maintenance.

Spring Lake Park City Meetings on Podcast

Search “Spring Lake Park City Meetings” on Apple, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Podbean, Amazon Music, iHeartRadio, or Pocketcasts. Meetings are available the day following all City meetings.

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Terrace Park Community Building Project

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"This grant allows us to make a major improvement to Terrace Park while minimizing the impact on local taxpayers," said Mayor Robert Nelson. "Our parks are important gathering places for families and neighbors, and this project will help ensure that Terrace Park continues to serve our community for decades to come."

A unique aspect of the project is the City's partnership with the Spring Lake Park High School Construction Trades Program. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, students will participate in the construction of the building, gaining valuable hands-on experience while helping create a lasting community asset.

"We're excited not only about the building itself, but also about the educational opportunities this partnership creates," said Parks and Recreation Director Anne Scanlon. "Students will have the chance to apply their skills in a real-world setting while contributing something meaningful to their community. It's a win for our parks, our schools, and our residents."

Construction will begin this fall with site preparation work. During the school year, the Construction Trades program will start construction. Upon completion, the new Terrace Park Community Building will provide improved facilities for park users, recreational programs, community gatherings, and special events.

2026 Street Improvement Project Scheduled for Summer Construction

The City of Spring Lake Park will begin construction of the 2026 Street Improvement Project this summer as part of the City's ongoing pavement management program. The project will improve portions of Plaza Boulevard, Theorin Terrace, Center Drive, Sunset Road, and the Trunk Highway 10 Service Drive.

The improvements will include milling and resurfacing existing streets, localized pavement repairs, spot replacement of deteriorated curb and gutter, catch basin adjustments, and other maintenance work designed to extend the life of the roadway system. No sanitary sewer, water main, or major storm sewer replacement is planned as part of the project.

The streets included in the project were generally last paved between 1997 and 2001 and have reached the point where preventative maintenance is necessary to preserve the underlying roadway structure and avoid significantly more expensive reconstruction projects in the future.

The City recently received competitive bids for the project, and the results came in below engineering estimates. As a result, the total project cost and property assessments are approximately 13 percent lower than originally projected in the feasibility report. The final project cost is approximately \$497,000, with assessments totaling approximately \$432,000 and the balance funded through the City's Revolving Construction Fund.

Construction is expected to begin in July and be substantially completed by October, weather permitting. Residents and businesses in the project area will continue to have access to their properties throughout construction, although temporary traffic delays and short-term access restrictions may occur during certain phases of the work.

Additional project updates will be posted on the City's website and social media channels as construction progresses.



City Council Filing Opens July 14

Affidavits of Candidacy for City Council begins at 8:00 AM Tuesday, July 14, 2026, through 5:00 PM Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

The Mayor and two (2) City Council Member seats are up for election on the ballot in November. The two (2) Council Member seats will be four-year terms (2027-30), and the Mayor seat will be a four-year term (2027-2030).

If you are interested in running for an open seat, you must file an Affidavit of Candidacy. Candidate filing packets will be available July 14 at City Hall from 8:00 AM – 4:15 PM.

The filing period will open on Tuesday, July 14 and will close on Tuesday, July 28 at 5:00 PM. The filing fee is \$15 and must be paid with cash, check, or credit card.

Candidates may withdraw from the ballot by filing an affidavit of withdrawal at any time during the filing period and through Thursday, July 30 at 5:00 PM. Filing fees are non-refundable.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

CHANGES to Absentee Ballot Services

Spring Lake Park residents who are unable to go to their polling place on Primary Election Day or on General Election Day may cast an absentee ballot by mail by visiting www.mnvotes.org for an application or in-person at the County office during the 46 days prior to each election.

The Primary Election In-Person (Early) voting will be available at City Hall, beginning **July 17**. Voters may early vote at the Spring Lake Park City Hall during the hours, 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning **July 17**. Early voting will also be available at City Hall on the Saturday, August 8 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and until 5:00 PM on Monday, August 10.

The General Election In-Person (Early) voting will be available at City Hall, beginning **October 16**. Voters may early vote at the Spring Lake Park City Hall during the hours, 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning **October 16**. Early voting will also be available at City Hall on Saturday, October 24 and 31 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM, Tuesday, October 27 until 7:00 PM, on Sunday, November 1 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and until 5:00 PM on Monday, November 2.

Voters who live in Anoka County, and wish to vote absentee by mail, can download the absentee ballot application any time at www.anokacounty.us/absenteevoting or they may call 763-324-1300 to have an absentee ballot application sent to them.

Voters who live in Ramsey County, and wish to vote absentee by mail, can download the absentee ballot application any time at www.co.ramsey.mn.us/elections/absentee or they may call 651-266-2171 to have an absentee ballot application sent to them.

For more information about elections and voter registration, go to www.anokacounty.us/elections or www.ramseycounty.us/search/site/elections or visit www.mnvotes.gov.



Summer Property Maintenance and Nuisance Prevention

As summer arrives, the City encourages all property owners to take proactive steps to maintain their properties and help preserve the safety, appearance, and health of our community. Seasonal property maintenance not only enhances neighborhood aesthetics but also helps prevent potential hazards and nuisance conditions.

Dead and Diseased Trees

One of the most important summer property maintenance concerns is the removal of dead, dying, or diseased trees. Trees affected by disease, insect infestations, storm damage, or decline can quickly become a safety hazard. Falling limbs and weakened trunks pose risks to people, homes, vehicles, and utility lines.



Property owners are responsible for monitoring the condition of trees located on their property and taking appropriate action when trees become hazardous. Early identification and removal of diseased trees can also help prevent the spread of disease and invasive pests to healthy trees throughout the community.

Residents who are unsure about the condition of a tree should consider consulting with a certified arborist to evaluate its health and determine whether treatment or removal is necessary.

To help protect public safety and preserve the health of the community's urban forest, the City of Spring Lake Park will be implementing a proactive enforcement program focused on dead and diseased trees. City staff will be conducting inspections throughout the community and issuing correction notices to property owners when dead, dying, or diseased trees are identified. Property owners receiving a notice will be provided with information regarding the required corrective actions and compliance timelines.

The City's goal is to address hazardous trees before they become a danger to people or property and to limit the spread of diseases and invasive pests that can negatively impact neighboring trees and the community as a whole.

Tall Grass and Weeds

Summer growth can occur rapidly, and property owners are reminded to keep lawns, weeds, and other vegetation properly maintained. Under City Code, grass and weeds may not exceed eight (8) inches in height. Excessive vegetation can create nuisance conditions, harbor pests, obstruct visibility, and negatively impact neighboring properties.



Regular mowing and trimming help maintain community standards, improve neighborhood appearance, and contribute to community pride.

Outdoor Storage and General Property Maintenance

Residents should also take time to evaluate their properties for outdoor storage issues and general maintenance concerns. Accumulations of junk, debris, discarded building materials, appliances, furniture, or other unused items can create nuisance conditions and attract rodents and insects.

Maintaining a clean and orderly property benefits both individual homeowners and the community as a whole.

Working Together for a Better Community

The City appreciates the efforts of residents who take pride in maintaining their properties. By addressing dead and diseased trees, controlling vegetation, and preventing nuisance conditions, property owners help create a safer, healthier, and more attractive community for everyone.

If you have questions regarding property maintenance requirements or would like to report a potential nuisance concern, please contact the City's Code Enforcement Department at info@springlakeparkmn.gov.



Bathroom Exhaust Fans: A Hidden Fire Risk

Bathroom exhaust fans are easy to overlook, but they play an important role in home safety. Over time, dust and lint can build up inside the fan, insulating the motor and increasing the risk of overheating and fire.

Taking a few minutes to regularly inspect and clean your fan can make a big difference. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations, remove any dust or lint buildup, and wash the cover with warm, soapy water – making sure it is completely dry before reinstalling. If your fan isn't working properly, it's best to contact a licensed electrician for assistance.

A simple cleaning can help prevent a dangerous situation and keep your home safe. For any fire safety questions, contact the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department at 763-767-4003.



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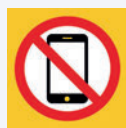
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10 Tips for Summer Driving from the Minnesota Safety Council

- *Put the phone down.* Minnesota law requires hands-free use but phone-free is always best!
- *Buckle up every ride.* Seat belts remain one of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent serious injuries for all passengers.
- *Slow down.* Higher speeds reduce reaction time and make crashes more severe, especially in summer traffic, construction zones, and neighborhoods.
- *Drive sober.* Plan ahead for a sober ride if drinking or using any impairing substance, including marijuana.
- *Pay attention.* Avoid fiddling with the entertainment systems, in-vehicle grooming, eating and other distractions.
- *Avoid driving drowsy.* Take breaks or switch drivers. Drowsy driving is just as dangerous as drunk driving.
- *Watch for motorcycles, bikes and pedestrians.* Warm weather brings more people outside and more vulnerable road users near traffic areas.
- *Check your vehicle before trips.* Inspect tires, brakes, lights, wipers, fluids, and air conditioning.
- *Be patient in work zones and traffic.* Expect delays, avoid aggressive lane changes, use the zipper merge system, and follow posted work-zone speeds.
- *Watch for teens and other inexperienced drivers.* Summer means more young drivers on the road, so give them space and model safe driving habits.



Reminder: Parking Restrictions Ordinance

A change was made to the Parking Restriction Ordinance. Ordinance 7.08.020 D(2) now reads: *“No vehicle shall be parked within ten (10) feet of either side of the curbside mailbox, as measured along the edge of the roadway or curb line, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, except on federal holidays when mail is not delivered. This restriction is intended to ensure unobstructed access by authorized mail delivery vehicles.”*



Night to Unite - August 4, 2026

Once again, Spring Lake Park Police Department will be participating in Night to Unite. This is an annual tradition of bringing neighbors together and building the relationships with the police and other community partners. This year, we will be celebrating on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. Please consider hosting a party for your neighborhood. Information on hosting a party along with various ideas for activities and registration forms can be found at springlakeparkmn.gov in the Police Department section. If you have questions, please email Sgt. Karen Fiske at kfiske@springlakeparkmn.gov for more information.



Mosquito and Tick Information

With the warmer temperatures for summer, there is a high chance of being bitten by a mosquito or tick. Both mosquitos and ticks can possibly transmit diseases. Here are some tips to help enjoy your summer and prevent bites:

- Use an insect repellent, but be sure to follow the instructions on the packaging.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and tuck your pant legs into your boots or socks.
- Wear light-colored clothing to make it easier to see the tiny ticks.
- If you're outside for a long period of time, check yourself for ticks frequently.
- Limit mosquito breeding sites by emptying sources of standing water like flowerpots, buckets or barrels.

The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) will be out targeting areas of standing water to help minimize the mosquito population. You may see them using helicopters or drones to treat these areas. Check out their website at mmcd.org for the most up-to-date information on where they will be treating and other useful resources.

Types of Mosquitoes in Minnesota



Tree Hole Mosquito



Summer Floodwater Mosquito



Culex Mosquitoes



Cattail Mosquito



Types of Ticks in Minnesota

	Blacklegged Tick or "Deer Tick"	American Dog Tick or "Wood Tick"	Lone Star Tick
Adult Male			
Adult Female			

Get to Know Your Police Department

Officer Bloomer was hired with the Spring Lake Park Police Department in November of 2021.

Officer Bloomer grew up in Blaine and is a Spring Lake Park High School graduate. He attended college at North Hennepin Community College and graduated with an Associates in Law Enforcement. Officer Bloomer began his career in law enforcement as a volunteer Police Explorer for Blaine PD during his high school years. During his career he has worked as a Community Service Officer, Hospital Security Officer, and was a Deputy with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office prior to joining our agency.

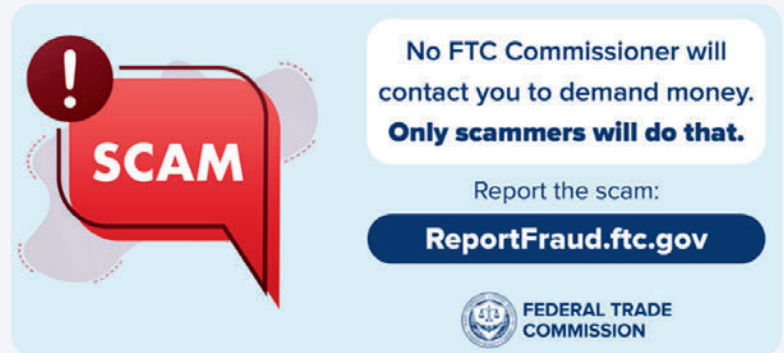
Away from work, Officer Bloomer enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, kayaking, going to concerts, and taking his dog Hank for walks.



Scams, Fraud and Digital Safety Tips

The Federal Trade Commission reports that Americans lose nearly \$119 billion to online scams every year, and recent annual fraud losses are more than \$20 billion! Here are some tips from the Federal Trade Commission to help keep you and your money safe:

- **Pause and verify:** Scams thrive on urgency, fear, or sympathy to get a quick decision. If the scammer claims to be the IRS, law enforcement, or a loved one in danger, hang up immediately and contact the entity or person directly through a trusted, known number.
- **Filter communications:** Don't answer unknown numbers-let them go to voicemail. Do not trust caller ID as phone numbers can be spoofed.
- **NEVER pay with unconventional methods:** Be extremely suspicious if someone demands payment by gift cards, payment apps like Venmo or CashApp, wire transfers like Western Union, or cryptocurrency. These are all big red flags for fraud.
- **Protect your credentials:** Use a password manager and multi-factor authentication (MFA) to secure all your sensitive accounts.
- **Secure your digital life:** Keep your operating systems, browser, and security software up-to-date. Never click on unsolicited links or download attachments from unknown senders. Report them as phishing and block the sender's email.
- File a fraud report with the Federal Trade Commission to aid in government tracking and investigations.



Contact and Connect with Us

Follow us on Facebook for news and useful information on what is happening in our community. Simply search for "Spring Lake Park Police Department" and follow us.

You can also get important information for Spring Lake Park by signing up for Everbridge. Everbridge is Anoka County's Community Alert Program. You select the area of interest in Anoka, as well as the method of how you want to receive the information. Examples of the types of alerts you may receive are as follows:

- Unexpected Major Traffic Disruptions
- Public Health Alerts, i.e. boil water
- Evacuations or other neighborhood emergencies
- Other community news such as community event cancellations or postponements

Visit www.anokacountymn.gov/4635/Community-Notifications and click "Sign Up" at the bottom of the page.

The officers of Spring Lake Park Police Department serve the city and its citizens 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Please call 9-1-1 for any reason, and Anoka County Central Communications will dispatch an officer. We do not dispatch from our office. If you need to speak with a specific officer, police administration, or detective, our front office is available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Please call the office at 763-792-7200 in those instances.

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Common Water Waste Issues that Can Lead to High Utility Bills

Unexpected spikes in your water bill are often caused by hidden water waste inside the home. Two of the most common culprits are running toilets and water softeners that are using more water than they should. A quick check of these systems can help conserve water and keep utility costs under control.

Running Toilets

A running toilet may seem like a minor nuisance, but even a small leak can waste a surprising amount of water every day.

Typical Water Waste

- Slow leak (barely audible): 30-200 gallons per day
- Moderate running (constant trickle): 200-1,000 gallons per day
- Sever running (steady flow you can clearly hear): 1,000+ gallons per day

To put that in perspective, a standard toilet flush uses about 1.6 gallons of water. A severely running toilet can waste the equivalent of hundreds of extra flushes every day.

Common Causes

- Worn-out flapper
- Misadjusted or stuck float
- Leaky fill valve

What to Do

- Listen for constant running water after flushing.
- Check the tank components for wear or sticking.
- Replace worn parts promptly to prevent ongoing water loss.



Water Softeners

Water softeners improve water quality, but they also use water during their regeneration cycles. If the system is malfunctioning or regenerating too often, it can add significantly to your monthly water use.

Typical Water Usage

- Regeneration Cycle: 25-65 gallons per cycle
- Regeneration frequency: typically every 3-7 days
- Total monthly use: 200-800 gallons

Signs Your Softener May be Using Too Much Water

- Softener regenerates daily
- Softener constantly draining
- Salt disappears unusually fast



What to Do

- Check the regeneration settings and ensure they match your household's water usage.
- Inspect the unit for leaks or continuous draining.
- Consult your manufacturer's instructions or a professional if the system appears to be regenerating too frequently.

A Simple Check Can Save Water and Money

Small leaks and inefficient appliances can quietly waste thousands of gallons of water over time. Periodically checking your toilets and water softener can help you catch problems early, conserve water, and avoid unexpectedly high utility bills.

2025 Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

The City of Spring Lake Park is committed to delivering safe, high-quality drinking water to all residents. Each year, we publish a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to share the results of water testing and monitoring conducted in accordance with state and federal regulations.

The 2025 Drinking Water Report confirms that our water meets or exceeds all federal and state drinking water standards. Our water is sourced from deep groundwater aquifers and undergoes regular testing for more than 100 potential contaminants. We are proud to report that no violations were found in 2025.

This year's report includes detailed information on lead and copper sampling, fluoride levels, and testing for emerging contaminants. It also highlights the City's efforts to eliminate lead service lines and provides helpful guidance for residents on how to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water. To read the full report visit <https://springlakeparkmn.gov/utilities>.

If you have any questions about the report or your drinking water, please contact Public Works Director George Linnngren at (763) 784-6491 or email glinngren@springlakeparkmn.gov.

Lawn Care Tips

Mow at higher setting

Grass mowed to a height of 2 1/2 to 3 inches develops deeper, healthier roots and has a competitive advantage over weeds, which helps prevent them from taking over your yard.

Fertilize smart

Most Minnesota lawns only need to be fertilized once a year in the fall. Fertilizer containing phosphorous is unnecessary as soils in our area already contain enough phosphorous to maintain most lawns.

Water less frequently

Most lawns require one (1) inch of water a week. Watering too frequently encourages the grass roots to remain near the surface. By watering less frequently but more thoroughly, roots are forced to search deeper for moisture, which results in longer, healthier root systems that can tolerate the hot summer months.

Manage grass clippings

Do not blow or rake grass clippings and leaves into the street. Leave them on the lawn. Leaves and grass clippings can be used for compost, or you can bag them up and bring them to the yardwaste site.

Seed bare patches to prevent erosion and soil loss

If you have trouble growing grass in a certain area of the yard, such as a shady spot or on a steep slope, consider replacing that section of the lawn with other plants that are more tolerant of the conditions.

Aerate the lawn periodically to loosen the soil

Aeration is done with a machine that pulls two (2) to three (3) inch cores of soil from the lawn allowing air, water, and nutrients to be incorporated into the soil. This improves plant health and water infiltration.

Don't Let Your Utility Bill Get Lost in the Mail—Go Paperless!

To help ensure timely delivery of utility bills, the City encourages residents to enroll in paperless billing for their water utility account.

With paperless billing, your utility bill is delivered directly to your preferred email address, eliminating concerns about mail delays, lost mail, or missed bills. You'll receive secure, reliable access to your account information while helping reduce paper waste.

Make the switch today for a convenient, secure, and worry-free way to manage your utility account year-round. Contact the Utility Department at bbrown@springlakeparkmn.gov or 763-792-7213 to enroll today.

Utility Billing Schedule

1st Quarter	January, February, March	01/01 - 03/31
Billed March 31	Due April 30	
2nd Quarter	April, May, June	04/01 - 06/30
Billed June 30	Due July 30	
3rd Quarter	July, August, September	07/01 - 09/30
Billed September 30	Due October 30	
4th Quarter	October, November, December	10/01 - 12/31
Billed December 31	Due January 30	

If payment is not received by the due date, a 10% late penalty applies.

Utility Payment Options

- **Drop Box**
 - Located outside City Hall entrance: 1301 81st Ave NE
 - Available 24/7
- **Online Bill Pay**
 - Visit our website: www.springlakeparkmn.gov > Utilities > Utility Billing > Quick Bill Pay link
 - Ask for an Online Payment Service Guide handout
- **Phone Payments**
 - Credit / Debit Cards
 - 763-792-7213
- **Recurring Payments**
 - Visit our website: www.springlakeparkmn.gov > Utilities > Utility Billing > Quick Bill Pay link
 - Ask for an Online Payment Service Guide handout
- **Walk-In Payments**
 - City Hall: 1301 81st Ave NE
 - Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



Accepted Payment Types:

- Cash (small bills or exact change appreciated)
- Checks (personal or cashier)
- Credit / Debit cards
- Money Orders
- Bill Pays

All credit / debit card transactions carry a convenience fee.

PLEASE NOTE: Postmarks **NOT** accepted. Please allow 7-10 business days for mail delivery and processing.

Haven't Received Your Utility Bill?

If you normally receive a paper bill and have not received it by the 7th day of the month in which your bill is due, please contact the Utility Billing Department.

If you are signed up for paperless billing, please make sure to check your "Junk" or "Spam" folder in your email. Paperless bills will come from City of Spring Lake Park—Utility Billing noreply@bsacloud.com. You may need to mark this sender as "Not Junk" or "Safe" to see them in your inbox.

Is Your Billing Address Up to Date?

Please inform the City of any changes to your billing address to ensure accurate and timely delivery of your utility bills. Keeping your information current helps avoid delays and disruptions in receiving important billing notices.



Utility Billing: 763-792-7213
bbrown@springlakeparkmn.gov

AUGUST COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY STORYBOOK RAPUNZEL!

**AUG
13**

Join us at Lakeside Lions Park for a storybook experience for everyone. This event brings Rapunzel to Spring Lake Park. Everyone will have a great time. This event is brought to you by Arctic Mechanical.

Lakeside Lions Park 1:00 PM
FREE (no registration)

SUMMER STAR PARTY

**AUG
20**

Check out the evening sky with an astronaut who will guide us through the basics of stargazing. We will have fun crafts and snacks. All are welcome to come and explore the sky no matter your age.

Able Park 7:00 PM
FREE - pre-registration is required at:
<https://slprec.org/parksrec>

ADULT DAY TRIPS

Each outing provides a fun, social, and stress-free way to discover new places, enjoy unique activities, and connect with others. Registration is required for each trip, and full details are available on our website.

**AUG
26** **Tea Garden Sunflower Luncheon**
Aug 26: 10:15 AM \$115

**SEP
9** **Guys & Dolls**
Sep 9: 10:30 AM \$107

**DEC
2** **Annie: Chanhassen Dinner Theater**
Dec 2: 10:45 AM \$113

REC ON THE GO

Designed for children ages 5-12, this daily drop-in program offers a mix of sports, games, crafts, and creative outdoor play. Our staff foster a welcoming, active environment where kids can make friends, try new activities, and enjoy time outside.

The program rotates between parks in Spring Lake Park, Arden Hills, and Mounds View.

Registration is required, and each child must be registered individually for the summer. More program details are available on our website. We look forward to a season filled with learning, laughter, and community spirit!

Participation is **FREE!** Please pre-register in advance at: <https://slprec.org/parksrec>

FACEBOOK

Stay in the loop with everything happening in our parks!

Follow our Park & Recreation Facebook page for events, activities, updates, and fun community moments.



Join us today! www.facebook.com/springlakeparkrec

For more information and to register, visit slprec.org



Upcoming Recycling Days

8AM - Noon



July 11

Recycle Technologies
10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine

September 12

Recycle Technologies
10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine

RECYCLE UP TO 2 ITEMS FOR FREE WITH COUPON

- Appliances
- Lamps / Bulbs / Ballasts / Fixtures
DO NOT TAPE LAMPS TOGETHER
- TV's & Monitors (prices vary by size)
- Car / Truck tires without rim
- Hard Drive Shredding
- Mattresses & Box Springs (all sizes)
- Batteries (small household & rechargeable)
- Propane tanks & dry chemical fire extinguishers
- Exercise equipment
- Miscellaneous electronics
 - Printers, scanners, fax machines
 - Commercial copiers
 - Computer Towers
 - Small electronics (DVD/VCR players, stereos, speakers, coffee makers, record players, toasters/toaster ovens, landline phones, small appliances, video game consoles, etc.)

RECYCLE FOR FREE WITHOUT COUPON

- Holiday lights (**string only, no rope lights or decorations**)
- Scrap metal (must be clean with all non-metal material removed)
- Tablets, servers, cables, laptops & cell phones (if server or laptop contains a hard drive add \$7 each)
- Sealed lead acid car batteries
- Paper shredding - 2 box limit (no laminated or carbon papers or 3-ring binders. Paperclips & staples are okay.)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Child car seats
- Furniture or household goods
- Garbage
- Building, construction, or compost materials
- Household Hazardous Waste (paint, oil, etc.)
- Carbon Monoxide & smoke detectors (can be thrown in the trash after removing battery)

Payment accepted:

Cash or check ONLY

****Small bills appreciated****

RECYCLE 2 ITEMS FOR FREE

Recycle Technologies

10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine, MN

SLP / Up to \$30 Value

LIMIT 1 COUPON PER HOUSEHOLD

DATE :

**JULY 11,
2026**

8 AM - 12 PM

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DATE :

**SEPTEMBER
12, 2026**

8 AM - 12 PM

Coupons and price lists for 2026 recycling events can be found on our website:

<https://springlakeparkmn.gov/recycling>

Residents are responsible for any costs above coupon allowance.

Recycle Technologies & the City of Spring Lake Park reserves the right to refuse items.

Please **DO NOT** drop off items before or after the event.

Questions on the event?

Contact Haley Morrison

763-792-7240 | hmorrison@springlakeparkmn.gov

These events are funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE funds (Select Committee on Recycling & the Environment)

Recycle Smart: Only Put Items that are Recyclable in Your Curbside Cart

Just because you think something is recyclable in your curbside bin doesn't mean it is. Common items such as plastic bags, batteries (especially lithium batteries that are in most cell phones), holiday lights and shredded paper must be brought to a drop-off location. Go to AnokaCountyMN.gov/RecyclingDirectory for information on what is recyclable curbside and where to bring other items not listed.

Recycle the Basic 3:

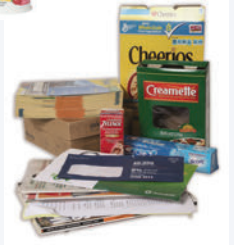
- **Food and Beverage Containers**

- Empty and rinsed food and beverage bottles, cans, and paper cartons (caps on plastic bottles, jugs and cartons, no lids on glass). Only #1, #2, and #5 plastic containers are recyclable.



- **Mixed paper**

- Including newspaper, office paper, and unwanted mail (remove plastic bags, plastic cards, or promotional items)
 - Clean and dry plastic bags and wrap can be brought to a drop-off. Grocery and large retailers collect plastic film by the front entrance.



- **Corrugated Cardboard**

- Flattened, clean (free of grease and food debris), and dry is recyclable (remove any non-paper packaging i.e. Styrofoam™, plastic inserts, or plastic bags and wrap)
 - The Coon Rapids Recycling Center accepts clean, dry, white Styrofoam™. Go to: coonrapidsmn.gov and select recycling center for more information.



Always remember: When in doubt, check it out!

City Hall Recycling Drop-Off

Spring Lake Park offers a FREE recycling drop-off program for all Spring Lake Park residents. The drop-off site is located inside the Link at City Hall and is available to residents Monday through Friday from 8:00AM–4:30PM.

Accepted Items:

- Cell phones (with or without batteries)
- Laptops, iPads, tablets
- PC's (computer towers)
- Hard drives
- Holiday string lights (**NO household / LED lightbulbs or fluorescents**)
- Small hand-held electronics
- Gaming consoles (Xbox, PlayStation, etc.)
- Ink Cartridges
- Batteries (single-use and rechargeable)
 - There is a separate container for batteries located in the Link area. **Please do not place batteries in the Electronics container.**
- Used prescription eyeglasses, non-prescription sunglasses, and reading glasses



Summer Algae Growth

Information provided by the Coon Creek Watershed District
www.cooncreekwd.org

As temperatures climb and the sun shines, many of us look to our local waterways to cool off. The same conditions that drive us to the water in summer, are the same conditions favored by algae. While algae is considered unsightly to many, most algae is harmless to people, pets, and wildlife.

The most common algae spotted in our waterways is filamentous algae. This algae often appears as bright green, stringy mats near shorelines or floating on the water surface. Filamentous algae is harmless to people, pets, and wildlife, and provides habitat and food to aquatic animals.

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria), on the other hand, can produce harmful toxins that pose risks to people, pets, and wildlife. Blue-green algae is often described as looking like pea soup or spilled paint. Hot weather combined with lack of wind or rainfall, increases the chance of blue-green algae developing.

A simple way to help distinguish filamentous algae from blue-green algae is the “stick test.”

1. Place a stick or branch into the algae.
2. Slowly lift it from the water.
 - If the algae appears stringy or wraps around the stick like wet hair, it is likely filamentous algae.
 - If the material breaks apart or looks more like paint or soup in the water, it may be harmful blue-green algae.

While the stick test can be helpful, it is not a guaranteed identification method. When in doubt, avoid contact with suspicious blooms and keep pets out of affected water when algae type is uncertain. Algae growth is commonly fueled by excess nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, entering our waterways through stormwater runoff. Algae growth can be reduced by limiting fertilizer use, picking up pet waste, reducing soil erosion, planting native vegetation near shorelines and drainage areas, and keeping leaves and grass clippings out of streets and waterways.

Small actions throughout the watershed can make a big difference in protecting local water quality and reducing algae blooms in our communities.



Filamentous Algae



Blue-Green Algae



1301 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Dated Material
Postmaster: Time Sensitive Material

Upcoming Events

Office Closed	July 3
City Council Meeting	July 6
Recycling Day (8AM-Noon Recycle Technologies)	July 11
Council Filing Opens	July 14
Absentee Voting at City Hall Begins	July 17
City Council Meeting	July 20
Planning Commission Meeting	July 27
Council Filing Closes (5:00PM)	July 28
City Council Meeting	Aug 3
Absentee Voting (9AM-3PM City Hall)	Aug 8
Absentee Voting Ends (City Hall open until 5PM)	Aug 10
Primary Election Day	Aug 11
City Council Meeting	Aug 17
Planning Commission Meeting	Aug 24
Office Closed (Labor Day)	Sept 7
City Council Meeting	Sept 8
Recycling Day (8AM-Noon Recycle Technologies)	Sept 12
Absentee Voting Begins (General Election)	Sept 18
City Council Meeting	Sept 21
Planning Commission Meeting	Sept 28
City Council Meeting	Oct 5
Absentee Voting at City Hall Begins	Oct 16
City Council Meeting	Oct 19
Recycling Day (8AM-Noon City Hall)	Oct 24
Absentee Voting (9AM-3PM City Hall)	Oct 24
Planning Commission Meeting	Oct 26
Absentee Voting (City Hall open until 7PM)	Oct 27
Absentee Voting (9AM-3PM City Hall)	Oct 31
Absentee Voting (9AM-3PM City Hall)	Nov 1
Absentee Voting (City Hall open until 5PM)	Nov 2

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM, and are held at City Hall,
1301 81st Ave NE.

Street Sweeper Debuts New Name during Tower Days Parade

After receiving several great name submissions from the community and votes from City staff, we're excited to officially introduce the newest name on our street sweeper: **Sweep Caroline!**

She made her debut sporting her new name during this year's Tower Days Parade, and we think she's looking pretty good.

Thank you to everyone who submitted ideas. Be sure to give Sweep Caroline a wave when you see her helping keep our streets clean!



♪♪ Sweeeeeeep Caroline BUM-BUM-BUM ♪♪