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City of Spring Lake Park Quarterly Newsletter



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Spring Lake Park Tree Sale

Sponsored by the Spring Lake Park Lions

The City of Spring Lake Park is pleased to announce a community tree sale this spring, made possible through a generous donation from the Spring Lake Park Lions.

Through this program, the City will cover the majority of the cost of each tree, with residents responsible for a \$50 co-pay per tree. Each property is eligible to purchase up to two (2) trees at the discounted rate. Additional trees may be purchased at the nursery's regular price.

To help ensure proper placement, trees must be planted within the property owner's yard and not within the boulevard easement.

Residents can place their tree orders beginning March 30 by visiting:
<https://tree-trust.myshopify.com/>

The website will guide you through the ordering process and provide a selection of tree varieties to choose from.

Order Deadline: May 22, 2026

Tree Pickup: June 6, 2026, at Spring Lake Park City Hall 8:00AM - NOON
Limited home delivery may be available for residents who need assistance.

If you have questions about the program, please contact the Public Works Director, George Linngren, at 763-792-7227.



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Fire (Non-Emergency).....763-786-4436

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City Hall.....763-784-6491

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

January

- Resolution 2026-01 was adopted, confirming annual committee assignments and designating Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff as Acting Mayor for 2026. In this role, she serves in place of the Mayor when absent, presiding over meetings and performing all mayoral duties.
- Conditional job offers were extended to Peter Barta and Philip Pouchak to join the Police Department as officers.

February

- A new two-year labor agreement was finalized with IUOE Local 49, representing Public Works employees.
- The Council authorized a PERA phased retirement arrangement for Police Records Technician Lisa Murphy, allowing her to reduce to 20 hours per week while drawing retirement benefits, resulting in cost savings to the City.
- A lease assignment for 8466 Central Ave was completed, paving the way for Blue Water Restaurant LLC to open a Mediterranean restaurant in the former Sunset Grill space.
- The City moved forward with implementation of DocAccess software to support compliance with federal accessibility requirements for online documents.

March

- The 2026 Street Improvement Project advanced with Council acceptance of the feasibility report and scheduling of a public hearing for April 6. The project includes mill and overlay improvements on Plaza Blvd, Theorin Terr, Center Dr, Sunset Rd, and a portion of the Trunk Highway 10 Service Drive, addressing aging pavement and extending the useful life of these streets.
- An Interim Use Permit was granted for Rec Direct at 1109 County Hwy 10, allowing operation of an auto and marine sales showroom and supporting continued commercial activity along the Highway 10 corridor.
- The City adopted the updated Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan, maintaining eligibility for federal disaster assistance funding.
- The City Council accepted the resignation of Austin Becker from the Public Works Department and approved the promotion of Public Works seasonal employee Grant Antoine to fill the newly vacant position.
- The City Council accepted the resignation of Philip Pouchak from the Police Department.
- Improvements to the Able Park Building moved forward with installation of acoustical panels to address echoing issues during events, improving sound quality and overall usability of the space for rentals and community programming.

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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Follow us on Instagram: [@springlakeparkmn](https://www.instagram.com/springlakeparkmn)

City of Spring Lake Park Seeks Election Judges

Learn the election process, serve your community and become an election judge!

The City pays \$18.50/hr for general election judges and \$20.00/hr for head or assistant head judges. The Primary Election is held in August, and the General Election is in November.

We are required to have an equal party affiliation during the elections, so if you wish to be an election judge please visit our website www.springlakeparkmn.gov/elections to fill out an election judge application, or call Wanda at 763-784-6491.



City Council Filing Opens July 14

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

There are two (2) City Council Members seats and the Mayor seat 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 8:00AM – 4:30PM.

The filing period will **open on Tuesday, July 14** and will close on **Tuesday, July 28 at 5:00PM**. The filing fee is \$15 and must be paid with cash, check or credit card. *Please note that all card transactions carry a processing fee.*

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

For more information about the filing process contact the City at 763-784-6491.

Absentee Ballot Services

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

Voters who prefer to cast their absentee ballot in-person may do so at the Spring Lake Park City Hall during the hours, 8:00AM to 4:15PM, Monday through Friday. In-person absentee balloting will also be available at City Hall on the Saturday prior to each election from 9:00AM until 3:00PM and until 5:00PM the day before each election.

The absentee balloting period for the Primary Election, August 11, 2026, runs from Friday, June 26 through Monday, August 10. For the General Election, November 3, 2026, the absentee balloting period runs from Friday, September 18 through 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.

Property Tax and Valuation Statements

In mid-March, Anoka County mailed out statements for 2026 Property Taxes Payable and Valuation Notices (2026 Valuation that taxes will be based on in 2027). For general questions regarding these statements, Anoka County has an online resource at <https://www.anokacounty.us/281/About-Your-Tax-Statements>.

If you have specific questions about the valuation or the classification of residential properties in Spring Lake Park, call Mary Wells at 763-412-1966 ext. 1 or email her at mnassessormary@gmail.com. For specific questions regarding commercial, industrial or apartment properties, call Erik Skogquist at 763-412-1966 ext. 0 or email him at mnassessorerik@gmail.com.

Most questions and concerns can be addressed with a phone call to Mary or Erik. If you prefer an in-person meeting with them, you may go to the appeal meetings on Tuesday, May 5 from 1:00PM-7:00PM or Wednesday, May 6 from 8:00AM-4:30PM at the Anoka County Assessor's office (2100 3rd Ave, Room 160, Government Center, Anoka). If you plan to come to the in-person meetings, you are encouraged to call 763-324-1175 to make an appointment so that your wait time is minimal when you arrive.

Property Assessor 2026 Annual Review

Assessors are required by state law to visit and physically inspect each property once every 5 years. The purpose of this visit is to ensure that the assessment record details are accurate to ensure a fair estimated market value is set. The estimated market value is used to allocate property taxes. This year, starting in April or May, the Spring Lake Park City Assessors will be working in the area outlined below:

If your property is in the review area, here's what you can expect:

- The assessor will come to the property and knock or ring the doorbell. If an adult is present, an inside review may be requested depending on the last time a full review was done. The assessor will also walk around the outside of all buildings (if accessible) to verify exterior characteristics.
- If no one is there when the assessor stops by, they will leave a door tag with instructions if they have questions.
- Characteristics of the property that affect market value are age, square footage, quality of construction, condition, basement finish, recent remodeling, location, etc.
- The assessor will be wearing an official identification badge and carrying business cards.

In addition to the 5-year review area outlined above, the assessor will visit new construction, permit, and remodeling work of all property types in all areas of the city throughout the year.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation during this year's assessment review. If you have any questions, call City Assessor Mary Wells at 763-412-1966 Ext. 1 or email her at mnassessormary@gmail.com.



City Transitions to New .gov Website and Email Address

The City of Spring Lake Park has transitioned its website and email addresses from *slpmn.org* to *springlakeparkmn.gov*. This change follows a recent update in Minnesota law requiring local governments that administer elections to use an official .gov internet domain.



Cities like Spring Lake Park play an important role in administering state and federal elections. City staff manage voter registration, provide election information, and operate polling places for residents. Because election administration depends on accurate information and trusted communication, the State of Minnesota now requires local governments involved in elections to use verified government internet domains.

The .gov domain is reserved exclusively for verified government entities in the United States. Unlike .org or .com domains, which can be registered by almost anyone, .gov domains are issued only after confirming the identity of the government agency. This makes it easier for residents to recognize official City communications and reduces the risk of fraudulent emails or websites impersonating government agencies.

Moving to a .gov domain also strengthens cybersecurity protections. The domain requires higher security standards that help prevent phishing attempts, email impersonation, and other cyber threats. These safeguards are especially important for communities that administer elections, where protecting accurate information and maintaining public trust are critical.

The City's website is now available at *springlakeparkmn.gov*, and City email addresses have changed from *@slpmn.org* to *@springlakeparkmn.gov*. For the foreseeable future, emails sent to the old addresses will still reach City staff, but residents are encouraged to update their address books with the new contact information.

This transition helps ensure residents can easily identify official City communications while strengthening the security and reliability of the City's online services.

Citizen Survey Now Open - We Want to Hear from You!

Your voice matters in shaping the future of Spring Lake Park! The City has launched its annual City Services Survey as part of the voluntary Performance Measurement Program through the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor. This survey helps us understand how well we're delivering the services you rely on every day.

We're asking residents to share their experiences with key services such as police, fire, city streets, parks, water and sewer systems, snowplowing, and the overall appearance of the community. Your feedback plays a vital role in guiding improvements, setting priorities, and measuring our performance over time.

Taking the survey is quick, easy, and one of the most impactful ways to help strengthen our community. You can access it on the City's website at <https://springlakeparkmn.gov/community/page/citizen-survey> or by scanning the QR code. The link will also be available on the City's Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram pages.

The survey is open now through Friday, May 15, 2026.

Make your voice heard – help shape the services and future of Spring Lake Park!

SCAN ME!



<https://forms.gle/J33YA9Pcrfb6wCqB8>

Proposed State Law Would Limit Local Decision-Making on Housing

The Minnesota Legislature is currently considering the “Starter Homes Act” (HF 3895 / SF 4123), a proposal that would significantly change how cities across the state plan and regulate housing. While the stated goal of the legislation is to increase housing supply, the approach raises concerns about the loss of local control and the reduced role of residents in shaping their communities. Under the proposal, cities like Spring Lake Park would be required to allow increased housing density in designated areas, including permitting duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes on at least one-third of residentially zoned land and allowing multifamily housing in portions of commercially zoned areas. In addition, many of these developments would be approved administratively, meaning decisions could be made by staff rather than through public hearings and City Council review.

Although the bill includes exemptions for smaller cities, it applies to most metropolitan-area communities, including Spring Lake Park, and limits a city’s ability to apply certain design standards, regulate lot sizes, and ensure new development fits the character of existing neighborhoods. Traditionally, zoning decisions are made locally, with residents able to provide input through public meetings and elected officials accountable for those decisions. This proposal shifts that balance by reducing public input opportunities, preempting local authority, applying a one-size-fits-all approach across diverse communities, and limiting the planning tools cities use to manage growth responsibly. While cities would remain responsible for infrastructure, public safety, and service levels, the bill reduces their ability to ensure development aligns with those responsibilities.

If you do not want to lose your voice in how Spring Lake Park grows and develops, now is the time to speak up. Residents are strongly encouraged to contact Sen. Mary Kunesh (sen.mary.kunesh@mnsenate.gov) and Rep. Erin Koegel (rep.erin.koegel@house.mn.gov) and ask them to oppose the Starter Homes Act. Thoughtful input from residents is critical to ensuring that local voices remain part of decisions that shape our community.



Spring Lake Park Lions
PANCAKE BREAKFAST & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

APR 19

FREE ENTRY

Join the Spring Lake Park Lions for their popular all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 8:00 AM to Noon at Spring Lake Park High School Cafeteria (Door #29). Enjoy fluffy pancakes, French toast, sausage, eggs, juice, milk, and coffee—all for a free-will offering that supports local community programs. While you're there, explore the Community Showcase featuring local exhibits, a craft and bake sale, and fun activities like face painting for the kids. Bring your family, friends, and appetite. There's something for everyone!

FREE-WILL-OFFERING

Time: 8:00 AM-Noon

LOCATION: SPRING LAKE PARK HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA - DOOR #29



Spring Lake Park
Parks and Recreation
763-792-7201
slprec.org/parksrec

PLANT & GARDEN TOOL SWAP MEET

THURSDAY
MAY 7
6:00-8:00 PM

FREE

SPRING LAKE PARK CITY HALL PARKING LOT
1301 81ST AVE NE

Dig it or Ditch what you bring

- Viable split plants, extra veggie plants, indoor plants, herbs, flowers, plant seeds.
- Gardening tools, pots, gloves things you no longer need, but someone else might.
- Anyone welcome to come meet locals who share gardening passion and swap knowledge, plants and things.

**Please be prepared to take what is not picked up by 8pm*



Seasonal Reminders from Code Enforcement

As we move into spring and early summer, Code Enforcement would like to share seasonal reminders and helpful information to keep our community safe, clean, and in compliance. Our goal is always voluntary compliance through education and communication.

Spring Property Maintenance Reminders

Lawn & Weed Maintenance

- Grass and weeds must be maintained at a height not exceeding eight (8) inches.
- Noxious weeds should be removed to prevent spreading.
- Regular mowing helps maintain neighborhood appearance and property values.

Junk & Inoperable Vehicles

- Vehicles must be currently registered and operable.
- Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles may not be stored outdoors.
- Vehicles may not be parked on grass surfaces. Only on an approved driveway surface.

Exterior Storage

- Outdoor storage in residential districts should be limited and orderly.
- In commercial and industrial districts, storage must comply with approved site plans and screening requirements.

Common Questions We Receive

- **Can I park my trailer or RV in my driveway?**
 - Yes, but only if it is parked on an approved driveway surface.
- **Can I work on vehicles in my driveway?**
 - Minor maintenance is typically acceptable; however, long-term storage of inoperable vehicles is not permitted.
- **Do I need a permit for a shed or fence?**
 - Accessory structures and fences require zoning permit and, in some cases, a building permit. Always check before starting a project.

Safety Reminders

As residents begin Spring clean-ups:

- Do not accumulate combustible materials near structures.
- Dispose of household waste properly.
- Ensure house numbers are clearly visible from the street for emergency response.

Planning a project this Summer?

Before starting:

- Contact City Hall to determine if a permit is required.
- Verify contractors are properly licensed.
- Ensure any exterior work complies with zoning setbacks and height requirements.

A quick phone call before starting a project can prevent delays and costly corrections later.

Working Together

Code Enforcement works closely with other City departments to ensure properties remain safe and compliant. Our objective is not punishment, but maintaining community standards that benefit all residents and businesses.

Contact the Code Enforcement Department for specific questions and permit information.

 (763) 784-6491
 www.springlakeparkmn.gov
info@springlakeparkmn.gov



Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are small devices that make a big difference! Working alarms save lives. Take a few minutes each month to test your alarms and replace batteries at least once a year. Smoke alarms themselves should be replaced every 10 years to ensure they're working properly. For the best protection, make sure alarms are installed on every level of your home and near all sleeping areas.

Need help checking or installing alarms? SBM Fire is happy to assist residents with smoke alarm needs. Call 763-767-4003 to schedule an appointment and help keep your home and family safe.

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-  Follow us on Instagram @SBMFireDept
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Retirement, Promotion, New Assignment, and a New Officer



*Detective
Tony Bennek*



*Detective
Aaron Imig*



*School Resource Officer
Kelsey Smith*

The end of February brought some change to the department. Detective Tony Bennek retired on February 27, 2026, with 15 years of service to the Spring Lake Park Police Department, and over 30 years total in law enforcement. We want to thank Detective Bennek for his service and wish him well in his retirement.

With Detective Bennek's retirement, Officer Aaron Imig, who was most recently the School Resource Officer at Spring Lake Park High School, has been promoted to the Detective position. Detective Imig has been with the department for 10 years, and he brings a wealth of knowledge into his new role.

The promotion of Detective Imig then left the School Resource Officer position open. Officer Kelsey Smith has volunteered to serve as our new School Resource Officer. Officer Smith has been with the department for four (4) years, and she has been making a smooth transition into her new role.

The department hired one new officer in January and he is currently in the field training program. Officer Peter Barta is busy learning the role of police officer in Spring Lake Park. Look for future issues to contain an introduction to Officer Barta as well as an update on Detective Imig.

Temporary Traffic Change for Tower Days Festivities

Tower Days is the annual celebration in Spring Lake Park with festivities at Lions Lakeside Park on Saturday, June 6. The increase in attendance has led to some traffic difficulties in the area. For the 2026 celebration, there will be a temporary traffic flow change for **McKinley St NE, 79th Ave NE, and Pleasant View Dr NE**. This area will become one-way traffic to allow for parking on both sides of the street while maintaining traffic flow. *Please note: this is a slight change as there will be no festivities happening at the Lions Lakeside Park on Sunday this year.*

- McKinley St NE will be one-way traffic going southbound from 81st Ave NE to 79th Ave NE
- 79th Ave NE will be one-way traffic going eastbound from McKinley St NE to Pleasant View Dr NE
- Pleasant View Dr NE will be one-way traffic going northbound from 79th Ave NE to 81st Ave NE

There will be temporary signage along the route during the weekend. There will also be a designated area for handicap and motorcycle parking along 79th Ave NE. As always, vehicles are not allowed to park in such a manner as to block a driveway or mailbox. Please see the map for further explanation of the temporary change. If you have questions regarding this temporary change, please call the Police Department (763-792-7200) or Parks and Recreation (763-792-7201).



Juvenile Curfew

As the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, more time will be spent outside. The City of Spring Lake Park and neighboring communities share and enforce the same curfew hours for all juveniles. Spring Lake Park Ordinance 13.04.050 contains information regarding juveniles under the following ages, and states they may not be in a public place without direct parental or guardian supervision:

Under Age 12

- Sunday - Thursday: 9:00PM to 5:00AM
- Friday and Saturday: 10:00PM to 5:00AM

12 to 14 Years of Age

- Sunday - Thursday: 10:00PM to 5:00AM
- Friday and Saturday: 11:00PM to 5:00AM

15 to 17 Years Age

- Sunday - Thursday: 11:00PM to 5:00AM
- Friday and Saturday: 12:00AM to 5:00AM



Severe Weather Awareness Week

Minnesota's Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 13-17, 2026. The statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 16 at both 1:45PM and 6:45PM. Outdoor warning sirens will sound for a simulated tornado warning. The first drill is intended for institution and businesses. The evening drill is for second shift workers and families. This is the perfect time for families to plan and practice what to do in the event a tornado is approaching. Please visit dps.mn.gov and search "Severe Weather Awareness Week" for more safety topics.

Information about various topics related to severe weather will be presented each day by the National Weather Service - Twin Cities. Please check out their social media posts for more information; search "US National Weather Service Twin Cities Minnesota" on Facebook. The topics they will cover each day are as followed:

- Monday, April 13 - Weather Alerts and Warnings
- Tuesday, April 14 - Severe Storms, Lightning and Hail
- Wednesday, April 15 - Floods
- Thursday, April 16 - Tornadoes
- Friday, April 17 - Extreme Heat

Fireworks Safety

Here are some safety tips when dealing with fireworks. Also remember that not all fireworks are legal in Minnesota. Check out the following State Fire Marshal's page for more information on what is legal and what is not (dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm).

Firework injuries have been on the increase in recent years. According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were 11 reported fireworks-related deaths in 2024, most were involving misuse and device misfire or malfunctions. They also stated an estimated 14,700 people were injured by fireworks, an increase of 52% compared to 2023. Adults ages 25 to 44 had the largest percentage of injuries at 32% with those ages 15 to 24 at 24%. The frequently injured body parts were the hands and fingers at 36% followed by head, face and ears at 22%, with burns being the most common injury.

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks. Sparklers burn at temperatures near 2000° F.
- Keep a bucket of water or garden hose ready, in case of a fire.
- Light legal fireworks one at a time, then move away quickly. Never try to relight or pick up a "dud."
- Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Some communities restrict or ban common fireworks. Know your local ordinances.



Get to Know Your Police Department

Officer Gulbranson joined the Police Department in October 2024. Officer Gulbranson was born and raised in Anoka County. She began her career in the law enforcement as a Community Service Officer with the Fridley Police Department. After graduating from Hennepin Technical College, she was hired as a police officer with Spring Lake Park Police Department.

In her free time, Officer Gulbranson enjoys spending time with her family, being around animals, and getting outdoors whenever she can. She is excited to serve the community and looks forward to building strong relationships with the people she serves. If you see Officer Gulbranson, say "Hi" and welcome her to our community!

The Fourth of July is a time to celebrate and have fun. To make your holiday "sparkle," take safety precautions to protect you and your family. The Minnesota Safety Council recommends that you:

- Attend only community-sanctioned events. Many communities hold fireworks displays sponsored by fire department or other safety agency.
- Establish a safe viewing area. The safest place to sit is at least 500 feet away from the staging area.



Night to Unite - August 4, 2026

Make sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 4, 2026 for this year's Night to Unite! This evening continues to be a remarkable night filled with activities and residents coming together to build a safer community and focus on crime prevention. Start planning your neighborhood party as some of our parties have grown to include ice cream socials, cookouts, potlucks and even kiddie carnivals! The sky's the limit for what you can do.

Watch our website, www.springlakeparkmn.gov, for the registration forms and party ideas. We look forward to participating in your neighborhood parties!



Contact and Connect with Us

The Police Department would also like to remind you that officers are available to serve our 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 out of 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, 8:00 AM—4:30PM. Please call 763-792-7200.

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 Like us on Facebook @slppd



Help Us Rename Our City Street Sweeper!

Our city street sweeper currently goes by the name “Justine,” but we’re starting a new tradition—renaming the street sweeper each Spring! To kick things off, we’re inviting community members to help us choose the next name.



Submit one (1) or two (2) name ideas for the street sweeper using the SurveyMonkey link below. Whether your idea is clever, funny, or inspired by our community, we’d love to hear it!

Submissions are due by June 1, 2026.

After the submission period closes, all entries will be compiled and City staff will vote to select the winning name. The chosen name will be proudly displayed on the street sweeper as it helps keep our streets clean throughout the season.

We’re excited to make this a fun annual tradition—so get creative and help us rename our hardworking Public Works teammate!

Submit your ideas here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDL3GNX>

Odd and Even Day Watering

Spring Lake Park has regulations for outside water use. Per Resolution No. 93-17 if your address ends in an odd number, outdoor watering is allowed only on the odd numbered days of the month. If your address ends in an even number, outdoor watering is allowed only on even days of the month. Exceptions are allowed for new sod, seed or landscaping for the first two weeks after planting.

Public Works Seasonal Employment

The City of Spring Lake Park Public Works Department is hiring for seasonal Employees. Visit our website www.springlakeparkmn.gov to view the detailed job description and job application.

Applications can be turned in at City Hall, 1301 81st Ave NE, Monday through Friday from 8:00AM—4:30PM or emailed to info@springlakeparkmn.gov.

Applications are due by Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Hydrant Flushing

City employees will begin flushing the water system the week of April 20. The following dates have been scheduled for flushing:

Monday, April 20—Friday, April 24
Monday, April 27—Friday, May 1

As in the past, residents are cautioned AGAINST DOING LAUNDRY OR MAKING ANY USE OF THE WATER SYSTEM WHICH COULD CREATE A DISCOLORATION PROBLEM. IF YOU NEED TO DO LAUNDRY PLEASE DO SO AFTER 4:00PM.

It is **not possible** to determine which areas of the City will have an excessive amount of sediment at any particular time during the flushing, as the water pressure and location of the water lines sometimes causes a disturbance many blocks from the point of flushing.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is expected to begin in early May, weather permitting and run until the first round of sweeping is complete. It is very difficult for the driver of the sweeper to see all of the activity around him, so everyone is cautioned to maintain a safe distance from the street sweeper.



Parents, PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN TO KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE STREET SWEEPER.

WE'RE
Hiring

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.springlakepark.gov > Utilities > Payment options
 - 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 > Payment options
 - Ask for an Online Payment Service Guide handout
- **Walk-In Payments**
 - City Hall: 1301 81st Ave NE
 - Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00AM - 4:30PM



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

Parks and Recreation News and Updates

For all programs or classes register at slprec.org or by calling **763-792-7201**.

EMPLOYMENT

Looking for a fun, flexible, and rewarding part-time job this Summer? Join the City of Spring Lake Park team! We're hiring energetic, community-minded people for a variety of Summer seasonal roles.

Help Make Summer Great

- Flexible hours
- Build skills, gain experience, and make a real impact
- Work outdoors, with youth, or behind the scenes—your choice!
- Great for students, teachers, and anyone wanting summer work

Paid Positions Available

- Able Park Adventurers Staff (work with kids in a fun day camp program)
- Youth Sports Officials (softball umpires)
- Summer Public Works Crew Members



Contact Parks and Rec for more information!



(763) 792-7201



recinfo@slpmn.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want to make a meaningful impact without a huge time commitment? Our volunteer roles are a great way to give back, stay active, and have fun! We'll provide training and support.

Youth Sports Coaches & Assistant Coaches (softball)

- Help kids learn teamwork, confidence, and sportsmanship
- Flexible schedule with short, manageable time commitments
- A fun way to get involved and stay connected to the community
- Perfect for parents, retirees, high schoolers, college students, and sports lovers

Make a difference in your community while having fun this summer!
Apply today and help create unforgettable experiences in Spring Lake Park.

New **FREE** programs for youth and adults!

➔ REC ON THE GO!

Rec on the Go! is a new, free, mobile summer program bringing high-quality activities directly to neighborhood parks. Designed for children ages 5–12. Watch our website slprec.org or Facebook page (facebook.com/springlakeparkrec/) to find a park near you. ***Sign-up required***

➔ ARCTIC MECHANICAL STORYBOOK CHARACTER EVENTS

Join Spring Lake Park Recreation and Arctic Mechanical for storybook character events at Lakeside Lions Park this summer. Watch our website (slprec.org) or Facebook page (facebook.com/springlakeparkrec/) for a dates and times.

➔ LEARN TO FLY

Ever dreamed of flying? This is your chance! Join us at this free Learn to Fly Program Wednesday, May 27 at 6:00PM. Register at slprec.org. ***Sign-up required***

Able Park Adventurers

Bigger, Better, and More Fun Than Ever!

Your child's favorite summer program is expanding! Able Park Adventurers is now offering **full-day sessions** designed for active kids who love to explore, create, and play — and for busy families who appreciate safe, reliable, all-summer options.

Registration is OPEN and spots are filling fast!

Program Hours

- Full Day: 8:30AM – 4:30PM (weekly cost \$175)
- *Optional Early Care:* 7:30 – 8:30AM (weekly cost \$20)
- *Optional Late Care:* 4:30 – 5:00PM (weekly cost \$15)

Simple & Flexible Payment Options

- Only a \$25 non-refundable deposit per week holds your spot
- A credit card is required on file for billing two weeks prior to each session
- **Paying for the entire summer upfront? Enjoy a 5% discount!**



Give your child a summer filled with adventure, friendships, and unforgettable memories — and give yourself peace of mind knowing they're in a safe, fun, supervised environment all day long.

Full details and registration at slprec.org, or call **763-792-7201**.



Youth Co-Rec Softball

Youth Co-Rec Softball Leagues for ages 5-18*

May 11 - August 1, 2026

**Players must be the required age by May 11*

**Youth age 18 must have graduated high school in Spring 2026.*

Teams meet twice per week, with 1-2 practices and one weekday game (Monday - Thursday)

Game schedules by age group:

7U (ages 5-7) : Tuesdays at 5:45PM or 7:00PM

10U (ages 8-10): Tuesdays at 5:45PM or 7:00PM

13U (ages 11-13): Thursdays at 5:45, 7:00, or 8:15PM

18U (ages 14-18): Mondays at 5:45, 7:00, or 8:15PM

Tournament weekend: July 30 - August 1 (backup date August 2)

Fees: \$89 per child | Deadline: April 24



Lil' Slugger T-Ball

Ages 4-5

Runs June 8 - July 8

Games on Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00PM

Fees: \$49 per child



FREE SENIOR CLUBS

BINGO

2nd & 4th Monday of the Month
1:00PM SLP City Hall

BOOK CLUB

1st Thursday of each month.
11:00AM SLP City Hall

Mar: The Letter Carrier by Francesca Giannone

Apr: The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

All of our senior clubs are free to join and drop-in friendly—no registration needed! Just come by, connect with others, and enjoy activities at your own pace.

CARD MAKING CLUB MIXER

New! 3rd Monday of the Month
1:00PM SLP City Hall

UP & DOWN THE RIVER

3rd Monday of the Month
1:00PM SLP City Hall



HAND AND FOOT

Wednesdays
1:00PM SLP City Hall

500 CARD CLUB

Thursdays
1:00PM SLP City Hall

Got a Hobby? Start a Club!

Cards, cribbage, Mahjong, knitting, crocheting—anything goes!

We've got the space, if you've got a skill. Want to lead or join? Trip our Tours Wish List, Let us know!

Please stop in and talk to us, call us, or email us today!

For all programs or classes register at slprec.org or by calling **763-792-7201**.

Adopt-A-Flower Garden in Spring Lake Park!

Help make Spring Lake Park bloom! Individuals, families, groups, Scouts, and businesses can “adopt” a park garden and keep it looking great all season.

What you do for vibrance and beauty:

- Choose garden based on preference & availability
- Weed & Water
- Prune

Want to help, but not adopt?

- Donate plants (gift cards welcome)
- Sponsor a garden and support city beautification

Available Gardens

Able Park, Terrace Park, Sanburnol Park, Westwood Park, Triangle Memorial Park, Lakeside Lions Park

Get Involved:

Learn more and grab the form at www.slprec.org/parksrec or scan the QR code below.

Let's grow something beautiful—together!



ADULT HEALTH & ENRICHMENT

Engage in adult activities and classes that foster relaxation, healthy living, and creativity. These programs help build skills, nurture habits, and provide fulfillment. Here's a look at what's coming up:

- 55+ Drivers Discount Program
- Foot Care Clinic
- Yoga & Zumba Fitness
- Pickleball Classes
- Mandala Rock Painting
- Seminars: Medicare 101, Fall Prevention, Bared Owls
- Outdoor Activities: Bird Walks, Paddle Boarding

ADULT DAY TRIPS

Join us for unforgettable adult day trips featuring live entertainment and scenic views! Enjoy musicals, comedy acts, and new dining experiences. Don't miss our Mississippi and St. Croix cruises this summer for memorable adventures. Upcoming events include:

- Little Women at the Guthrie - May 29
- Minnesota Twins Game - June 3
- Nobody's Perfect at Howard Conn - June 18
- Guys & Dolls at Chanhassen - June 24 or Sept 9
- Mpls Queen River Cruise and Mystery Stop - June 30
- Wicked at Orpheum - July 30
- Laff Boat Comedy Cruise on the St. Croix - August 14

Spring Lake Park Tower Days

Thursday, June 4 – Saturday, June 6

new!

Days and Events!

Join us for an exciting lineup featuring:

SideTwo
Band
Friday

Transit Authority
Friday Night

Pie Eating
Contest
Saturday

Community Parade

Bingo & Prizes

Tasty Bites

AFW Wrestling

Beer Garden Vibes

Ninja Anywhere Action Course

Classic Car Show

Fireworks Finale

And so much more!

Last Pick'd
String band
Saturday

Good for Gary
Saturday Night

Craft &
Vendor Fair
Saturday

Power Local Moments. Create Lasting Impact.

Sponsor Spring Lake Park's Tower Days. Enhance your brand through sponsorship of our biggest event of the year.

The earlier you sponsor, the longer your exposure!

- **Tower Tribute \$5,000+**, Top billing, premium exposure, and exclusive perks
- **Spring Lake Legacy \$2,000 - \$4,999**, High visibility and strong brand presence
- **Community Champion \$1,000 - \$1,999**, Support with impact and recognition
- **Neighborhood Supporter \$500 - \$999**, Great for small businesses and local leaders
- **Friend of Tower Days \$0 - \$499**, Perfect for individual and grassroots supporters

Contact: Anne 763-792-7201 | ascanlon@springlakeparkmn.gov



Upcoming Recycling Days

8AM - Noon



April 25

Spring Lake Park City Hall
1301 81st Ave NE

May 9

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
 - 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

Spring Lake Park City Hall

1301 81st Ave NE

SLP / Up to \$55 Value

LIMIT 1 COUPON PER HOUSEHOLD

DATE :

APRIL 25, 2026

8 AM - 12 PM

RECYCLE 2 ITEMS FOR FREE

Recycle Technologies

10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine, MN

SLP / Up to \$30 Value

LIMIT 1 COUPON PER HOUSEHOLD

DATE :

MAY 9, 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)

Keep it Loose

Recycling centers are intended to sort milk jugs, cardboard boxes, metal cans and glass bottles – not plastic bags. Plastic bags are an unwelcomed guest in your home recycling cart because they cause problems at recycling facilities.

To make sure your items get recycled properly, keep all plastic bags and plastic wrap and film out, and don't bag your recyclables. If you use a plastic bag to collect and carry your recycling, empty it directly into the cart and then toss the bag in the regular trash.

If a plastic bag finds its way into the recycling facility, it can tangle around sorting machines and stop all production as they need to be hand-cut from the equipment. It can pose a serious safety risk for workers, and it contaminates quality recyclables.

What you can do:

- Keep all plastic bags and plastic film and wrap out of your recycling cart – including bread bags, food storage bags, cling wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags and wrap from around paper towels and toilet paper.
- Put all paper, cardboard, cartons, metal cans, and glass and plastic containers loose in your cart.
- If you need to use a bag for your recycling, use a paper bag.



Plastic bags can be recycled but not in your recycling cart. Take clean and dry plastic bags, film and wrap to a local retailer like Cub Foods, HyVee, Target and more – look for their recycling station located within each store.

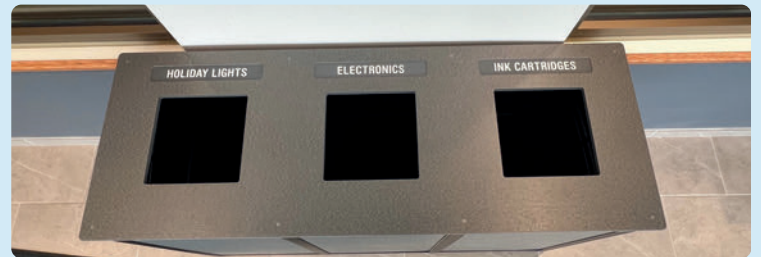
For more information about recycling and where to bring plastic bags, visit <https://www.anokacountymn.gov/1653/Search-the-Recycling-and-Disposal-Direct>.

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



Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale Coming this June!

June 13, the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) is partnering with local governments, soil and watershed districts, nonprofits, and other organizations to help residents conserve water and reduce waste. Together, we're offering high-quality rain barrels and compost bins made from 100% recycled materials—all at a low cost to area residents.

A local distribution event will take place at the Anoka County Highway Department, making it easy for residents to pick up their preordered items. These rain barrels and compost bins are a great way to save money, protect our waterways, and keep valuable organic material out of landfills.

Residents of Rice Creek Watershed District and Coon Creek Watershed District are eligible for an additional \$20 discount on a rain barrel by using the special code **RCWD2026** or **CCWD2026** at checkout. Not sure if you qualify? Check your eligibility here: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/cd5079c2ca4645458d9b3046c13c97b7>.

Preordering is required, so don't wait! For more information and to reserve your rain barrel or compost bin, visit: <https://recycleminnesota.org/rain-barrel-compost-bin-sale/>

Take advantage of this opportunity to make a positive impact on your yard and the environment. Together, we can conserve water, reduce waste, and protect Minnesota's natural resources!



Scan the QR code to learn more:



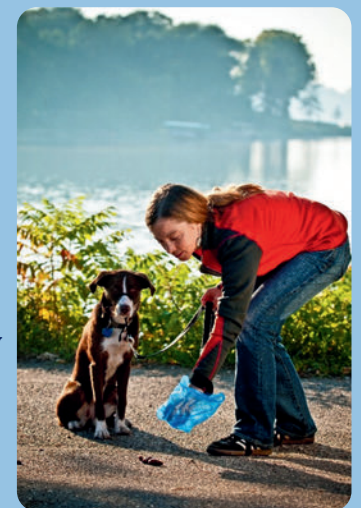
A Reminder to Dog Owners

As temperatures rise and snow is replaced with rain, it's essential to continue picking up after your dog, even in your own backyard. Dog waste contains harmful bacteria, like E. coli, and excess nutrients that promote algae growth, harming water quality. Rain washes pet waste into storm drains that carry the pollution into our lakes, ponds, and creeks. This can make the water unsafe for activities like fishing and swimming, and can harm aquatic life.

To help minimize these impacts, dog waste should always be disposed of properly in trash bins or designated pet waste stations. Picking up after your pet is not only the right thing to do, it is also required by Spring Lake Park City Ordinance 92.01.

By using trash bins or pet waste stations, you can help protect our local waterways and wildlife, ensuring a cleaner and safer environment for everyone. No matter the season, always remember to pick up the dog waste!

This information was provided by the Coon Creek Watershed District: cooncreekwd.org, 763-755-0975.





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Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting	Apr 6
City Council Meeting	Apr 20
Recycling Day (8AM-Noon City Hall)	Apr 25
Earth Day Clean Up (9AM-11AM Able Park)	Apr 25
Planning Commission Meeting	Apr 27
City Council Meeting	May 4
Plant & Garden Tool Swap (6-8PM City Hall)	May 7
Recycling Day (8AM-Noon Recycle Technologies)	May 9
City Council Meeting	May 18
Office Closed (Memorial Day)	May 25
Planning Commission Meeting	May 26
City Council Meeting	June 1
City Council Meeting	June 15
Office Closed (Juneteenth)	June 19
Planning Commission Meeting	June 22
Absentee Voting Begins (Primary Election)	June 26
Office Closed	July 3
City Council Meeting	July 6
Recycling Day (8AM-Noon Recycle Technologies)	July 11
Council Filing Opens	July 14
City Council Meeting	July 20
Planning Commission Meeting	July 27
Council Filing Closes (5:00PM)	July 28

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

Need Organics Bags?

Residents in need of organics bags can pick them up free of charge at City Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30PM.



Dog/Cat License

Spring Lake Park City Code 9.12 mandates all dogs and cats kept or harbored within the City to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. Furthermore, the tags must be affixed to the dog. **DOGS AND CATS MUST BE LEASHED UNLESS THEY ARE CONFINED IN THEIR YARD.** Please print information on this form and return it to the City **with proof of current rabies vaccination.** Your license, certificate and tag will be sent to you upon approval. The license year runs from April 1 to March 31.



Mail to:

City of Spring Lake Park
1301 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

- Non-neutered/spayed dog/cat (\$25.00)
- Neutered/spayed dog/cat (\$10.00)

Pet's name: _____

Color: _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____

Vaccination Date (*proof required*): _____

Approx. Weight: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____