Presidential Nomination Primary 2020

In March 2020, Minnesota will hold a Presidential Nomination Primary to vote for each major party's nominee for president.

**March 3, 2020**
- Polling Place hours: 7 a.m to 8 p.m.
- Find your polling place, visit www.sos.state.mn.us.
- Absentee voting begins January 17, 2020 at City Hall.
- You may request a mailed ballot by going to www.mnvotes.org or by calling the Anoka County Election Office at 763-324-1300.
- Voters wishing to vote early can place their ballot directly into the voting machine, rather than use absentee ballot envelopes, for one week prior to the primary election. Direct balloting for the Presidential Nomination Primary begins on February 25 at Spring Lake Park City Hall, the Anoka County Election Office for our residents who reside in Anoka County, or the Ramsey County Election Office for our residents who reside in Ramsey County.

**The Ballot**
- Only major political parties will participate; each party has its own ballot with only their candidates listed.
- You will be required to request only one party's ballot when you vote, whether absentee or in-person at your polling place.
- Your ballot will only list nominees for president for the party you requested.
- A record of which party's ballot you selected will be made available to the major political parties.
- Each major party chair will submit a list of candidates for their party, and will decide if there will be a write-in space on the party's ballot.
- The presidential nomination primary results will determine Minnesota's delegates for each major party.

**What Happened to the Precinct Caucuses?**
- Precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions will still take place for other party business.
- Precinct caucuses are meetings run by state political parties. They are the first in a series of meetings where parties may endorse candidates, select delegates, and set goals and priorities (party platform).
- 2020 Precinct Caucuses will be held Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. Caucus locations will be posted at www.mnvotes.org shortly before the caucus date.

**Why the Change?**
- In 2016, the Minnesota legislature passed a law establishing a Presidential Nomination Primary.
- The State Primary Election will be held August 11, 2020, for offices other than president.

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Council Round-Up

September
- Cancelled and/or reduced bond levies for 2020 property taxes payable.
- Appointed Lisa Dircks to the City Council to fill a vacancy left by Robert Nelson due to his appointment as Mayor.
- Granted a variance to allow construction of a garage addition at 8216 Polk Street NE.
- Appointed Dustin Lemke as a new Police Officer.
- Amended the City’s Private Activity Bond Policy.
- Accepted amendments to the Council committee appointments.

October
- Adopted Ordinance 455 amending its storm and surface water ordinance. The ordinance amendments require watershed district approval of all property related activities regulated by the watershed district prior to municipal approval and requires property owners to perform maintenance on their existing private storm water ponds.
- Established a new administrative subdivision process to allow staff to administratively approve a small lot split or lot combination application.
- Approved a site plan approval for improvements at Monte’s Sports Bar.
- Approved plans and authorized bidding for the Garfield Pond improvements.
- Appointed Jessica Abt and Wesley Goldberg to fill two openings as Recreation Program Supervisors in the Recreation Department.
- Approved issuance of Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds for Excell Academy in Brooklyn Park. These are conduit debt bonds the City issued on behalf of Excell Academy and are not obligations of the City for repayment.
- Approved water tower site lease agreement with Verizon Wireless.

November
- Amended the Hy-Vee Planned Unit Development to permit a 60 foot pylon sign for the site, as well as column signage on the Aisles Online canopy.
- Purchased snow plow for 2018 Chevrolet pickup.
- Approved an agreement with Anoka County to fund the City’s 2020 Residential Recycling Program.
- Certified delinquent utility accounts for collection by Anoka County and Ramsey County with property taxes.
- Approved a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Mounds View for building inspection services.
- Approved 2020 Recycling and Public Utilities budgets.
- Awarded contract for the Garfield Pond Improvement Project to Jacon, LLC for $410,789.00.
- Authorized new park equipment for Terrace and Able Parks.
- Authorized purchase of new Code Enforcement vehicle.

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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 PM
On-demand video link at city website
Replays: Monday—Friday (1:00 AM & 7:00 PM)
Channel 16 Live Streaming 24/7

City Planning Commission Meetings
Live: Every fourth Monday of the month at 7 PM
On-demand video link at city website
Replays: Monday—Friday (7:00 AM, 3:00 PM & 10:00 PM)

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Have a great photo of life in Spring Lake Park you would like to share? E-mail it to info@slpmn.org for possible inclusion in a future City publication.
City of Spring Lake Park Budget Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2020 budget information concerning the City of Spring Lake Park to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minnesota Statues 471.6965. This is not the complete city budget. The complete city budget may be examined at the City of Spring Lake Park, 1301 81st Avenue NE. The City Council adopted this budget on December 16, 2019.

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| Property Tax Levy Requirements to Fund the Budget | $3,435,515 | $3,553,246 |
City of Spring Lake Park

2020 General Fund Budget

2020 Revenues

- Property Taxes: $3,285,402
- State Aids: 644,310
- Permits, Licenses & Fees: 156,752
- Charges for Services: 156,181
- Miscellaneous Revenues: 110,320
- Interfund Transfers: 169,147
- **Total: $4,522,590**

2020 Expenditures

- Administration: $479,950
- Council: 72,627
- Contractual Services: 243,223
- Police: 1,881,853
- Fire: 293,842
- Code Enforcement: 193,913
- Government Buildings: 103,705
- Street Department: 261,269
- Recreation: 325,906
- Parks Department: 325,830
- Transfers/Contingency: 340,472
- **Total: $4,522,590**

The 2021 budget planning process will begin in mid-June. If you have comments or suggestions regarding next year’s budget, please call City Hall at 763-784-6491. Budget meetings are open to the public and the date and times for those meetings are posted at City Hall in advance of each scheduled meeting. Public input in this important process is encouraged or welcomed.

If you have any questions regarding the 2020 Budget, please don’t hesitate to contact Administrator Daniel Buchholtz at dbuchholtz@slpmn.org.
The recent fire deaths that occurred in Spring Lake Park on November 18, 2019, have affected all of us. Our condolences go to the family and friends of Richard Nelson and Rodney Nelson. Their loss is felt by all of us and is a stark reminder of how deadly fire can be. Occurrence and recognition of this tragedy brings many questions, mainly what can be done to prevent something like this from happening again. As your Fire Department, we have many programs designed to reduce the risk of injury or death by fire. However, within our community, WE must all work together to reduce risk.

We have done well in the United States, over the last 50 years, to reduce fire deaths. Unfortunately, the death rate from fire has begun to trend up after a very long decline. In 2017, 3400 people lost their lives due to fire, which is the highest rate since 2008. Most fire deaths (77%) occur in single family homes with fire departments in the U.S. responding somewhere to a structure fire every 24 seconds. This place of occurrence is reflected in the top five fire causes as reported by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

- Cooking
- Heating
- Electrical
- Smoking
- Candles

So how do we prevent these fires from causing serious death/injury or from even occurring? The NFPA recommends the following actions:

- Increased and wide spread public education how to avoid serious injury or death if a fire occurs
- Install and maintain smoke detectors
- Wider use of residential sprinklers
- Address the fire safety needs of higher risk groups such as older adults, economically disadvantaged and disabled citizens
- Additional ways to make home products safer from fire

The good news with all of this is the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department (SBMFD) is here to help in many ways. The SBMFD provides many programs and services to the residents of the three cities we protect. In addition, the SBMFD is a leader in many innovative programs which are provided at no additional cost to residents and business owners. The SBMFD has many professionals to assist you with what we call Community Risk Reduction (CRR). CRR is a whole concept which includes, but is not limited to, many different elements fire prevention inspections, fire safety presentations, neighborhood canvassing, home safety surveys, public education and response/mitigation. The great news is the SBMFD has many innovative and effective risk reduction programs.

One of the most effective programs for reducing risk in your home are Home Safety Surveys conducted by the SBMFD. SBMFD staff schedule an appointment, come to your home and spend approximately an hour going through your home with you. During the survey, fire hazards will be identified as well as advice provided on how to correct those hazards. In addition, SBMFD personnel may install smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors if broken, missing or expired detectors are discovered. This service is at no additional cost to residents as are all SBMFD’s services. Please call 763-786-4436 or go to our website www.sbmfire.org for more information. Fire Safety is ALL of our responsibility!

Charlie Smith
SBM Fire Chief

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Spring Ahead
March 8
Daylight Savings Begins
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour
Replace the batteries in your Smoke/CO2 detector
Cooking Safety
*Courtesy of National Fire Protection Association*

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

**Cook With Caution**

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol do not use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from your stovetop.

**If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire…**

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner.
- Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

**If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire…**

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

Heating Safety
*Courtesy of National Fire Protection Association*

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

**Be Warm And Safe This Winter!**

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

**Heating Equipment Smarts**

- Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.
- Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.
Getting to Know Your Police Department

This newsletter segment will be focusing on Spring Lake Park Police Department Officer Aaron Imig.

Officer Imig was born in Robbinsdale, Minnesota, but grew up in Blaine and Spring Lake Park. Officer Imig attended Spring Lake Park school district from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Officer Imig graduated from Spring Lake Park High School in 2009. He then attended North Hennepin Community College where he received his Associates Degree in Law Enforcement. Officer Imig married his wife Samantha in 2013. She currently works in the Spring Lake Park school district.

Officer Imig began his career with the Spring Lake Park Police Department on February 1, 2016, he is currently assigned to our Patrol Division working the night shift. Officer Imig also enjoys being part of our Bike Patrol Unit. During the summer, you may see him on a mountain bike patrolling the streets of Spring Lake Park.

According to Officer Imig, the best part of working as a Police Officer for Spring Lake Park is working for the community that he grew up in. When Officer Imig is off duty, he enjoys snowboarding and spending time with his family. He especially enjoys watching his nieces and nephews play sports. During the winter, he is often at the hockey arena watching hockey games, and during the summer months, he is often found at a Spring Lake Park field cheering them on in other sports.

Winter Safety Tips:

With the holidays over and winter in full swing we as Minnesotan’s know how cold it can get during the long winter months. Below are a few winter safety tips to keep in mind during the long winter months.

Cold Weather Safety

Although many of us adults like to stay in during the cold winter months that doesn’t always mean your children are going to want to stay inside. Also, don’t forget your pets during this time of year. Pets may appear to be able to handle the cold better than us, but they are still affected by the cold winter weather. Below is a list of safety precautions from the Department of Public Safety for adults, children and pets during the cold winter months.

For Adults

- Take it easy. Cold puts extra strain on your heart. Heavy exertion such as shoveling snow, clearing debris or pushing a car can increase the risk of heart attack.
- Do not overheat. Dress warmly, but peel layers as necessary to stay comfortable.
- Slow down. Rest frequently to avoid overexertion when working outdoors. If you feel chest pain, stop. Seek help immediately.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water before and while you are working.
- Stay alert. Know the signs of frostbite and hypothermia. Warm extremities frequently.

For Kids

- Stay inside. During snowstorms, blowing snow and cold can make it hard to see and easy to get lost — even close to home. Wait until the storm is gone to go outside.
- Dress right. When going out to play after a storm, dress in snowsuits or layers of clothing, waterproof coat and boots, mittens or gloves and a hat. Avoid cotton clothing or socks as they can soak up water and offer little warmth.
- Wear a hat. Body heat is lost through the head, so always wear a hat or hood. Cover your ears, too. They are easily subject to frostbite.
- Wear gloves. Mittens are even better than gloves, because fingers maintain more warmth when they touch each other.
- Use a scarf. Keep your neck warm. A scarf can also be worn over your mouth to help protect your lungs from extremely cold air.
- Warm up. Go inside often for warm-up breaks. Long periods of exposure to severe cold and wind increase the risk of frostbite or hypothermia. If you start to shiver a lot or get very tired, or if skin turns numb or pale on your nose, fingers, toes or earlobes, go inside right away and tell an adult!
- Stay near adults. Always play near home or where there are adults nearby who can help you. Even familiar places can look different in winter, so don’t get lost.

A new face at the PD:

Officer Dustin Lemke started with the Spring Lake Park Police Department on September 23, 2019. He looks forward to serving the residents of Spring Lake Park in the future.
• Stay away from streets and snowplows. Plows can’t slow down or turn quickly, and the snow and salt they throw is dirty and can hurt you. Cars may be sliding; they could hit you if you’re in the street.
• Stay off of ice. Unless a lake or pond has been checked by an adult for thickness and safety, don’t go out on the ice.

Pets and Animals
• Provide a shelter. Create a place where your animals can be comfortable in severe winter weather. Make sure any outbuilding that houses or shelters animals can withstand wind, heavy snow and ice.
• Bring pets indoors; shelter your animals from wind, snow, ice and rain. Animals need access to a protected supply of food and non-frozen water.

If you follow the above safety tips, you are much less likely to have to deal with frostbite, hypothermia or other winter emergencies. See the Homeland Security and Emergency Management (hsem.dps.mn.gov) website for further details on winter weather safety.

Ice Safety
The City of Spring Lake Park has several lakes and ponds inside its borders. You can never be sure that ice on lakes and ponds is 100% safe. Some ways to judge the strength of the ice is by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature, or whether the ice is covered with snow or not. The strength of the ice is based on all the above factors. Some other factors are the depth of the water under the ice, the size of the lake or pond, water chemistry and currents, the distribution of the load on the ice and local climate conditions. The MN DNR and the City of Spring Lake Park do not check the depth of the ice on any city ponds or lakes. Below is a general thickness guideline put out by the MN DNR. This guideline is for new, clear ice. See the MN DNR website for further details on Ice safety.

UNDER 4" - STAY OFF
4" - Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5" - 7" - Snowmobile or ATV
8" - 12" - Car or small pickup
12" - 15" - Medium truck

Winter Crime Prevention Tips
As the days become colder and shorter, the Spring Lake Park Police Department would like to remind residents of a few tips to help prevent crime this winter.

• Auto thefts during the winter are a classic crime of opportunity. With the cold winter we all like to warm our cars up prior to getting into them. Unless you have a car with a remote starter this can cause some issues if you leave your car unattended and running. It may allow a passing auto thief the opportunity to steal your vehicle.
• Criminals often use the cover of darkness to commit their crimes. Be aware of your surroundings especially while going into a business, waiting at the bus stop or going to your vehicle in a parking lot.
• Continue to lock your homes and keep your garage door closed and secured. Within seconds, thieves can enter an open or unlocked garage and steal items from your car. Oftentimes, identity theft or forgeries quickly follow when the suspect(s) use your credit cards to make unlawful purchases.

Following these tips will reduce your risk of becoming a victim of crime this winter. Please be safe and have a great winter.

Seasonal Parking Restrictions
Listed below are a few reminders:
• Please remember that overnight parking restrictions occur in Spring Lake Park every year. “The overnight parking restrictions are triggered by the calendar not the unpredictable weather!” City Ordinance (71.19) requires “No Overnight Parking” on city streets from November 1 to March 31 between the hours of 2:00 am to 8:00 am.
• City Ordinance (71.19) also requires all vehicles to be removed from the street when there is a snowfall of three inches or more regardless of the time of day, until the roadway has been plowed from curb to curb.
• Please remember that “it is also unlawful to shovel, blow, plow or move your snow out into a public roadway.”

Being aware of these ordinances will assist in preventing the ticketing and towing of vehicles and the expense associated with it. Keeping our streets cleared is a safety issue that affects everyone.

Contact us
The Police Department would like to remind you that we are available for calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We are not dispatched from our Spring Lake Park Office, so please do not hesitate to call 911 for any reason. Anoka County Central Communications will dispatch an officer for your request.

If you would like to speak with a specific officer or Police Administration, during business hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, they can be reached at 763-792-7200.

Thank you and have a safe and happy New Year.
The recent falling temperatures threaten to freeze water meters and pipes. The following are a few tips to take to avoid a disaster of a frozen meter:

- Make sure warm air is allowed to circulate around your water meter and is free of obstruction. Keep in mind the coldest air is near the floor and along the walls of a basement.
- If your water meter is in a separate room, leave the door open to this room to allow warm air to circulate.
- Keep cabinet doors open if your water meter is inside a cabinet.
- If the water meter is in a crawl space or garage, you may want to consider adding insulation.

Here’s some additional tips to prevent pipes from freezing:

- Insulate any exposed pipes. Be sure to protect pipes with northern exposures, and wrap with UL-approved heat tape. Note: Improper use of heat tape or pipe insulation can cause a fire so be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Keep thermostats set to at least 55 degrees if you plan to leave your home for any amount of time or go on vacation. It’s also a good idea to have someone check on the home while you are away and make sure it's staying warm enough to prevent pipe freezing.
- If you plan to be away for a long period of time drain and shut off the water system completely, except indoor fire sprinkler systems.
- Open cabinet doors under your kitchen and bathroom sinks to allow the heat inside your house to keep your pipes warmer. Keep basement or crawl space warm enough to prevent freeze-ups.
- Turn on water faucets and allow hot and cold water to trickle at night from sinks inside your home, especially those located on an exterior wall.

If, in the coming months, you experience a frozen water meter or water line:

- Make sure you and your family members know how to shut off the water, in case pipes burst.
- Be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water.
- Never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch.
- Call the City at 763-784-6491, Monday – Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. The Public Works Water Department may help you choose the best way to “thaw it out” and get it working again or you may need to contact a licensed plumber. If the meter is damaged, property owners are responsible for paying for the new meter which can cost between $155.00 to $215.00. Public Works replaced 15 frozen water meters last winter.

Following these few tips will help avoid an unpleasant surprise and a costly repair.

**Water Towers! How Do They Work?**

Water towers. You see them in the landscape across the state. You might wonder, why do we have water towers and what do they do? The answer to that first question is easy, they hold water. Cities use water towers to keep constant pressure in their system. By storing water high in the sky, they get the benefit of gravity.

The water in the tower pushes down and keeps the supply flowing. Water is pumped from wells to be treated, and then into the towers. So why not just pump it straight to homes and businesses? Because pumps use a lot of power and energy. It seems water towers are a Midwestern thing simply because the Midwest is so flat. Many of Minnesota’s water towers are quite unique.

In 1974, the City contracted to have the City’s water tower painted red, white and blue for the bicentennial. Thomas Schumann, President of the Apex Contracting Co., was hired to do the work. After completion of the project, he made a gallant declaration of love to his estranged wife Norma, by placing her name on the tower in five foot letters. The City Clerk, at that time, wondered if people thought we changed the City’s name to “Norma.” It was quickly removed.

Here is just a sample of some interesting MN water towers. Lindstrom’s tower is a teapot, which represents the Swedish heritage in the town and is decorated with rosemaling, a form of decorative folk art. Pequot Lakes, a small touristy town north of Brainerd popular with fisherman has a water tower that looks like a red and white fishing bobber. Rochester’s corn cob water tower is an iconic landmark that’s been around since the 1960’s. And who could forget Waite Park’s bright yellow smiley-face water tower. Which one is your favorite?

**MN Water Test Fee Increase**

The Minnesota Legislature approved an increase in the drinking water service connection fee effective January 1, 2020. January’s quarterly water bills reflect the increase from $1.59 per quarter to $2.43 per quarter. The MN test fee has not changed since 2005. Revenue from the fee goes to the Minnesota Dept. of Health, which enforces the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. It is part of an effort to address the rising costs of providing safe drinking water.

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Utility Bills
The January 1, 2020, quarterly water bills were mailed and eBills, the online delivery downloaded on December 30, 2019. If you haven’t received your statement, please contact the city at 763-792-7213.

If you enrolled in eBill and haven’t received an email your bill is ready to view, check your spam or junk folder. You may need to contact your internet provider to let them know it is not spam.

Payments are due January 30, 2020. If you are unable to meet the due date, your payment should include the applicable late fee outlined on your quarterly bill. Payments can be mailed to City Offices at 1301 NE 81st Avenue, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. We also have a payment slot located in the entry of City Hall. The entry is open after hours. The City accepts bank and credit union bill pay checks, personal checks, money orders, cash (the exact amount or small bills are appreciated) and credit/debit card payments. Credit/Debit card payments either by phone, online or in person all carry a convenience fee. The City does not offer auto-pay. Timely payments are greatly appreciated. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Reminder To Snowbirds
The City is happy to mail statements to a secondary address if you are heading south for the winter months, or you can pre-pay your account. Please update the Utility Billing office if you expect to pack away your winter parka and boots for shorts and flipflops.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon
Fort Spring Lake Park is comprised of members of Kraus-Hartig VFW Post 6587, the City of Spring Lake Park, the Lee Carlson Center for Mental Health and Well Being, St. Timothy’s Catholic Church, the Spring Lake Park School District, and a host of volunteers from our community.

Have you stopped by the Post for our monthly pork chop fry? The pork chop fry is the fourth Monday of every month from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. For $8.00 you get a great pork chop dinner, including a baked potato, vegetable, applesauce, and a dinner roll. All proceeds assist area veterans who need our help through Fort Spring Lake Park. Our efforts are funded in large part by donations and staffed by hard working volunteers and local businesses.

Spring Lake Park is proud to be a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon City, supporting our men and women in the military and their families. You can find our home page link on the City of Spring Lake Park’s web site. The site has a lot of information for service members and their families. You can also find us on Facebook by typing Fort Spring Lake Park into the search bar.

If you are in need of support from Fort Spring Lake Park, you can make a confidential call to Kraus-Hartig VFW to Commander Matt Noblick 763-780-1900. Please know that we are grateful for your service to our country and are here to serve you.

Council Seeks Residents to Serve on City Commissions
The City Council is seeking residents to serve on either the City’s Planning Commission or Parks and Recreation Commission. The City of Spring Lake Park greatly values the contributions of residents in its decision making process and the Mayor and City Councilmembers rely on their thoughtful advice to assist with the governance and development of the City.

Planning Commissioners meet the 4th Monday or each month to take on municipal planning issues as required by State law. The Commission reviews and makes recommendations on comprehensive planning and zoning issues, studies and amendments. The Commission also holds public hearings on zoning applications, zoning ordinance amendments and comprehensive plan amendments where members of the public can be heard.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for advising the Mayor and City Council on policies concerning the programming, maintenance and development of the City’s parks. Commission members play a vital role in participating in recreation programs, such as the Tower Days community celebration, and providing guidance on existing or new park amenities and recreation programs. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Applications are available on the City’s website: www.slpmn.org. For more information about serving as a Commission member, please contact Executive Assistant Jenny Gooden at 763-784-6491. Starting in 2020, commission members will be paid a small stipend for their service.
Meet the New Staff

Jessica Abt is the new Recreation Program Supervisor for Extended Tours, Day Trips, and adult special interest classes. She most recently worked at the University of Minnesota, and she has extensive travel experience both in the United States and abroad.

Fun Fact: She has ridden her bicycle across the country from Los Angeles, California to Washington, DC.

Wesley Goldberg is the new Recreation Program Supervisor for Youth Programs, sports, and some special interest classes. He recently worked at the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.

Fun Fact: Wesley was a member of the Minnesota Ambassadors of Music and has played concerts in England, France, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, and Germany.

Youth & Adult Enrichment Programs

Youth Karate/Adult American Kenpo
These karate programs are designed to enhance the student's self-esteem and confidence while increasing self-discipline and knowledge of personal safety. Basic karate moves, self-defense techniques and forms are taught by black belt instructor Norm Rolando.

Times:
New Students ages 5-7 5:30 pm—6:10 pm
Returning students 6:20 pm—7:00 pm
Advanced students 7:10 pm—8:00 pm

Youth Sessions
Winter II: Tuesdays, February 11-April 7
Spring: Tuesdays, April 14-June 2

Adult Sessions
Winter II: Wednesdays, February 19-April 8
Spring: Wednesdays, April 15-June 3

For more information contact Spring Lake Park Recreation Department at 763-792-7201 or go to www.slprec.org.

Cheer America is an exciting cheerleading / dance program for children ages 4-14. Students will learn popular cheers, chants, choreographed dance and pom-pom routines, parade marching techniques, and other performance skills. The students will perform a group recital for family and friends at the end of the semester, as well as receive certificates and medals for participation in the program.

Registration night is Thursday, February 27 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Westwood Middle School Balcony Room.

Winter/Spring Session:
Thursday March 5—May 14
No Class on March 12

Ages 4—6 6:30 pm—7:15 pm
Ages 7 and older 7:30 pm—8:15 pm

Registration Fee: $4.00/child
Per Night Fee: $7.00/child

Does your child love being in the spotlight and has a certain flair for drama? Well then do we have the program for you! Join us and the Homeward Bound Theatre Company this season for classes that focus on providing a fun and unique performing arts experience that encourages creativity, family values and positive relationships.

Dr. Seuss and Me (Grades K-3)
Saturdays, February 22—March 7
10:00 am—11:00 am
Fee: $40.00/child

Magic Juggling Balloons (Grades 4-6)
Tuesdays, March 17—April 7
6:00 pm—7:30 pm
Fee: $43.00/child

Mask Theatre (Grades K-3)
Saturdays, April 18—May 9
10:00 am—11:30 am
Fee: $43.00/child

All classes held at Able Park Building
8200 Able Street NE

For more information contact Spring Lake Park Recreation Department at 763-792-7201 or go to www.slprec.org.
Co-ed T-Ball & Softball Registration opens January 13

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Registration forms available at www.slprec.org

Spring Break 2020

Minecraft Designer; Dungeons Half Day (Grades 1 - 6)

Turn Minecraft from a game into a visual learning tool! This class will reinforce problem-solving skills and spatial cognition through learning to create in-game dungeons and treasure maps. While immersed in the fun and creative world of Minecraft, students will learn about concepts in programming and game design.

Friday, March 6
9am - 12pm
SLP City Hall Drop off & pick up
Fee: $38/child

Conquer Ninja Gym Day Trip (Ages 8-11)

Have you ever wanted to jump, swing and climb like a ninja? Well here is your chance! We will start the day by mentally preparing ourselves with ninja-themed activities, crafts and a movie. After lunch, we will head to Conquer Ninja Gym to test our abilities as a ninja.

Monday, March 9
9am - 4pm
SLP City Hall Drop off & pick up
Fee: $22/child

KidCreate Clay Olaf Half Day (Ages 4-9)

“Do you want to build a snowman?” We will have a blast as we create Olaf the Snowman from Disney’s popular movie Frozen and Frozen 2. We will use multiple types of clay to create this masterpiece.

Tuesday, March 10
9:30am - 11:30am
SLP City Hall Drop off & pick up
Fee: $22/child

Jam Hops Gymnastics Half Day (Ages 8 - 12)

Join us for an afternoon of jumping into foam pits, climbing warped walls and organized games at Jam Hop Gymnasium. Participants will be supervised by trained staff members of Jam Hop, who will instruct proper usage of their gymnastics and Ninja equipment and engage the kids in fun activities.

Tuesday, March 10
12:30 - 4pm
SLP City Hall Drop off & pick up
Fee: $18/child

Fat Tire Biking (Ages 15 & up)

Fat tire bikes provide a fun way to get out and ride all year long. Wide tires allow riders to bike on snow, mud, and off-trail single track. We will be putting our fat tire bikes to the test as we get off trail and explore Coon Rapids Dam.

No off road riding experience required, but the ability to ride a bike is needed. Fat Tire Bikes will be provided by Wargo Nature Center.

Tuesday, March 10
9:30am - 4pm
SLP City Hall Drop off & pick up
Fee: $45/child (Clay Olaf + Supervised Lunch Break + Jam Hop)

Wargo Nature Center: Survival & Maple Syruping Day Trip (Ages 8-11)

Spend the day in the great outdoors at the Wargo Nature Center. Set your kids imagination and adventurous spirits free as they spend the morning learning about the natural environment and the important skills of outdoor survival. After lunch, the kids will learn all about the process of tapping trees, boiling down the sap and making it into delicious maple syrup.

Wednesday, March 11
1 - 3pm
Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park
Fee: $25/child

Thursday, March 12
9am - 4pm
Able Park Drop off & pick up
Fee: $15/child

Full-Day Option (Tuesday, March 10)

For 8-9 year old’s who wish to stay for both programs (Kidcreate Clay Olaf and Jam Hops Gymnastics), please give us a call and we can get them registered for the whole day for an additional $5. Your child will need to bring a nut-free lunch and we will entertain them with engaging activities or a movie during the lunch hour.

Tuesday, March 10
9:30am - 4pm
SLP City Hall Drop off & pick up
Fee: $45/child (Clay Olaf + Supervised Lunch Break + Jam Hop)
We want you to join us on the Parks and Recreation Commission

If you are interested in park amenities and programs offered to the residents, then you are who we are looking for to serve on the Commission. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. We also take every opportunity to represent the City of Spring Lake Park by participating in Tower Days, youth softball tournament, and family activities offered by the Recreation Department. Visit the Recreation Department website at www.slprec.org for more information.

Out-of-School Days Trips & Programs

**Mad Science: Jr. Scientist Half Day (Grades 1 - 5)***

Become a Mad Scientist chemist, physicist, magician, and illusionist. Sworn to secrecy, you’ll learn the science behind some great magic tricks. Investigate how psychology, chemistry and physics combine to create amazing optical illusions and magic effects.

Thursday, February 13
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
SLP City Hall Drop off & pick up
Fee: $34/child

**Crayola Experience Day Trip (Ages 5 - 10)**

We’re off to the Mall of America to the Crayola Experience. Throughout the day we will enjoy over 25 hands on exhibits where we’ll learn things like how to make crayons, silly putty and your own sculpture with Model Magic. Do not forget to pack your creativity!

Monday, February 17
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
SLP City Hall Drop off & pick up
Fee: $36/child

**Jam Hops Gymnastics Half Day (Ages 8 - 12)**

Join us for an afternoon of jumping into foam pits, climbing warped walls and organized games at Jam Hop Gymnasium! Participants will be supervised by trained staff members of Jam Hop, who will instruct proper usage of their gymnastics and Ninja equipment and engage the kids in fun activities.

Friday, February 14
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm
SLP City Hall Drop off & pick up
Fee: $18/child

Sweet Heart Dance

Back by popular demand. Coming in February!
The SLP Recreation Department, ISD 16 Community Education and the SLP Lions Club are teaming up to offer this fun evening. Moms, dads, grandparents, sons and daughters are all invited to join us for some great family fun during our Parent/Grandparent + Child Sweetheart Dance. Enjoy quality time with your children in a fun environment. Child will receive a take home "swag" bag with goodies! Casual or formal dress welcome. Snacks and refreshments included. Registration deadline: January 31, 2020.
ADULT DAY TRIPS

Superpower Dogs IMAX Movie & Science Museum, Saint Paul
Wednesday, February 19 - 11:30 am - 4:45 pm
Celebrate the powerful connection we have with our canine companions in Superpower Dogs, the Minnesota Science Center’s first film on the brand new IMAX® movie theater! In this heartwarming movie, you’ll follow six of the world’s boldest four-legged dog heroes (and their human companions) as they brave earthquakes and avalanches, protect endangered species, and transform lives. You’ll also have some time to explore the Science Center’s many incredible exhibits! Boxed Lunch is at the Elements Café. Sandwich choices are either Grilled Vegetable, Italian Hero or California Chicken. Registration Deadline: February 3, 2020; $59/person.

Man in Black : A Tribute to Johnny Cash @ Ives Auditorium, Bloomington
Wednesday, March 18 - 10:40 am - 3:30 pm
“The Man In Black: A Tribute to Johnny Cash” brings an accurate and energetic recreation of an American music icon. Bringing the legendary Johnny Cash to life with strikingly similar looks, voice and spot-on mannerisms, Cash’s raw prowess and signature sound are brought back to the stage in this one-of-a-kind tribute concert. Fans will see unforgettable performances of their favorite Johnny Cash classics! Lunch includes: Roast Beef, Vegetables, Dinner Rolls, Desserts, Coffee and Hot Tea. Registration Deadline: March 3, 2020; $75/person.

SKOL! Tour The Minnesota Vikings Museum, Eagan
Monday, February 3 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
The Minnesota Vikings Museum is a place for Vikings fans and legends alike to experience the comprehensive history of the Minnesota Vikings and football in Minnesota. With a 360-degree video theater, multiple interactive exhibits and historical artifacts, fans can learn the fascinating stories and insider details of the franchise throughout its more than 50 year history in fun and unique ways. This is a walking tour. Lunch will be at the St. Paul Grill: Pastrami Sandwich, Spicy Chicken, or Soup & Salad. Registration Deadline: January 24, 2020; $72/person.

Twins Baseball Experience: Tour Target Field, Minneapolis
Wednesday, April 29 - 10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Do not miss your chance to explore Target Field! During your guided 90-minute walking tour at Target Field, you will see areas of the ballpark many guests normally do not see. These spaces may include the Herb Carneal Press Box, clubhouse, dugout, suite level, Bat & Barrel, Delta SKY360 Club, Budweiser Roof Deck, and Thompson Reuters Champions Club. A professional MLB guide will join us for the tour. Lunch is at Gluek’s Restaurant, Downtown Minneapolis. Please select at time of registering your lunch option: Grilled Walleye Sandwich, Beef Stroganoff , Grilled Chicken w/BBQ or Cheddar and Bacon Sandwich. Registration Deadline: April 8, 2020, $68/person.

The Dixie Swim Club @ The Old Log Theater, Excelsior
Wednesday, May 13 - 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
This touching comedy centers around five women who became friends on their college swim team. As their lives unfold, these women increasingly rely on one another, through advice and raucous repartee, to get through the challenges that life flings at them. And when fate throws a wrench, these friends rally around their own with the strength and love that takes this comedy in a touching & surprising direction. Lunch options: Beef Short Ribs, Dill Roasted Tilapia, Angel Hair Pasta with Marinara or Pork Chop. Registration Deadline: April 8, 2020; $81/person.
ELECTION NEWS

Absence Ballot Services
Spring Lake Park residents who are unable to go to their polling place on the Presidential Nomination Primary 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, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. In-person absentee balloting will also be available at City Hall on the Saturday prior to each election from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm and until 5:00 pm the day before each election.

The absentee balloting period for the Presidential Nomination Primary Election, March 3, 2020 runs from Friday, January 17 through Monday, March 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/absentee voting 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.

Anoka County will continue to offer both in-person and mail absentee balloting services to Anoka County residents during the absentee balloting periods noted above. Anoka County’s Election Office is open weekdays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm the Saturday before the election; and from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm the day before the election.

Ramsey County will continue to offer both in-person and mail absentee balloting services to Ramsey County residents during the absentee balloting periods noted above. Ramsey County’s Election Office is open weekdays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm the Saturday before the election; and from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm the day before the election.

For more information about elections and voter registration, go to www.anokacounty.us/elections or to www.co.ramsey.mn.us/elections.

Election Judges Needed For 2020 Election Season
If you would like to serve as an election judge or an alternate, please call Jenny Gooden or Wanda Brown at 763-784-6491. You can also sign up to be an election judge by going to the City website under Community and clicking on the Election/Voting link.

Judges and alternates will receive training and will be paid for the time spent in training and working on Election Day. Be a part of democracy in action!

2020 Saturday Recycling Events
New Hours: 8 am—12 pm
Mark your calendars for the monthly recycling events. The dates of January 11, March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12 and November 14 will be held at Green Lights Recycling, 1525 99th Lane NE in Blaine.
April 25 and October 24 events will be held at Spring Lake Park City Hall Parking Lot, 1301 81st Avenue NE.

In order to get your four items recycled for FREE you must present and surrender your coupon. If you have more than four items there will be a charge. Residents may use one coupon per at an event. Make sure that you read the mailer that was sent out as there will be specific rules for the acceptance of some items, especially carpet.

SLP 2020 Curbside Recycling Schedule
January —April

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

We Count
Spring Lake Park, Minnesota 2020 CENSUS

Census Day April 1, 2020
The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade a count, a census, is taken of America’s Population. It’s easy! Respond online, by phone or by mail. Mailings will be sent in March 2020.

2020 Census
Everyone counts. The census counts every person living in the U.S. only once, and in the right place. Make sure you are counted on April 1, 2020.

Responding will be easy and available online! Watch for more information and read more at www.census.gov.

Do you want to work on the upcoming 2020 Census Operations?
The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. A variety of temporary jobs are available including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff.

To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. The Census Bureau is committed to hiring people to work in the area where they live. They are the most familiar with the people and places within their own community.

Applying is easy! Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

Help Monitor Our Water for Salt Pollution
Coon Creek Watershed District is seeking volunteers to help monitor levels of chloride (salt) in water bodies throughout Spring Lake Park. Volunteers receive four chloride test strips to measure chloride levels in street runoff or a nearby body of water (whichever is more convenient) four times throughout the winter. Volunteers report results using the “Water Reporter” website or app.

Chloride pollution is a growing problem in Minnesota; just 1 teaspoon of salt can permanently pollute five gallons of water. Citizen monitors help us find salt pollution “hot spots” which we can then target for salt use optimization projects.

Interested? Please contact our Outreach Specialist, Britta Dornfeld, at 763-258-7305 or at bdornfeld@cooncreekwd.org.