Staffing Changes Come To Spring Lake Park City Hall

**Council appoints Dircks to fill vacancy**
Lisa Dircks was selected by a unanimous vote of the Spring Lake Park City Council to fill the seat left vacant by the appointment of Robert Nelson as Mayor. Her term began on September 4, 2019 and will run through January 3, 2021.

Dircks has been a resident of Spring Lake Park since 2009. She is currently employed as a Project Civil Designer at Foth Infrastructure and Environment in Lake Elmo. Dircks earned an A.A.S. in Civil Technology and Land Surveying at Dunwoody College of Technology in Minneapolis. Over the course of her career, she has worked in land surveying and infrastructure design and construction in both the private and public sector.

Prior to her appointment to the City Council, Dircks served on the Spring Lake Park Planning Commission from 2013 to present and served on the Variance Committee from 2013-2015.

Dircks identified her top three issues facing the City as 1) maintaining and improving aging infrastructure and encourage maintenance of aging housing stock; 2) attracting businesses and providing amenities that benefits Spring Lake Park residents; and 3) encourage public involvement and enhance public safety. She stated that a priority area is working on improving the City’s stormwater infrastructure.

Dircks is excited to serve the citizens of Spring Lake Park in this role and is committed to making good decisions that benefit our residents so we can continue to be a vibrant community in the future.

**Okey promoted to Parks and Recreation Director**
The City Council appointed Recreation Program Supervisor Kay Okey to serve as the City’s next Parks and Recreation Director, succeeding current Director Marian Rygwall who is retiring after 41 years with the City.

Okey currently serves as a Recreation Program Supervisor with the City of Spring Lake Park. Over the past five years, she has planned classes, day trips and special events for youth, adults, families and senior citizens, as well as leading our extended tour program. Prior to joining the City, Okey has served as a Coordinator of Recreational Services at Normandale Community College for 8 years, as the Assistant Director for Student Life and Recreational Services at Normandale for 6 years and as the Director of Student Life and Recreational Services at Normandale for 2 years. Okey earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Recreation Leadership and a Masters Degree in Recreation Management, both from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She is an active outdoors person who also teaches Nordic Walking, is a MN Master Naturalist volunteer, and volunteer canoe, kayak and cross-country ski instructor.

“The search committee was very impressed with the credentials, experience and vision that Kay will bring to this position,” said Daniel Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer. “Her experience working with diverse populations will help make our programs accessible to the entire community.”

With over 30 years of experience in the recreation profession and 20 years of experience in management, Kay is excited for the opportunity to lead Spring Lake Park’s Recreation Department.

Okey began her position on September 3, 2019.
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Meeting Broadcast Spring Lake Park Channel 16
City Council Meetings
Live: Every first and third Monday of the month at 7 PM
On-demand video link at city website
Replays on channel 16: 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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Follow Us on Twitter: @SpringLkPark

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.

Council Round-Up

June
- Granted Amendment to a Conditional Use Permit for Yelena Marantsman (Little Bees Childcare) to expand the operation of her childcare center at 1630 County Road 10 NE.
- Approved listing agreement with Summerhill Commercial to sell 525 Osborne Road NE.
- Accepted letter of resignation from Parks and Recreation Director Marian Rygwall and authorized a hiring process for a new Parks and Recreation Director.
- Authorized submittal of the City’s 2040 Comprehensive Plan to the Metropolitan Council.
- Approved an amendment to T-Mobile’s cellular tower lease.
- Authorized purchase of new traffic speed notification signs.

July
- Awarded bid for 2019 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project to Hydro-Klean.
- Approved lease amendment with RS Properties, 8466 Central Avenue NE.
- Received letter of resignation from Mayor Cindy Hansen, who stated that she was moving out of the city of Spring Lake Park.
- Amended Chapter 115 of the Spring Lake Park City Code relating to lawful gambling to allow charitable organizations to run charitable gaming in more than three locations within the city.
- Appointed Councilmember Robert Nelson as Mayor; called for a special election for November 3, 2020 to fill remainder of Cindy Hansen’s unexpired term.
- Amended Personnel Policy regarding cell phone use to comply with Minnesota’s hands-free law.
- Hired Jeff Baker as the City’s Building Inspector.
- Purchased new 2020 Mack dump truck to replace a 1998 plow truck.

August
- Granted Conditional Use Permit to Efficient School Transportation to open a Type III transportation service company at 8302 Highway 65 NE.
- Approved a variance request by Quinn and Jolene Hoffman to permit construction of a garage addition at 416 Ballantyne Lane NE.
- Received the 2018 Audited Financial Statements.
- Authorized purchase of box, hoist, sander and plows for the new 2020 Mack dump truck.
- Approved purchase of new wood chipper to replace existing wood chipper purchased in 1990. Funds for the new wood chipper were generously donated by the Spring Lake Park Lions Club.
- Appointed Councilmember Ken Wendling as Acting Mayor.
- Hired current Recreation Program Supervisor Kay Okey as the City’s next Parks and Recreation Director.
- Approved Resolution opposing the relocation of the Northtown Transit Hub from its current location to the overflow parking lot on the south side of Northtown Mall, abutting Sanburnol Drive.
As fall routines are settling in, please remember that our 2019-2020 school year is under way. Our children are out walking to school, at bus stops while buses are driving up and down our streets, and additional high school drivers are on the roads as well. With the added traffic to the daily routine, the Police Department would like to encourage everyone to watch for pedestrians in the crosswalks and to slow down around bus stops, schools and wherever children are present. Also remember, all drivers must always stop for a school bus with flashing red lights, as well as abide by the stop sign when the stop arm is extended.

Getting to Know Your Police Department
In this newsletter segment, we are proud to spotlight Spring Lake Park Officer Mark Bonesteel.

Officer Mark Bonesteel began his career with the Spring Lake Park Police Department on October 1, 1996. Officer Bonesteel was a Police Reserve for the City of Blaine in 1986, and in 1998 he became a Fridley Community Service Officer (CSO). In 1993 Officer Bonesteel was hired as a Police Officer with the cities of Amboy and Vernon Center, Minnesota and also served the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office part-time as a Court Security Officer prior to becoming a Spring Lake Park Police Officer.

Officer Bonesteel is currently assigned to the Patrol Division. He worked for 3 years (2008-2011), as the School Liaison Officer in the Spring Lake Park High School. Officer Bonesteel coordinates the Police Departments Towards Zero Deaths Program (TZD) and the Selective Intensified Traffic Enforcement Program (S.I.T.E.).

Officer Bonesteel was born in Fridley, Minnesota. After graduating from Fridley High School, he received his Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from North Hennepin Community College. Officer Bonesteel married his wife Laura in 1991 and they had one child Nick who unfortunately passed away in 2014. Officer Bonesteel’s brother Paul is also a long time Police Officer for a Department in Anoka County.

Officer Bonesteel in his free time is an avid historian and is on the Board of Directors of the Fridley Historical Society. Officer Bonesteel enjoys shopping at antique shops, flea markets and eBay, always looking to add to his collections of postcards, police patches, Holiday Store and Gas Station items and diecast cars.

New Law Effective August 1, 2019:
Hands-Free Law states that, NO person may operate a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device to

- compose, read, or send an electronic message.
- engage in a cellular phone call, including initiating a call, talking or listening, and participating in video calling.
- access video content, audio content, images, games, or software applications.

Drivers may operate the wireless communications device by using voice-activated commands or single-touch activation as long as they are not holding the phone. Drivers, however may hold the phone if attempting to obtain emergency assistance.

General Safety Tips and Helpful Reminder
Home Security
Winter brings more hours of darkness, so consider a timer to make your home appear occupied at all times.

- Close your garage door and turn on security lights.
- Confused about lights & locks? Call us and arrange for a security survey.

Furnace Checkup
Before winter is here, now is a great time to have your furnace checked. It is a good idea to have your furnace running safely and at peak efficiency. Also, do not forget to check your fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working properly.

Mailbox Safety
Place your outgoing mail in an official US Post Office collection box. Never leave outgoing mail in your curbside mailbox with the flag up. This can be an invitation for identity thieves to come and remove the mail and gain access to your personal information.

Remove Your Valuables
Remember to always remove your valuables such as cell phones, cameras, purses, garage door openers and anything of value from your vehicle, especially if it is going to be left out overnight.

Driving In Snow
Even though we are “Minnesotans,” it seems that the first snowy driving experience takes us by surprise. Remember to slow down. Stopping distances are severely decreased and acceleration capabilities can be unpredictable.

Vehicle Checkup
Give your car a winter checkup. Make sure you have good tires and brakes. Test your heater and defroster for proper working order. Check for worn out windshield wipers and low windshield washer fluid. Scrapers and brushes to clear windows of snow and ice are a must.

If you plan on winter travel make sure you have a winter survival kit in your car including extra blankets, boots and gloves, etc.
Remember “winter” is coming and with that comes “Seasonal Parking Restrictions”

Spring Lake Park City Ordinance, 71.19 reads as follows:
It shall be unlawful for any person to park or permit to be parked any vehicle upon any City street between the hours of 2 am and 8 am from November 1st through March 31st. It shall also be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle upon any City street following a snowfall of 3 inches or more in depth regardless of the time of day, until such time as the snow has been plowed curb to curb.

Please remember that our parking ordinance is triggered by the calendar and not our unpredictable weather. Residents are responsible for knowing the local parking ordinances and to inform their overnight guests.

If there are extenuating circumstances and you anticipate vehicles parking overnight, please call the Police Department for an exception request. However, no requests can be honored if we get 3” or more of snow. All vehicles must be off the street to allow our Public Works Department room to efficiently and appropriately clear the roadways for safety.

Neighborhood Watch:
If you are interested in your neighborhood or if you have questions regarding your neighborhood or other security issues, we invite you to become involved in a Neighborhood Watch Group. The focus is on neighborhood cooperation, communication and sticking together to fight crime. Please reach out to Sgt. Josh Antoine or Officer Fiske at 763-792-7220. If your existing group plans to get together next year, please make certain you plan ahead and contact them as well.

Contact Us:
Please check us out online at our updated website, www.slpmn.org. Click on the Police page for additional information, including officer and staff contact information.

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 911 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 or Police Administration, our front office is available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm. Please call 763-792-7200.

******* The Police Department would like to extend our best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy fall. ******

Police Department Receives Community Partnership Grant

The City of Spring Lake Park Police Department would like to thank CenterPoint Emergy. The Police Department received a $1,500.00 grant from CenterPoint Energy. The funds from the grant will be used for the purchase of the new Alc-Sensor for enforcement purposes.

Jeff Baker Hired as City’s New Building Inspector

At its July 15, 2019, meeting, the City Council unanimously selected Jeff Baker to serve as the City’s Building Inspector, filling a void created by the retirement of former Building Official Barry Brainard. Baker’s first day on the job was August 5.

Mr. Baker is a graduate of Spring Lake Park High School. Before joining the City, Mr. Baker has served as a General Foreman/Electrician for IBEW Local #110 for 8 years, a Fire Inspector II/Firefighter for the City of Blaine for 6 years, and, most recently, as a Fire Inspector II for the City of St. Paul for 1 year. He has served as a volunteer firefighter on the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View (SBM) Fire Department for the past 14 years and is currently ranked a Captain.

Mr. Baker is currently conducting code enforcement, rental housing and fire inspections with the City. He will take his Limited Certified Building Official exam in October when, upon passage, he will be licensed to inspect single- and two-family residential projects within the City.

“We are excited to have Jeff join our team,” said Daniel Buchholtz, Administrator Clerk Treasurer. “His breadth of knowledge, positive attitude and professionalism will be an asset.”
Escaping The Winter?
Where did the summer go? It is hard to believe we will be bidding farewell to 2019 in a few months. If you are heading south for the winter, or have an extended vacation planned, we have some options available for your January and/or April quarterly water bill. You can pre-pay the account before you leave, you can provide a secondary mailing address, or enroll in eBill, the online delivery of your utility bill. To register for the eBill, visit the City’s website at www.slpmn.org. Once registered, you will get an email your bill is ready to view from ebill3871@justinter.net. It is important you add the email to your contact list to ensure timely notification. Please note: If you do not receive the eBill notice, or mailed paper statement, you are still required to make your payment on or before the scheduled due date. The quarterly water bill is a recurring charge for services received. Billing dates are: 1-1, 4-1, 7-1 and 10-1. Payments are due on or before the 30th of the month in which they bill. You can also pay online through ePay, however, there is a fee for this option. Regrettably, the City does not offer auto-pay at this time or ACH payments.

The City accepts walk-in payments of cash, checks, money orders, bill pay payments from banks, credit unions and other bill pay services. The City also offers the convenience of credit/debit card payments by phone or in person. Card payments are processed via Municipay and they charge a convenience fee of 2.65% or a minimum of $3.00. A payment slot or drop box is located in the entry of City offices at 1301 81st Avenue. The entry is open after hours for your convenience for checks or money orders.

If you’ve sold your home, or are moving, contact the City with your new forwarding address and your closing date information. We can order a final water meter reading to close out your account as of the closing date. The Utility Department is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, or call 763-792-7213 for questions or more information.

Annual Notice - For Military Personnel
Minnesota law requires that utility providers make utility payment arrangements available to military personnel in the following situation: If a member of a household has been issued orders into active duty, deployment, or has had a change in duty status as long as the residential customer meets specific income criteria and completes the application process.

Please call the City Water Department at 763-792-7213 for an application and more information. The application must include copies of income statements and proof of military orders as described in the law. A utility provider may shut off utility service for nonpayment if an application does not include the required copies of income statements and proof of military orders as required by Minn. Stat. § 325E.028.

Certification/Tax Lein of Delinquent Utility Fees
City Staff will be reviewing water utility accounts to refer to the City Council for their approval to certify unpaid delinquent balances to the County Auditor. If you’re in receipt of a notice from the City, prompt payment would be appreciated. All delinquent accounts certified to the county will be assessed an additional $125.00 administrative fee. Certification may include unpaid citations and (or) service invoices.

Water Meter Readings
Quarterly water meter readings are done by Terry Randall, Public Works Director. Meter readings are then electronically downloaded to the utility account associated with the property address, meter number and radio receiver. When the battery life of a radio receiver expires, the Public Works Department will need to change out the radio. Since readings are done only weeks before the quarterly bill date, Public Works is out in the field in an attempt to reach residents at home to replace non-working radios. Often times, they’ll leave a door tag. If you are a recipient of a tag, we ask you contact the City to schedule an appointment. We welcome calls to confirm the validity of the door tag as well. City Ordinance states “The city, by any authorized employee or agent, shall have the right to enter and be admitted to any lands and buildings in the city for the purpose of inspections of materials, plumbing work, and fixtures of all kinds used by or in connection with the water and sewer systems.”

Water meters read in 1,000 gallons increments (with the exception of a few large meters.) We read the first four dials, from left to right. The City encourages property owners to regularly monitor their readings to alert them to potential plumbing issues. The biggest complaint we see in the Water Department are disputed regarding high water use.

The following are a few examples of high water usage. Toilets are the number one cause of a significant increase. A toilet that continually runs can amount to hundreds of thousands of gallons in a very short period. Replacing worn flappers is a low cost and easy repair. Second to toilets are water softeners. If not regularly maintained, they may malfunction and regenerate over and over, resulting in a big increase in water usage.

Washing machines with a rinse and spin cycle that is on the blink can also result in wasted water. Regular maintenance and repair of all sewer and water service connections from the city main, including all valves and stop boxes, and or other appurtenances thereto, are the responsibility of the property owner.

The City is not responsible if a property owner experiences a leak that results in high water use. The billing office will work with you to establish a payment plan if you see a significant increase in your quarterly water bill.
Mailboxes
This is a good time to check the condition of your mailbox/post and if it meets installation requirements. The base of the box should be 48-50” above street level. The post should be 20” back from the curb. The face of the mailbox should line up with the curb.

The snowplow wing needs the 48” height clearance to avoid hitting the box and the 20” from the curb to clear the post. The City DOES NOT assume liability for mailboxes damaged during plowing operations, unless it is determined the plow made direct contact with a mailbox that is properly installed using the standard 4” x 4” post and metal box requirements. Decorative mailboxes that are not within the City’s requirements will not be replaced if damaged. The mailbox should be secured to the base and post and the post securely in the ground; no rotting wood. There should not be any plastic newspaper tubes or attachments to the mailbox below the 44”

Winter is Coming!
Ready or not, winter is coming. Keeping city streets and sidewalks clear of snow and in safe driving condition is an essential service of the Spring Lake Park’s Public Works Department. The clearing of residential streets is determined by weather conditions.

The Public Works Staff are constantly concerned about persons, particularly children, near the road and vehicles following too closely behind them as they go about their task of keeping Spring Lake Park’s streets in good traveling condition. Often times there are winter snow conditions when the driver must stop his forward motion and back up before continuing on, particularly at intersections. Following too close can cause an accident. Always exercise extra caution near or around the snowplows.

Here are some additional tips for the winter to make everyone’s winter much safer:

- Obey parking regulations.
- Slow down – slick pavement reduces traction and can cause loss of control of their vehicle.
- Increase your following distance, use headlights and wear seatbelts.
- Apply anti-lock brakes steadily.
- Use caution near snow plow equipment, staying at least 50 feet away to reduce the risk of accidents.
- Allow for snow removal equipment’s wide turns at intersections.
- Winterize vehicles: check brakes, tires, battery, wiper fluid and wipers.
- Pay attention to weather advisories and leave home earlier than usual.

Fall Street Sweeping
Street sweeping is expected to begin the first week of November, weather permitting. It is very difficult for the driver of the sweeper to see all of the activity around him, so please maintain a safe distance from the street sweeper. Parents, PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM THE SWEEPER.

Keep Hydrants Clear
During the winter quick access to fire hydrants is necessary for firefighters. When you are shoveling snow from your driveway, take an extra 10 minutes to shovel out the closest hydrant. It could save a life!

The best time to shovel out a hydrant is after the streets are plowed and before snow accumulates again and freezes.

Snow Removal From Private Property
Minnesota State Statute and City Code prohibit removing snow and ice from private property, including driveways and parking lots, to a roadway, across a roadway or onto a sidewalk or adjacent property.

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 3
Change Your Clocks,
Change Your Batteries

www.slpmn.org
Anoka County is looking for your feedback!

You are invited to participate in an online survey to provide input on housing and community development priorities.

What is the Community Development Consolidation Plan?

The purpose of these programs are to potentially fund activities that provide decent housing, create suitable living environments and expand economic opportunities—principally for low-and moderate-income persons and neighborhoods.

To take the survey visit: www.Anokacounty.us/CommunitySurvey

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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 Don Reeves at 763-780-1900. Please know that we are grateful for your service to our country and are here to serve you.

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Pancake Breakfast

Join the Spring Lake Park Lions for their popular all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. For just a free-will offering, you can enjoy your fill of pancakes, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. In addition to the breakfast there will be face painting, a craft and bake sale, free cholesterol screenings by the Wellness Van and community exhibits. Bring the entire family for an enjoyable autumn morning.

All proceeds go to the support of local/community programs.

Sunday, October 27
8:00 am – Noon
SLP High School (door #33)
Fee: Free-will offering

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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. 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!
Minnesota Starwatch Party

Mike Lynch is a meteorologist at WCCO Radio and has been hosting star watch parties and teaching astronomy classes for over 48 years. He also writes a weekly stargazing column for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and is the author of the book; Stars, a Month by Month Tour of the Constellations.” It will be available for purchase at a discount. Even if it is cloudy you’ll learn a lot, have a great time! First part of class will meet inside.
Registration deadline is October 21.

Wednesday, October 30  6:30pm - 8:30pm
SLP City Hall– First part of class will meet inside City Hall
Fee: $19/person or $39 for 3-5 people in family

Please register by calling 763-792-7201, mail in your registration form or stop in our office Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm. Register at least one week in advance.

True Detox in a Toxic World

Nearly half of all Americans now suffer from one or more chronic diseases. We will explore why this is the new norm, and you will learn many science-supported lifestyles shifts that you can make today to upgrade your health and well-being simply, naturally, and sustainably. Participants will go home with a helpful packet, including several recipes, as well as a bottle of non-toxic, DIY, foaming hand soap. Instructor: Laura Krause, M.A. Registration deadline is October 30.

Wednesday, November 6  6:00pm -7:30pm
SLP City Hall
Fee: $12/person

New! Pasta! Pasta! Pasta!

We will start by learning how to make basil pesto then practice its versatility creating a delightful appetizer using it in combination with fresh baked bread, roma tomatoes, and mozzarella cheese. Next we’ll toss it with vermicelli and cream to make a delicious pasta topped with diced tomatoes and roasted pine nuts. "Cappellini" is next tossed with olive oil, garlic, fresh basil, tomatoes and sautéed baby shrimp. Finally, "fettuccine alfredo primavera" a divine combination of fresh veggies, Parmesan cheese and cream. We will finish with a classic "Tartlet", sugar dough layered with pastry cream and fresh fruit with a sweet apricot glaze.
Registration deadline is November 19.

Tuesday, November 26  6:30pm - 9:00pm
SLP School (Enter Door 1, Classroom B108)
Fee: $31/person

New! Mixed Media

All Mixed Media Classes held at SLP City Hall
Fractured Glass Art Class Mixed Media Art Class
Using a paint, stain & glaze product we will create a beautiful background. Add some mica to give some extra glitz. Then using fractured glass, we will create a shape, and adhere it to the background, creating a beautiful Home Décor piece.

Monday, November 4  6:00pm - 8:00pm
Fee: $27/person (There is a separate supply fee of $10.00 paid to instructor night of class).

Mary Pickford: The World’s First Movie Star

Once the most famous and successful woman in the world, Mary Pickford was the original American super star. We’ll take an in depth look at her career, from her early silent films to her Oscar winning sound debut! You’ll learn all about how this amazing woman founded her own movie studio (which is still in business today), how her acting style revolutionized silent films, how she and her husband became the first world famous celebrity couple, and the huge scandal she caused by simply cutting her hair! Plus you'll get a rare look at clips from several of her classic films and dozens of behind the scenes photographs alongside a lecture from NMTV Studio Manager Eric Houston.

Wednesday, November 20  6:30pm - 9:00pm
SLP School (Enter Door 1, Classroom B108)
Fee: $27/person
RECREATION

Sip and Paint Classes:
New! Art Van Go Step By Step
Step by step instructions, painting supplies and your own masterpiece. Must be 21 years of age to consume alcohol. Must register at least one week in advance.

NEW!!!  Torg Brewery
Thursday, November 14 6:00pm - 9:00pm
“Old Time Rock and Roll-Record and Player”

Thursday, December 12 6:00pm - 9:00pm
“Deer Head with Vinyl Holiday Saying”

Classes held at Torg Brewery
8421 University Ave. NE, Spring Lake Park
Fee: $35.00/person/class
(Must be 21 years of age to consume alcohol. No carry ins allowed. Outside snacks are allowed).

Kraus-Hartig VFW
Thursday, November 21 6:00pm - 9:00pm
“Holiday Gnome Painting”

Monday, December 2 6:00pm - 9:00pm
“Merry and Bright”

Kraus-Hartig VFW-Membership room
8100 Pleasant View Dr., Spring Lake Park
Fee: $35/person/class (No food or alcohol carry ins allowed).

NEW!!  Put Some Holidazzle on Your Table!
Do you have stacks of old holiday cards piled up at your house? Why not transform them into colorful, durable placemats or table toppers to add a dash of holiday dazzle on your table this year? You will design and create one or more placemats made from your own greeting cards brought to class (or enjoy using cards the instructor will have on hand). Once you learn the simple techniques involved, you will want to make several more at home with the whole family! Bring to class: 20 used holiday greeting cards (per placemat), decorative scissors (if you have a pair), and $2.50 supply fee per placement. Registration deadline is November 5.

Tuesday, November 12 6:00pm-8:00pm
SLP City Hall
Fee: $15/person plus $2.50 per matt payable to instructor night of class

Appraise Your Antiques
Learn the basics of identifying and appraising art, antiques, jewelry, coins, and collectibles. Get tips on what makes things valuable and the best ways to sell them. Examine things like lithophane, trench art, U.S. Zone china, a U.S. 3 cent nickel, precious gemstones, mourning jewelry & German silver.

No pictures or books in this class, everything is “hands on”. Bring one item, no larger than a shoe box to the first class, research its value on your own, then compare your results with the instructors at the second class. Bring a magnifying glass. Instructor David Schlueter is a Certified Appraiser.

Wednesday, November 6 and 13 6:30pm-8:30pm
SLP City Hall
Fee: $26/person

Appraise Your Fine & Costume Jewelry
Learn how anyone can authenticate an Italian cameo, the difference between 10k and 14k gold and why there are jewels in a watch. Examine Siam Niello sterling, Italian Micro Mosaics, and German Rhinestones in class. Learn the basics of appraising your fine & costume jewelry, either for resale or insurance purposes. Also get tips on the best places to sell. Bring a few pieces to class, do research on your own, and share what you have learned at the second class. Bring a magnifying glass to class. Instructor David Schlueter is a Certified Appraiser.

Wednesday, December 4 and 11 6:30pm-8:30pm
SLP City Hall
Fee: $26/person

NEW! 12 Sprays of Christmas Make & Take
We all know how certain smells remind us of the holidays. Scents of spiced apple cider, cinnamon, peppermint, and pine trees always lift our spirits!

Using these fragrant sprays when entertaining will spread holiday cheer and make your home smell like Christmas! You’ll want several of these sprays to keep on hand in bathrooms, guest rooms, your bedroom, kitchen, den, family room and living room. These make fabulous and festive gifts for friends, family, neighbors! Two Sprays are included in the class fee. Extra bottles will be available if you’d like to purchase and make more blends during class to take home. All classes held at SLP City Hall.

Tuesday, December 10 6:30pm-7:30pm
Class Fee: $14/person
Mama Mia! at Chanhassen Dinner Theater
One mom. One daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make Mamma Mia! a guaranteed smash hit for your entire family!

You will order your meal once at Chanhassen Dinner Theater. Registration deadline is November 5.

Wednesday, December 4 10:45am-4:30pm
Fee: $90/person Includes transportation, show, meal and SLP Guide

Christmas At Mansions
Tour the home of the Great Northern Railway Empire builder James J Hill which was completed in 1891 and features crystal chandeliers, stained glass, and a pipe organ. After the tour we will have lunch at Tavern on Grand. Please choose between a walleye basket: a walleye fillet, cut into bites, battered and deep-fried, served with seasoned tavern Fries, coleslaw, beverage and dessert. Or chicken strip basket served with seasoned tavern fries, Cole slaw, beverage and dessert. Or Tavern Garden Fresh Salad, beverage and dessert. In the afternoon, we then travel to the Alexander Ramsey House for a guided tour and sights of a Victorian Christmas. These are walking tours with limited seating area. Registration deadline is November 12.

Thursday, December 12 10:45am - 3:30pm
Depart from SLP City Hall
Fee: $73/person (Includes transportation, lunch, all tours and SLP guide)

Wintertime Mystery Tour
December 18-19, 2019
It is never too early to think about the holidays and mystery!!!!
We have planned some great activities and events for you to enjoy as we enter the holiday season.

Tour Costs:
$319/person Double Occupancy
$365/person Single Occupancy
$309/person Triple Occupancy

$100 deposit due upon registration. Final Payment due 11/1/19

TOUR INCLUDES:
Includes motor coach transportation, Professional Tour Manager, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner, 2 lunches, Hotel accommodations, there will be moderate walking on this tour. Departing at 9:00am on December 18.

Full refund provided by Spring Park Recreation through November 1, 2019 (final payment due date). Refunds after that date available through Travel Insured International in accordance with the Evidence of Benefits. Spring Lake Park Recreation has purchased group travel protection through Travel Insured International.

Spruce Tip Pot Workshop
Join us for a festive workshop where you will create a unique spruce tip pot to enjoy throughout the holiday season and beyond. You will be treated to coffee and refreshments during the workshop. Instruction and assistance will be available throughout the workshop. Register by calling Spring Lake Park Recreation at 763-792-7201. Registration deadline is November 13.

12" Spruce Tip Pot
Make a 12" spruce tip pot with mixed greens, a choice of red dogwood or white painted birch, pinecones, and a choice of accent. (Additional items will be available for purchase).

Saturday, December 7 10:00am-11:30am
Malmborg’s Garden Center (2456 125th Ave NE Blaine)
Fee: $51/person
New Adopt a Drain Program is Taking the Metro by Storm!

Article By Emily Johnson (Anoka Conservation District) and Britta Dornfeld (Coon Creek Watershed District)

There is a new program in the seven-county metro area that’s taking the streets by storm. Since its official launch in May of 2019, over 4,000 residents have joined the movement to adopt a storm drain, making it the largest community engagement program of its type in the entire United States! Will you join your neighbors and take action to keep our waters clean and healthy?

Storm drains are common on urban and suburban streets but are often overlooked. We pay little attention to where all that water goes when it rains and instead rely on storm drains to do their job without a second thought. Quietly and efficiently, they carry water runoff from streets and other hard surfaces through pipes underground, sometimes flowing directly to local streams, lakes, and wetlands. Anything picked up by that storm water, such as trash and car oil, is carried with it, dumping that pollution straight into our water. Even organic debris, like fallen leaves and grass clippings, can be pollutants because they add artificially large amounts of nutrients that can cause increased algae growth.

So, what can we do about it?

The Adopt-a-Drain program is one local answer to preventing pollution from getting into our waters, and is so easy you can get involved right away! Signing up to adopt a drain in your community will bring you into the fold of other like-minded people in your neighborhood and across the metro who are working hard to keep our area clean, healthy, and safe. Because the commitment is completely voluntary and only takes a few minutes every month, it is a simple, but powerful way to get involved.

With autumn on the horizon, it’s more important than ever to take care of our hard-working storm drains so they remain clear of fallen leaves and other debris that is washed into them from the street. As an Adopt-a-Drain volunteer, you will help keep your community safe by preventing localized street flooding and help in the larger effort to prevent pollution of our shared waterbodies. And though storm drains are more visible in the summer and fall, they keep working right through the winter. As an Adopt-a-Drain volunteer, your work becomes even more valuable because you will help your drain stay clear so it can do the important work of capturing and removing snow melt and thus reducing ice formation. In the early spring, all that melting snow delivers a significant load of deicing salt, sand, and debris left over from the winter to your storm drain. This snow melt can be the most polluted of the whole year, but thankfully, Adopt-a-Drain volunteers across the metro are stationed and prepared to stop pollution in its tracks.

To learn more, see the program’s collective positive impact, and sign up, visit www.Adopt-a-Drain.org. Are you ready to adopt your drain and join the movement?

Spring Lake Park Recycling Drop-off Center

The City of Spring Lake Park provides a drop-off center for curbside items. **The drop-off is open 24/7 and under strict video surveillance.** There are two 6 yard dumpsters onsite. One dumpster is labeled for cardboard ONLY and the other is labeled for combeding products (paper, cans, glass, plastic). All items need to be placed in the dumpster loosely. Please no trash, no shredded paper, empty any and all bags and NO PLASTC BAGS.

Each time a plastic bag is found in our drop-off containers, the load is contaminated and the City is charged extra for disposal, so please NO PLASTC BAGS.

Residents are not allowed to bring personal garbage to dump in the City owned garbage container, if this continues we will have to limit the hours that recycling can be dropped off.

Leaf Drop-Off

The fall leaf drop-off will provide residents a site to dispose of their leaves at no charge during the last weekend of October. The leaf drop-off date will be Saturday, October 26 from 9 am—noon.

The drop-off site is located at 1301 81st Avenue NE, the back parking lot of City Hall. Residents must debag their leaves at the site and take the bags home for reuse or disposal. If your leaves are in a compostable bag, you will not need to debag them. No brush will be accepted.

If you have questions contact Wanda at wbrown@slpmn.org or call 763-792-7219, Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—4:30 pm.

Recycling Tonnage Collected

Thank you to all the residents of Spring Lake Park for helping the City make the recycling goal as set forth by Anoka County. The goal for 2018 was 622 tons. Spring Lake Park residents recycled 813.69 tons of material for the year. The tonnage of all recyclables is collected from the curbside recycling collection, the drop-off site at City Hall (organics, cardboard, and other excess curbside materials), and the monthly drop-off days.
Upcoming Events

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

2020 Proposed Budget, Tax Levy Show Modest Increase

At its September 3, 2019 meeting, the City Council approved the 2020 preliminary tax levy to fund the proposed 2020 budget.

The 2020 preliminary tax levy was set at $3,553,246, an increase of 3.46% from 2019. The tax levy is broken out into two parts, general government and debt service levy. The portion allocated for general government activities is $3,285,402, an increase of 3.65% from 2019. The portion allocated for debt service is $267,884, an increase of 0.75%.

The proposed 2019 budget is $4,524,090, which represents an increase of 4.87% from 2019. Cost drivers for the proposed budget include increases due to employee salary and benefits, increased IT expenditures, increased capital expenditures for SBM Fire Department, and a statutory increase in the City’s contribution to the PERA Police and Fire pension fund.

The City’s tax levy covers 72.6% of the City’s general operation budget. Intergovernmental revenues, permits and licenses (building permits, liquor licenses, etc.), charges for current services, interest earnings and interfund transfers make up the remaining 27.4% of the revenues needed to fund the City’s general operations.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection at City Hall and on the City’s website – www.slpmn.org. The annual Truth in Taxation public hearing will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00pm at Spring Lake Park City Hall. If you have any questions or comments on the proposed 2020 budget and tax levy, please contact Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Buchholtz at 763-784-6491 or at dbuchholtz@slpmn.org.