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Save the Date/ Upcoming Events 2022

Shred Event

October 22

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Mendakota Park

2171 Dodd Rd, Mendota Hgts

Pumpkin Recycling - November 5-6

Dumpster Available All Day and Night

NO PAINTED PUMPKINS OR WAX

ACCEPTED

Mendota Hgts. City Hall

(1101 Victoria Curve)

WSP- City Hall (1616 Humboldt Ave)

South St Paul -Wakota Federal Credit

Union (1151Southview Blvd)

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Greetings Neighbors,

The fall colors in Sunfish Lake and elsewhere in Minnesota have been impressive this year. I hope you have enjoyed some of the recent great weather days to enjoy your favorite outdoor activities before the temperatures plunge. The deer and turkeys seem to be enjoying themselves as they prepare for our long winter. I am guessing many of you may break up our long winters by a warm southern vacation.

Our City Clerk, Cathy Iago is well-prepared with her volunteer team of election judges for the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. All the citizens of SFL are grateful for Cathy and these terrific volunteers who ensure a well-organized voting experience. A special thank you to Cathy Iago; Chief Judge, Jeannine Naves; Chair Judge, Kathy Packer; Election Judges; Christine Hartman, Elizabeth Lee, Shelley Little, Megan Manternach, Barbara Tani, and Linda Tuohy. We owe them all a debt of gratitude! Please note that the new voting location for SFL residents is the First Calvary Baptist Church, at 5495 S. Robert Trail, just south of I-494. I encourage all eligible residents to exercise their coveted privilege to vote.

Many residents have commented on the excellent job our contractors did on repaving many of the city streets this summer. We appreciate the diligence of Jeff Sandberg, City Engineer, who has kept us on a proactive schedule with regard to necessary street repairs. Jeff has assured us that he is in touch with our snowplowing contractor, who will once again put a pre-storm brine treatment, which keeps the snow and ice from sticking to the roads and greatly assists in clearing the snow from the roads. It also saves on salt and sand which can be harmful to the environment. Once again, if any concerns about snowplowing, see the City website for direct contact for the snowplow contractor, while also notifying Jeff Sandberg so he can keep on top of any problems.

On behalf of the City Council and Staff, I'd also like to express appreciation to residents who so generously collect and remove debris on our streets and shoulders when they are out on frequent walks throughout the city. You are model citizens, and we appreciate your efforts to maintain a pleasant environment for all who use our walkways and roads.

Also, Council and staff send their thanks and best wishes to the City Recycling Coordinator Cassandra Johnson and her family on their upcoming move to Texas! Cassandra has done a wonderful job overseeing the City's grant program, scheduling recycling events and classes for residents, and assisting the City Clerk with printing and distribution of the Quarterly Newsletter. Cassandra will be leaving at the end of October, however, she will continue to work remotely from Texas until her replacement is hired.

As the year draws to a close, the Council and Staff join with me in wishing you a fun and safe Halloween, and a Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season filled with good food, good friends', dear family, and the blessings of peace and love.

Warmest regards,

Dan O'Leary

RECYCLING INFO

Stay organized with The Recycling Zone

The Recycling Zone in Egan is a recycling destination for the stuff that doesn't belong in your curbside carts. With the new drive-thru setup, you stay in your car while staff unload materials from the trunk or backseat. Put smaller items in a box that you can leave behind.

Accepted items – free drop-off unless noted

- Auto products like motor oil, antifreeze and gas
- Batteries - all types
- Bug killers/repellants
- Cardboard (no larger than 36" x 36")
- Cleaners
- Electronics (fee for TVs and computer monitors)
- Lightbulbs – all types
- Needles and sharps (in a closed rigid container, keep in front seat)
- Paints and stains
- Personal care products like nail polish and hair dye
- Propane tanks and aerosol sprays
- Scrap metal
- Tires (fee)
- Small household electronics like toasters and vacuums
- String lights and cords

Most products that say caution, warning, danger or poison

The Recycling Zone does not accept

- Appliances
- Carpet
- Humidifiers and dehumidifiers
- Lumber
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Medical waste and medications
- Yard waste

The Recycling Zone, at 3365 Dodd Road in Egan, is open all year, four days a week. For a complete list of accepted items and drop-off hours, visit www.dakotacounty.us, search *recycling zone*.

Join your neighbors to keep food scraps out of the trash

The number one item in our trash is food. That's why 9,000 Dakota County households have registered to participate in the free organics drop-off program. Across the locations, more than 10,000 pounds of food scraps and other compostable products are collected each week. Instead of sitting in a landfill, this material is turned into compost used in gardening and landscaping.

Bringing organics to a drop-off site is easy and can dramatically reduce waste. The typical household can divert up to one-third of trash by delivering items such as food scraps, spoiled produce, coffee grounds and bones.

Sites are located throughout the county — Burnsville, Egan, Farmington, Hastings, Lakeville, Mendota Heights, Rosemount and West St. Paul – with more sites opening this year.

To sign up, visit www.dakotacounty.us and search *organics*, email organics@co.dakota.mn.us or call 952-891-7557. All registered participants receive helpful tips and compostable bags to use.

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2022 DEER HUNT

The dates for the 2022 Metro Bowhunters Resource Base archery hunt are October 7, 8, 9 and November 3, 4, and 5; November 10, 11 and 12 and December 2, 3 and 4. The hunt will take place in Musser Park and on any residents' private property wishing to have hunters. Sunfish Lake residents that meet the requirements will be authorized to participate in the "Resident Hunt."

For more information on the Resident Hunt or to add your property to the list of eligible hunting land contact Sgt. Matt Muellner at mmuellner@wspmn.gov or 651-552-4209.



2022-2023 SNOW PLOW REMINDERS

How to report Sunfish Lake unsafe road conditions during the Winter of 2022/2023:

In an effort to keep city roads as safe as possible this winter, our plowing contractor, Executive Contractors, has created an email address for residents to report concerns. If you notice a road/area that needs more attention, please send an e-mail to sunfishlakesnow@gmail.com.

It is important that you also copy our City Engineer, Jeff Sandberg, at jsandberg@wsbeng.com.

Regardless of what level the roads are plowed, the city council would like to remind residents to adjust their driving to the conditions – in other words – slow down and be especially cautious at intersections.

2022 ELECTION INFORMATION

General Election, - Tuesday, November 8th: Candidates for the City of Sunfish Lake Mayor and Two (2) Councilmembers positions will be listed on the General Election ballot.

Polling Location: Voting will be held at First Calvary Baptist Church, 5495 So Robert Trail and voting will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Absentee Ballots: Absentee Balloting and continues through November 7. Absentee Ballots may be obtained at the Dakota County Northern Service Center, 1 Mendota Road West, West St. Paul or you may also obtain an application for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you online at mnvotes.org

Absentee Ballots: The Northern Service Center will be open for absentee voting during regular business hours and on Saturday, November 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Absentee Voting at the Service Center closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2022.

Voter Registration: If you are not a Registered Voter or have recently moved to Sunfish Lake or have changed your name or turned 18, you may register at the polls on Election Day.