The 2019 Canadian Pacific Holiday Train

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train will be returning to the area in December. The brightly lit train will stop in Cottage Grove on West Point Douglas Road, just south of the 80th Street Bridge/Belden Crossing, across from the Youth Service Bureau, with a trainload of fun and entertainment. All cash and non-perishable donations collected at the stop go directly to our local Friends In Need Foodshelf.

Visit the Friends In Need Foodshelf website for event details.

December 10, 2019
Time: TBD

St. Paul Park a Purple Heart City

The City has great admiration and utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces. On October 7, 2019, Mayor Dingle and the City Council proclaimed St. Paul Park, Minnesota a Purple Heart City and encourages the citizens of St. Paul Park to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

Accepting Nominations for 2020 Volunteer of the Year

The City of St. Paul Park is seeking nominations or persons contributing to the betterment of the City through volunteering activities. These volunteers help improve the quality of life for everyone in our City.

Each year the City Council holds a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in April to recognize and honor people who have demonstrated a caring attitude through volunteer efforts, without expectations of rewards or recognitions.

Take a moment to nominate someone today. Deadline is February 28, 2020. Call City Hall (651) 459-9785 to request a nomination form or visit the City’s website.
Wednesday, April 1
2020 United State Census

The next decennial census is just around the corner in 2020. Make sure you’re counted! An accurate snapshot means that communities across the nation receive the funding, services, and business support they deserve and need. And your responses are confidential. To learn how the US Census bureau protects your information, visit 2020census.gov.

Your response matters.
Health clinics. Fire Departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of your community. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding:

- Online
- By phone
- By mail

Avoiding Fraud and Scams
The U.S. Census Bureau is committed to making the 2020 Census quick, easy, and safe for all participants. Here are some tips to help you stay safe.

- Avoiding scams online. To help protect yourself from phishing and other scams, please remember that the Census Bureau will never ask for:
  - Your Social Security Number.
  - Your bank account or credit card numbers
  - Money or donations.

In addition, the Census Bureau will not contact you on behalf of a political party.

- Staying Safe at Home. If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity:
  - First, check to make sure they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
  - If you still have questions about their identity, you can call 800-923-8282 to speak to a local Census Bureau representative.

- Reporting Suspected Fraud. If you suspect fraud, call 800-923-8282 to speak to a local Census Bureau Representative.
Homeowner Programs available through Washington County CDA

Fall is here, and winter is just around the corner. As we begin our preparations to settle in until the thaw, now is the perfect time to plan those indoor home updates you’ve been thinking about. Whether it’s accessibility updates or replacing old wiring or heating systems, the Washington County CDA has programs available to help make your projects happen.

For those who qualify, our home improvement loans can provide up to $18,000 for your projects, and you won’t have to pay the loan back until you move or refinance your home.

Most any update that makes your home safer or more energy efficient can qualify. For instance, we can help with replacing your roof, or updating plumbing, electrical, or heating and cooling systems. If you need to make updates to accommodate a resident’s physical needs, that also qualifies. This is a great resource for seniors who want to continue living in their homes but may need to add things like ramps or chair lifts, or update bathrooms to make them easier to access.

For a summary of the programs the CDA provides, visit our website at washingtoncountycda.org. Click on the menu icon, and then download the PDF on “Home Improvement Programs” that pops up on the right. And then get in touch with Elena Shulman, one of our project managers, who can help you determine if one of our programs is right for you. You can reach her at 651-202-2823 or at ElenaS@washingtoncountycda.org. She’ll get you on the right track!

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**Growth is good, right?**

A growing business is usually the goal, but growth can present a number of challenges, including:

- Adding and managing employees
- Keeping up with inventory and production demands
- Managing the cash flow challenges of growing receivables.

Open to Business can help! Our team of free, confidential nonprofit business advisors works one-on-one with entrepreneurs to create a personalized plan for future growth.

For more information: [www.opentobusinessmn.org](http://www.opentobusinessmn.org)

OR call the Washington County CDA at 612-789-8838

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**Brave Soul Counseling Services**

445 Broadway Avenue, St. Paul Park, MN 55071
8944 Indahl Ave. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Experienced & passionate team of professionals providing Individual, Relationship and Family counseling to children, teens & adults of all ages. Check out [www.bravesoul.org](http://www.bravesoul.org) for more information and to connect!

Jill M. Ellingson, LMFT
Owner & Clinical Director
612-242-1224

@bravesoulcounseling

@BraveSoulCounselingServices
Lions Levee Boat Launch improvement

The boat launch at Lions Levee Park has been repaired and is open to the public again. Due to high water levels lingering into July, the repairs were completed in August 2019.

Residential Development

Forest Edge

Forest Edge is a single-family development consisting of 27 lots located on Main Street and 1st Street between 13th Avenue and 14th Avenue. The developer of this project is Stone River Homes, Edina Minnesota.

Riverside Park Estates

Mason Company, Cottage Grove Minnesota, is constructing the final six-unit townhome located on Mullan Court which is part of Riverside Park Estates.

Heritage Park Improvement Project

The City obtained a $50,000 matching grant through the Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant Program to replace the play equipment at Heritage Park with new equipment for ages 2 - 12. The surface was replaced with ADA accessible wood engineered fiber and a concrete ADA accessible border. Also, the paths leading to the play equipment was upgraded to meet ADA compliance. The improvements were completed in June 2019. The total estimated cost of the project was $100,000.
**Dog Licenses Expire in December**

Dog licenses expiring in 2019 must be renewed by December 31, 2019.

**One, two and three year licenses are now available.**

Licensing fees are as follows:

- One year – expires 12/31/20  $10
- Two year – expires 12/31/21  $20
- Three year – expires 12/31/22  $30

A Certificate of Rabies Vaccination is required and must be current.

To obtain your license(s) you may come in to City Hall, mail your Rabies Certificate and check/money order, or drop the Rabies Certificate and check/money order in the “water bill box” located in the entrance of City Hall. City Hall is open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Renewals Only:** A late fee of $5 will be added January 1  
A late fee of $10 will be added February 1 or later

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**Information For Dog Owners**

**Is a license required?** Yes a license is required and is renewed annually.

**Is there a limit to the number of animals I may own?** Yes, no more than three (3) pets are allowed per residence.

**Does the city have a dog park?** Not at this time. However, dogs are allowed in the parks when under the control of their owner. Owners are responsible for the removal of dog excrement.

**What if my dog is found running at large?** Dogs are not allowed to run at large. If found the owner is charged an impound fee of $50 for the first occurrence; $75 for the second occurrence and $100 for the third occurrence. Additional boarding fees as well as a vaccination fee also applies.

**Where are impounded dogs taken?** Impounded dogs are taken to South Saint Paul Animal Hospital, 501 N. Concord Street, South Saint Paul.

**How can I be a good neighbor?** Barking dogs is one of the biggest complaints. A barking dog is any dog that barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise continuously or incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or barks intermittently for 30 minutes or more. The second biggest complaint is dog excrement. Owners are responsible for the removal of dog excrement on public and private property not owned by the dog's owner.

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**Snowmobile Rules**

(City Code Sections 66-132 and 66-133)

St. Paul Park City Code prohibits the operation of a snowmobile upon the roadway shoulder or inside bank or slope. The snowmobile may be driven on the streets between the residence of the operator and any public or private property upon which the operation of a snowmobile is permitted provided that the most direct route is used, the driver yields the right-of-way to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic and when driven upon the street the speed does not exceed 10 miles per hour. To drive upon a public street, the snowmobile must be equipped with at least one headlamp, one taillamp, muffler, and brakes that conform to state standards. Hours of operation are between the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays, and only between 7 a.m. to 12 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. The only exception to time limitation will be for the purpose of returning to the residence of the operator by the most direct route at a speed not exceeding 10 miles per hour.
Utility Billing Reminders

It’s that time of year again... SENIOR DISCOUNTS!!

The City of St. Paul Park offers residents who are 65 years of age or older to receive a reduced water rate of 50%. To qualify the owner and head of household must be 65 years of age or older and uses less than 8,000 gallons per quarter. This discounted rate does not apply to rental property or multiple family dwellings. To apply stop by City Hall or see our website for the Reduced Water Rates Application form.

Types of Payment Accepted

Currently the city accepts cash, check or money orders. Payments can be made in person at City Hall, Monday through Friday (7:30-4:00) or by using the deposit box in the front entry way (24-hour access). However; if using the deposit box, it is advised that you do not put cash in it. Always write or include your 9-digit account number with your payment. Another payment option is by using an automatic ACH withdrawal from your checking or savings accounts. You can find the ACH Debit Authorization form on our website or you can stop into City Hall for the form.

The Life Cycle of a Utility Bill

Month 1 Day 1 the Utility Bill is printed and mailed*

Month 2 Day 1 the Utility Bill is DUE*

Month 2 Day 2 the Past Due Notices are printed and mailed*

Month 2 the full payment is DUE on the last day*

*Any Month 1 bills not paid in full will be shut off in the middle of Month 3*

Shut offs are usually posted on the city’s website but please note that failure to be posted does not mean that shut offs are not scheduled.

*You should receive the bills/penalties within the first two weeks of the month. Failure to receive a bill does not exempt a customer from making payment by the due date. If you have not received your bill, please call City Hall at (651) 459-9785 to get your balance.
Utility Bill ACH Payments

The City of St. Paul Park offers residents the option to pay their utility bills by ACH Debit.
By signing up for the ACH Debit payment option, residents will authorize the City to withdraw the amount of their utility bill directly from their checking account. This transaction will happen automatically, eliminating the need for the resident to pay their utility bill using the conventional methods of mailing in the payment or dropping it off at City Hall.
To sign up for this payment option, please fill out the form at City Hall and attach to it a voided check from your checking account.

Benefits Include:
- No check, stamp or money order fees
- Avoid late payment penalties
- Payments are made even when you are away from home

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How will I know my payment has been made?
A: You will see an itemized entry on your bank statement that describes the payment you have made to the City of St. Paul Park.

Q: What happens if I change my bank or want to discontinue participation?
A: To stop participation or change your banking information, just fill out a new form and mark the appropriate change that you are making.

Q: Why does the City ask for a voided check?
A: The City uses the account numbers which appear on the bottom of your check to set up the ACH Debit transaction. These numbers can be difficult to read, so sending a voided check ensures that your payment will be processed properly.

UTILITY BILL DUE DATES

| Failure to receive a bill does not exempt a customer from making payment by the due date. |
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| Section: | Account Numbers: | Bill Issued: | Bill Due: |
| 1 | 100-0000-00 thru 199-9999-99 | January | February 1 |
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| | | July | August 1 |
| | | October | November 1 |
| 2 | 200-0000-00 thru 299-9999-99 | February | March 1 |
| | | May | June 1 |
| | | August | September 1 |
| | | November | December 1 |
| 3 | 300-0000-00 thru 399-9999-99 | March | April 1 |
| | | June | July 1 |
| | | September | October 1 |
| | | December | January 1 |
Making a Difference in 2019

There are many ways one can make a difference in the City of St. Paul Park, whether it is volunteering, sponsoring an event, or supporting an event or cause. Without your support many events and programs wouldn’t be possible. Here is how many of you made a difference in 2019.

Adopt-A-Park Program

The Adopt-A-Park program is a public service program that encourages volunteers to assist the City in keeping our parks beautiful and trash-free. For 2019 eight of the nine parks were adopted by the following individuals/organizations:

- Abdella Park—Domeier Family
- Dingle Park—Dingle Family
- Heritage Park—Johansen Family
- Lions Levee Park—Discovery Community Church
- Riverside Park—Scout Troop 83
- Sittlow Park—Cub Scout Pack 83
- Veteran’s Memorial Park—No Knots Professional Massage & Bodyworks
- Whitbred Memorial Park—Whitbred Family

Those wishing to adopt a park for 2020 are invited to attend the kickoff event Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 7 p.m. at City Hall-Community Room.

Little Free Library Axelrod Park

This year, Brownie Troop 57688 installed a Little Free Library at Axelrod Park, a service project aimed at increasing access to books for people in their community. The Brownie Troop attends Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion Elementary School.

Bunco Night Fundraiser

The Parks & Recreation Commission hosted several Bunco Nights during the winter months at Heritage Park. This fundraising event raised $570 benefitting the Parks & Recreation Commission. A huge thank you to those who participated and our supporters for donating prizes: Ace Hardware, Andy Cison, Carbone’s Pizzeria, Char Hemmingson, Dan Dingle, Lori Would of Hairitage Salon, Micah Bender, Mister Car Wash, Noodles & Company, Park Grove Bowl, Pizza Hut, Planet Fitness, Sharon Ornquist, United Martial Arts of Woodbury.

Those wishing to join in on the fun for 2020 are invited to attend this adult-only Bunco Night during the months of January, February and March.

Back to School Supply Contest

Mayor Bailey (Cottage Grove) challenged Mayor Dingle (St. Paul Park) to a “Back to School Supply” drive. The two cities collected school supplies to benefit the Friends In Need Food Shelf during National Night Out. The winner was announced during Heritage Days in which both Mayors got a pie in the face. The winner of this challenge was the kids! A huge thank you to all those donated to this event.
Movies-in-the-Park Program

The Movies-in-the-Park program is sponsored by the St. Paul Park Newport Lions Club with the Masons of the Newport Lodge #118 providing refreshments for a nominal fee. This year’s movies were: Toy Story 2 (June) Batman meets Scooby Doo (July) and Frozen (August).

Protective vests for our Police Reserves

A Spaghetti Dinner fundraising event hosted by the Mason of Newport Lodge #118 was held at the American Legion to raise funds to purchase protective vests for the Police Reserves. On August 5, 2019 Worshipful Master Lynch presented to the Police Department a check in the amount of $7,170 for the purchase of protective vests for the Police Reserves. Reserve Captain Horsman shared that the protective vests are very expensive and have been handed down for 30 years; many of the vests do not fit the Reservist well. The donation will enable the purchase of new vests that fit properly. Thanks to all those who made this event a huge success.

Community Garden Shed Project

The St. Paul Park - Parks & Recreation Commission would like to thank all those who supported the purchase of an 8’ x 12’ garden shed at the Growing Together Community Garden.

The shed will serve two purposes 1) It will provide storage of the variety of garden tools and supplies needed to maintain the community garden 2) The addition of baskets will allow other gardeners to share excess produce harvested.

Pollinator Friendly Garden Project

Pheasants Forever and many volunteers helped plant the hillside near the community garden with pollinator friendly plants.

Eagle Scout Projects

Benjamin Harvey completed several projects in St. Paul Park as he works toward his Eagle Scout award. Ben’s projects included improvements to the hockey rink and new hockey scoreboard at Whitbred Park; construction of two raised beds for the Community Garden; and the repair of the benches at the Little Free Library. Thanks to Ben and the many volunteers who helped with his projects.
How to reach a Police Officer

If you need to speak to an officer, whether it is an emergency or not, please call 911 to reach the Washington County Dispatch Center. If you need to report a crime or suspicious behavior, whether in progress or after the fact, call 911. If you do not immediately reach the Washington County Dispatch Center and reach a different dispatch center, answer the dispatcher’s questions and they will forward you to whom you need to speak to for an officer to respond.

How to reach the Police Chief, Investigator or Sergeant

If you need to speak to the Investigator, Sergeant, or Police Chief, you can call City Hall at 651-459-9785.

Welcome Anna Metraus, CSO/ACO

We are happy to welcome our newest addition, Anna Metraus, as our Community Service Officer. CSO Metraus is a full-time law enforcement student and is an Explorer Sergeant with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office. She is very active in our City and you may have already met her if you attended National Night Out or Heritage Days.

Neighborhood Watch Group

Are you interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Group with your neighbors? The National Neighborhood Watch Program works to unite those who care about the community they live in and want to do their part in reducing crime and strengthening their community. If you are interested in learning more, please visit www.nnw.org.

Protecting your home and family

Burglaries occur no matter where you live – rural, suburban, urban, single family home, or multiple dwelling. Follow these top burglary prevention tips to reduce the chances of your house being burglarized:

1. Call 911 to report a crime or suspicious activity WHEN it is occurring, not the next day or even an hour later. Never hesitate to call.
2. Make sure when you go to sleep or are away from the home that you lock your doors, including garage service doors, and windows.
3. Install deadbolts if you don’t already have them – especially on doors that are out of sight from the public eye (service doors between the garage and attached house, doors to the house that don’t face the main road).
4. Make it look like someone is home. Turn on some lights, leave a tv or radio on. Use a timer for these items to assist in the appearance of someone being home.
5. Invest in an alarm system. Systems have become very affordable, if it is wireless based, just make sure you have a strong password.
6. Record serial numbers and take photos of items that are costly but do not have numbers (i.e. jewelry, designer handbags, etc.)
7. Bring in garage door openers and house keys from your vehicles.
8. Use outdoor motion lights.
9. Get to know your neighbors!
Keeping your neighborhood looking good

Do your part in keeping your neighborhood looking good by making sure you are in compliance with the following ordinances:

1. Keeping your lawn mowed, grass should be no higher than 12 inches.
2. Vehicles need to be parked on a driveway or an improved surface alongside the driveway (asphalt or concrete).
3. Garbage cans cannot be placed at the curb more than one night before collection day and must be brought back from the curb by day’s end on collection day.
4. Leaves and brush cannot be burned, it must be brought to the compost site. No burning of garbage is allowed. Fires must be no larger than a 3’x3’x3’ cubic or ring, the wood must be fully contained within the cubic or ring and be untreated. Fires cannot be left unattended.
5. Any garbage must be in a fly tight container (must have a lid).
6. No storage of tires, mattresses, batteries, old furniture, scrap metal, and other miscellaneous junk/debris is allowed to be stored outside.

If you want to report an ordinance violation you can call City Hall at 651-459-9785, if it is after hours and in progress you need to call 911. There is also the option to email the CSO at cso@stpaulpark.org. Be aware the CSO is part time and works varying hours. For other ordinances please refer to the City’s ordinance website: library.municode.com and search for St. Paul Park.

Potentially Dangerous Dogs – reporting dog bites

Unfortunately, 2019 has proven to be a busy year with Potentially Dangerous Dog declarations. It is important to know the signs of a dangerous dog: While dogs are known to occasionally growl, growling is a sign a dog is angry or scared and may attack whomever is making them feel that way, especially if provoked. Excessive barking can also be a sign of aggression. If a dog is allowed to bark excessively it too can lead to aggressive behavior. If you come across a dog that is barking excessively assume the dog is aggressive and stay away. Dogs that get close to people and stop moving and stare, or clench and/or show their teeth, can be an indicator it is about to attack, if you encounter this, try to back away slowly. If you are a dog owner and your dog exhibits any of the above behaviors it is your responsibility to have these aggressive signs addressed. Until the behavior can be changed, it is highly suggested you keep your dog muzzled and on a short leash in control of a responsible adult to prevent any attacks upon another animal or a person. All dog bites should be reported to the police and will be investigated.

How to obtain a Police Report or other forms

If you need a copy of a police report, go to the City’s website for a Police Report Request Form, or pick one up during City Hall’s business hours at City Hall. You can also get Permits to Purchase and Property Watch request forms at City Hall during business hours.

Dogs are required to be licensed

It is a violation of the City Ordinance to own a dog within the City of St. Paul Park, and not have it licensed with the City. If you are found to be owning a dog and it isn’t licensed, you will receive a citation for the violation. Dog licenses can be obtained at City Hall and all you need is proof your dog is up to date on his or her rabies vaccination (required for dogs over six months) and $10 for a one-year license. $10 is much cheaper than an ordinance violation.
Election Reminders... Election Day is November 5.

Where do I vote?
Your polling location is dependent upon your address. If you are not sure where to cast your ballot this fall, call City Hall at (651) 439-9785. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close promptly at 8 p.m.

Curbside Voting
If you are unable to leave your car to enter the polling location, election judges will bring the voting materials to you to complete. This is referred to as “curbside voting”. This service is available on Election Day or during Absentee Voting.

Municipal Election
The City of St. Paul Park will have three positions on the ballot during the November General Election—the Mayor (4 year term) and two City Council (4 year term) positions. Voters in the South Washington County School District #833 will be electing school board members.

Absentee Voting
Anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot can go to the Washington County Cottage Grove Service Center, 13000 Ravine Parkway South, beginning September 20 through November 4, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The County Office will also be open for absentee voting on Saturday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Polling hours: 7 AM to 8 PM

Polling Places

Precinct 1
Council Chambers
600 Portland Avenue

Precinct 2 & 4
Community Room
600 Portland Avenue

Precinct 3
Heritage Park
1345 Laurel Avenue
Drinking Water and On-site Septic Systems - Things You Should Know

The City of St. Paul Park has been working together with its Wellhead Protection Committee and local, state, and federal agencies to protect area drinking water sources through the implementation of its Wellhead Protection Plan. Septic systems (also known as Individual Sewage Treatment Systems) are used to treat and dispose of household sanitary waste. When properly sited, designed, constructed, and operated, they pose a relatively minor threat to drinking water sources. On the other hand, improperly used or operated septic systems can be a significant source of ground water contamination that may lead to waterborne disease outbreaks and other adverse health effects. You, as a land owner, can take preventative steps to protect drinking water supplies by properly maintaining your septic system and having it regularly inspected and pumped.

A comprehensive SEPTIC SYSTEM OWNER’S GUIDE, prepared by the University of Minnesota Extension Service, may be accessed at the following Web site: http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/naturalresources/DD6583.html.

For more information contact Jeff Dionisopoulos, Wellhead Protection Manager, or log on to the Minnesota Rural Water Association Web site at mrwa@mrwa.com.

Don’t Leaf the Lakes You Love

If you look carefully, you may be able to see the first hints of fall colors spreading through the treetops. Not too long after that, you’ll look out the window one day to find your entire yard covered in a medley of leaves. As beautiful as the fall leaves are, it’s important to recognize that the same leaves that add color to neighborhoods in fall, can also add unwanted color to our lakes in the summer.

Take a moment to sweep or rake leaves out of the street in front of your house. Left in the street, they can clog storm drains and contribute to local flooding. Also, when leaves are washed into nearby lakes, rivers, and streams via storm drains or ditches, they become a major source of phosphorus, the nutrient (or “food”) that allows smelly and potentially toxic algae to bloom in our favorite lakes in the summer.

Do your part for our local lakes and don’t leaf the lakes you love this fall! Help protect our local lakes by collecting and properly disposing of your leaves.

Photo provided by MPCA
Composting in St. Paul Park

The City of St. Paul Park owns and operates a compost site where residents can recycle leaves, grass, garden waste, brush and tree branches. The compost site is located on the corner of 13th Avenue and 1st Street. This is a fee-based service and the money generated is utilized to maintain the overall operation and to cover the cost of hauling the material out after the compost has closed for the season.

Please refer to the City of St. Paul Park website for fees and updated schedules.

Special note:
• This compost site is not open to commercial haulers.
• Absolutely no trash of any kind will be accepted
• No logs or tree stumps allowed
• No tree limbs larger than 4” in diameter will be accepted

Hours of operation:
October – November
Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The compost site is closed for all holidays and the weekend of Heritage Days.

Snow Removal Parking Ban

City Code Section 66-39 prohibits parking on any street between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. between November 1 and April 1. On street parking is permitted at all other times during this period, when such parking does not interfere with the removal of snow and ice from the City streets. The Police Department will be enforcing this ordinance this winter. If you have a specific problem with a vehicle, contact the St. Paul Park Police officer by calling the Washington County Dispatch center via 911.

Recently adopted Ordinances
• Ordinance No. 744 establishing a Planned Unit Development District for Forest Edge
• Ordinance No. 745 relating to buildings, structures or encroachments in right-of-way
• Ordinance No. 746 amending city code relating to small cell wireless facility aesthetics and permitting
Granular Activated Carbon Water Treatment Facility

Construction has begun. The project is located near the water tower on Lincoln Avenue. The funding for this project will be coming from MPCA as part of the 3M settlement. The proposed completion date is February 2020.
Your Parks & Recreation Commission in Action

The Parks & Recreation Commission is busy, once again, planning projects and events that bring the community together. Many of these events and programs wouldn't be possible without the support of the community. We thank you for your support! Here is a recap of a few of the activities the Parks & Recreation Commission hosted recently:

**Heritage Days** - The Parks & Recreation Commission was pleased to light up the dark prior to the fireworks display on Friday at Heritage Park by passing out glow sticks to the kids. It was quite a sight to see the light motion show as the kids ran around in anticipation of the fireworks.

**5K Runraiser** - The Parks & Recreation Commission held their first 5K Runraiser on Sunday morning during Heritage Days. The fundraiser benefitted the Park & Recreation Commission in which 21 participants ran, walked or strolled through the course which led them past five of the ten parks. The Commission is planning to host another 5K Runraiser during the 2020 Heritage Days Festival.

**Community Garden** - On June 1 the Parks & Recreation Commission held their annual Art & Garden event featuring local artists and vendors. The event also provides an opportunity for children to help plant the community garden. Thanks to the children who planted the garden, approximately 450 pounds of produce has been harvested from the garden and donated to the Friends In Need Food Shelf this year.
This year we had a total of seven teams and over 90 girls participate in softball during the summer, a 30% increase over last year. As a member of the Southeast Metro League (SEML), Saint Paul Park Softball recorded the following highlights:

1. First All-girls T-Ball Team (since at least 2004)
2. Pee Wees (3rd-4th grade) League Champions
3. Minors (7th-8th grade) League Champions
4. 2 Majors (High School) Teams – increase 1 full team from 2018
5. We also rostered 2 Fall Softball teams this year

Thank you to all the coaches, assistant coaches, and parents for providing an opportunity for the girls to play softball. Also, thank you to SPP Public Works for maintaining the best fields in the league.

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**Parks & Rec. Commission Member Wanted**

The Parks & Recreation Commission is need of one member to assist in the planning of our parks, facilities, and recreational activities. Those interested are encouraged to attend the commission meeting held the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall or submit an Application for Appointment to an Advisory Commission.

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**Mark your calendar:**

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Welcome Missy Boettcher

On February 26, 2019 Missy Boettcher began her work for the City as an Accounting Technician in the Administrative Offices. Missy brings 18 years of governmental experience as a Staff Accountant from the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust. Missy and her husband, with the help of their eleven-year-old daughter who likes to call herself THE BOSS, own the Arcade near the Butterfly House at the State Fair where they have several games and the old fashion black & white photobooths from the 1960's.

Welcome Julie Pelton

On February 20, 2019 Julie began working for the City as the new Administration Assistant. Working the front line of the Administration Department is a new experience for her. However, she brings 19 years of government experience working previously for the City of Shoreview in the Human Resources Department.

City Newsletter is going Electronic

The City of St. Paul Park is proud to announce that the newsletter will be published every two months beginning January 2020. This new change will provide residents with current notices and happenings. Residents wishing to receive the two-month newsletter can do so in three ways:

1. Provide an email address by completing the City Newsletter Notification form online found on the City’s webpage.
2. Go to www.stpaulpark.org to view the newsletter at your convenience
3. Complete form below and return to City Hall to receive a copy by mail.

Newsletter Registration

☐ I do not have internet access and wish to receive the two-month newsletter by mail. Below is my mailing address.

Name ________________________________________________________________

Property Address: ____________________________________________________________

Mailing Address (if different): __________________________________________________

Return completed form to:
City of St. Paul Park, 600 Portland Avenue, St. Paul Park MN 55071
15th Annual Holiday Lights Contest
Presented and Coordinated by Old National Bank and City of St. Paul Park

For those who love to decorate their homes for the holidays, we welcome you to participate in this annual St. Paul Park tradition. For those who enjoy those holiday lights, we encourage you to nominate your favorite home.

Entry: To enter or nominate a home in the contest, complete the nomination form and deliver to Old National Bank, 1030 Hastings Avenue, St. Paul Park MN 55071. Nomination forms must be submitted to by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2019.

Judging: Judging will take place December 16 – 20, all lights must be on between 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Prizes: Two prizes will be awarded by Old National Bank. First Place is a $100 Visa gift card and Second Place is a $50 Visa gift card. Winners will be announced at the January 6, 2020 St. Paul Park Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

2018 Holiday Lights Contest Winners
There were five amazing entries received last year. The winners were:
1st Place—Julie & Scott Morgan, 807 Portland Avenue
2nd Place—Andrew and Lynette Cison Family, 808 Portland Avenue

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2019 Holiday Lights Contest Nomination Form

Nominee’s Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

Day Phone: ______________________ Evening Phone: ________________

Email Address: ______________________________________________

Nominator’s Name: (optional) _________________________________

Please share the story or a brief history of your holiday lights: __________________________________________________________

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Return Registration Form by Friday, December 6, 2019

Old National Bank
1030 Hastings Avenue
St. Paul Park MN 55071

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Whitbred Park Warming House

The goal of the Public Works department is to have the ice-skating rinks at Whitbred Park available to use by the week of Christmas. The rink is open from dusk until dawn, or 8 p.m. when a warming house attendant is on duty.

With the construction of our water treatment facility, the pleasure rink will still be available, just a smaller size. Construction will be ongoing until Spring of 2020, so please use extra caution when utilizing the warming house and skating rinks this winter.

Warming House Hours

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Christmas Vacation hours:

- Monday-Friday 1 p.m.-8 p.m.
- Martin Luther King Day hours:
  - Monday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

These times are all weather permitting. Please be aware of soft ice on warm days, skating during these times can cause damage to the rinks.

The warming house will be closed when it is in the best interest and safety of the community. Situations where we may close the warming house include:

- Warm temps have softened the ice
- Air temp is -10°F or colder
- Wind chill is -20°F or colder
- Heavy snowfall has not yet been cleared