

**Summer 2022
St. Paul Park
Events**

City Hall Closed

July 4 (Monday)

Movies in the Park

Visit P&R Facebook Page

National Night Out

August 2 (Tuesday)

Heritage Days

August 26-28 (Friday-Sunday)

Compost Site

CLOSED (Due to illegal dumping)

Park News



ST. PAUL PARK ON THE MISSISSIPPI ■ SUMMER 2022



WE ARE BACK! August 26 - 28, 2022

“UNMASKED AT LAST ON BROADWAY AVENUE”

ST. PAUL PARK HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL 2022...ONCE AGAIN, IT'S THE PLACE TO BE!!!

After a Covid-influenced past two years, the St. Paul Park Heritage Days committee is pleased to announce we are back and in full swing of planning the upcoming Heritage Days Festival being held August 26 - 28th, 2022 in beautiful downtown St. Paul Park!!! A time when families come and spend time together, friends and neighbors share laughs, children have fun and people work together to create memories that will last a lifetime!

The committee along with the St. Paul Park/Newport Lions Club are moving forward with organizing its biggest event of the summer! The St. Paul Park Heritage Days Festival includes fantastic events such as the 39th Annual Mud Volleyball tournament, Car Show, Street Dance, Live Entertainment, Cornhole Tournament, Mustache Contest, Business Expo, Dunk Tank, Water Balloon and Egg Toss, Kids Zone, Coloring Contest, a wonderful Grande Day Parade which includes community organizations, schools, businesses, churches, and other exciting

groups! We also include fun attractions, local vendors, special foods, and lots of activities for the whole family! Something for everyone!

This year, the Heritage Days Street Dance will take place on Saturday, August 27th from 7:00 - 11 p.m. on the Main Stage on Broadway Avenue. Music will be performed by "HeartBreaker" and returning, a community favorite, will be the Gopher State Garden Tractor Pullers! They will be taking the streets of St. Paul Park on Sunday, August 28th beginning around 11:00 a.m. with registration. This group has some newcomers and puller veterans that know how to pull, pull, pull! Many people head to Heritage Days to see this event and look forward to the many different classes of garden tractors!

And what would a festival be without a Grande Day Parade? The Heritage Days Parade will take place on Saturday, August 27th with step-off at 11:00 a.m. sharp!

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St. Paul Park Natural Gas Project



"Xcel Energy is replacing 5.5 miles of natural gas lines near Highway 10/Highway 61 and replacing regulator stations and valves in St. Paul Park and Cottage Grove for the South Washington Natural Gas Project. This year's construction began early May and is expected to be completed in fall 2022." For further information on the project please visit Xcel's website, xcelenergysouthwashingtonproject.com

Public Communications -
Hotline: 833-664-1004
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info@xcelenergysouthwashingtonproject.com

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

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CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
City offices will be closed on the following days:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day
- New Years Eve (11:30 a.m.)

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Sandi Dingle**, Mayor
- Tim Jones**
- Jeff Haggerty**
- Jeff Swenson**
- Bruce Zenner**

Kevin Walsh, City Administrator

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

City Hall	651-459-9785
City Hall Fax	651-459-6144
Fire	651-459-9918

Police Emergency and Non-Emergency **911**

Police Admin	651-459-9785
Public Works	651-459-3730
After Hours	651-439-9381
Utility Billing	651-403-5961

MEETING CALENDAR

City Council

7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1st and 3rd
 Monday of the month, unless noted.

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 2nd Monday
 of the month, unless noted.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Tarah Beyer, Good Dog Graphics

The parade begins at Heritage Park (Portland and 13th Avenue) and proceeds north on Summit Avenue, West on Broadway Avenue and ends at Second Street. This year, we are looking forward to being out, having fun, enjoying good company, and seeing some great floats!

These are just a few of the upcoming events of what the festival has to offer! Be sure to check the city's website www.stpaulpark.govoffice.com/heritagedays, for more event information, sponsorship opportunities, registration forms, and updates as we have them available.

COMING SOON: We are in the process of creating a new St. Paul Park Heritage Days Festival 2022 Facebook page so be sure to check it out when it's ready! If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions or concerns, please contact Arlo Arlandson at 612.810.1256 or Sheila Nitz at 651.458.9495.

As a friendly reminder, no outside alcohol or coolers are permitted to be brought into the festival area. Wristbands will be available for purchase. Alcohol will be allowed in designated areas of the festival. We truly appreciate your cooperation.



Happy Summer! We hope to see you join in the fun! After all, we are finally "Unmasked at last on Broadway Avenue"!!!

Rental Space Still Available!

Are you planning a Graduation, Birthday Party, Family Reunion, Neighborhood Party this year?



Now is the time to book your reservations. We're booking up fast! For more information on rental availability contact City Hall at 651-459-9785. Please visit our website at www.stpaulpark.org for more information on the cost, and amenities.

Swimming Pool Affidavits

It's that time of year again if you own a pool, you recently have been sent a pool affidavit which must be completed and return it to City Hall. If you no longer have a pool, please contact City Hall so we can update our records. If you have any questions, you can contact City Hall M-F 7:30AM - 4:00PM at 651-459-9785.





From the Desk of Our Chief of Police



The snow is gone, and the sun is here well, at least some days. This year brings the return of Heritage Days August 26-28, just one weekend later than the past. The members of the Police Department look forward to seeing everyone there, and at National Night Out, set for Tuesday, August 2nd.

Some reminders we like to share as the weather gets warmer:

- Remove valuables from your vehicle, including any garage door openers or house keys, when parking for the night.
- Put away or lock up bicycles.
- Be sure to take a photo of your bicycle, and its serial number tag/sticker.

We unfortunately continue to hear of issues of trouble at Heritage Park. There are kids that will go there to bully and harass others at the park. When you see this happening, please call 911 so an officer can be dispatched to the park. We have issued citations and trespassed the kids that are caught doing this. Cameras soon will be getting installed at the park in an effort to deter this behavior so everyone can enjoy the park.

Our body cameras are up and running. The policy for body camera use can be found on the city's website at <https://stpaulpark.org>. The release of body camera footage is governed by Minnesota State Statutes and is generally only accessible, when the case is not active, to the subject of the data. The release of the data can be quite complicated, if you would like to learn more this website is helpful: <https://mn.gov/admin/data-practices/data/types/body-camera/>



National Night Out is on August 2nd this year!

St. Paul Park Curfew Reminders

Curfews for Juveniles: A reminder to parents and children the St. Paul Park Police Department does enforce curfews for juveniles. You can find the City Ordinance under Sec. 46-20, which is located under the city code ordinances on our website.

Under Age 15: it is unlawful for a juvenile under of this age to be present in any public place or establishment within Washington County:
Sunday through Thursday--10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.
Friday and Saturday--11:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.

Age 15 and 16: it is unlawful for a juvenile of these ages to be present in any public place or establishment within the city:
Sunday through Thursday--11:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.
Friday and Saturday--Midnight until 5:00 a.m.

The City of St. Paul Park have reinstated water shut offs of delinquent accounts as of May 2022

If a customer cannot pay their past due balance due to financial difficulties, they may be eligible to set up a payment plan to prevent an interruption in service and avoid additional fees related to disconnection. Customers must contact the Utility Department (651-403-5961) to inquire about special payment arrangements, and, if eligible, return a signed payment plan to avoid water disconnection. Preventing interruption of service will be contingent upon the customer honoring the signed agreement.

ITEMS ACCEPTED IN

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Please make sure you empty and rinse all containers. Place items in a paper bag or directly in your recycling cart. No plastic bags. Stop by City Hall for more recycling information.

- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal food and beverage cans
- Plastic bottles and containers (1, 2, 5)
- Cartons
- Paper and cardboard





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Elections: What is Redistricting?

Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of election districts, done in the United States after the completion of the decennial Census. The voters who live in each district then elect individuals to represent the people of the district in a legislature or other governing body. The purpose of redistricting is to ensure that the people of each district are equally represented.

This year the City of St. Paul Park will go from four precincts to three precincts. This is due to the redistricting of the Minnesota Legislative Districts changing from 54A to 53B, and the Minnesota Congressional Districts 2 & 4 changes to District 2. All three precincts will now be in the same district.

- Precincts 1&2 have been combined into Precinct 1 - voting will take place in the Council Chambers.
- Precinct 4 is now the new Precinct 2 - voting will take place in the DeForth Community Room.
- Precinct 3 will remain the same - voting will take place at Heritage Park Building.

ALL registered voters will be sent a notice from Washington County stating the precinct, district, and location for all future voting. The notices are expected to be mailed to residents in July.

Do You Think You Use A Lot of Water?

Try a few of these helpful tips.



- Residents should check their toilets for leaks. A running toilet can dramatically increase your water bill in no time at all.
- Check for leaks by putting food coloring (red or blue) in tank. **DO NOT flush.** Check periodically to see if color has migrated to the bowl. If it has, replace worn or defective parts. *A leak the size of lead pencil head at 50 lbs pressure uses 200 gallons of water in 24 hours!*
- Install water saving shower heads in your tub and bath. This will save gallons every time you shower. Remember, be water conscious.

DID YOU KNOW?

Water softeners and water heaters should be drained and cleaned yearly; this provides efficient operation. Water softeners with salt tanks not cleaned regularly could result in low water pressure in your home. If you should need assistance, call your local plumber, or water softener company for assistance.

St. Paul Park 2021 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report

All community water systems must distribute a drinking water report known as the Consumer Confidence Report annually to all their residents. The report tells where the drinking water comes from, what is in it, and how you can help to protect it. For a paper copy of the report, you can stop by City Hall M-F, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and pick one up.

The complete report can be downloaded from our website, the report link is located on the home page of our website.

Compost site update

The St. Paul Park compost site located at 100 13th Ave. is closed due to illegal dumping. You can dump materials at the Cottage Grove Compost Site located at 95 & Glendening Rd. Contact them at 651-459-1556 or contact your garbage hauler for options.



St. Paul Park & Newport Scout Troop 83 Adopt a Park Program

Scout Troop 83 on May 19, 2022 walked through Riverside Park picking up any trash in the park while taking in the sites of the river and the wild life.

Walking through the beautiful wood mulched trails and cleaning up our adopted Riverside Park has become one of our annual events every spring and fall.

Some of our scouts live near and visit the park frequently to inspect and pick up trash during the summer on their own. This young group of boys take pride in their adopted community park.

Park Vandalism

We have recently seen a significant uptick in vandalism at our Parks. It has ranged from graffiti on the equipment to damage on the new oors and recycling bins at Heritage Park as well as port a potty damage at Dingle Park.

We are asking for assistance from the public. If you see anybody damaging the parks or facilities, please contact 911 immediately.