

SEASONS OF SPRING PARK

FALL 2023

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



FROM YOUR MAYOR



Happy Fall!!! We hope you have enjoyed a productive, and safe, summer!! It was really nice to see so many residents and visitors out enjoying our beautiful city!!

Budget planning for 2023 has begun and the preliminary levy has been set. Our current levy of \$1,621,762 includes increases for police, fire, and public works contracts, bond payments, and capital projects. Staff efforts have offset most expected line item increases with managed efficiencies and cuts elsewhere. The Council has sought to be frugal without impairing the quality of services and necessary upgrades needed to our infrastructure. This is the preliminary figure the Council approved. Further work and analysis will be done until a final figure is set in December.

It has been a busy summer. Projects such as West Arm West, Black Lake Road, and the mill and overlay on Northern Avenue have reached completion. We have also completed some very nice upgrades to the tennis courts at Thor Thompson Park to include resurfacing, new nets, and adding 2 new pickleball courts!! Additionally, we are in the process of adding upgrades to the lake access/fire lane off of Sunset which has recently been named "Lake Street". Lots of brush has been removed and a street sign has been installed. Stay tuned for more projects coming next Spring!

Enjoy the Fall season!

Jerome P. "Jerry" Rochvam

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IMPORTANT DATES

Council Meetings: 6:30 p.m.
Oct 16; Nov 6, 20; Dec 4, 18

Council Work Sessions: 5:30 p.m.
Oct 16; Nov 20; Dec 18

Truth in Taxation:
Dec 4, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission: 6 p.m.
Oct 11; Nov 8; Dec 13

No Sort Recycling: Fridays
Oct 13, 27; Nov 10, 25 (Sat);
Dec 8, 22

Utility Bills Due: Mon, Nov 13

Fall Brush Cleanup: Sat, Oct 14

Hydrant Flushing/Street Sweeping:
Oct 23-27

Set Clocks Back:: Sun, Nov 5

Office Closed: Nov 10, 23, 24, Dec 25, 26

LAST HORIZON—GARY HARLAN HUGHES



It is with heavy heart that we announce we have lost a friend and long-time member of the Spring Park City Council. Gary Harlan Hughes passed away on September 7th, 2023 due to complications from Parkinson's Disease.

Most of you know the wonderful heart that was Gary Hughes. His generosity in giving back to his community, passing on his educational knowledge as a teacher, as well as training many fire fighters as a proud Firefighter of the Maple Grove Fire Department, were simply immeasurable.

Gary served on the Spring Park City Council, Planning Commission, Mound Fire Commission, and the LMCD for 20+ years—giving back again and impacting so many.

Gary's funny, and positive attitude rubbed off on anyone he met. Whenever we would ask "How's it going Gary?", he would give us a big smile with a twinkle in his eyes and respond "I'm still upright!"

Well Gary, you will always be upright in our hearts, so long buddy, until we meet again.....



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PLANNING COMMISSION

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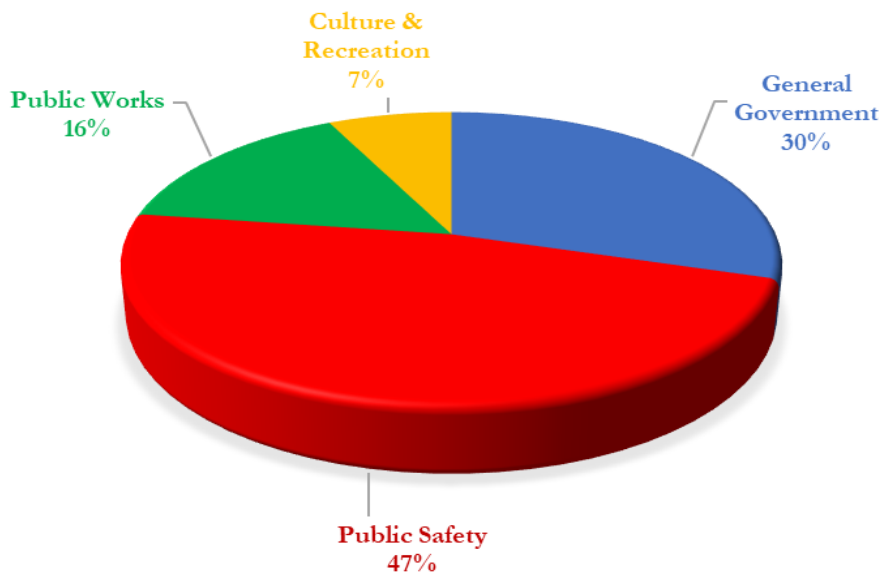
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THE 2024 BUDGET PROCESS HAS BEGUN

The City Council recently met to review the first draft of the City's 2024 budget and approved a preliminary tax levy of \$1,621,762. The Council will be hosting a truth in taxation meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 4 before adopting the final 2024 budget and tax levy. In the meantime, residents and business owners will be receiving their preliminary tax statements from Hennepin County. Below is a visual breakdown of how your tax dollar is proposed to be spent in 2024.

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES BY FUNCTION



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Back Channel Brewing Co.

Happy 6th Beerthday to Back Channel Brewing! Thank you for all you do for Spring Park and the surrounding communities! Cheers to 6 years!



The Shoreline, Lake Minnetonka

Welcome to The Shoreline! The first hotel on Lake Minnetonka in over 100 years! Located at 4165 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park. Opening in 2024!



FROM THE CITY DESK

Street Sweeping and Hydrant Flushing

Street sweeping will occur in late fall. The City will be flushing hydrants from October 23 - 27. Flushing hydrants may cause water discoloration issues. Residents are advised against doing laundry, especially white clothing, while crews are in the area.

Fall Clean Up Day

Saturday, October 14 is the Fall yard waste cleanup event for Spring Park residents and apartments. (see attached flyer for details)

Yard Waste Drop-off Site

Spring Park permits city residents (non-commercial) to dispose of yard waste at no charge until Thanksgiving weekend. The City contracts with The Mulch Store to provide residents with a yard waste drop-off site located in Minnetrista. (see flyer for details)

Snow Events

It's that time of year again. Please make a note of the following: Move your car from public parking lots and side streets during or immediately after a snowfall of one or more inches. You may return your vehicle to your parking spot after the areas have been completely plowed. If you are in doubt about how much snow has fallen, we encourage you to move your vehicle regardless to assist our plowing efforts.