

SEASONS OF SPRING PARK

SUMMER 2018
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



FROM YOUR MAYOR

Happy Summer! It's ironic, we wait for what seems like forever for the first official day of summer to arrive, and then everything seems to speed up! It's hard to believe the 4th of July has come and gone. But now we can settle in and enjoy what Spring Park does best, and that is summer.

We have such a beautiful city with our parks, floral and landscaping, amazing trail, views of the lake, and outdoor restaurants. It's wonderful to have friends and family visit to show off our great city.

As with all great things, I think we can always improve. The one thing I think we can do better is our sidewalks.

Recently we completed many repairs on the sidewalks along Shoreline Drive. I think they look great. If you notice other areas in need of a touch-up, please contact our city staff. It's important to keep the sidewalks in good condition.

Another area I'd like to see an enhancement to is the pedestrian zone along the Sunset Drive corridor. We have a nice sidewalk system from the trail to Shoreline Drive. However, there is no such sidewalk for the segment between the trail and Lord Fletcher's Restaurant, thereby forcing pedestrians to share Sunset Drive with vehicles.

My eventual goal would be to continue the sidewalk system the entire distance from the trail to Lord Fletcher's. In the meantime, however, a designated and striped shoulder pedestrian lane would be a fantastic start for our dog walkers and Post Office visitors. The "after dark" pedestrian traffic is especially worrisome to me. It's a dark road with a few blind spots and I think we can do better for our residents and visitors.

I'd love to hear your feedback on this idea, feel free to contact me at 612-310-7095.

Have a great summer and thank you again for electing me as your Mayor.

Jerry Rockvam



HAVE FUN BUT RESPECT THE WATER

Make Water Safety Your Priority ~ Tips from the LMCD and MFD

- Never leave a young child unattended in or near water, not even for a minute.
- Be prepared for the weather.
- Make sure your boat is in good condition and has all the required safety equipment.
- Avoid alcohol use when boating or swimming. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination. It's also a contributor in many medical incidents, injuries and deaths.
- Wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.
 - Swimming - Young children and inexperienced swimmers should wear life jackets.
 - Boating - Everybody should wear a life jacket on the boat or even near the water.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Council Meetings: 7 p.m.
Aug 6, 20; Sep 4 (Tue), 17; Oct 1, 15

Council Work Sessions: 6 p.m.
Aug 20; Sep 17; Oct 15

Planning Commission: 7 p.m.
Aug 8; Sep 12; Oct 10

No Sort Recycling: Fridays
Aug 10, 24; Sep 8 (Sat), 21;
Oct 5, 19

Utility Bills Due: Friday, Aug 10

Office Closed: Sep 3

Primary Election: Tuesday, Aug 14

Summer Hours:
Memorial Day to Labor Day
Mon - Thurs 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.;
Fri 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Begin Regular Hours: Sep 4
Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



GARDEN IN BLOOM



~ WeCAN Food Donations ~
If any gardeners in Spring Park would like to donate their excess food to the WeCAN food shelf they should contact Caitlin at 952-472-0742.



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Fri 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.



ELECTIONS 2018

Phone: 952-471-9051
Web: www.ci.spring-park.mn.us

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: Jerome P. "Jerry" Rockvam
Council Members: Pamela Horton,
Gary Hughes, Catherine Kane Palen,
Megan Pavot



PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair: Jeff Hoffman
Commissioners: Max Avalos, Bruce
Homan, Pete Kaczanowski, Michael
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Election Dates in 2018

- **Primary Election—Tuesday, August 14**
 - Partisan & non-partisan —For the purpose of nominating candidates for federal, state, and county offices to be voted on at the General Election. No local offices are on the ballot.
 - Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- **General Election—Tuesday, November 6**
 - Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.



RECYCLING INFO

Keep Recycling Sustainable

You may have seen a lot about recycling in the news lately so the City of Spring Park met with Republic Services to better understand how we can work together to make recycling sustainable. The recycling industry has been challenged since China announced efforts to clean up the country, which included dramatic changes for acceptance criteria of imported recyclable. How can you help clean up our recycling stream and keep recycling sustainable? Here are a few tips to follow:

- Do not bag your recyclables
- Keep plastic grocery bags and diapers out of your recycling cart
- Empty your recyclables: no food or product residue
- Clean: Rinse your empty recyclable containers
- Dry: Dry containers before placing them in the cart. Wet/soiled paper and cardboard can't be recycled.
- **WHEN IN DOUBT — THROW IT OUT!**

Interested in Running for Local Office?

The offices to be elected in 2018 are Mayor (2 year term) and two (2) Council Members (4 year terms). A candidate for these municipal offices must reside, while seeking election and while serving in office, within the City of Spring Park.

Candidate Filing Period

The candidate filing period for these municipal elective offices are as follows:

Opens: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 - 8:00 A.M.

Closes: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 - 5:00 P.M.

Affidavits of candidacy must be submitted during the filing period to the City Clerk at Spring Park City Hall, 4349 Warren Avenue. A \$2.00 filing fee is also due at the time of filing. For further information call Theresa at 952-471-9051.



IS YOUR TOILET RUNNING? THEN YOU'D BETTER CATCH IT!

Water Costs Money...Don't Waste It

It is estimated that 20% of all toilets leak and a running toilet could be wasting up to 200 gallons of water every day. Also a leaky/dripping faucet or fixture can waste approximately 3 gallons a day...a total of 1095 gallons a year.

Finding Leaks

Leaks are often easy to detect and inexpensive to fix. Follow these 3 tips to find leaks:

- Use dye tablets or food coloring to test your toilet for leaks.
- Check all indoor and outdoor faucets for drips
- Use your water meter to detect leaks - turn off all water in the house and then check your meter. Is it moving? Then you have a leak somewhere in your house.