

# SEASONS OF SPRING PARK

SUMMER 2023  
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## FROM YOUR MAYOR

Happy Summer Spring Park!

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.

Recently we completed the reconstruction of West Arm Road West and Black Lake Road. We had some bumps along the way but we managed to address and resolve. The projects required residents on those streets to make some sacrifices during construction so we want to be sure to sincerely thank those residents for their patience and cooperation, we really appreciate it!!

Additionally, we have completed the upgrades to the tennis courts along with adding two pickleball courts! We are also making improvements to the Sunset Lake Access and have completed a mill and overlay project on Northern Avenue which should help to improve the road condition.

We live in a beautiful area, especially at this time of year. It's wonderful to see people using the trails, parks, and the lake!!

Yours truly,

*Jerome P. "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:** 6:30 p.m.  
Aug 7, 21; Sep 5 (Tue), 18; Oct 2, 16

**Council Work Sessions:** 5:30 p.m.  
Aug 21; Sep 18; Oct 16

**Planning Commission:** 6 p.m.  
Aug 9; Sep 13; Oct 11

**No Sort Recycling:** Fridays  
Aug 4, 18; Sep 1, 15, 29;  
Oct 13, 27

**Orono Fall Cleanup:** Sep 16

**City Office Closed:** Sep 4



## GARDENS IN BLOOM



### WeCAN and Westonka Food Shelf Donations

If any gardeners in Spring Park would like to donate their excess fruits or vegetables, they can donate to WeCAN or the Westonka Food Shelf. Items can be dropped off at their specific locations below.

WeCAN, 5213 Shoreline Drive,  
Mound 952-472-0742

Westonka Food Shelf, 2443 Commerce Blvd.,  
Mound 952-472-5599.



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**OFFICE HOURS:**

**M-Th:** 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
**Fri:** 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Phone:** 952-471-9051  
**Web:** [www.ci.spring-park.mn.us](http://www.ci.spring-park.mn.us)

**CITY COUNCIL**

**Mayor:** Jerome P. “Jerry” Rockvam  
**Council Members:** Mark Chase, Pamela Horton, Jeff Hoffman, Doug Sippel

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Chair:** Jeff Hoffman  
**Commissioners:** Max Avalos, Bruce Homan, Kathleen Terryl, Michael Mason



**FROM THE CITY DESK—CITY MERCH IS AVAILABLE!**

The City has partnered with Sportacular to provide City embossed merchandise for sale! Because it takes time to process the orders, the “online store” is only



open during designated times. It will be open starting 9/15 and stay open for purchases until 10/15. It will close on 10/15 and open again on 11/15 just in time for holiday purchases! You can order online at:

<https://springpark.itemorder.com/shop/home>.

The link is also posted on the City of Spring Park website.



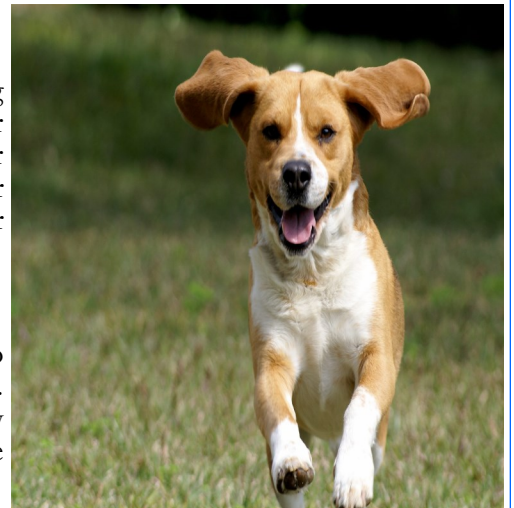
**PET REMINDERS**

**Do Your Doo-Doo Duty ~  
Pick Up After Your Pet**

Please remember when you are walking your dog that you are responsible for the cleanup and disposal of your animal’s defecation on either public or private property, city sidewalks, or parks.

**Leash Laws ~  
Even Dogs Like Stylish Accessories**

It is responsibility of every pet owner to keep their animal under restraint. People have the right to walk in the City without being confronted by loose dogs.



**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!**



**IS YOUR TOILET RUNNING OR FAUCET LEAKING?**

**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 and irrigation systems for breaks
- 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.