

WINTER 2023

# SEASONS OF SPRING PARK

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## FROM YOUR MAYOR

Happy New Year!

As we begin 2023, I want to thank you for electing me to serve as your Mayor for another term. The pleasure has really been all mine! I've been fortunate to have a very professional staff to work with as well as a great Council and Planning Commission.

The year 2022 brought lots of accomplishments including the start of the road reconstruction and utility undergrounding on Black Lake Road and West Arm Road West. This was the result of the hard work from the Planning Commission, staff, input from our residents, and finalization by the City Council.

In 2023, we will continue moving forward with projects in process and also begin some new ones. We will be conducting a study of our aging roads and water/sewer lines for possible replacement along with beginning the early stages of the road reconstruction design and undergrounding on Sunset Drive. For the Parks, we are looking to resurface the tennis courts to include pickleball and other potential upgrades!

Finally, there is also a redevelopment project in process with a commercial property in our city. It is always exciting to welcome new development and we look forward to see what the new year brings - it's a positive outlook for our city!

As usual, "Your concerns are my concerns." Please give me a call at (612) 310-7095 with any concerns you have.

Your Mayor,

*Jerry Rockvam*

Jerome P. "Jerry" Rockvam

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[www.ci.spring-park.mn.us](http://www.ci.spring-park.mn.us)



## Important Dates

- Council Meetings:** 6:30 p.m.  
Feb 21 (Tues); Mar 6, 20, Apr 17
- Council Work Sessions:** 5:30 p.m.  
Feb 21 (Tues); Mar 20, Apr 17
- Planning Commission:** 6 p.m.  
Mar 8, Apr 12
- No Sort Recycling:** Fridays  
Feb 17; Mar 3, 17, 31
- Office Closed:** Feb 20
- Daylight Savings Time:** Mar 12



## FROM THE MPCA

### Smart Salting Tips That Help Protect Minnesota Waters

Smart salting strategies can help reduce chloride pollution in state waters, while saving money and limiting salt damage to infrastructure, vehicles, and plants.

- **Shovel.** The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use.
- **15 degrees (F) is too cold for salt.** Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use sand instead for traction, but remember that sand does not melt ice.
- **Slow down.** Drive for the conditions and make sure to give plow drivers plenty of space to do their work.
- **Apply less.** More salt does not mean more melting. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet.
- **Sweep up extra.** If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use this salt or sand somewhere else or throw it away.

## HELP SAVE VALUABLE TIME DURING AN EMERGENCY

### From the Mound Fire Department



In winter, the deep snow creates a problem with high piled snow around fire hydrants. The deep snow often makes it very difficult for firefighters to find the buried fire hydrants.

In an emergency we must have clearly marked and accessible fire hydrants. It normally takes a firefighter less than a minute to connect a large fire hose to a fire hydrant. If a fire hydrant is buried under a pile of snow, the time involved will likely double or even triple.

You can volunteer and help (us and yourself) by clearing the snow from around the fire hydrants in your neighborhood. Please help us keep them accessible through out the winter so we can be much more efficient and timely in the event of an emergency!

If you are unable to clear the snow from a fire hydrant in your neighborhood, please call Vicki Weber at the Mound Fire Department administrative office (952) 472-3555 and we will help clear the snow from the hydrant. Thank you for your assistance!



On Lake Minnetonka

4349 Warren Avenue  
Spring Park, MN 55384

**Office Hours:** M-Thur 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Fri 7:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

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**CITY COUNCIL**

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

**CITY STAFF**

**Administrator:** Mike Anderson  
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**Public Works:** DJ Goman  
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**SUNSET DRIVE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

**County Road 51 in Spring Park**

Hennepin County, the cities of Spring Park, Orono, and Three Rivers Park District are working together to reconstruct Sunset Drive (County Road 51) between Spring Street and Shadywood Road (County Road 19). Construction is expected to begin in 2024.

Be sure to visit: [hennepin.us/sunset-drive](http://hennepin.us/sunset-drive) to see the dates/locations of the open houses. These open houses will allow you the opportunity to share your thoughts on existing issues and needs for improving the road and provide feedback on the design options.



Watch out for an open house in early 2023.  
Visit [hennepin.us/sunset-drive](http://hennepin.us/sunset-drive) for more information.



**FROM THE CITY DESK**

**Attention All Green-Thumb Gardeners!**

Between March 1 & March 31, the City will begin accepting applications for the Spring Park Community Garden at Wilkes Park. This year we will be offering all plots on a first come first serve basis. A plot costs \$25 for the season with a limit of 1 plot per household.

Applications are available on the City website or at City Hall. For any questions or more information, please call City Clerk Jamie Hoffman at (952) 999-7491 or email: [jkhoffman@ci.spring-park.mn.us](mailto:jkhoffman@ci.spring-park.mn.us).



**FROM THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

Remember there will be an increase in the utility rates this year which you will see in your first quarter utility billing. You can view the new rates on the City website and a flyer will be included in your next utility bill. For more information, contact Patria Xiong at (952) 999-7492 or Mike Anderson at (952) 999-7493.

Minnesota state law and local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling or placing of snow from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots onto public roadways. Violations are misdemeanors and liability can extend to both the property owner and the person or company who placed the snow improperly.



**EVENTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

For some fun and entertainment, see below for events happening around the lake. Enjoy!!

- 2/18: “Live Music Saturdays” - Back Channel Brewing, Spring Park
- 2/26: “Last Call for Walleye” - Back Channel Brewing, Spring Park
- 3/18: “Luck of the Irish 5K Run” - Excelsior



**LMCD 2023 BUFFER DISTANCE RULE**

The LMCD recently updated it’s rules to respond to concerns about the large wakes created by wake surf and large cruiser boats. These wakes make it difficult for small watercraft such as kayaks and canoes to use the lake safely and can damage Lake Minnetonka’s environment and contribute to shoreline erosion.

For more information, call the LMCD at (952) 745-0789 or go online to <https://lmcd.org/safety/safety-boat-generated-wakes/>