

E-BLAST FOR THE CITY OF NORTH OAKS—8/5/2022

IMPORTANT UPDATES

City Hall and NOHOA Phone outage

Due to technical issues, City Hall, NOHOA as well as several other surrounding City offices supported through the same carrier have had no phone service since Wednesday. Lumen, the cable provider, is working to repair the fiber cut and restore full service as soon as possible. Please email any questions or permit applications to northoaks@northoaksmn.gov or stop in City Hall. City Hall hours are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. - Noon on Friday's.

Reminder: 2022 Primary Election – Next Tuesday, August 9th

This year, the primary election is Tuesday, August 9th. To vote in-person on election day, all residents of North Oaks (both Precinct 1 and 2) vote at North Oaks City Hall at 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 150, North Oaks, MN 55127. Hours for voting are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To help prepare to vote:

- Preview and research "[What's on my ballot](#)".
- Check your registration here: [Minnesota Secretary Of State - Register To Vote](#).
- If you need to register ON election day, you will need to bring proof of identification and residency. Click [HERE](#) for a full list of acceptable documents.

For more information and results after election day, visit [Elections & Voting | City of North Oaks, MN \(northoaksmn.gov\)](#)

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Natural Resource Commission and City Council Meetings Next week

There will be a Natural Resource Commission meeting on Monday, August 8th held via zoom.

There will also be a City Council workshop on Thursday, August 11th to consider the future of North Oaks policing, followed by the regularly scheduled 7 p.m. monthly City council meeting. The City Council meeting will be in Council Chambers, with participation by zoom available.

The meeting agenda packet and zoom links for all City meetings can be found on the City website no later than 72 hours prior to each meeting. Select the respective meeting entry on the [City meeting calendar](#).

Night to Unite Events

Thanks to those who hosted or participated in the Night to Unite events on Tuesday, August 2nd! Remember to send your picture to City Hall at northoaks@northoaksmn.gov to share community spirit via our Facebook page.

Special thanks to the Lake Johanna Fire Department for their participation in the event. Unfortunately, Ramsey County Sheriff's personnel were not able to attend events on the night of the event due to the loss of one of their patrol deputies. The City sends its condolences to the Sheriff's Office personnel on this tragic loss.

If your neighborhood collected school supplies for the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office school supply drive, they ask that you help them in the collection effort in one of the following ways:

1. Drop the collected supplies off at the Patrol Station, 1411 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112 (near the intersection of Highway 96 West and Hamline Avenue North) during lobby hours, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm.
2. If the amount is more than you're comfortable transporting, please connect with the Crime Prevention Unit starting Wednesday Aug. 3 to arrange pick-up by Sheriff personnel. Email: CrimePrevention@ramseycounty.us or phone: 651-266-7339.

COMMUNITY

Ralph Reeder Good Neighbor Back to School Project

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf is accepting donations for school supplies for the 2022-2023 school year. Some of the most needed items include:

- Large Sturdy Backpacks
- Spiral Wide Lined Notebooks
- Pocket Folders
- Pencils
- Washable Markers in Primary Colors
- \$10.00 Target Gift Cards

Donations are needed by Friday, August 12, 2022. For more information on how to donate, visit [Ralph Reeder Food Shelf / School Supplies \(moundsvIEWSchools.org\)](https://moundsvIEWSchools.org)

NATURAL RESOURCES

Facebook Livestream Workshop: Caring for your Pollinator Garden

[Metro Blooms](#) is hosting a Facebook Livestream workshop on caring for Pollinator Gardens. Landscape designer Jen Ehlert to go over mid-summer maintenance for your pollinator garden. She'll be live onsite at a pollinator garden in Corcoran, showing us common weeds and how to get rid of them. They will have a Q+A to answer questions live as well.

The event will take place on Thursday, August 11 from 12-1 p.m. For more information, visit [Livestream Maintenance Training: Caring for your Pollinator Garden | Facebook](#)

REMINDERS – IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Conditional Use Permit – 1 South Deep Lake Road

As part of the August 25th Planning Commission meeting, a Conditional Use permit application for garage space in excess of 1,500 square feet at 1 South Deep Lake Road will be reviewed. Neighbors within 300

feet of the address will be notified via mail 10 days prior to the meeting, and materials for review will be available on the City website 72 hours prior to the meeting. Feedback on applications before Planning Commission is always welcomed. Email City Administrator Kevin Kress at kkress@northoaksmn.gov.

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Jumping Worms

Check out the article on invasive jumping worms on page 2B of the August issue of the North Oaks News now in mailboxes. This Natural Resource Commission article presents information on how to identify invasive jumping worms, their negative impact, and tips to prevent it from spreading.

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Thank you for participating! See you at Farm Fest on **Sunday, September 11!**

City Table at New Resident Event – Sunday 8/21

For those attending the new resident event hosted by the North Oaks Homeowners Association on Sunday, stop by the City of North Oaks table from 3-5 p.m. to sign up for City eblasts and ask questions. We look forward to meeting you!

NATURAL RESOURCES

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Highlights from the August 25, 2022 meeting include:

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To watch the full Planning Commission meeting, click [HERE](#).

Pleasant Lake Beach Closed Until Further Notice

Pleasant Lake Beach is temporarily closed as water testing results by Ramsey County currently show elevated levels of E-Coli. The beach will be closed until results return to normal. Elevated levels may be caused by water conditions, heat, rainstorms, and wildlife. The Homeowners Association will advise residents when the beach reopens.

COMMUNITY

Minnesota State Fair – Park & Ride Locations

The Great Minnesota Get Together is here! The State Fair will run Thursday, August 25-Monday, September 5. If you are planning to attend, check out the following website for to locate convenient Park & Ride locations close to the City of North Oaks: [Free Park & Ride | Minnesota State Fair \(mnstatefair.org\)](#)

SAFETY

What is a Solicitor?

The community has experienced several reports of soliciting this week. A solicitor is an uninvited person in our private community putting materials on door knobs / mailboxes, or knocking on doors. This applies to both contractors soliciting business, as well as individuals promoting different social causes or political parties. Per [City Ordinance 131](#), these individuals are trespassing in our community since they are not residents or invited guests. Doing work on a home nearby does not give permission for contractors to knock on neighbors' doors. To reach our residents, these materials must be sent through U.S. Mail system or advertised in the local paper.

Report solicitors to Ramsey County via 911 or the non-emergency #651-291-1111. Please note the description of car, license plate, and description of persons if possible.

Please note that candidates for local North Oaks office such as Mayor and City Council are residents of our community and therefore are not trespassing. Local candidates may drop information in newspaper slots on mailboxes, however we do ask they do NOT approach doorways.

Candidate Information / Political Guidelines

With the November election ballot for local North Oaks City offices set, candidates will be invited to record a 5 minute "Speak Out" presentation by NineNorth, and well as participate in the League of Women Voters candidate forum. Residents are encouraged to [submit questions for the candidates](#) by Friday, September 9th. The candidate forum will be conducted on Monday, September 12th at the NineNorth studio. There will be no live audience. Links to view these events will be published in the City eblast, website and Facebook page once they become available mid-September.

The North Oaks News or Shoreview Press may also have information on local candidates as the November election approaches. Please note, although political signage is allowed via State Statute, communities with Homeowners Associations such as North Oaks may have deeds and covenants that are more restrictive. NOHOA regulations allow only 1 real estate sign, with no political signage allowed. Candidates are asked to put any physical political signage outside of the private roads in our North Oaks community.

NATURAL RESOURCES

VLAWMO Good Neighbor Guide

From the [VLAWMO website](#):

Have you ever thought, "There's probably a water friendly way to do this," but just couldn't recall what the details were? You're not alone!

From turf care to yard waste disposal to smart salting, there's a lot of details to remember to help do things in a water friendly way. That's why VLAWMO and the Watershed Action Volunteers are excited to present the Good Neighbor Guide - a one-stop-shop for all your watershed questions and a seasonal checklist to help cover the bases of watershed care. With a bit of practice and keeping it an active conversation with neighbors, the guide becomes a regular routine.

These guidelines are helpful for our local lakes, streams, wetlands, groundwater, and wildlife, but they're also a neighborly gesture to human watershed dwellers, particularly those who live downstream. Find out more on how to expand the notion of a good neighbor and save a copy for reference at the following link: [Good Neighbor Guide](#)

Disposing of Invasive species

Invasive plants, such as garlic mustard and buckthorn, are accepted at Ramsey yard waste sites. Seeds from these plants are destroyed from the high heat either during the composting process or the burning of mulch for energy recovery.

It is essential to **remove any roots** from the buckthorn plants that are to be picked up or brought to the yard waste site. The Ramsey County yard waste collection sites do not accept buckthorn plants with roots attached. Please place the roots in a yard waste container provided by your garbage hauler.

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The survey takes less than 5 minutes to complete, and answers are anonymous. Please take a minute to complete the survey, and update it in the future whenever a new incident occurs. [North Oaks Natural Resources Commission & Tick Task Force Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

Historical City Eblast Communications

Just a reminder that all former City of North Oaks Eblasts can be accessed at any time on the City Website under City Hall [Weekly Town News](#).

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Access to participate in public meetings via remote zoom is still available at this time. Final materials and links for meetings can be found on the City of North Oaks website no later than 72 hours prior to each meeting at <http://www.northoaksmn.gov>. **Click on the calendar entry for each meeting to access agendas, links to view via Nine North, or to participate via zoom.**

The community may also watch via the City website or Cable Channel 16 for City Council and Planning Commission meetings. Minutes will be taken and published for Natural Resource Commission meetings, with a link to re-watch the meeting posted on the website calendar following each meeting.

- **City Council Meeting** – Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Natural Resources Commission** – Monday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Planning Commission Meeting** – Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m.

A complete list of options for participation and submitting comments can be found [here](#).

City of North Oaks—Office Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9:00 – 4:00 p.m., Friday: 9:00 - 12 p.m.

City Email: northoaks@northoaksmn.gov

Phone: 651-792-7750

For your convenience, permit and license applications and other business can be submitted to northoaks@northoaksmn.gov and processed remotely without the need to make a trip into the office. Contact the City with any questions.

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