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Eblast for the Week of 4.6.2024

IMPORTANT CITY NEWS

Upcoming April City Council Meeting - 4.11.2024

The April City Council Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the North Oaks Community Room, 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 150.

Agenda items for review include:

- Conditional Use permits for 1 Sherwood, 2 Sherwood, 70 West Pleasant Road
- Septic Variance for 4 Dove Lane, 6 Badger
- Consideration of Solar Ordinance and Garage Size Ordinance City Code XV, Chapter 151
- Resolution regarding MN Legislature "Missing Middle Housing" bills, HF4009, SF 3964, and SF 3980



Members of the public are invited to participate in-person or via Zoom. The Council agenda packet will be published on the City website 72 hours prior to the meeting.

[View City Council Agenda / Zoom Link](#)



Coming Soon - Tree Seedlings and Spring Brush Pickup

The City office has started to receive inquiries about whether two popular spring programs will be offered again this year - free tree seedlings from the Minnesota DNR and a city-wide brush pickup day. The answer to both is yes!

The City expects to receive 8 different varieties of tree seedlings late April/early May and will be FREE to residents. Replenishing trees lost to disease and age is an important part of sustaining North Oaks natural environment for years to come. Information on how/where to pick up seedlings will be shared as soon as we receive the delivery date from the MN State Forestry.

The brush pick-up program will take place on Thursday, May 30th, and will offer residents a discounted rate for brush pickup by Budget Tree Service. If all the brush is not picked up that day, work will continue the following day. Agreement waivers must be in by Tuesday, May 28th. Refer [HERE](#) for more details and estimated cost. To sign up, email the waiver to City Hall at northoaks@northoaksmn.gov.

Stay tuned to future eblasts and the City website for more details in the coming weeks.

Earth Day 2024 - Plan a Clean-Up Event

Looking ahead - Monday, April 22 is Earth Day! This annual event is celebrated around the world to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Earth day is a great opportunity to plan a cleanup event in your neighborhood, or with a youth sports team, Scouts, family, friends, and neighbors. Consider grabbing gloves, trash bag and taking the family out to pick up trash that has surfaced within our community after the winter.

Key areas that frequently see trash blown into our



community is near any of the North Oaks entrances, as well as the Village Center Road / retail center brush areas. Perhaps reward your young helpers with a stop at Dairy Queen - a win-win for the earth and kids! For other ideas on how to recognize and celebrate the earth on this day, and every day, visit: [Earth Day 2023 - Earth Day](#)

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17 May 2024

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North Oaks Rummage Sale - Drop Off Date Saturday 5.18.2024

North Oaks Guild II conducts an annual rummage sale each September as a fundraiser for Children's Hospital Association.

The first donation drop-off day will be **May 18th at the West Rec Center** at 14 West Pleasant Lake Road, North Oaks. Please bring your



The dates for the September sale are Saturday September 14, 2024 from 7 AM – 3 PM

donations of gently used items between 9 AM – 2 PM. Refer [HERE](#) for a list of items accepted.

Furniture donations are greatly appreciated. Please call OR text Jennifer Martini (651) 231-5825 No later than May 13th to schedule a pickup on May 18th. Pick-up of furniture only (and this service is available only within North Oaks).

The Fall donation drop-off will be held on Saturday, September 7th at the Shoreview Ice Arena, 877 Hwy 96 West, Shoreview, MN 55126.

(Early Bird Admission 7 – 9 AM \$5) and Sunday September 15, 2024 from 9 AM – 2 PM at the Shoreview Ice Arena.

Please visit the website for more information, including how to volunteer and other support for North Oaks Guild II at:
www.northoaksummagesale.org

North Oaks Garden Club 2024 Plant Sale - Last Week to Order!

**ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 12
EASY ELECTRONIC ORDERING**



This year's sale will include a great variety of annuals, herbs and vegetables along with new basket combinations. The sale will offer 10" baskets and 12" patio planters with combinations for sun and shade. The electronic order form and photos of the plants and hanging baskets are available at <http://www.nogardenclub.com>. Submit your order early to receive your first choice of plants and hanging baskets. All orders and payments are due by Friday, April 12th. Payments may be made by credit card or check.

Pickup dates at Hill Farm (35 Hill Farm Circle):

Hanging baskets and patio pots: Monday, May 6th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Herbs, fruits, vegetables, annual plants: Thursday, May 9th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Please send any questions to nogardenclub@gmail.com. The Garden Club thanks you for your support and looks forward to seeing you at the plant pickups.

The North Oaks Garden Club is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. All plant sale proceeds are used to support charitable programs benefiting our community.

**Shop North Oaks Garden Club Plant
Sale**

SAFETY

Ramsey County Roads - Potholes Issues

The spring season can be frustrating to many drivers as they go down the roads as they can be a bit bumpy. If you come across potholes that are deep, please take some time to report them to the appropriate agency so they can be patched.



First, determine the location and type of roadway the pothole is on, State, County, or City roadway? Next, go to that agency to report the pothole. Many can easily be reported online. See below for State and Ramsey County pothole reporting.

Local North Oaks City streets are maintained by the North Oaks Homeowners Association (NOHOA) via Mel's Services. Contact Rowcal, the NOHOA help desk, to report road issues at 651-233-1307 or email careteam@rowcal.com.

State Roads & Highways: [MnDOT reporting pothole, graffiti or other roadside issues](#)

Ramsey County Roads - [report a problem](#)

NATURAL RESOURCES

Total Solar Eclipse - Monday April 8th

This Monday, April 8th between 1 - 3 p.m. a total eclipse of the Sun will take place in parts of the U.S. This scientific event occurs when the moon completely covers the sun, which effects sunlight, air temperature, animal behavior and causes temporary darkness. To learn more about this unusual event - click [HERE](#) for a summary of watch happens at each stage.



While Minnesota is not in the direct path, we may still see a more limited visible effect. [View here for the timing and path across the United States](#). The next total solar eclipse will not be until August 2026.



Virtual Resilient Shorelines Workshop - Hosted by Rice Creek Watershed District and Vadnais Lake Area Watershed Management Organization.

Tuesday, April 9th

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration fee: \$15

Reserve your spot at: [Resilient Shorelines: RCWD + VLAWMO – Blue Thumb](#)

This workshop covers fundamentals that shoreline property owners need for protecting water quality near their home. Participants will first enjoy a 90 minute presentation given by Metro Blooms Design + Build staff, and then will have the opportunity to ask site specific questions and get expert advice. This workshop covers topics such as: shoreline site assessments, types of shoreline projects, plant selection tips, regulatory reminders, and more! Participants also receive resources that will guide them through the planning stages of their own shoreline project!

Counties added to spring burning restrictions as wildfire risk increases in the Northwest

via MN DNR 4/5/2024

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has expanded the area subject to open burning restrictions of vegetative debris, as warm and dry weather spreads throughout the state. This kind of burning is the number one cause of wildfires in Minnesota and burning restrictions help reduce wildfire risk. This includes Ramsey County.

The DNR will not issue permits for the open burning of brush or yard waste in these counties until restrictions are lifted.

“Wildfire danger is especially high in spring because dormant or dead



If people need to dispose of vegetation or yard waste, Harrison said composting, chipping, or taking brush to a [collection site](#) are all good options. For more information, visit the [composting for woodland owners](#) page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/wildfire/prevention/debris-composting.html).

People cause 90% of wildfires in Minnesota. Due to the high wildfire potential this spring, people should be careful with anything that can cause a spark, especially on dry, windy days. If a fire rekindles or escapes, the person who set it is liable for any damage caused, as well as for wildfire suppression costs.

Burning restrictions will be adjusted as conditions change. For more information

vegetation from the previous year has dried out and there is no snow protection,” said Karen Harrison, DNR wildfire prevention specialist. “Recent snow and rain provided temporary relief in some areas, but cured grasses and downed leaves can dry out quickly. Once the landscape ‘greens up,’ fire danger goes down – but until then, burning restrictions reduce the potential for unintended wildfire starts.”

and daily updates on current fire risk and open burning restrictions, visit the [statewide fire danger and burning restrictions](#) page of the DNR website.

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Highlights From Last Week's News:

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- Highlights from the March 2024 Planning Commission Meeting
- Update to MN State Legislature Bills Under Consideration
- North Oaks Rummage Sale Drop-Off Date - 5.18.2024
- North Oaks Garden Club Plant Sale
- Safe Drug Disposal
- Preventing Conflict with Bears

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Eblast for the Week of 4.12.2024

IMPORTANT CITY NEWS

Highlights from the 4.11.2024 City Council Meeting

Highlights from the Thursday, April 11, 2024 City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. include:

- Council heard from 2 residents regarding current animal licensing ordinance, and Red Forest Way utility proposed connection. Council approved City April financials, arborist and mechanical license applications, 2023 audited financials, and accepted donation for the Aging in Place Open House.
- Deputy Lassegard presented his monthly report. (see below)
- Approved Resolutions 1510 and 1511 for CUP for building height in excess of 35 feet for properties located at 1 and 2 Sherwood Trail
- Approved Resolution 1512 for CUP for garage size



in excess of 1,500 square feet and building addition at 70 West Pleasant Lake Road

- Approved Resolution 1513 and 1514 for septic variance at 4 Dove Lane and 6 Badger Lane
- Discussed and approved Ordinance 146* and Summary Resolution 1515 amending City Code Title XV, Chapter 151, regarding solar energy systems
- Discussed and approved Ordinance 147* and summary Resolution 1516 amending City Code, Title XV, Chapter 151, regarding building height and setbacks in the RSL - Residential Single-Family Low Density District
- **Ordinances 146 and 147 can be found by scrolling down to the [most recent ordinances on the City website](#), with a summary published in the 4.23.2024 edition of the Shoreview Press.
- Discussed and approved Resolution 1517 supporting retention of City zoning authority. This will be sent to the State legislature to support North Oaks desire to maintain control of local zoning at City level.
- Discussed and approved Resolution 1518 withdrawing Comp Plan amendment request to Metropolitan Council for public sewer at Red Forest Way.
- Councilor Azman noted discussion of bonding at Fire Board meeting. Brief conversation regarding preferred method for bonding of the proposed Lake Johanna Fire Station.
- Councilor Shah noted Fire Board is looking at different governance model, encourages families to participate in Earth Day activities and take part in the free tree seedling program once they arrive at City Hall.
- Councilor Watson will schedule sub-committee meeting with the Ramsey County Sheriff office to discuss contract. He also noted the importance of communication with residents regarding water conservation as enter new agreements with White Bear township.
- Mayor Wolter reminded residents of Brush pick-up day taking place late May. She also thanked the City Attorney for keeping Council up to date on legislative matters and encouraged residents to call their representatives if do not agree with the content of the bills taking away local authority for zoning matters.

View the full meeting recording [HERE](#).

County Road J from Centerville Road to Otter Lake Road – including the interchange with I-35E – is scheduled for reconstruction in 2025. This construction may affect North Oaks residents in the northern portion of the City, including Preserve Trail, Sherwood Road, Rapp Farm, and Waverly Gardens. Ramsey County is leading the project in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Anoka County, White Bear Township, North Oaks and Lino Lakes.



The existing I-35E and County Road J interchange –and the surrounding area – has several safety, congestion and access issues that impact pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Additional development is expected near the interchange in the next five years, which will increase traffic and worsen safety issues.

Three areas are targeted for improvement:

- The I-35E and County Road J interchange.
- County Road J from Centerville Road to Otter Lake Road.
- Centerville Road from County Road J to North Ash Street.

To receive updates on the County Road J and 1-35E Interchange project, visit:

[County Road J & I-35E Interchange | Ramsey County](#)

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Attention All Graduates!

The Stroll North Oaks publication wants to showcase graduating students of all ages! Any student of any age is welcome to participate - high school graduates, college graduates, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, third grade - the more the merrier!

So, you might be asking yourself, "This is awesome, but how do I get my kids into this special issue?" or "What type of information are you looking for?" Well, it's as simple as this: Email any photos and accompanying text to northoaksliving@n2pub.com by May 15th! Here are some ideas for good information to include:

- High resolution photo(s) (500 KB or larger in size)
- Caption(s) for the photo(s)
- Baby photo (before and after)
- Graduate bio
- Special notes from mom and dad
- Anything else appropriate



If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact northoaksliving@n2pub.com.

Please email your grad submission by **May 15, 2024**.

Stroll magazine looks forward to honoring your graduates!

SAFETY

Deputy Lassegard's Monthly Report

158 Calls for Service

Notable:

- Attempt to lure child into a car in Rapp Farm. No suspect identified.
- Reminds parents to speak to children about stranger safety, role play scenarios with them, buddy up if possible, and be sure they know their own address and phone number. Don't be afraid to tell an adult if approached.
- Animal complaints - it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep pets in own yard and allow walkers and other residents safe passage on roads.
- Reminder there is no fishing on Pleasant Lake per DNR Regulations and North Oaks ordinance. Violators are subject to ticketing.
- Quieter monthly overall.



Safety and Security

- Contractor vehicles will pick up in summertime. Be sure you know who you are hiring - [check the MN public criminal history](#) database to ensure reputable individuals and check for references. Take pictures of drivers license and vet them before allowing in home and community.
- Contractor signs are not allowed in yards, and they are prohibited from going door to door soliciting new business.
- Be a hard target: Keep garage doors closed (even when home or out on walks) and cars locked that are in driveways.
- April is distracted driving month - Slowdown, do not text while driving and watch for walkers and bikers.
- He recommended bring back out speed monitor cart.
- Report any suspicious vehicles to 911.
- Next block captain meeting is April 16th.

Reminder: **DO NOT CALL DEPUTY MATT FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUES.** Call 911 for emergencies.

Deputy Matt Lassegard: 651-448-1890; matt.lassegard@co.ramsey.mn.us

Severe Weather Awareness Week

April 8-12 is Severe Weather Awareness Week. This is a great time to refresh your knowledge about seasonal threats from severe weather and how to stay safe.

Learn more about how to be prepared for the various severe weather events that can affect residents of Minnesota, and how to get severe weather emergency alerts at:

[Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week | Ramsey County](#)



NATURAL RESOURCES

Sign up Now: Brush Pickup Day Coming - May 30th

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Brush Pick up Day Information / Waiver

Tick Season - Coming Early

With the early onset of warmer weather, this also brings tick season! While out on the trails and in nature, please remember to [follow tick prevention guidelines](#) while out and about and do frequent tick checks. Ticks at this time of year can be very tiny, check your pets and children after coming in from outdoor play.

Participate in the ongoing tick survey from the North Oaks Tick Task force when you encounter a deer tick or receive a diagnosis of tick-borne illness. The survey is quick and easy to complete: [Tick Task Force Survey - on-going survey | City of North Oaks, MN \(northoaksmn.gov\)](#)

For more information on the Tick Task Force and view tick safety resources, visit: [Tick Task Force Committee | City of North Oaks, MN \(northoaksmn.gov\)](#)



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- Minutes from the 3.28.2024 meeting
- Discuss and review CUP application for height in excess of 35 feet and a driveway Variance at 8 Sherwood Trail.

The Planning Commission packet will be available 72 hours prior to the meeting, and can be viewed by selecting the [calendar entry](#) on the City website.





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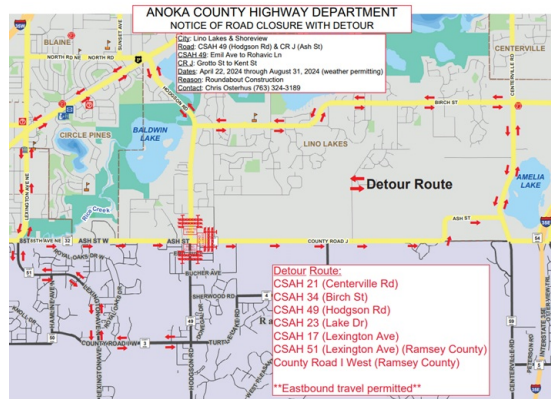
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Hodgson Road / County Road J - Roundabout Construction

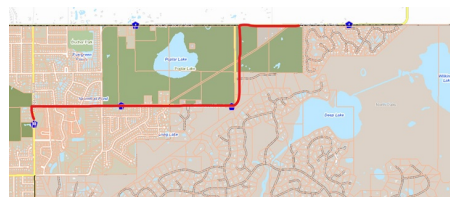
Anoka County has just placed roadwork signs to notify drivers of upcoming construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Hodgson Road and County Road J/Ash Street. This will impact the intersection from April 22nd through August 31, 2024.



Impacted area includes:

- Hodgson Road closure (Emil Avenue to Rohavic Lane)
- County Road J closure for westbound traffic (Grotto Street to Kent Street)
- County Road J open to eastbound traffic

Official detour signs may take you along Anoka County main roads as detour. We recommend North Oaks Rapp Farm residents that use Hodgson Road for their daily commute, take



A visual of Sherwood Road is reflected in RED on the photo above.

Sherwood Road an alternate to avoid the intersection under construction.

From Highway 96 area, if you are going north on Hodgson Road take a right (east) on Sherwood Road, and then a right (east) on County Rd J/Ash Street to reach the Rapp Farm community.

The bus companies transporting students in Rapp Farm have been notified. Information has also been posted to the Rapp Farm and North Oaks Facebook pages.

The link to the Anoka County/City of Lino Lakes/Shoreview project is [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collections Sites Now Open

Free household hazardous waste mobile collection sites are offered at various cities in Ramsey County from April - October.

Many household products you use to clean your kitchen and bathroom, maintain your car and home, and control animals and insects contain hazardous materials.



On Fridays and Saturdays throughout each month, the collection site will be available to assist residents in disposing of household products safely and conveniently. It is illegal to dispose of household hazardous waste in the garbage.

2024 mobile collection sites include:

April - Maplewood
May - Arden Hills
June - White Bear Lake
July - Arden Hills
August - Summit Hill (Saint Paul)
September - Saint Paul
October - Maplewood

In addition to the mobile collection sites, a year-round site in Saint Paul is also available to residents. Click here for [more information on Collection sites](#).



Garden Sale Pick up Dates

If you pre-ordered plants from the North Oaks Garden Club mark your calendars for the pick-up dates/times at the Hill Farm.

- Hanging baskets on Monday, May 6th from 3-6 pm
- All other plants on Thursday, May 9th from 3-7 pm.

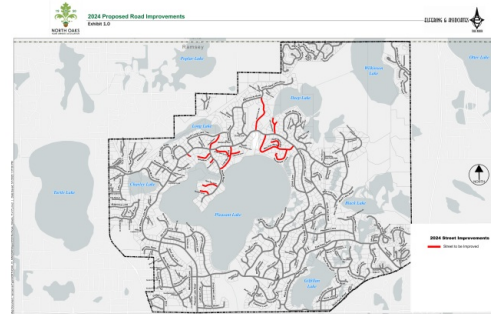
All orders will need to be picked up during those respective periods.

Interested in being part of the Garden club? Click [HERE](#) for more information.

SAFETY

Drive Safely during North Oaks Roadwork

Please note that NOHOA is improving the following streets this year as part of their annual project (map also attached):



Phase I

1. Bluebird Lane
2. Eastview Lane
3. Island Road (North of West Pleasant Lake Road)
4. Lost Rock Lane
5. Shadow Lane
6. Thrush Lane
7. White Oaks Lane
8. Overhill Drive
9. West Bay Lane

Phase I started on Tuesday, April 16th and Phase II is scheduled to start in approximately two weeks (weather dependent). The roads will be improved through reclamation and paving to the existing width and configuration.

For any questions on the construction please direct them to:

Phase II

1. Chickadee Lane
2. Nord Circle Road (East portion)
3. Partridge Lane
4. Red Fox Road
5. Sandpiper Lane

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Free Minnesota State Park Day - Saturday, April 27th

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is hosting their next free park day on Saturday, April 27th. On this day, vehicle permit fees will be waived at all 74 state parks and recreation areas.



Some park locations have planned programming for the upcoming Free Park Day. Find more details on these events and see the full state parks events calendar online: [Minnesota State Parks and Trails Events Calendar](#) | [Minnesota DNR](#)

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District trucks, helicopters, and staff will be out in neighborhoods and parks this spring and summer working to reduce mosquito-borne disease and annoyance.

Press Release from Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD)



SAINT PAUL - There was nothing normal about the winter of 2023-24. **Unseasonably warm temperatures and a lack of snowfall** for much of December through February gave way to relatively cool temperatures and moderate precipitation in late March and early April. In early spring, mosquitoes tend to stay in the water as larvae for longer, but as air temperatures rise, they begin to emerge as adult mosquitoes. The warming expected in the coming weeks, means adult mosquito activity will increase in late April and May.

The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) will be conducting surveillance and treatment activities in your community to reduce the risk of disease and annoyance in an environmentally-sensitive manner. Each year field staff at MMCD monitors and treats wetlands that breed mosquitoes with a fleet of trucks and helicopters. Many of our seasonal staff begin working in April and residents of the seven county metro area may notice the green or white trucks with the MMCD logo or staff on bikes or on foot wearing brightly colored “Mosquito Control” shirts.

At times MMCD employees may need to cross private property for access to check and treat areas for mosquito larvae. If you have questions about mosquito control activities or concerns about an employee, please call the MMCD front desk at (651) 645-9149 or visit [MMCD.org](#).

Some of the activities that MMCD may be doing in your community include:

- Wetland surveillance - determining if ponds or swamps have mosquito larvae present.
- Catch basin surveillance - pulling off grates and inspecting neighborhood catch basins to determine if mosquito larvae are present.
- Ground larval treatments - applying control materials to a wetland with a hand spreader or backpack.
- Helicopter larval treatments - applying control materials to a wetland via helicopter.
- UAS/drone larval treatments – applying control materials via drone.
- Catch basin treatments - applying control materials to neighborhood catch basins.
- Setting or collecting traps - surveillance helps MMCD determine where and what types of mosquitoes are active.

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DNR FalconCam

from MN DNR news release

While the long-watched DNR eagle nest fell last season, the DNR has reported that a pair of peregrine falcons have an active nest and is tending eggs on their popular [DNR FalconCam](#).

Falcons typically lay eggs in 48-72 hours intervals and eggs in the nest could start to hatch mid-May. Baby falcons, called eyasses, are lightly covered in whitish down. Eyasses initially have their eyes closed and are relatively helpless. Both male and female adults help incubate the eggs and provide food for their young.

The nest box is downtown St. Paul. The female is 11-year-old and a 15-year-old male and both will help incubate the eggs and provide food for their young.

More about peregrine falcons and the Minnesota restoration project is available on the [DNR website](#): [Peregrine falcon project | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](#)



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- Highlights from 4.11.24 City Council Meeting
- County Road 35E/I Interchange Project
- Hill Farm Historical Society May event 5.17.2024
- Submit Graduate Pictures to Stroll Magazine
- Deputy Lassegard Monthly Update
- Severe Weather Awareness Week
- Sign up for Brush Pickup Day 5.30.24
- Tick Season Begins - Take Precautions

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IMPORTANT CITY NEWS

Planning Commission Meeting - Next Thursday 4.25.2024

Highlights from the Thursday, April 25th, 2024 Planning Commission include:

- Approval of minutes from the 3.28.2024 meeting
- Planning Commission continued the review of the CUP application for height in excess of 35 feet and the driveway Variance at 8 Sherwood Trail. A second driveway variance with an alternative layout option was also submitted by the applicants. Commissioners approved the CUP and the original driveway variance with conditions as outlined by City Staff in their reports. The second driveway variance option was denied. The recommendation will be presented to City Council at the May 9th 7 p.m. meeting for final review.



Residents can watch a recording of the meeting below.

[View Livestream of 4.25.2024 Planning Commission meeting](#)

Save the date! City Free tree seedling give away event Sunday, May 5th

On Sunday, May 5th from 9:00 - Noon in the **North parking lot of City Hall**, 100 Village Center Drive, the City forester team will be in place to distribute **FREE** tree seedlings to interested residents.

The 800 seedlings include: Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak, White Oak, Bitternut Hickory, Red Pine, White Pine, Red Oak, Silver Maple, as well as Wild Plum and Choke cherry.

As our established trees grow older, help sustain our natural environment for years to come by planting new growth!

Any questions, contact the City Forester Mark Rehder at 612-760-3519.



Locking Mailboxes - Order placed

The City has placed an order of locking mailboxes. The rate is \$100 for mail manager and \$210 for the larger Package Master. To reserve a mailbox, fill out the order form and complete and link to pay [HERE](#).

*Contact information for a handyman to help install is available upon request. (to be coordinated / paid directly with handyman).

Contact City Hall with any questions 651-792-7750.



Sign up Now: Brush Pickup Day Coming - May 30th

The City and NOHOA are co-hosting and coordinating a brush pickup for interested residents. Brush Pickup Day is Thursday, May 30th, 2024. If all the brush is not picked up that day, work will continue the next day. The estimated cost for a dumpster size load of brush (14ft X 7.5ft X 3.5 ft and equals 10 cubic yards) is \$140, but



rates vary depending on the amount of brush.

Budget Tree Service will be doing the work, with assistance of the City forester to answer resident questions. If you are interested in signing up for this service, [please review the letter for pricing detail and instructions](#), and return the waiver to the City office via email northoaks@northoaksmn.gov, mail, or stopping by the City office by May 23rd. Call at 651-792-7750 with any questions.

Brush Pick up Day Information / Waiver

COMMUNITY NEWS

NOHOA Summerfest - Save the Date

Hosted by the North Oaks Homeowners Association (NOHOA), North Oaks residents are invited to save the date for the community Summerfest taking place **Saturday, June 1st from 6 - 9 p.m.** at the West Recreation Center. Some of the many activities include: food trucks, car show, bouncy houses, kids games, face painting, craft corner, dog show, live music and fireworks.

Thanks to all of the sponsors who have already stepped up to help put on this great event. Look for details from NOHOA as the date approaches!

NORTH OAKS
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North Oaks SummerFest

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST 6 - 9 PM
WEST REC CENTER
14 WEST PLEASANT LAKE ROAD

- Food Trucks • Omni Brewing • Fire Truck
- Car Show • Fireworks • Bouncy Houses
- Dunk Tank • Face Painting • Dog Show
- Basketball Contest • Balloon Artists
- Photo Booth • Craft Corner • Giant Twister
- Putting Contest • Baby Crawling Race
- Live Music by Emerson Avenue Band

Fireworks will start at dusk, so please stay in the lot off the summer festival. To enter your classic, hot rod, or exotic car in the car show, email nocrash@gmail.com

This is a FREE event for our community! Thank you to our sponsors:

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Dog Show Sponsor: **North Oaks** Car Show Sponsor: **Hill Farm** Dunk Tank Sponsor: **TAMM** Photography Sponsor: **TAMM** Putting Contest Prize: **North Oaks Golf Shop Gift Certificate**

Activity Sponsors: **risdall** | **NORTHERN STARS HOME CARE** | **DULLUM & SONS STUMP GRINDING REMOVAL** | In loving memory of Vince Glasgow Emily Glasgow

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS — SIGN UP TODAY!

Cinderella the Musical: Enchanted Edition

Mounds View High school Theater Company is putting on Cinderella: Enchanted as their spring musical. Shows take place Thursday - Saturday May 2nd - 4th at 7 p.m., and Sunday May 5th at 1 p.m.



[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

North Oaks Garden Club

Garden Club Order Pick-up Reminder!

The North Oaks Garden Club would like to thank community members who placed orders with us this spring and remind customers of the following pick-up dates and times:

Hanging baskets: MONDAY, May 6 3:00 – 6:00 pm

All other plants: THURSDAY, May 9 3:00 – 7:00 pm



Your order will be waiting for you to be picked up at the Hill Farm (35 Hill Farm Circle). Just pull into the Hill Farm and you will be directed to your order, where it will be placed directly in your vehicle.

There will be a limited selection of additional hanging baskets available for purchase on Monday, May 6, beginning at 3:00 pm. First come, first served!

If you have any questions, send an email to nogardenclub@gmail.com.

Save the Date! Reinvigorating a Mature Garden presented by Jill Livingston, Horta Culture

The North Oaks Garden Club invites you to a presentation by Jill Livingston of Horta Culture. Horta Culture is located on the site of a historic home in Afton MN, which for the past three decades was a treasured garden and gift shop known as Squire House Gardens. Jill, and her husband Nicholas, are lovingly tending to and restoring this amazing garden and nursery. Revitalizing a mature garden takes keen observation, careful editing, thoughtful infusion of new plantings for structure and interest. In this talk, Jill will present the process for assessing and revitalizing a mature garden.

When: Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm

Where: Community Room, 100 North Oaks Village Center Drive

Please join us, meet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments!

Additionally, Jill is hosting us to a tour at Horta Culture, Thursday June 6th, where she will share the garden and answer questions about plants available through the nursery.

SAFETY



Reminder: No motorized Vehicles on Trails

Please remember that motorized vehicles such as scooters and motor bikes are not allowed on North Oaks trails. Bicycles and E-Bikes are permitted.

For questions about trail use or for maps, contact the North Oaks Homeowner's Association Rowcal Help Desk at 651-233-1307 or stop by the NOHOA office Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 9 - 2 p.m.

On the Roads: Driving / Motorcycle Safety Tips

Tis the season for the motorcycles to reappear on our roadways.

Vehicle Drivers - take extra caution when driving for those hard to spot motorcycles.

- Always check your blind spot- keep your head on a swivel and looking over your shoulder before changing lanes.
- Take a second look before making left-turns.
- Be extra cautious when passing.
- Make sure to maintain an adequate following distance behind motorcycles.
- Stay in your lane.
- Use your signals to indicate your intention to turn before moving over.

When riding a motorcycle:

- Practice your skills before heading out for the season.
- Consider safety equipment.
- Be realistic and assess your experience level on where and when you ride.
- Weather warnings- be prepared and have your gear
- Night riding can be dangerous.
- Intersections are dangerous - always be alert especially behind you.
- Watch out for potholes, sand, and debris.



NATURAL RESOURCES

Free Minnesota State Park Day - Saturday, April 27th

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has their next free park day **tomorrow** Saturday, April 27th. On this day, vehicle permit fees will be waived at all 74 state parks and recreation areas.



Some park locations have planned programming for the upcoming Free Park Day. Find more details on these events and see the full state parks events calendar online: [Minnesota State Parks and Trails Events Calendar | Minnesota DNR](#)

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District low flying helicopters

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- Hodgson Road/Cty Road J roundabout detour
- Hazardous Waste collections sites open
- Garden Club pick up dates
- NOHOA roadwork schedule
- Free MN park day April 27th
- Mosquito control field testing and treatments are underway across the Metro area
- DNR Falcon Cam

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