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**Eblast for the Week of 4.6.2024**

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## **IMPORTANT CITY NEWS**

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### **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](#)

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## 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>. Refer [HERE](#) for more details and estimated cost. To sign up, email the waiver to City Hall at [northoaks@northoaksmn.gov](mailto:northoaks@northoaksmn.gov).

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

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## 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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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Hill Farm Historical Society invites you to

**Save the Date!**

17 May 2024

*Spring Dinner* at the North Oaks Golf Club

Cocktail hour (cash bar) 5:30 p.m. · Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

RSVP at [hillfarmhistoricalsociety.com](http://hillfarmhistoricalsociety.com)

Featuring Guest Speaker  
Jim Stolpestad, historian and author of *Great Northern Iron: James J. Hill's 109-Year Mining Trust*  
*This is a fascinating story about the Great Northern Iron Ore Properties Trust, the brainchild of James J. Hill and his son in response to the Federal Government's Trust-busting efforts personally directed by President Teddy Roosevelt.*

Look for an invitation in your mailbox soon!  
· Reservations due by Friday, May 10 ·

Learn more at [hillfarmhistoricalsociety.com](http://hillfarmhistoricalsociety.com)

### Save the Date to the Hill Farm Historical Society Spring Dinner

The Hill Farm Historical Society invites you to its annual Spring Dinner on Friday, May 17, at the North Oaks Golf Club.

Celebrate Hill Farm with your friends and neighbors while supporting HFHS, whose mission is to preserve and tell the story of The James J. Hill Farm located in the heart of North Oaks.

Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The featured guest speaker is Jim Stolpestad, historian and author of "Great Northern Iron: James J. Hill's 109-Year Mining Trust."

Look for an invitation in your mailbox soon! Reservations due by Friday, May 10. **Learn more and RSVP at [hillfarmhistoricalsociety.com](http://hillfarmhistoricalsociety.com).**

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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.northoaksrummagesale.org](http://www.northoaksrummagesale.org)

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## 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Please send any questions to [nogardenclub@gmail.com](mailto: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**

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# SAFETY

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## 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](mailto:careteam@rowcal.com).

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

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

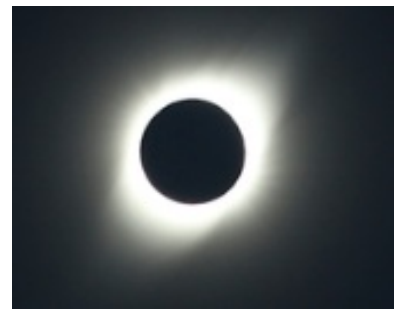
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## NATURAL RESOURCES

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### 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.

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## 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!

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## 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](http://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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## REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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### North Oaks Residents - Sign up for Emergency Alerts

[Sign up for Emergency Alerts](#)

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#### Upcoming City Meetings/Events

The public is encouraged to attend City meetings.

- **City Council** - Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Planning Commission Meeting** - Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Click on the calendar for each meeting 72 hours prior to access agendas, links to view via Nine North, or to participate via zoom.

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

[City Calendar](#)

#### Highlights From Last Week's News:

Did you miss last week's news? No problem! The topics were:

- 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

[View Last Week's E-Blast](#)

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**HOURS**  
Mon - Thurs: 9 AM to 4 PM  
Fri: 9AM to 12PM



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