

E-BLAST FOR THE CITY OF NORTH OAKS—5/6/2022

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Special City Council / Planning Commission Training Session

There will be a special joint session of the City Council and Planning Commission on Thursday, May 12th, 2022 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission will be joining the City Council at their regularly scheduled workshop. The purpose is to conduct a training session with the City Council and Planning Commission, provided by City staff and consultants.

Refer to the [special meeting notice](#) for full details.

Road Restrictions have been Lifted effective Monday 5.2.2022

The City has received notice from the Department of Transportation that road restrictions have been lifted. This includes all areas of North Oaks.

Animal Control – new impound location for strays/lost pets

Animal control services are focused on domestic animal issues and are provided by the Sheriff's Office to the seven contract communities of Arden Hills, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township. Among the most frequent calls are reports of dogs running loose in the neighborhood.

Effective Sunday, May 1, 2022, all domestic animals received/impounded by Animal Control (in the contract communities) will be brought to the Animal Humane Society, located at 9785 Hudson Road, in Woodbury, MN. The phone number is 952-435-7738 or 952-HELP-PET. Phone hours are 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Monday-Friday, and 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday. Search online for impounded animals at <https://www.animalhumanesociety.org/strays>. Shelter pick-up hours are by appointment only. Call 952-435-7738.

Impound animals are kept for five business days, if they're not claimed they may become available for adoption. Owners claiming their pets will need to show photo identification; proof of ownership; and bring payment for fees.

Lost pets should be reported to the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 651-767-0640 and can be posted on the [RCSO Facebook page](#). You can also find resources for lost and found pets at [Lost and found pet resources | Animal Humane Society](#).

More information on Animal Control Services is available on the [Ramsey County Sheriff's Office website](#).

SAFETY

CATGUARD Catalytic Converter Marking Pilot Program – Ramsey County Sherriffs Office

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Minnesota Commerce Fraud Bureau in a NEW Pilot Program, which includes a self-install marking kit of catalytic converters.

The labels are installed by sticking the label onto a - cool to the touch - catalytic converter. A fluid is then painted onto the label, which, once a vehicle is started, causes the unique number to be etched into the metal. Once registered, the unique number allows law enforcement to trace a converter back to a specific vehicle if a converter were to be stolen and later recovered. The law requires the labels be

installed at no cost to vehicle owners. Businesses cannot charge for the installation of a program label, but they can require another service, e.g., oil change, be performed to install a label.

The marking kits are free and available to residents of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township.

Residents can come to the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Patrol Station, 1411 Paul Kirkwold Dr. Arden Hills, starting **Monday May 9th from 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday**. The Crime Prevention Unit will have someone in the lobby to assist you in starting the registration process. You will need to bring ID, vehicle's insurance card or VIN and plate number for your vehicle. **Supplies are limited as this is a pilot project.**

The marking kits are **only for these vehicles** most at-risk for catalytic converter theft:

Chevrolet Express
Ford Econoline
Ford F250
Honda Accord
Honda CRV
Honda Element
Honda Odyssey
Hyundai Santa Fe
Hyundai Tucson
Kia Sportage
Mitsubishi Eclipse
Mitsubishi Lancer
Mitsubishi Outlander
Toyota Prius
Toyota Tundra

If your vehicle is on this list consider participating in this pilot program. If your vehicle is not on the list an alternative to the labels is to engrave your converter with the VIN, a partial VIN (the last 8), or even the license plate number. It is recommended to apply some bright colored high-temperature paint with the engraving. Just painting without adding identification marks does not help with the issue of traceability. Marking a catalytic converter will not prevent theft on its own. Follow safe practices and report thefts. More information about the CATGUARD Label Solution can be found at: [Catalytic Converter Pilot / Minnesota.gov \(mn.gov\)](#) and [Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention - Vehicle Road Safety Solutions](#)

COMMUNITY

Save the Date – Night to Unite: Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Mark your calendars and connect with your neighbors to make plans for participating in this annual public safety event. Register your event online with the Sheriff's office at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NTU2022>

Garden Sale Pickup

For those that have preordered plants as part of the North Oaks Garden Club annual sale, there are two pick up dates. Hanging baskets were to be picked up on Thursday, May 5th between 3-6 p.m. at the Hill Farm. All herbs, vegetables and annuals should be picked up on Thursday, May 12th between 3 – 7 p.m. at the Hill Farm, 35 Hill Farm Circle, North Oaks. Your orders will be sorted and all orders will be arranged alphabetically for ease of pickup.

Garden sale is Pre-order ONLY, there is no live sale this year. Thank you for supporting the North Oaks Garden Club, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. All proceeds are used directly to beautify and support our community.

Women's Guild II – Rummage Sale Drop off

The 2022 spring donation drop-off will be Saturday, May 14, 9 am to 2 pm at the North Oaks West Recreation Center, 14 W. Pleasant Lake Road, North Oaks (corner of West Pleasant Lake Road & Red Barn Road).

FURNITURE DONATIONS are greatly appreciated. Please call Jennifer Martini, 651-231-5825 **NO LATER THAN MAY 8** to schedule a PICK-UP ON MAY 14. Pick-up of furniture only (just in North Oaks) in good condition.

Covid Medications Available

Medication is available for Minnesotans who test positive for COVID-19 and are at high risk of getting very sick because of older age or underlying health conditions. These medications, also called treatments, can help prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. If you are at high risk and test positive, it is important to get medication right away to prevent serious illness. Visit [State of Minnesota: Treatments](#) for more information on:

- Antiviral medications
- Monoclonal antibody therapy
- Cost and insurance
- Who should get COVID-19 medication
- Managing mild COVID-19 illness
- When to seek emergency medical care

COVID-19 medications are not a substitute for prevention. It is still recommended that everyone who is eligible get vaccinated and take other steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. For more information, including updated fact sheets, visit [MDH: COVID-19 Medication Options](#).

NATURAL RESOURCES

Helicopter Treatments have begun

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District was able to begin conducting larval control treatments by helicopter this week. Throughout the summer, helicopters will treat wetlands where technicians have found high numbers of mosquito larvae that impact humans to prevent them from becoming biting adult mosquitoes.

Today - Friday, May 6 - helicopters are active in all seven counties in the metro. A full list of cities with planned helicopter activity is published on their website by 8:00AM: [MMCD Planned Helicopter Activity](#) Helicopters apply a dry granule or pellet containing a natural soil bacterium or a mosquito growth regulator to wetlands and large areas of standing water to prevent larval mosquitoes from becoming biting adults. These are bio-rational control materials which specifically target mosquito larvae and pose

no risk to human or animal health. MMCD helicopters DO NOT apply liquid control materials that target adult mosquitoes. Learn more about our [mosquito control program](#).

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Highlights from the Special City Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 26th

- City Council approved amendments of Resolutions 1446 and 1447 approving the Final Plans/Plat/Subdivision for Gate Hill and the Final Plans/Plat/Subdivision for Red Forest Way-South Phase One. The amendments to the resolutions included adjustments to ensure there was no ambiguity in language.
- City Council appointed Councilor Tom Watson as a board member for Lake Johanna Fire Department, Shoreview and Arden Hills Joint Powers Agreement.

The link to watch the open session portion of the meeting can be found [HERE](#).

Highlights from the Planning Commission Meeting – Thursday, April 28th

- Commissioners approved a change to the verbiage in the Comprehensive Plan to include Charley Lake Townhomes as an area having water to be served by the City of Shoreview. The recommendation will be presented to the City Council for final approval on Thursday, May 12th.

The full meeting video can be viewed [HERE](#).

Planning Commission Opening – Accepting applications

The City of North Oaks is now accepting applications to fill an opening on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is an advisory body to the North Oaks City Council and meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. Refer to the [Boards, Commissions Appointment Policy and Application form](#) for additional information.

Residents interested in serving on the Commission should submit the Application form to City Administrator Kevin Kress at North Oaks City Hall, 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 230, North Oaks, MN 55127, or email it to kkress@northoaksmn.gov. Call City Hall at 651-792-7750 with any questions.

Thank you to Commissioner Anne Conroy for her service on the Planning Commission and we wish her well in her relocation from North Oaks.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Participate in No Mow May

No Mow May is a campaign to preserve and protect our bees and other pollinators during this critical spring season, by waiting to clean and mow our lawns to give them more time to emerge from winter hibernation.

Mowing your lawn less creates habitat and can increase the abundance and diversity of wildlife. In addition to benefiting pollinators, reducing mowing frequency will save water, help your lawn become more resilient to drought, and reduce emissions from gas-powered lawn equipment that often lacks the emission reduction equipment found on larger engines. Consider participating by holding off on mowing for a while longer.

Spring burning restrictions begin in Minnesota

Press release from MN Department of Natural Resources 4/28/2022

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is restricting open burning in Ramsey County and many others throughout the state, due to increased wildfire risk from warm temperatures and dry conditions.

The DNR encourages residents to use alternatives to burning to dispose of yard waste, such as composting, chipping, or taking brush to a collection site. For more information, visit the [wildfire prevention page of the DNR website](https://mndnr.gov/Wildfire/Prevention) (mndnr.gov/Wildfire/Prevention).

People cause 90% of wildfires in Minnesota. If a debris 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 and daily updates on current fire risk and open burning restrictions, visit the [statewide fire danger and burning restrictions page of the DNR website](https://mndnr.gov/BurnRestrictions) (mndnr.gov/BurnRestrictions).

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Shoreview water restrictions are in effect from May 15th – September 1st and allows irrigation for even numbered house addresses on even numbered calendar days before 11 a.m. or after 5 p.m. Odd numbered house addresses may irrigate only on odd numbered calendar days before 11 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

For those on private wells, for most efficient watering we encourage you to water your lawn during the overnight hours to limit evaporation during the hot summer season and make best use of our natural resources.

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Turtles Crossing

The turtles are out making their trek across roads from wetlands, ponds. Please use caution while driving, and use a shovel or other tool to move them in the same direction they were traveling. Click [here](#) for tips from the DNR on safely giving turtles a hand.

Carp Removal

In an effort to improve water quality and balance in the aquatic ecosystem, there is active carp removal project occurring in the channel near Deep Lake/Wilkinson Lake. This is an authorized activity in coordination with VLAWMO and NOHOA and includes temporary use of boats in this effort.

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Mailboxes

If you recently placed an order for a locking mailbox through the City, remember to pick it up in the City office. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m.-Noon.

There are also a very limited number of extra mailboxes available for purchase for those who did not place an order. If you are interested, please contact the City office at 651-792-7750 or northoaks@northoaksmn.gov for availability and pricing.

Tick Task Force Meeting

Residents are invited to join the Tick Task Force at their next meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Click [HERE](#) for zoom link to participate.

SAFETY

Road Safety

If there is an after-hours safety issue such as a tree fallen across a dark road, please call 911 to report the problem. Dispatch will alert our public works (i.e. Mel’s Services) to attend to the issue. Social

media is a nice courtesy to alert fellow neighbors of re-routing that may need to temporarily happen, however Facebook posts will not get help on the way. If incidents happen during office hours or on the trails, please contact NOHOA at 651-792-7765 and they will reach out to Mel's Services.

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Bear sightings – Take down Feeders

Please note that black bear sightings have been reported near Raccoon Road/East Pleasant Lake Road on the east side of North Oaks area this week. During these times of year, typically late spring and early fall, please take down bird feeders that may be a source of food for Bears, and consider putting out garbage by 7:00 a.m. on the morning of pick up day instead of the night prior.

Tips from DNR for around the yard:

- Any time you feed birds, you risk attracting bears. Avoid feeding birds from April 1 to Nov. 15. If you still wish to feed birds, hang birdfeeders 10 feet up and 4 feet out from the nearest trees.
- Do not put out feed for wildlife (like corn, oats, pellets or molasses blocks).
- Do not leave food from barbeques and picnics outdoors, especially overnight. Standard coolers are not bear-proof. Clean and store barbeque grills in a secure shed or garage away from windows and doors after each use.
- Harvest garden produce as it matures, pick any fruit left on trees and collect any fallen fruit. Locate gardens away from forests and shrubs that bears may use for cover.
- Store pet food inside and feed pets inside. If pets must be fed outdoors, feed them only as much as they will eat.

This will remove easy food sources and encourage any bear to safely and naturally move along its path. Refer to the [tips from Ramsey County Sheriff's office](#) as well as [tips from the DNR on how we can do our part to minimize bear problems](#). . If there is a bear in your area, please call the City at 651-792-7750 with the location so residents in that area can be made aware.

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Shoreview water restrictions are in effect from May 15th – September 1th and allows irrigation for even numbered house addresses on even numbered calendar days before 11 a.m. or after 5 p.m. Odd numbered house addresses may irrigate only on odd numbered calendar days before 11 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

For those on private wells, for most efficient watering we encourage you to water your lawn during the overnight hours to limit evaporation during the hot summer season and make best use of our natural resources.

Turtles Crossing

The turtles are out making their trek across roads from wetlands, ponds. Please use caution while driving, and use a shovel or other tool to move them in the same direction they were traveling. Click [here](#) for tips from the DNR on safely giving turtles a hand.

Carp Removal

In an effort to improve water quality and balance in the aquatic ecosystem, there is active carp removal project occurring in the channel near Deep Lake/Wilkinson Lake. This is an authorized activity in coordination with VLAMO and NOHOA and includes temporary use of boats in this effort.

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IMPORTANT UPDATES

City office – Memorial Day

Did you know that each Memorial Day weekend 180,000 flags are placed at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery? Consider making a visit to honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our Country. City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Thank you to all Veterans!

Highlights from the Community Safety Forum – Monday, May 23rd

Thanks to the Ramsey County Sherriff's Office, Residents, NOHOA Board Members, City Council Members, North Oaks Company and others for participating in the Community Safety Forum on Monday. It was a very productive, engaging, respectful conversation and sharing of information between all parties. Highlights include:

- Ramsey County Sherriff's Office presented on Safety and Security Trends in County, Metro Area, an overview of the Contract Policing Model in which North Oaks participates, and how to be a hard target for burglary, car theft, theft from cars, carjacking.
- City Engineers presented on potential traffic calming measures for adoption in North Oaks
- NOHOA led a discussion exploring Entrance Cameras / License Plate Reading technology and associated signage
- Residents provided historical perspective, feedback, and additional ideas

Further discussion will take place in the future between all parties on these topics. Thank you all for your engagement and collaboration!

Planning Commission Highlights:

Highlights from the May 26, 2022 meeting include:

- Planning Commission approved a request by NOHOA to rezone two properties at the front entrance of North Oaks from Residential Single Family (RSL) to Recreation (R). They are recommending final approval by the City Council at the June meeting.
- The Commission tabled a request by NOHOA to rezone an adjacent parcel to the maintenance center property from Residential Multiple Family-Medium Density (RMM) to Limited Industrial (LI). Commissioners requested a visit of the site for more information before considering the issue again at their June meeting.
- Planning Commission denied a request to amend the Cities 2040 Comprehensive Plan maps and verbiage for a potential sewer extension to the lots located in the Sherwood Trail (Nord subdivision), specifically 15 and 17 North Deep Lake Road. Recommendation for denial will be presented to the City Council on June 9th for their final review.

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

Construction Noise

With summer comes outdoor construction season. There are several new homes going in around our community. The City follows state guidelines for construction noise which allow construction from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday – Friday, and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. If you are building a home or have other exterior work being done, please remind your general contractor of these hours, to keep peace and be a good neighbor.

Fishing is prohibited

Reminder that fishing is not permitted by residents or guests of residents of the City of North Oaks, as per Minnesota Natural Resources Department Statute 6262.0500. Those caught fishing will be ticketed and are subject to paying a fine. <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/6262.0500/>. Good news - there's 10,000 other lakes in Minnesota you can fish!

SAFETY

Bear Awareness / Safety Tips

As many residents are aware, there have been repeated sightings of a yearling bear in the community both on the east and west side of North Oaks. Bear are known to travel up to 15 miles each day in search of food and habitat. Please be sure to **take down any bird feeders**, remove any pet food which is being stored outside, bring in garbage cans, and clean grills to allow the bear to safely move along his way out of our community. Ninety-five percent of the sightings have been at bird feeders – please help out by taking them down to discourage repeat visits. You can report your bear sighting to the DNR [HERE](#).

If you do encounter a bear:

- Pick up small children and pets
- Face the bear directly and try to appear as large as possible
- Spread or wave your arms, ideally holding a sweater or coat
- Slowly back away and to the side (sideways is considered non-threatening movement).
- Talk in a calm, low and monotone voice.

Click [HERE](#) for educational information on black bear. Additional information can be found: [Bear Sightings - Awareness | City of North Oaks, MN \(northoaksmn.gov\)](#)

COMMUNITY

Graduation Party Etiquette / Ordinance

City regulations require guests to park on 1 side of the road only, in order to allow traffic to pass on our narrow roads. It does not matter which side of the road, just pick a side and instruct other guests to follow suit. City Ordinance § 71.12 PARKING. States: (A) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or a traffic-control device, no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle upon the traveled portion of any street in the City other than as closely as is practical to the righthand edge or curb of the street, and unless there is left available at least 10 feet of the width of the traveled portion of the street for the free movement of vehicular traffic. In no case shall the stopping, - 14 - North Oaks- Traffic Code 14 standing, or parking of a vehicle be allowed unless the street opposite the vehicle is clear of any other vehicle stopped, standing, or parked and, in no event, shall the stopping, standing, or parking be permitted for more than 10 hours, whether consecutive or not, on any day of the year or for more than 2 hours between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and

6:00 a.m. Please also note that homeowner's association regulations do not allow for signage in the community. Please instruct your guests with directions as signs are subject to removal by NOHOA.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Brush Pick Complete – Thank you!

Thanks to those who participated in the annual brush pick up day yesterday. Woodland restorations efficiently made stops at 30+ households to collect excess brush. Check out a [photo of brush pickup day](#) in action. If there are any follow up issues, contact City Forester Mark Rehder at 612-760-3519.

REMINDERS – IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Mailboxes

If you recently placed an order for a locking mailbox through the City, remember to pick it up in the City office. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m.-Noon.

There are also a very limited number of extra mailboxes available for purchase for those who did not place an order. If you are interested, please contact the City office at 651-792-7750 or northoaks@northoaksmn.gov for availability and pricing.

Tick Season Reminder

With this quick shift to warm wet weather comes quick grass growth and potential for ticks. Remember to check closely for ticks after outdoor activity as they may be the size of a pen point this time of year. Report any tick encounters [HERE](#) to help the tick task force track where high activity areas may reside. Check out this [helpful guide](#) on where ticks are likely to hide if they hitch-hike a ride back home with you, along with good prevention tips.

Road Safety

If there is an after-hours safety issue such as a tree fallen across a dark road, please call 911 to report the problem. Dispatch will alert our public works (i.e. Mel's Services) to attend to the issue. Social media is a nice courtesy to alert fellow neighbors of re-routing that may need to temporarily happen, however Facebook posts will not get help on the way. If incidents happen during office hours or on the trails, please contact NOHOA at 651-792-7765 and they will reach out to Mel's Services.

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