



CITY OF
NorthOaks
Building on a tradition of innovation



Eblast for the Week of 2.2.2024

IMPORTANT CITY NEWS

Upcoming City of North Oaks Council Meetings

There will be two City Council meetings next week. At 5 p.m. Thursday, February 8th, there will be a Special City Council meeting to review the Ramsey County Sherriff's contract which expires at the end of 2024. This meeting will be held in person in the Community Room at City Hall. The special meeting notices can be found [HERE](#).

At 7 p.m. Thursday, February 8th, the regular monthly City Council meeting takes place. Select the meeting entry on the [City calendar](#) for links to watch via zoom, via Cable channel 17, or via computer. The final meeting agenda packet will be posted 72 hours prior to each meeting.



Sign up Now! North Oaks Emergency Alert System

The City is implementing a new Emergency Notification System called Rave Mobile Security. This system will allow the City to notify residents of emergencies and other important community news such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhood alerts.



You will need to "Opt In" to be part of the emergency alert system, we are unable to transfer a group list into the new system.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. Completing this information also provides the ability to send messages to a geographical radius for most accurate messaging.

To register for the system, North Oaks residents and businesses should click the Sign-up button below. You will need to:

1. Follow prompts to set up an Account.
2. Under Notification, check the boxes for your preferred delivery method (text, voice, email)

****Note** This is an independent emergency alert system separate from the general non-urgent City weekly Eblast newsletters, Council meeting minutes, News and Announcements.

Call the City office at 651-792-7750 with any questions on signing up for the Smart911 system.

[Sign up for Rave Emergency Notification](#)

Road Restrictions - No impact at this time

The City of North Oaks follows the Department of Transportation Guidelines for spring road restrictions. Road restrictions typically go into effect in early March, and we currently **do not anticipate this to change** even with the unseasonably warm weather.



The City receives a 48-hour notice from MnDOT of the date/time when restrictions go into effect. Once we receive notice, we will post the information on the website, Facebook page, City Eblast and North

Once they do go into effect, the 3 tons per axle spring road restriction typically lasts 4-5 weeks. Larger loads will need to be split onto smaller trucks during this period.

For up-to-date information on road restrictions, as well as historical data, visit: [MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



James J. Hill House Valentine's Day Tours

Explore the world of love and romance in the Gilded Age at the James J. Hill House this February. Hear stories of love, courtship, romance and marriage from the Hill Family and their domestic employees. These special Valentine's Day Tours will be offered February 8-18.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit: [James J. Hill House Tours](#)

NOHOA Presents: A Spectacular Lineup of 2024 Events for Residents!

Submitted by the North Oaks Homeowners Association

Join your neighbors for an unforgettable series of events that promise fun, friends and community engagement! Save the dates and mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

NOHOA Egg Hunt

- All North Oaks' Kiddos come and experience an egg hunt, face painting, animal experience and yummy snacks! Get your picture with the Easter Bunny!
- *Saturday, March 30th 10-11:30am*
- *West Rec*

NOHOA SummerFest

- All are welcome to attend NOHOA SummerFest - citizens of all ages will have a blast! Bouncy Land, face painters, balloon artists, crafts, yoga, dog

show, car show, food trucks (come hungry!), firetruck, the Emerson Avenue band and MORE! Fireworks will start when it's dark, so please stay as we blast off to the summer season.

- If you would like more information about the car show email: nocarshow@gmail.com
- *Saturday, June 1st 6-9pm*
- *West Rec*

NOHOA New Resident Open House

All residents that have moved in since August of 2022 are invited to come to this open house to learn all about North Oaks! Meet other new neighbors and ask questions to the different organizations around North Oaks. Food will be hosted, so come hungry!

- *Sunday, October 6th 3-5pm*
- *North Oaks Golf Club Ballroom*

NOHOA WinterFest

North Oaks Residents are invited to bundle up and stop by for an old-fashioned Winter Celebration. Family friendly activities include: horse drawn trolley ride, visit & take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, pet a llama, get your face painted, enjoy refreshments and much more! Tree lighting at 6pm.

- *Sunday, December 8th*
- *3-5pm Santa's Firetruck Ride around town*
- *5-7pm Winterfest Activities at West Rec*

All events are free to attend because of generous **Event Sponsors!** If you have a company or foundation that would like to sponsor any of the 2024 Events, [CLICK HERE](#) for sponsorship Information and complete and email to careteam@rowcal.com . By partnering with NOHOA, you'll have the chance to:

- Showcase your brand to an engaged audience.
- Gain visibility through event marketing materials prior to the event and at the event.
- Foster positive brand association with community-centered events
- Help North Oaks be a fun and connected place to live!

Love to volunteer or are you a student in need of volunteer hours? Contact Mackenzie Anderson at 612.310.1054 or KenzieEvents@gmail.com for more information.

Jim Crow Documentary / Discussion

Shared with permission of City of Shoreview

As part of Black History month, view Daniel Pierce Bergin's 2018 documentary "Jim Crow of the North". Learn about the history of racist real estate covenants in the Twin Cities. Daniel Bergin, TPT Executive Producer and Managing Director will share parts of the documentary along with stories from people working to discharge racial covenants.



- When: February 15th, 10 a.m. - Noon
- Location: Shoreview community center
- Registration deadline: February 8
- Cost: Free



Summer Camp Options

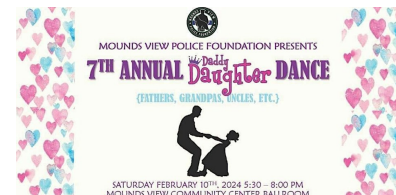
Believe it or not, chatter has begun among parents about summer camp sign ups. Many will be opening soon and fill up quickly. Here are some popular local options recommended by residents with links:

- Registration for [Shoreview Summer Discovery and Enrichment camps](#) opens Feb. 7th
- [YMCA Camp Heritage](#)
- [Adventures in Cardboard](#) - open now: limited spots left
- [Tamarack Nature Center](#)
- [University of Minnesota Youth Programs](#)
- Silverwood [Park District Summer Camp Programs](#)
- Mounds View School District [Community Programs](#) (looks like summer 2024 catalog not out quite yet)
- [Celebrate Academy](#) Dance/musical theater acting camps (schedule out March 1st)
- [Lavner STEM Camps](#) at Macalaster College in St. Paul.
- [Hidden Pines Ranch](#) Stillwater day camp
- [Lakeshore Players Theater](#) White Bear Lake- opens Feb. 5th
- North Oaks Tennis Program @ East Rec Center- NOHOA will send out communications

Have your teen/college kids aged out of camps? The above places might also be a great starting point for looking for summer jobs!

Daddy-Daughter Dance

On Saturday, February 10th at 5:30 p.m., the Mounds View Police foundation is putting on their 7th annual father-daughter dance at the Mounds View Community Center ballroom. Tickets are \$35 per couple, with \$10 per additional child and includes dinner, dancing and craft.

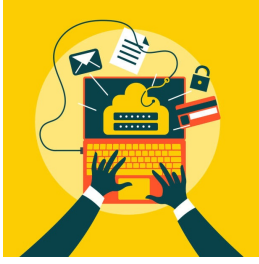


[View complete information and Purchase tickets](#)

SAFETY

Identity Theft Awareness Week

National Identity Theft Awareness Week is January 29-



February 4. This is a great time to learn about the dangers of identity theft and take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones. The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office recently shared the following tips for identity theft prevention:

- Do not answer phone calls, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or people you do not know.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- Collect your mail every day and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- Understand how ATM skimming works and how to protect yourself.
- Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network.
- Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. Do not carry it in your wallet.

Visit the link below for more information about ways to protect yourself from identity theft.

[Identity Theft Awareness and Prevention](#)

NATURAL RESOURCES

Lake Gilfillan Aeration

Just a reminder that Lake Gilfillan has an aerator. Aeration on Gilfillan Lake will cause thin ice and/or open water. Pay attention to warning signs and use extreme caution on Gilfillan Lake this winter.

The aerator helps add oxygen to the water in Gilfillan Lake. When lakes freeze over in the winter and become iced over, no new oxygen can make its way into the water. When it snows on the ice no sunlight can reach the underwater plants, and they cannot make oxygen. When oxygen levels get too low, fish can suffocate, causing a winterkill.



REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming City Meetings/Events

The public is encouraged to attend City meetings.

- **Special City Council** - Thursday, February 8th at 5:00 p.m.
- **City Council** - Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Planning Commission** - Thursday, February 29th 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:

- St. Paul Winter Carnival
- Coming Soon - Rave Emergency Notification System
- License Plate Reader FAQs
- MN DNR Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Webinars

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

North Oaks



100 Village Center Drive, #230
North Oaks, MN 55127
Phone: (651) 792-7750



HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 9 AM to 4 PM

Fri: 9AM to 12PM

[Email Us](#)

City of North Oaks | 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 230, North Oaks, MN 55127

[Unsubscribe northoaks@northoaksmn.gov](mailto:northoaks@northoaksmn.gov)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by byeblast@cityofnorthoaks.ccsend.com powered by



Try email marketing for free today!



CITY OF
NorthOaks
Building on a tradition of innovation



Eblast for the Week of 2.9.2024

IMPORTANT CITY NEWS

City Council Special Meeting Highlights 2.8.24

At 5 p.m. Thursday, February 8th, there was a Special City Council meeting to review the Ramsey County Sheriff's contract. Highlights from this meeting include:

- Councilor Watson reviewed a summary of our current Ramsey County Sheriff contract along with desired objectives of ensuring all aspects still meet our current City needs, desires of residents and housing demographics and locations.
- Current agreement expires the end of 2024, and the next agreement would expire end of 2027.



Next steps to include set up a meeting with RCSO to discuss areas such as:

- What if any impact of having multi-unit condos on needs and costs
- Discussion on whether 1 Deputy sufficient

- Connect with Waverly regarding their services
- Discuss any needs with schools in district
- Crime Prevention ideas
- Traffic Patrol
- How incidents are logged and charged

Councilor Watson, Shuman and Administrator Kress to provide update to Council in future meeting.

City Council Regular Meeting Highlights 2.8.2024

Highlights from the Thursday, February 8th City Council 7 p.m. meeting include:

- Citizen comments: A resident thanked the Council for their work on long-term Master Infrastructure Planning, as well support for License Plate Reader pilot program.
- Consent Agenda approved including: Mechanical and Arborist Licenses, City financials, and Minutes from Special Council meeting on 1.11.2024 and 1.16.2024, and Regular Council meeting on 1.11.2024.
- Deputy Lassegard provided his monthly report. (See below)
- For informational purposes, a Representative from All Energy Solar presented information to Council on types of solar arrays, rationale for choosing each array type and examples of screening. Brian Ross, VP of Renewable Energy at the Great Plains Institute, also spoke to council of their available resources to help municipalities navigate green energy policies in each Communities unique environment.
- City Planner asked the Council to submit feedback on the Aging In Place Report developed as a result of resident surveys and town hall meetings.
- Discussion on distribution of a cell phone tower survey form developed by NOHOA, to possibly help guide residents on recommended providers for their area of North Oaks to overcome cell "deadzones" and slow service reported by some.
- Unanimously approved Resolution 1507 to appoint David Loegering to 3-year term, and Joyce Yoshimura-Rank to a 1-year term on the Planning Commission. Approved Resolution 1508 to update the City Council appointments to include the new Planning Commissioners. Welcome David, and welcome back Joyce!
- Motion approved to pay City Staff to complete minutes for City meetings (in lieu of continuing to outsource to Timesavers).
- Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with White Bear Township approved. This becomes effective January 2025 and states North Oaks will need to identify a new provider for maintenance of utilities such as lift stations and water lines, as well as taking on the water billing to those residents serviced by White Bear Township water.
- Councilor Shuman will be providing information on the License Plate Reader pilot program to place on the City Website for citizen review. He would like to bring it back to Council for a vote in March or April with key points: 1) requesting approval of pilot program 2) data owned by City 3) authorizing City to sign contract 4) authorizing Ramsey County Sherriff office to be the only authorized party to access the information.
- Mayor Wolter noted Master Infrastructure planning meetings take place every 2 weeks with Engineers. She emphasized this is long-range planning

for the City, there has been NO pricing information - strictly discussion on potential needs as community ages. There is an interactive website being developed to communicate and help discern priorities and needs of Community long term.

- The Ramsey County / White Bear Township 35E / County Road J interchange project planning is on-going. The City Engineer will continue to bring any new updates back to the Council.

Residents can [view this meeting HERE](#).



Upcoming Planning Commission Public Hearings 2.29.2024

At the next Thursday, February 29th, 2024 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission meeting, there will be 5 Public Hearings taking place. The Commission will be reviewing CUP applications for excess height at 1 Sherwood Trail, 2 Sherwood Trail and 8 Sherwood Trail, and excess garage space at 70 West Pleasant Lake Road. There will also be a Public Hearing to discuss a revision to the Ordinance regarding allowed garage sizes in the RSL District.

Public Hearing notices can be found below, as well as in the 2.13.24 edition of the Shoreview Press. Neighbors will be notified via abutter letters, and materials posted to the City website by February 23rd as part of the meeting packet.

[View Public Hearing Notices](#)

Residents: Sign up Now! North Oaks Emergency Alert System

The City is implementing a new Emergency Notification System called Rave Mobile Security. This system will allow the City to notify residents of emergencies and other important community news such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhood alerts.



You will need to "Opt In" to be part of the emergency alert system, we are unable to transfer a group list into the new system.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. Completing this information also provides the ability to send messages to a geographical radius for most accurate messaging.

To register for the system, North Oaks residents and businesses should click the Sign-up button below. You will

need to:

1. Follow prompts to set up an Account.
2. Under Notification, check the boxes for your preferred delivery method (text, voice, email)

****Note** This is an independent emergency alert system separate from the general non-urgent City weekly Eblast newsletters, Council meeting minutes, News and Announcements.

Call the City office at 651-792-7750 with any questions on signing up for the Smart911 system.

Sign up for Rave Emergency
Notification

COMMUNITY NEWS



NOHOA Presents: Save the dates for 2024 Events

Submitted by the North Oaks Homeowners Association

Join your neighbors for an unforgettable series of events that promise fun, friends and community engagement! Save the dates and mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

NOHOA Egg Hunt - *Saturday March 30th 10 - 11:30 a.m.*

NOHOA SummerFest - *Saturday, June 1st 6-9pm*

NOHOA New Resident Open House - *Sunday, October 6th 3-5pm*

NOHOA WinterFest - *Sunday, December 8th , Events from 3 - 7 pm*

All events are free to attend because of generous **Event Sponsors!** If you have a company or foundation that would like to sponsor any of the 2024 Events, [CLICK HERE](#) for sponsorship Information and complete and email to careteam@rowcal.com . By partnering with NOHOA, you'll have the chance to:

- Showcase your brand to an engaged audience.
- Gain visibility through event marketing materials prior to the event and at the event.
- Foster positive brand association with community-centered events
- Help North Oaks be a fun and connected place to live!

Love to volunteer or are you a student in need of volunteer hours? Contact Mackenzie Anderson at 612.310.1054 or KenzieEvents@gmail.com for more information.

SAFETY

Deputy Lassegard's Monthly report

o 163 CALLS FOR SERVICE

NOTABLE

- 1 Suspicious traffic stop at Spring Farm. No thefts.
- Several attempted mail thefts at East Gilfillan Road and Robb Farm Road.
- Damage to East and West Rec fields. Suspect identified and plan for reparations made.
- 21 Traffic Stops.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Housing Watch Program on-going.
- Recent accidents involving elderly. MN DPS asks families to “How to have the tough conversation” with elder parents if a risk to themselves or others behind the wheel.
- Beware selling vehicles to private parties - ensure payment and transactions completed and registration changed.
- DO NOT CALL DEPUTY MATT FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUES. Call 911.



Reminder: Coffee with a Cop - Next Wednesday, February 14th, 7:30- 9:00 a.m.

Coffee with a Cop is coming to North Oaks! Join neighbors and deputies for coffee and conversation on Wednesday, February 14th from 7:30-9:00 a.m. at the Caribou Coffee - 113 Village Center Drive, North Oaks.

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between deputies and citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the deputies in your neighborhood.

For more information about this program, visit:

[Coffee With A Cop](#)



NATURAL RESOURCES

Prune oaks now to avoid oak wilt infection

from MN Department of Natural Resources
The unusually warm winter might leave

more than a mark on the record books – it could hasten invasive oak wilt infection risk. **NOW** is the safest time to prune and trim oak trees to prevent the spread of this deadly disease, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Oak wilt, a non-native fungal disease, is spread when sap-feeding beetles become active in warm weather and carry oak wilt spores from one tree to the next. These beetles are attracted to the sap from fresh wounds, such as those made by pruning. Once beetles introduce the fungus, it frequently spreads to neighboring oaks underground through connected roots.

“Don’t wait until after February to trim oak trees – it might be too late,” said Brian Schwingle, DNR forest health coordinator. “Oak wilt is widespread in parts of southeastern Minnesota, and pockets of disease extend to north and west of Brainerd. We can slow this northern progression by pruning oaks now, when the risk of oak wilt transmission is zero.”

Typically, April through July is the period of highest risk for oak wilt to spread. However, this winter is anything but typical. If late February and early March bring high temperatures approaching 60 F for a few consecutive days, sap-feeding beetles will become active much earlier than usual and oak wilt risk will increase. The last time that happened was in 2012.



If people must prune or cut oaks during a riskier period, they can greatly reduce infection risk by immediately applying a pruning paint to the fresh cut or stump. Always check the status of oak wilt risk at the University of Minnesota’s [oak wilt in Minnesota website](#) before working on oak trees.

DNR also cautions homeowners, campers, cabin owners, visitors, and hunters against moving oak firewood, which can spread oak wilt over long distances. Instead, use firewood sourced onsite or [certified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture](#) to prevent transporting oak wilt and other invasive species.

For more details on oak wilt, including identification, prevention and how best to deal with infected trees and wood, visit the [DNR’s oak wilt management webpage](#) (mndnr.gov/treecare/forest_health/oakwilt/management.html).

More information can be found on the Minnesota DNR website.

***To find an arborist certified to do tree work within North Oaks, [click HERE](#).



VLAWMO Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan: 2027-2036

The Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) is in the process of updating their 10-year Watershed Management Plan. They are beginning the process by gathering feedback that will be incorporated into the next generation plan.

There are a number of ways to provide feedback, including an online survey, virtual and in-person events, as well as hardcopy surveys that can be picked up and submitted at several community locations.

To learn more about the plan and the feedback process, visit: [VLAWMO : 2027-2036 Watershed Plan](#)

To take the survey, click the button below:

[VLAWMO Mgmt Plan Public Survey](#)

REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming City Meetings/Events

The public is encouraged to attend City meetings.

- **Planning Commission** - Thursday, February 29th at 7:00 p.m.
- **City Council** - Thursday, March 14th 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](#).

Highlights From Last Week's News:

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

- City Council Meetings
- Road Restrictions Update
- Valentines Day at James J. Hill House
- NOHOA 2024 Save the Dates
- Jim Crow Documentary / Discussion Feb. 15th
- Summer Camp Options with Links
- Daddy-Daughter Dance MV Community Center
- Lake Gilfillan Aeration Notice /

City Calendar

reminder

- Identify Theft Awareness Week

View Last Week's E-Blast

North Oaks



Minnesota

100 Village Center Drive, #230

North Oaks, MN 55127

Phone: (651) 792-7750



HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 9 AM to 4 PM

Fri: 9AM to 12PM

Email Us

City of North Oaks | 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 230, North Oaks, MN 55127

[Unsubscribe northoaks@northoaksmn.gov](mailto:northoaks@northoaksmn.gov)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by byeblast@cityofnorthoaks.ccsend.com powered by



Try email marketing for free today!



CITY OF
NorthOaks
Building on a tradition of innovation



Eblast for the Week of 2.16.2024

IMPORTANT CITY NEWS

City Hall Office Closed Monday, February 19th

City Hall Office will be closed Monday, February 19th in observance of the President's Day Holiday. Learn more about the history of President's Day at the link below. Happy President's Day, North Oaks!

President's
Day



NO Recycling Shifts the Week of February 19th

There will be NO shifts in the recycling schedule the week of February 19th due to the President's Day holiday. Please put your recycling bin out on your



normally scheduled day.

Check with your respective garbage provider to determine if there will be any shifts in garbage service pick-up.



Upcoming Planning Commission - 5 Public Hearings 2.29.2024

At the next Thursday, February 29th, 2024 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission meeting, there will be 5 Public Hearings taking place. The Commission will be reviewing CUP applications for excess height at 1 Sherwood Trail, 2 Sherwood Trail and 8 Sherwood Trail, and excess garage space at 70 West Pleasant Lake Road. There will also be a Public Hearing to discuss a revision to the Ordinance regarding allowed garage sizes in the RSL District.

Public Hearing notices can be found below, as well as in the 2.13.24 edition of the Shoreview Press. Neighbors will be notified via abutter letters, and materials posted to the City website by February 23rd as part of the meeting packet.

[View Public Hearing Notices](#)

Road Restrictions - Start Planning Ahead

Road restrictions are NOT currently in effect, but you do need to plan ahead if you are anticipating large contractor deliveries within the next 8-10 weeks. During road restrictions, heavy delivery loads will need to be split into smaller trucks.



The City of North Oaks follows the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation guidance. Spring road conditions are weather dependent and based on the impact to road surfaces while the ground thaws from winter. **While the 3 ton per axle restriction typically has gone into effect early-March through late April in the past, we only receive a 48-hour notice from MN DOT of the date/time when restrictions take effect.**

As soon as we receive notice, we will publish this on the [City website](#), Facebook page, weekly eblast, North Oaks News,

There are NO exceptions to the road restrictions through the City during this period unless it is a surfacing septic system emergency. Violations of road restrictions are subject to ticketing during this period.

Any overweight exemptions on our private roads can ONLY be granted by the North Oaks Homeowners Association under special circumstances. NOHOA can be reached at

Reminder to Residents: Sign up Now for North Oaks Emergency Alert System

Currently there are 111 Residents that have already signed up for the new City Emergency Notification System. Thank you! Now only 1,900 homes to go!



You will need to "Opt In" to be part of the emergency alert system.

To register for the system, North Oaks residents and businesses should click the Sign-up button below. You will need to:

1. Follow prompts to set up an Account.
2. Under Notification, check the boxes for your preferred delivery method (text, voice, email)

****Note** This emergency alert system is separate from the general non-urgent City weekly Eblast newsletters. Questions? Call the City office at 651-792-7750.

Sign up for Rave Emergency
Notification

COMMUNITY NEWS



Free Fix-It Clinics

Ramsey County Fix-It Clinics

Ramsey County Fix-It Clinics Get household items fixed for free and learn valuable repair skills at an upcoming Fix-It Clinic. At Fix-It Clinics, residents bring in small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more to receive free guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix items.

Visit [Fix-It Clinics | Ramsey County](#) for more information and a schedule of upcoming clinics including Feb. 24th, March 23rd and April 27th.

SAFETY

Snowy Road Safety

Finally we have snow! Just a reminder for safety purposes, [City Ordinance 71.12](#) states no cars are allowed to be parked on North Oaks Roads overnight between 2 - 6:00 a.m. Not only is this hazardous on our dark streets, it makes it difficult for snowplows clearing streets.



Also, please note that residents are responsible for clearing around their own mailbox and end of driveways after the plows have come through.

Road Maintenance is managed by NOHOA via their contract with Mel's Services. For any snowplow questions/issues, contact NOHOA's Rowcal Help Desk at 651-233-1307.



Coffee with Cop Event

Thanks to Ramsey County Sheriff's office for coming out to visit with North Oaks residents at the Coffee with a Cop event on February 14th at Caribou Coffee. Approximately 10 representatives from Ramsey County Sherriff's office were on hand to meet residents, discuss current issues, crime prevention, and provide name/faces to our community.

We are grateful for our Deputy Lassegard, as well all those fellow Deputies and resources at the Ramsey County Sherriff's office for their ongoing support of our community.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Association (VLAWMO) Workshops - Open to Public



Residents are invited to attend free VLAWMO workshops on information relevant to improving our Watershed.

Upcoming Workshop Programs:

- VLAWMO Landscape Grant Programs 101: March 7
- Raingardens 101 - how they are used to improve filtration and drainage runoff: March 14

For more information on each workshop and to register, click the blue button below.

**Interested in VLAWMO's 2027-2036 Water Management Plan? [Attend their open house virtual coffee chat session](#) on Feb. 20th, 2024 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Information on VLAWMO Workshops

Spring Coyote Breeding Season

Coyotes are a part of our North Oaks natural environment, however during spring, coyotes may become more active and visible with the mating season beginning in January and lasting through February. Five to seven pups are typically born in April and may be protective of their young. Please keep a careful watch on your pets when they are outside and as always, please keep your pets leashed on trails.

If Coyotes do encroach your yard, make them feel as unwelcome as possible using hazing techniques such as loud noises, and yelling to encourage them to move on.



For further information refer to [DNR links](#) describing their habits and [dealing with Urban Coyotes](#). Additional information on coexisting with our coyotes and a full presentation on this topic from March 2019 and January 2020 with featured speakers from DNR, Ramsey County Sherriff Animal control and U of M can be viewed [HERE](#).

REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming City Meetings/Events

The public is encouraged to attend City meetings.

- **Planning Commission** - Thursday, February 29th at 7:00 p.m.
*includes Public Hearings
- **City Council** - Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Click on the calendar for each meeting

Highlights From Last Week's News:

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

- 2.8.2024 City Council Meeting Highlights: Special and Regular Meetings
- Planning Commission Meeting Public Hearings: 2.29.2024
- North Oaks Emergency Alert

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](#)

- System Registration
- NOHOA Events: Save the Dates for 2024
- Deputy Lassegard's Monthly Report
- Pruning Tips to Avoid Oak Wilt
- VLAWMO Comprehensive Watership Management Plan Call for Feedback

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

North Oaks



Minnesota

100 Village Center Drive, #230
North Oaks, MN 55127
Phone: (651) 792-7750



HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 9 AM to 4 PM

Fri: 9AM to 12PM

[Email Us](#)

City of North Oaks | 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 230, North Oaks, MN 55127

[Unsubscribe northoaks@northoaksmn.gov](mailto:northoaks@northoaksmn.gov)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by byeblast@cityofnorthoaks.ccsend.com powered by



Try email marketing for free today!



CITY OF
NorthOaks
Building on a tradition of innovation



Eblast for the Week of 2.23.2024

IMPORTANT CITY NEWS

Vote Early at Select Locations

On February 16, early (direct ballot) voting for the Presidential Nominating Primary (PNP) began. Early voting allows you to place your ballot directly into the voting machine.

You can now vote in person at either the Shoreview Ramsey County Library or the Roseville Ramsey County Library during the following times:

Friday, February 16-Friday, March 1: Weekdays: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday, March 4: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

On election day, Tuesday, March 5th residents must vote at their assigned polling place:

Precinct 1 votes at City Hall, 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 150
Precinct 2 votes at North Oaks Golf Club, 54 East Oaks Road



Unsure where you vote? [View my polling place](#). Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Contact [Ramsey County Elections](#) with any voting questions.



Road Restrictions to Begin Monday, Feb. 26th

The City has been notified by the Minnesota Department of Transportation that spring road restrictions will take effect starting Monday, February 26th at 12:01 a.m. The weight limit in North Oaks is 3 ton or 5 ton per axle depending on the below streets during this period.

Tier 1: 3 tons per axle limit with appropriate signage posted at the entrances. Most roads will be signed with a 3 ton per axle weight limit. These are most of the central North Oaks roads.

Tier 2: 5 tons per axle for select newer roads listed below with appropriate signage posted at the entrances:

- Charley Lake Preserve (single family area not the townhomes)
- Rapp Farm Development
- East Preserve (Sherwood Trail)
- Creekside Lane
- Villas of Wilkinson Lake
- Anderson Woods (Pond View Trail)
- Preserve Trail

If you are anticipating large contractor deliveries within the next 8-10 weeks during these road restrictions, heavy delivery loads will need to be split into smaller trucks. Spring road conditions are weather dependent and based on the impact to road surfaces while the ground thaws from winter. Road restrictions help prevent damage and cracking to road surfaces.

There are NO exceptions to the road restrictions through the City during this period unless it is a surfacing septic system emergency, or garbage/recycling collection. Violations of road restrictions are subject to ticketing during this period. The City will receive a 72-hour notice from MN DOT when they are being lifted.

Any overweight exemptions on our private roads can **ONLY be granted by the North Oaks Homeowners Association under special circumstances. NOHOA can be reached via email at NOHOA@nohoa.org. Permit applications will be accepted and approved or denied by the NOHOA engineer.**

Planning Commission next week- 5 Public Hearings



Next Thursday, February 29th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission meeting will review the following:

- CUP applications for excess height at 1 Sherwood Trail, 2 Sherwood Trail and 8 Sherwood Trail
- CUP application excess garage space at 70 West Pleasant Lake Road.
- Septic Variance - 4 Dove Lane
- Public Hearing to discuss a revision to the Ordinance regarding allowed garage sizes, building heights and setback standards in the RSL District.

Residents are invited to provide feedback during each Public Hearing or email kkress@northoaksmn.gov. The zoom link and meeting materials can be viewed by selecting the meeting entry on the City Calendar below no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

[View Draft Planning Commission Packet](#)



City E-Newsletter - Tip

Reminder: If you don't see images in this weekly City newsletter, with your mouse "right-click", and select the "download images" and the complete view will pop right up.

The associated images makes scanning the newsletter for pertinent info much easier.

Any questions, contact City Hall at 651-792-7750.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Holiday Lights Recycling Recap

Thank you to all the residents that brought broken Holiday light strands to City Hall for the January recycling event. Over 150 pounds of lights were taken to Recycling Technologies and kept out of landfills!



Next up: Save the date for the annual City recycling event which will take place Saturday, June 22nd. On this day items such as large appliances, scrap

metal, tires, computers, shredding and more can be dropped off for recycling at Southpointe Fields in North Oaks. More information to come as we get closer to this date.

Can't wait until June to recycle items in your home? Recycle Technologies in Blaine is open to the public. Click the link below or call 763-559-5130 for details of accepted items and hours for drop off.

Recycle Technologies

Event Happenings this Weekend

Looking for things to do this weekend in the Twin Cities area? Check out this useful link from the Mpls St. Paul Magazine for events happening in the categories of:



- Music
- Food & Drink
- Theater
- Museum and Galleries,
- Festivals
- Special events.

Things to do in the Twin Cities

SAFETY

Reminder to Residents: Sign up Now for North Oaks Emergency Alert System

Currently there are 133 Residents that have already signed up for the new City Emergency Notification System. Thank you! Now only 1,800 homes to go!

You will need to "Opt In" to be part of the emergency alert system.

To register for the system, North Oaks residents and businesses should click the Sign-up button below. You will need to:

1. Follow prompts to set up an Account.
2. Under Notification, check the boxes for your preferred delivery method (text, voice, email)

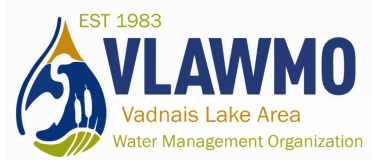
****Note** This emergency alert system is separate from the general non-urgent City weekly Eblast newsletters. Questions? Call the City office at 651-792-7750.



Sign up for Rave Emergency
Notification

NATURAL RESOURCES

VLAWMO - Save the Date for Resilient Shoreline Workshop



Geared for folks who live on or near shoreline, this workshop gives step-by-step guidance for installing a native planting project. Learn about how native plants reduce erosion and help protect your lake's water quality.

This takes place on April 9th from 6 - 8:00 p.m. All participants receive access to Blue Thumb's Resilient Yards online learning series.

Learn more and register on the [Blue Thumb website](#) (Registration open 2/27/24).

Information on VLAWMO
Workshops

REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming City Meetings/Events

The public is encouraged to attend City meetings.

- **Planning Commission** - Thursday, Feb. 29th at 7:00 p.m.
- **City Council** - Thursday, March 14th 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](#).

Highlights From Last Week's News:

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

- Planning Commission Meeting Public Hearings: 2.29.2024
- Plan Ahead for Road restrictions March / April
- North Oaks Emergency Alert System Registration
- Ramsey County Fix It clinics
- Snowy Road Safety
- Coffee with a Cop Event
- VLAWMO Workshops: Landscape Grants and Raingardens

- Coyote Spring Breeding Season

[City Calendar](#)

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

North Oaks



Minnesota

100 Village Center Drive, #230
North Oaks, MN 55127
Phone: (651) 792-7750



HOURS
Mon - Thurs: 9 AM to 4 PM
Fri: 9AM to 12PM
[Email Us](#)

City of North Oaks | 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 230, North Oaks, MN 55127

[Unsubscribe northoaks@northoaksmn.gov](mailto:northoaks@northoaksmn.gov)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by byeblast@cityofnorthoaks.ccsend.com powered by



Try email marketing for free today!