Mendota News



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**The City of Mendota holds City Council Meetings at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of every month at the**

**VFW Post 6690**

**1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy.**

**Mendota, MN 55150**

**Fall 2014**

Mendota Picnic—September 13, 2014

Beginning at noon at Veteran’s Park

**Hot Dogs and Pop Provided**.

**Bring a dish to share**.

Kids receive a raffle prize and enter to win a bike

Horseshoe Tournament

Bounce House

A celebration of Officer Scott Patrick’s life-

Moose Country September 27, 2014 at 1p.m.

Please note that the November 11th

City Council Meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m.

due to the General Election

**Mendota Mdewakanton Pow Wow**

**Friday, Sept. 12**

**5:05 pm ...Lighting the Sacred Fire (followed by a potluck dinner)**

**Saturday, Sep 13**

**11:00 am ...Dancer Registration**

**1:00 pm ...Grand Entry / Honored Guards**

**3:30 pm ...TBA**

**5:00 pm ...Dancer Registration**

**5:30pm-6:45pm …Intermission**

**7:00 pm ...Grand Entry / Honored Guards**

**8:00 pm ...TBA**

**8:45 pm ...Registered Dancers Payout**

**Sunday, Sep 14**

**11:00 am...Dancer Registration**

**1:00 pm ...Grand Entry / Honored Guards**

**2:30 pm ...TBA**

**3:30 pm ...TBA**

**5:30 pm ...Closing Ceremony & Feast**

**5:00 pm ...Registered Dancers Payout**

Lilydaze

The City of Lilydale is hosting its annual Lilydaze celebration noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014. The Dixieland Band will perform from 12:30-2 p.m. The Lilydale Garden Center and the City of Lilydale is holding its second annual photo contest in conjunction with Lilydaze. Entry forms and rules are available at the post office. Deadline to enter is Sept. 12th.

Snow Removal

The City of Mendota asks residents

to be aware of city ordinances in

regards to parking and snow removal. Please do not park in such a manner as

to obstruct or interfere with snow plowing or snow removal.

Also, it is unlawful for any person deposit snow/ice into the roadway. All snow and ice should be removed from public sidewalks 12 hours after the snow has ceased to fall.

The city thanks you for your cooperation.

Vote November 11, 2014

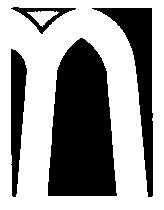
Vote at the DuPois House, located at 1357 Sibley Memorial Highway, Mendota, MN 55150, on Tuesday, the 9th Day of November, 2014. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing candidates for Federal Offices, State Offices, Judicial Offices and County Offices.

For the Municipal Election, offices to be filled are for Mayor and two Council Members.

Join Neighbors, Inc. for their annual Duck Races fundraising event during the October 4th On The Road Again celebration in South St. Paul. Rubber ducks can be “adopted” for $5 each (or a family pack of 5 is available for $25) either in advance or day-of the event. Ducks will compete in a series of races throughout the day on our signature duck chute course. Over $5,000 worth of prizes. 

**Event Information**

Saturday, October 4th, 2014, 901 Southview Blvd. South St. Paul

 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free Admission.

Cost for duck adoption is $5 per duck. Duck Races will be held throughout the day. A special “Lazy Duck” prize will also be awarded to the last duck in the final race. This family-fun event will also feature duck-themed games, crafts, merchandise.

Proceeds go to support Neighbors’ emergency & supportive assistance programs such as the food shelf and Clothes Closet.

Citizen Police Academy for Mendota Residents

The cities of West Saint Paul and Mendota Heights are offering a free 10-week citizen police academy 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays September 18-November 20. The course is designed to give residents a working knowledge of the operations and responsibilities of the West Saint Paul and Mendota Heights Police departments and improve the interaction between police and the community. Participants must live or work in West Saint Paul, Mendota Heights, Lilydale, Mendota or Sunfish Lake and be at least 18 years of age. All applicants will be screened for criminal history. Applications are available at the West Saint Paul or Mendota Heights Police departments. And at [www.cityofwsp.org](http://www.cityofwsp.org).

Flag disposal - American Legion Challenger Post 521 has a collection box in the vestibule at the West Saint Paul Municipal Center, located at 1616 Humboldt Ave., for American Flags that are torn, frayed or discolored.



The Mendota Heights Police Department has a Medication Disposal Box in the lobby of the Police Department where Dakota County residents can safely and anonymously dispose of their prescription drugs and over‐the‐counter medication.

Recycling Household **Hazardous Chemicals**

Look for the words: **poison, danger, warning and caution**. They will help you identify hazardous products. Products that require special handling are found in many areas around your home. In the garage, you’ll find automotive and recreation materials, including aerosol cleaners, degreasers, antifreeze, oil and gas. Yard and garden care items include fertilizers, pesticides, weed killer, bug spray, and charcoal lighter fluid.  
Household items may include aerosol cans with product remaining, drain cleaner, mothballs, nail polish/remover, oven cleaner, spot removers, compact fluorescent bulbs, and mercury-containing thermometers and thermostats.   
If containers aren’t empty, your choices include using them up, giving them away or taking them to the Dakota County household hazardous waste drop-off site.

**The Recycling Zone Drop-Off Hours for Residents**  
 3365 Dodd Road Wednesday 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Eagan, MN Thursday noon - 8 p.m.

**651-905-4520** Friday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Good for **You** and the **Environment**

*Donating items you no longer need and buying used products keeps items out of the trash, reduces the resources needed to make new products, helps many charities raise funds and supports local businesses.*

**Pick-up** Options

*The following not-for-profit agencies will come to your home to pick up donated items.*

Bridging, Inc., 952-888-1105, 201 W. 87th St., Bloomington

Courage Center, 952-881-1100, www.couragepickup.com

Disabled American Veterans, 651-487-2002, www.dav.org

Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota, 800-779-0777, www.epilepsyfoundationmn.org

Salvation Army, 612-332-5855, www.salvationarmynorth.org

Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 612-588-3820, [www.tchabitat.org](http://www.tchabitat.org)

Where to **Shop** **Used** and **Donate**

*This list is for educational purposed only and does not act as an endorsement of any business.*

Joseph’s Coat - 1107 West Seventh Street, St. Paul MN 55102 651 291-2472

Store/Victory Value 2020 E. Hwy 13, Burnsville, MN 952-890-8222

Clothes Closet and More 301 E. Second St., Hastings, MN 651-437-7134

Disabled American Veterans Donation Drop Box at Rosemount American Legion 14590 W. Burma Ave., Rosemount, MN

Earth Thrift 6555 Cahill Ave., Inver Grove Heights, MN 651-457-5004

Garage Sale Outlet 20730 Holyoke Ave., Lakeville, MN 55044 952-807-1515

Goodwill Industries Thrift Store 7320 153rd St., Apple Valley, MN 952-952-4410, 1247 Northwood Parkway, Eagan, MN 651-994-7907, 1355 S. Frontage Road, Hastings, MN 651-437-1223, 17625 Kenrick Ave., Lakeville, MN 952-435-7050, 1361 S. Robert St., West St. Paul, MN 651-451-2014

Neighbors Inc. – Clothes Closet 222 W. Grand Ave., South St. Paul, MN 651-455-1508

Rivertown Treasures 301 Second St. E., Hastings, MN 651-438-3863

Razberry Beret Thrift Store 915 S. Eighth St., Farmington, MN 651-260-3614

The Salvation Army Family Thrift Store 14101 Irving Ave., Burnsville, MN 952-435-7462, 1110 Vermillion St., Hastings, MN 651-319-0329, Drop-box: U-haul, 1630 W. Hwy 13, Burnsville, MN, U-haul: 6895 W. 151st St., Apple Valley, MN, Menard’s, 1445 S. Robert St., West St. Paul, MN, Grace Nazarene Church, 950 Blaine Ave. E., Inver Grove Heights, MN

Savers 7608 W. 150th St., Apple Valley, MN 952-432-7263

Shidor - The Second Hand Store 408 Third St., Farmington, MN 612-298-5241

Unique Thrift Store 14308 Burnhaven Drive, Burnsville, MN 952-898-0988

Valley Thrift 14859 Granada Ave., Apple Valley, MN 952-431-1001

Autumn Leaves Wherever leaves fall, they decompose and restock the soil with nutrients and organic matter.

But when there is no soil to land on—such as on a street or sidewalk—the leaves and all their decomposing bits wash down the street and into the storm drain. They go directly into lakes and rivers where the nutrients will feed unwanted algae growth next summer. In addition to a major "ick" factor, this algae is a problem because when it dies and decomposes at the bottom of the lake it uses up oxygen that fish and native plants need. In the Mississippi River-Twin Cities watershed [87 of the 180 lakes studied](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/about-mpca/mpca-news/current-news-releases/mpca-water-quality-report-for-mississippi-river-twin-cities-shows-need-for-improvement.html) didn't meet water quality standards because of excess nutrients—that's about half the lakes! And leaves are a major source of the problem. Depending on the lake, leaves might account for [60% of the excess nutrients in these lakes](http://www.mndaily.com/news/campus/2013/10/09/leaf-pollution-makes-urban-lakes-reek).

Don't "leaf" it up to someone else to solve this problem! Here's what to do with your autumn leaves so that they nourish the soil and not unwanted algae.

**Rake the leaves that have accumulated along your curb, sidewalk, and alley**

Several times during the fall, rake up the leaves that have accumulated along your curb and sidewalk. Street sweeping in late fall helps keep a lot of leaves from entering the water. If your city doesn't already do this, encourage them to start! By the time the street sweepers drive by, however, lots of decomposition and several rain storms may have occurred. You can help by raking 1-2 additional times. If you work with youth or community groups, consider organizing a community clean-up for water quality to do this for others. Never rake leaves into the street, even when you know the street sweeper is coming.

**Never trash or burn your leaves**

Don't add leaves to the regular trash (its illegal!) and don't burn them. Burning leaves releases large amounts of air pollution. These pollutants can cause breathing problems for sensitive groups and lead to long-term health effects for all of us.

**Put leaves in your backyard compost pile**

One of the best ways to use leaves (from the street or the yard) is to compost them in your backyard. Learn how to [compost in your backyard.](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/living-green/living-green-citizen/composting/start-composting-in-your-backyard.html)

**Tip**: If your bin isn't big enough to accommodate all your leaves, put early and late season leaves in the bin, then on your main raking weekend bring the rest to a compost or yard waste drop-site. If you have room, also bag up and store some dry leaves to use a carbon source ("browns") in your compost pile during the coming year.

**Use leaves to mulch your garden and lawn**

Whole or shredded leaves can be used as mulch. Mulch benefits the soil and reduces weeds. On the lawn, use a mower to break apart the leaves so that they fall between the blades of grass (consider using an electric mower, since two-cycle gas lawn mowers, especially older models, produce large amounts of air pollution). Don't let the leaf layer get too thick! In garden beds, leaves provide a protective layer of insulation for perennial gardens and shrubbery, either bagged or loose.

**Drop leaves off at a compost site**

Another option is to drop off your leaves and sticks at a compost site near you. Depending on where you live, these may be called “yard waste” or "brush” drop sites. Contact your county for drop-off site locations, items accepted and any fees involved.

**Consider curbside pick-up if you want a convenient option**

Your garbage hauler may separately collect yard waste--sometimes for an additional fee--and then bring it to a commercial compost site. Contact your garbage hauler to learn about your pick-up options.

Be aware that residents in the Twin Cities area who bag their yard and organic waste are required to put their waste out for pickup in compostable bags--either paper bags or compostable plastic bags.