

# Heights Highlites



## Mayor's Message

The Metropolitan Airports Commission, Northwest Airlines and for that matter the entire airline industry seems to be in the news on almost a daily basis. Our own Airport Relations Commission (ARC) does not get the same press, but their work is critically important to our community. To try to

rectify that, I thought I would take time to highlight some of their work and airport related matters.

Our ARC is chaired by Liz Petschel. Commission members include Elsworth Stein, Brian Linnihan, David Sloan, Robin Erlich, William Dunn and Ansis Viksnins. In addition to the ARC, Council members Ultan Duggan and Sandra Krebsbach, along with Liz Petschel are members of the Noise Oversight Committee, an arm of the Metropolitan Airports Commission. During 2006, our ARC was instrumental in working with the Noise Oversight Committee, MAC and the Federal Aviation Administration to change when a departing flight receives its departure heading. Previously planes would receive headings and make their turns upon "wheels up", which was sending them north of TH110 out of their corridor. Now, planes are not allowed to turn into their assigned heading until they pass the end of the runway which keeps the departing aircraft in the corridor south of TH110 longer and over less of our community.

During 2006, the new 17/35 runway opened at MSP. Our community was told repeatedly that the opening of this runway would mean fewer flight operations over our city. However our ARC has tracked the actual experience since 17/35 opened and they have documented that the number of operations has increased, not decreased. The ARC, in cooperation with the NOC have prepared a detailed letter to the FAA which identifies significant discrepancies from promised versus actual experience. Your City Council is actively engaged in pursuing this matter with the FAA as the repercussions of a failure to deliver promised noise reductions to our community cannot be left unchallenged.

Another matter the ARC is supporting is a bill sponsored by our State Senator Jim Metzen and our State Representative Rick Hansen, to add additional members to MAC. This bill would add a seat on MAC for our community. While there is an official representative appointed by the Governor for our area, the concerns of Mendota Heights residents are not being carried to the MAC. ARC will be testifying in support of the measure. Please thank Senator Metzen and Representative Hansen for authoring this proposed legislation.

Thanks to our ARC Commissioners who may not get a lot of media attention, but they do a great service for our community.



## Mendota Heights Par 3 Update

Mendota Heights Par 3 Golf Course has long been viewed as a community asset. When the owners of the Par 3 proposed to develop the property, a lengthy legal process ensued. The last few months have been extremely active regarding the Mendota Heights Par 3 Golf Course. Following an order from the Minnesota Supreme Court to reconcile our land use planning documents, the city has engaged in a dual track process concerning this property. One Track pursues a citizen referendum to purchase the property, the other track modifies land use plans to meet the court order. This article will outline progress to date on each track.

**Referendum Update:** A negotiating committee has worked with the Par 3 owners to determine a price that could be brought to the public in a referendum. While not required to do so, the Par 3 owners cooperated in negotiations with the City, to arrive at a price package that includes a \$2.6 million purchase price. While the property is likely to appraise at a higher price, the owners have agreed to donate the difference between the purchase price and the appraised value. Preliminary research indicates that the Par 3 should be able to make enough revenue to cover operating costs without requiring general tax dollars. City Council directed staff in January to move ahead with the referendum process.

**Here are the basics of the referendum:** \$2.79 million dollar referendum – \$2.6 million purchase price, \$190,000 for bonding and capital improvement costs.

The special election will be held Tuesday, April 24, 2007. Voters will be provided the opportunity to vote yes or no to the following question: "Shall the City of Mendota Heights be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not exceed \$2,790,000 to defray the expense of the acquisition and betterment of an existing par 3 golf course for use as park or other recreational facilities?"

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**Mendota Heights Par 3 Bond Referendum  
Special Election  
to be held  
Tuesday, April 24, 2007  
See page 2 for details.**

### Mendota Heights Par 3

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The same precincts citizens usually vote at will be open, with absentee voting available 30 days before the election. On April 24, Mendota Heights voters will decide the fate of the Par 3 property. While the city does not does not encourage a "yes" or "no" vote regarding the referendum, we hope every citizen will consider the issue and participate in the referendum process

The proposed referendum to purchase the Par 3 property includes a 15 year term for repayment. The breakdown of the estimated costs for residential homes is as follows:

Market Value	Annual Cost
\$200,000	\$29
\$250,000	\$36
\$300,000	\$43
\$350,000	\$50
\$400,000	\$57
\$450,000	\$64
\$500,000	\$72
\$550,000	\$79
\$600,000	\$86
\$650,000	\$93

**Land Use Planning Update:** In December, the Mendota Heights City Council amended the City's comprehensive plan by adding a new land use entitled Golf Course – Small (GC-small). This new land use requires small golf courses (under 20 acres in size) to be zoned R-1A, low-density residential. Several conditions are placed upon the possible development of a GC-small property. Minimum lot size is 40,000 square feet of area and 150 feet of lot width. These are both increases over the standard residential-zoned Mendota Heights lot, which requires 15,000 square feet of area and 100 feet of lot width. Also unique to the GC-small land use is the requirement to develop the property in a Planned Unit Development, with 33% of the total parcel area being held as open space in a conservation easement, which the city would have the authority to protect. The Mendota Heights City Council put this land use restriction in place, to provide tools to preserve as much open space as possible, if a citizen referendum to purchase the property does not pass. Changes to the City's planning documents (Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance) which were passed by City Council in December meet the Supreme Court Order. The Metropolitan Council is currently reviewing the Comprehensive Plan Amendment before it becomes law. If the referendum does not pass, the owners do intend to develop the property, which will be a public process, similar to other developments in Mendota Heights.

### Wetland Monitors Needed

The City invites you to participate in the 2007 monitoring season of the Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP). This award-winning program is enriching, educational, and fun. Adult volunteers work in a team of city residents to study the biological health of wetlands. Volunteers do not need a science background or previous monitoring experience to participate. They work under the direction of a qualified team leader and receive training on wetland monitoring, which includes plant and insect identification. The volunteer time commitment is about 20 hours during May, June, and July. This includes training, field work and lab work. All equipment is provided. If you are interested, or would like more information, contact the Dakota County Water Resources Office at 952-891-7117 or email to paula.liepold@co.dakota.mn.us. The Wetland Health Evaluation Program is a joint venture between the City of Mendota Heights and Dakota County.

### Mendota Heights Par 3

### Special Election

Tues. April 24, 2007

The city's special election will be conducted on Tuesday, April 24, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The five precinct polling places are: Somerset Elementary School north gymnasium (Precinct 1), located at 1355 Dodd Road; Mendota Heights City Hall Council Chambers (Precinct 2), 1101 Victoria Curve; Mendota Elementary School (Precinct 3), 1979 Summit Lane; St. Paul's United Methodist Church (Precinct 4), 700 Wesley Lane; and the Friendly Hills Middle School Gymnasium (Precinct 5), 701 Mendota Heights Road. If you are not sure which precinct you reside in, please call City Hall at 452-1850 for assistance. If you have internet access available, you can log onto the Secretary of State's website, <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/> enter your zip code, then your house number and select your street from the drop down list.

**Election Day Registration:** If you are not currently registered to vote, you can register at City Hall or by mail until April 3 or you can register at your precinct polling place on election day. If you plan to register at the polling place, you must provide proper proof of residency. This proof can be a valid Minnesota Driver's License, Learner's Permit, or Minnesota Identification Card, showing your current address, or a receipt for any of these types of identification. If the Minnesota ID or license has a former address, you may bring a recent utility bill to use with your license or ID card. The utility bill must have your name and current address and be due within 30 days of the election. Utility bills may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone or cable tv. You can also use a "Notice of Late Registration" postcard mailed to you by the County Auditor or a U.S. Passport or military photo ID card with a utility bill. Students can use a student ID card plus a dorm list with present address (certified by the school) or a student fee statement with an address in the precinct plus a photo ID. If you do not have the proper identification, a person who knows you and is a registered voter in your precinct may vouch for your residency. Precinct election judges may not, under penalty prescribed by state law, accept any other proof of residency. The responsibility to provide the required proof is yours. If you are a new resident, why not take the time between now and April 24 to change your driver's license or Minnesota ID card. Bringing the proper identification to the polling place will save you and the election judges time and frustration on election day.

**Absentee Ballots:** If you know that you will be unable to vote in person on election day because of illness, disability, or religious discipline or because you will be absent from the precinct, you may apply for an absentee ballot. You can request an application form by mail, phone, or in person at City Hall during office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can also download a form from the Secretary of State's Office at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp?page=211>, and complete and mail or deliver the form to City Hall. If you would like to apply for the ballot and vote by absentee in person at City Hall, ballots will be available beginning on March 26. If you are unable to visit City Hall during regular office hours to apply for ballots or vote by absentee, the City Offices will be open for absentee voting on Saturday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Monday, April 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### More Questions? Please Call

The foregoing information is provided to make the election process easier for you. You are encouraged to contact City Clerk Kathleen Swanson at 452-1850, if you have any additional election questions.



### A Special Thanks To Election Judges

The City of Mendota Heights would like to extend sincere appreciation to the more than seventy outstanding individuals who served as election judges on September 7 and November 12. Throughout the primary election and the extremely busy general election day, they were knowledgeable and proficient in their tasks, and they were very cordial, polite and helpful to the voters and the city's election staff. They prepared well for their election duties and were committed to processing the election with diligence and integrity. Special thanks to the Chairpersons, Wade West, Debbie Goldberger, Kathie Woods, Pam Ehrlich and Marsha Knuth, who ensured that all the laws were followed and that their polling places ran smoothly.

Without all of these very special people there could not have been such a successful and well organized election process.

### Official Newspaper Designated

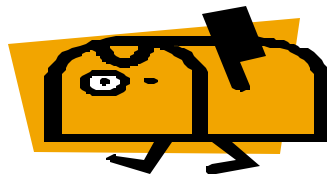
Every January, by state law, the City Council must designate a local publication to serve as the city's legal newspaper for the coming year. At its January 2, 2007 meeting, the City Council named the South-West Review to serve as the city's Official Newspaper for 2007.

All hearing notices, legal notices, and newly adopted ordinances will be published in the legal section of the South-West Review during the coming year. Press releases on issues of interest to the community residents may also be published in the WSP/MH Sun Current. The Review is published on Sunday and the Sun Current is published on Wednesday.

### Proper Mailbox Installation and Winter Maintenance

The Mendota Heights Public Works department advises all residents that all roadside mailbox posts should be located a minimum of 12" behind the back of the concrete curbing. The front of the mailbox should be flush with the back of the curb and 39" to 42" from the top of the curb to the bottom of the mailbox.

Newspaper boxes and other containers attached to your mailbox should be set back a minimum of 6" from the back of the curb. If your mail structure/paper boxes are not properly installed they are in danger of being damaged by city plow trucks during snow removal season. Please make appropriate changes/repairs as needed. For more information or to request a mailbox placement brochure that contains a diagram with mailbox placement measurements, please contact Mendota Heights City Hall at 651-452-1850.



### Mendota Heights Implements Snow Emergency Procedure

A snow emergency will be declared by the Public Works Director or Public Works Superintendent when 2" of snow is received or there is a high probability of a 2" snowfall. The media will be notified when the snow emergency is declared. During the snow emergency on-street parking is prohibited. The City will be citing and/or towing all cars in violation. The snow emergency will end when all city streets are plowed curb to curb.



### Park Bench Donation Program

The City of Mendota Heights is accepting donations to install park benches in city parks or along city trails. The minimum donation required for bench installation is \$750. The required donation may be higher depending on the bench design. The benches can be personalized with a plaque commemorating a loved one or friend. The design, location, and plaque message must be reviewed by the Parks Commission and approved by the City Council prior to installation. For more information, please contact Guy Kullander at City Hall at (651)452-1850.



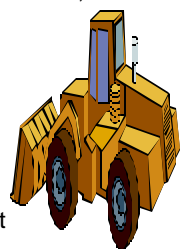
### Marcus Connolly Retires from Mendota Heights Fire Department-35 Years of Service

On December 10, 2006, Marcus Connolly announced his retirement from the Mendota Heights Fire Department effective December 31, 2006. Marc retires as the second longest serving member of the Fire Department. He was on the Department for 35 years. The only one to serve longer was LeRoy Noack. Marc served as the Department Training Officer for four years and was a captain for four years. Marc also taught basic first aid and CPR to the public and was a very aggressive firefighter. He served on a number of committees including truck committees, 50th anniversary planning (parade chair), and the policy and procedures committee. The Fire Department is unsure how it will close the monthly meetings, because Marc always made the motion to adjourn. Marc will be truly missed!! Best wishes to Marc in the future.



### 2007 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The City Council has authorized the Engineering Department to prepare plans and specifications for street reconstruction in the Ivy Falls neighborhood and street rehabilitation in the Copperfield neighborhood. Streets that are proposed to be reconstructed including addition of storm sewer and concrete curb and gutter are Woodridge Drive, Arcadia Drive, Cascade Lane, Maple Park Court, Falls View Court, Maple Park Drive from Sylvandale to Falls View Court and Sylvandale Road from Maple Park Drive to Sibley Memorial Highway. Streets in the Copperfield neighborhood that are proposed to be rehabilitated including milling and a bituminous overlay are Huber Drive, Pond View Drive, Pond View Terrace, Pond View Court, Watersedge Terrace, Field Stone Drive, Field Stone Court, Copperfield Drive, Stone Road, High Point Road, High Point Court, Quail Ridge Circle, and Bent Tree Lane. Neighborhood meetings will be held in February and March. Contact the Engineering Department for additional information at 651-452-1850.



## Mendota Heights Parks & Rec

**PLEASE NOTE:** Trips depart & return from Mendota Heights City Hall, 1101 Victoria Curve. Trips are for student's ages 6 or older unless specified. Deadline to register is the Monday prior to trip; Each trip has a limited number of participants, so register early to avoid being put on a waiting list. Registration forms can be found on page 7. All trips include chaperones, transportation & activity fee.

### SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS 2007

The trips listed offer the perfect opportunities for kids with their friends, classmates and siblings to participate in FUN well chaperoned activities. The trips are co-sponsored with WSP and SSP Parks and Rec. Bus departs from MH City Hall parking lot at time listed. Please register by mail or in person at City Hall-1101 Victoria Curve, MH, 55118. Space is limited and will fill fast. Mark your calendars now and plan ahead. Registration will close the Monday prior to trips.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21 - VALLEYFAIR (IN SHAKOPEE).** Start the summer off with a day at Valley Fair. Bring a group of friends! Don't forget your swimsuit and towel for the water park! Bring a bag lunch or \$ to purchase lunch/snacks.

**Bus departs/returns** 9:05 AM /6:10 PM. **Cost:** \$29.00 **Ages:** 10 & older.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28 - MN TWINS** - Spend an exciting afternoon at the metro dome. Game time is 12:10 PM - it is Recreation Day. The trip includes RESERVED SEATING in the "Home Run Porch" hot dog and pop, supervision, transportation. Participants may bring extra money for snacks and enjoy a day at the Park! **Bus departs at 10:05 AM & will return after the game – approx. 3:30 PM.** **Cost:** \$21.50 /person. **Ages:** 6 and up

**THURSDAY, JULY 5 - NO trip this holiday week**

**THURSDAY, JULY 12 – SPRING LAKE PARK AMUSEMENT CENTER AND CRYSTAL COVE AQUATIC CENTER**

We will begin the day with unlimited mini golf and other amusement park fun, including 10 balloons each for Water Wars, so bring your swim suits and towel. We then spend the rest of the afternoon swimming at Crystal Cove Aquatics Center; it has a water play area as well as 2 large waterslides. Bring a bag lunch or money for concessions and arcade.

**Bus departs/returns 9:05/4:00 Cost:** \$20.00/person. **Ages:** 7 & up

**THURSDAY, JULY 19 - WILD MOUNTAIN IN TAYLORS FALLS - WATER PARK, ALPINE SLIDES, GO CARTS** Don't miss Wild Adventure Island with 4 waterslides, climbing net, water cannons or just take it easy on a tube in the lazy river. Unlimited go carts & alpine slide rides. Bring a hearty bag lunch or \$ for concessions, a swimsuit & towel, sunscreen plus tennis shoes (no flip-flops) for the alpine slide. **Bus departs at 8:15 AM & returns at 4:20 PM.** **Cost:** \$27.00/person. **Ages:** 8 & over.

**THURSDAY, JULY 26 - BUNKER BEACH (WAVE POOL-COON RAPIDS) & BOX LUNCH** - Bring your swimsuit, towel, change of clothes & if you want to rent an inner tube bring an extra \$4.00 (we will be at pool for two, two-hour sessions). There is the wave pool, waterslides & adventure pool. Trip includes lunch, small pop, hot dog, chips & cookie; however, you can bring extra money for additional snacks. **Bus departs/returns at 10:05/3:50 Cost:** \$18.50 **Ages:** 10 and over

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 2ND- CRYSTAL CAVES AND VISONQUEST SKATING AND FUN CENTER IN WISCONSIN**

All this fun less than one hour away! First we tour Crystal Caves on a guided tour and then everyone will get to pan for gems just like the miners did. Afterwards we head to Menomonie to VisonQuest Family Fun Center where we will have pizza and pop for lunch and have fun roller skating (you may bring your own roller blades if you like), moonwalk, turtle scooters, interactive DJ and video screens (all included) Bring extra spending money for snacks/arcade/rollerblade rental (reg. skates are free. If you bring a helmet, knee, elbow and wrist protection you may go on the ramps with rollerblades or you may rent safety equipment for the ramps. **PLEASE BRING A SWEATSHIRT OR JACKET TO WEAR IN THE CAVES!!!**

**Bus departs/returns 8:15/4:30 Cost::** \$23.00 **Ages:** 6 and up

### SAFETY CAMP

This experience will last your child a lifetime. Don't miss out on this camp - **it's our 16th Year!** Children entering the 3rd & 4th grades in the fall of 2007 can sign up now for Safety Camp 2007. Children will learn how to reduce the risk of accidents and increase safety of their everyday lives. They have lots of fun and meet new and interesting people. Instructors of the camp are volunteers from local police & fire departments, utility companies, paramedics as well as other professional whose jobs deal with personal and public safety. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt.

Topics such as stranger safety, weather safety, drug awareness, animal safety, home safety and first aid are just some of the areas that will be addressed. At the conclusion of the camp on Thursday, campers can return that evening with their families for a family picnic with hotdogs, chips and beverages. The camp is sponsored by the VFW Gallagher Hanson Post 295 of South St. Paul.

**AGES:** Children entering the 3rd & 4th grades in the fall of 2007.

**DATES:** August 14, 15, & 16th

**LOCATION:** Kaposia Park (Located at Wilde and Butler Avenues in South St. Paul).

**TIME:** 8:00 am - 3:30 p.m. \*Parents need to pick up and drop off their children at Kaposia Park.

**FEE:** \$15/per participant. All lunches and snacks are provided!

Enrollment is limited and fills very fast. You must be pre-registered at City Hall for this camp. **Please arrive at Kaposia Park in S.S.P. 30 minutes early on the first day of camp only (7:30 a.m.) to check-in; opening ceremony starts at 7:45 a.m.** Remember to dress for the weather (enclosed pavilion available in case of rain) and remember to bring sunscreen and bug spray!

# Mendota Heights Parks & Rec

## Mendota Heights Par 3 Golf Program

### Junior Golf League boys and girls ages 8-16 yrs.

Junior golfers are expected to acknowledge golf course rules. This league is looking for volunteers to share chaperone duties (2 per each day of play). Volunteers will play for free on their volunteer day. **Fee:** \$100.00 (must pre pay for all 11 weeks-no play July 2,3 or 4th) **\$5.00 non-resident fee.**

#### **Boys &/or Girls Monday mornings:**

June 11 - Aug. 27. Tee times start 8:30 am

#### **Girls only Tuesdays mornings:**

June 12 - Aug. 28. Tee times start at 9:00 am

#### **Boys and/or Girls Wednesday mornings:**

June 13 - Aug. 29. Tee times start 8:30 am



### Family Friday and Sunday Afternoon Leagues

The Parent/Child Leagues are a great way for families to spend time together. Two parent-child pairs are allowed each tee time. **Fee:** \$182.00 (one fee for both players)

\*Must pre-pay for all 11 weeks.

#### **Friday Evenings:** June 15 - Aug. 24. No play on July 6.

Tee times start at 4:08 pm

#### **Sunday Afternoons:** June 17 - Aug. 26. No play July 1st.

Tee Times start at 4:08 pm players).

### Women's Wednesday Evening League

Get your neighbors, friends and co-workers to play! Wednesday's May 23 - Aug. 29 (no golf on July 4th)

**Fee:** \$135.00 (Must pre pay for 14 weeks.)

**First tee time at 4:08 pm**

**\* Note all golf league registrations must be made in person at MH City Hall, so that tee-times may be assigned.**

### Golf Lessons

Three 1-hour lessons covering golf course etiquette, golf club grip, stance, swing and correct putting techniques. There will be one teaching professional to every 8 golfers, giving personalized instruction. You receive 2 free rounds of golf. (Beneficial for the beginning golfer.)

**Fee:** Juniors: \$65 (Ages 6 and up)

Parent/Child (one fee for both) & Adult lessons: \$95

**Thursday evening classes:** Junior Lessons at 5 pm; Parent/Child Lessons at 6:10 pm; & Adult Lessons at 7:20pm

**Session I:** May 3, 10, 17

**Session II:** May 24, May 31, June 7.

**Session III:** June 14, 21, 28

**Session IV:** July 12, 19, 26

**Session V:** August 2, 09, 16

### Youth Golf Camps

**Ages:** 6 - 13. All Skill Levels (you will be put with your level)

**Fee:** \$107.00 Time: 8 am - 11 am

**Session I:** June 11 - 14

**Session II:** June 18 - 21

**Session III:** June 25 - 28

**Session IV:** July 9 - 12

**Session V:** July 16 - 19

**Session VI:** July 23 - 26

**Session VII:** July 30 - Aug 2

**Session VIII:** Aug. 6 - 9

**Session IX:** Aug 13 - Aug 16

## SUMMER PLAYHOUSE

Formerly The Imagination Station, will be providing entertainment on Monday afternoons at Marie and Friendly Hills Parks. Watch for performance dates in our May issue of the Heights Highlites.



## Thompson Park Activities for 55+ Adults in Mendota Heights!

If you are looking for activities and fun check out THOMPSON PARK ACTIVITY CENTER located at 1200 Stassen Lane (off Butler and Highway 52) in West St. Paul. This is our area (District 197 Community Education) 55+ center and Mendota Heights residents are welcome to join classes or take part in any of the activities.

If you would like to get on the TPAC mailing list for the Thompson Times listing all upcoming activities and classes or need more information on what is offered, please call the Thompson Park Activity Center at 651-450-8291 or stop in for a visit.

### Men's Tuesday or Thursday D & Women's Tuesday D League Softball

If interested in registering a softball team, please contact Teresa at 651-452-1850.

## CLIFF TIMM MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY AT ROGER'S LAKE

Participants must pre-register at City Hall, 1101 Victoria Curve. Space is limited & fills up quickly. Bring your fishin' pole and come on down to the Roger's Lake Fishing Pier to try to catch the "BIG ONE"! Prizes will be awarded in different categories!

**When:** Wednesday, July 11, 2007 (participants must bring their own pole/ bait/tackle.) Events will run from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Roger's Lake Fishing Dock & Lake area (Wagon Wheel Trail)

**Ages:** Youth 14 & under (parent/adult chaperone required)

**Fee:** \$5.00 per child /\$10.00 non-resident fee

**Register now at Mendota Heights City Hall as enrollment is limited.** Additional program information for this program can also be found on the cities website at [www.mendota-heights.com](http://www.mendota-heights.com).

## FAMILY PERFORMANCES IN THE PARK

Mendota Heights Parks & Rec is sponsoring a series of "FREE" Performances In The Park! Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the entire performance.

**Wednesday, June 13,** 7:00 p.m. at Henry Sibley High School parking lot. "The Alphabits Band".

**Wednesday, June 27,** 6:30 p.m. Mendakota Park Pavilion. Summer Playhouse (formerly The Imagination Station)

**Wednesday, July 11,** 7:30 p.m. Rogers Lake Pavilion.

Entertainment by "Kevin Hall Magic". This will coincide with the Fishing Derby that evening. You do not have to be a part of the fishing derby to come and enjoy this performance.

**Tuesday, August 7,** 6:30 p.m. Mendakota Park Pavilion.

"Woody". Woody is one of our favorites & he is back again to perform & entertain at the National Night Out event.

**Wednesday, August 29,** 6:30 p.m. Mendakota Park Pavilion.

"Leroy's River Ministrels.". Music provided by MH Parks and Recreation and free root beer floats provided by Thompson Park Activity Center.

# Mendota Heights Parks & Rec

## Mendota Heights Summer Tennis Program

Lessons will be held at Visitation Courts @ Mendota and Dodd Road. We will be offering Tennis lessons and Teams taught and coached by Tim Garvey a Certified developmental coach/instructor with USPTA-United States Professional Tennis Association. We also have High School/College assistants working with Tim. Please call the Tennis Hotline at 651-255-1174 if weather is questionable up to ½ hour before your lesson. Rain outs will not be made up-instead we have added extra time on Friday, July 27 with a picnic, in-house tournament, games and prizes. **ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!!!**



### “Little Tennis” for Youth Ages 4 - 7

T-shirt included (45 minute lesson once a week). This program will introduce tennis to your child in a fun and safe environment. Mini nets & other teaching aids will be used to gear this program to your child's age level. Register early, this program fills quickly. (The instructor would like a parent/chaperone to stay with child during lesson - you may coordinate with another parent to help with your child if you are unable to stay.)

**Dates:** Thursdays, June 14 - July 26 (no lesson on July 5)

**Times:** **Littles I** - 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. **Littles II** - 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

**Cost:** \$40 (no rainout/makeup's). *We may add more sessions if these classes fill.*

### Beginner Tennis Lessons for Youth Ages 8 - 14

We will be using a USTA “games approach” to get kids together to have fun and learn how to play tennis. They will learn sportsmanship, general etiquette, develop strokes, apply strategies and tactics for both singles and doubles in a supervised, safe environment.

Tennis T-shirt and tennis balls are included. Participants will need tennis shoes and a tennis racquet.

**Dates:** Mon., Tues., & Weds. from June 11 to July 25 (18 hours total + Friday Fun Day) no play on July 2, 3, or 4.

**Times:** **Session I** - 8:30 - 9:25 a.m. for ages 8, 9, 10 years **Session II** - 9:30 - 10:25 for ages 11, 12, 13, 14 years. **Cost:** \$75.00

**\*\* Friday, July 27 - In house tournament, picnic fun/games and awards 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

### Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Lessons for Youth Ages 8 - 14

This program is for youth with previous tennis experience or for youth who participated in our tennis program last year. Tim and his assistants will take them to the next level of training. You will work with the instructors at your level of play not age.

**Dates:** Mon., Tues. & Weds. from June 11 to July 25 (18 hours total + Friday Fun Day) no play on July 2, 3, or 4.

**Times:** **Session III** - 10:30 - 11:25 a.m. **Session IV** - 11:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. **Cost:** \$75.00

**(If you plan on playing on the traveling team and would also like to take the lessons, please sign up for Session IV.)**

**\*\* Friday, July 28 - In house tournament, games, prizes, picnic and awards 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

### In-House League Play for Ages 11 - 14

You may be part of this program if you are in advanced lessons (session III at 10:30 a.m.) or took lessons last year and want to take your game to the next level without playing on the traveling team. You will need to qualify for this program and be evaluated your first day. If Coach Tim feels you are not ready for this program, your money will be refunded. **COST:** If you sign up for both the 10:30 advanced lessons and in house league play you will get a reduced rate of \$135.00. If you are just signing up for in house league the fee is \$75.00.

**DATES:** Mon., Tues., & Weds. from June 11 - July 25. (18 hours + Friday Fun Day) No play on July 2, 3, or 4.

**Time:** 11:45-12:45. **\*\* Friday, July 28 - In house tournament, games, prizes, picnic and awards 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

### Traveling Tennis Team for Youth Ages 12 - 14 (or approval of instructor)

The Coach will approve you to play on the first day - if he feels you are not ready for this program your fee will be refunded. USTA Teams will be formed according to age. You will travel to locations outside our City and some games will be at our home courts at Visitation. When traveling to other sites ending times may vary. Tim Garvey will be the coach. Fee will include Team T-Shirt, USTA team fee. Most weeks you will practice or play on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons with an opportunity to qualify for USTA Sectional Championships. Team members will need a racquet, tennis shoes and shorts. Parents will be needed to help drive team to playing sites. Please let instructor know if you can help drive, instructor is not allowed to drive players. **Cost:** \$100.00

**Dates:** Mon., Tues., Weds. from June 11 - July 25 (no play on July 2, 3, or 4). **Times:** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. (approximately).

\* There will be two travel teams one Competitive Flight and one Recreational flight and you will play others at your level.

## DON'T MISS THESE TENNIS EVENTS - JUNE 2ND IN MENDOTA HEIGHTS !!!

**FAMILY TENNIS TOURNAMENT - Saturday, June 2, 2007 9am-Noon.**

**Visitation Courts:** Two flights of competition-1. Adult/Child-14 and under doubles or 2. Singles Age 14 and under open to both boys and girls. Tournament fee: \$10.00 per participant includes t-shirt and awards. Sign up by May 30. Limited spots available. Mail or drop off your registration at City Hall 1101 Victoria Curve, MH, 55118.

**2007 USTA BLOCK PARTY-Saturday, June 2nd Noon – 3:00 Mendakota Park**

Join the free fun as USTA & our staff plan some fun events and prizes-held in conjunction with the Park Celebration

## Parks Celebration! Saturday June 2nd

Mark your calendars for Saturday June 2, 2007 as we Celebrate Mendota Heights Parks at Mendakota Park. We are currently planning the following events from Noon to 3 p.m.

- Teddy Bear Band performance
- Splatter Sisters performance
- MH Police Dept. Bike Rodeo and Kid Print
- Walton's Hollow Petting Zoo & Pony Ride
- Fire Truck Rides- MHFD
- MHAA Ball Tournament
- Vulcan Truck Rides
- Soccer Shoot-Out-
- Hockey Shoot-Out-
- Face Painting-
- Clowns-
- Moon Walk-
- Free Throw Contest
- USTA Tennis "Block Party"
- Putting Contest
- Caricatures
- Joe the Balloon Guy
- Duggan's Dashes
- Boltz's Tae Kwon Do Demo
- Bike Drawings



### VOLUNTEERS AND EVENT SPONSORS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for this year's Park Celebration and 5K Run/Walk. Also, if you are a business or community group interested in participating or making a donation please contact Teresa at 651-452-1850.

## Important Phone Numbers & Recreation Information



You may register for programs or take out park permits at the receptionist desk in City Hall during normal business hours (Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.).

Park & Recreation Programmer, Teresa Gangelhoff, 651-452-1850. Hours are 10:00 am -3:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

- \* **MH Adult Softball League** : Teresa @ 651-452-1850
- \* **Skating Lesson Hot Line**: 651-255-1173
- \* **Ice Rink Hotline**: 651-255-1174
- \* **Sibley Sting Youth Soccer**: 651-457-1426
- \* **Thompson Park Activity Center**: 651-450-8291
- \* **DARTS**: 651-455-1560
- \* **Fort Snelling State Park**-612-725-2389
- \* **Special Olympics**: 612-333-0999
- \* **DNR information Center**: 651-296-6157
- \* **Mendota Heights Garden Club**: 651-454-3337
- \* **Dakota County Parks**: 651-438-4671
- \* **St. Thomas Ice Arena**: 651-209-6020
- \* **Mendota Heights Mom's Club**: 651-405-3111 (Sarah)
- \* **Mendota Heights Athletic Association (MHAA)** - All youth sports (excluding tennis & golf): Please call MHAA @ 651-454-0433 or sign up on line at: [www.eteamz.active.com/mhaaonline](http://www.eteamz.active.com/mhaaonline)

## City of Mendota Heights 5K Run/Walk

Saturday June 2, 2007

9:00 a.m. start time

For information or a registration form,  
please contact  
City Hall at 651-452-1850

## 3RD LAIR SKATEBOARD CAMP

For the expert to beginner and everyone in between. The 3rd Lair instructors are very experienced in the sport and have years of teaching knowledge. Equipment needed for camp: skateboard and helmet. (knee pads, elbow pads and wrist guards are recommended. (if raining please meet under the pavilion)

**Date:** One week camp from Monday, July 30 to Friday, August 3rd.

**Time:** 9 am to noon **Cost:** \$160.00

**Ages:** All ages

**Where:** Rogers Lake Skate Park



## MENDOTA HEIGHTS PARKS & REC REGISTRATION FORM

You may register in person or by mail for all activities at: Mendota Heights City Hall, Parks and Rec, 1101 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights, MN 55118. (Make checks payable to City of Mendota Heights) By signing below you agree that the City of Mendota Heights shall not be liable for any claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action whatsoever to you or your property due to the passive or active negligence of the City of Mendota Heights, its agents or employees. I have read and understand this agreement by signing below. We reserve the right to cancel any program due to insufficient enrollment with a complete refund. No refunds after start of activity. A \$5.00 service fee will be charged for cancellations made prior to the start of a program or its registration deadline. Non-resident fee of \$5.00 will apply for golf programs and fishing derby only.

### City of Mendota Heights

Parks & Recreation

1101 Victoria Curve

Mendota Heights, MN 55118

651-452-1850



Activity Name	Activity Date	Fee
1. _____	___/___/___	\$ _____
2. _____	___/___/___	\$ _____
3. _____	___/___/___	\$ _____

Please fill in this section for Youth Programs Only: Male  Female   
School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_ Child's Age \_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_  
RECEIPT# \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_  
BY \_\_\_\_\_

Participants Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Youth Only) Parents cell or work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Participant signature (or Parent signature if participant is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Mendota Heights Spring Clean-Up

## Saturday, May 5, 2007, 8am - 2pm

### Mendota Plaza, Highway 110 and Dodd Road

#### (Enter & exit from South Plaza Drive).

Mendota Heights Residents Only. (ID Required.)

Only cars, pick-ups and small trailers are allowed.

#### WE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- \* Car Tires, Furniture, and Mattresses, \$3.00 each
- \* Scrap Metals (remove all non-metal components), Volume-Based Fee
- \* Home Remodeling Debris and Miscellaneous Junk, Volume-Based Fee
- \* Home Electronics - \$.35 per pound – some examples
  - 27" TV – \$17.00 - \$19.00
  - 15" Monitor - \$10-12
  - Computer - \$9-11

\*the recycler reserves the right to refuse any product under this program and makes final determination of cost.

\* **SHOES – New this year** – bring in your old shoes (all sizes and styles) at no cost to be recycled!

#### WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- \* Household Hazardous Waste (Motor Oil, Batteries, Paint, Household Chemicals, etc.)
- \* Yard Waste
- \* Items that can be recycled at your curb
- \* Commercial or Contractor Debris
- \* Appliances: you can call JR's Appliances at 651.454.9215 at any time to recycle your appliances!

**Spring Clean-Up is made possible by a grant from Dakota County Environmental Management and the OEA.**

## Call the Air Noise Line

Are you bothered by air noise? When air noise becomes unbearable and disrupts your family's lifestyle, the Metropolitan Airports Commission wants to know. Call the MAC air noise complaint line at (612) 726-9411. If possible, be prepared to provide the MAC with information on time, location, direction and aircraft type.



## Welcome New Commissioners

The City of Mendota Heights would like to welcome its newest commissioners. On January 16th the Mendota Heights City Council announced the following Commission appointments:

- Steve Norton** - Planning Commission
- Doug Hennes** - Planning Commission
- Pat Hinderhied** - Planning Commission
- Ansis Viksnins** - Airport Relations Commission
- Brian Hallman** - Parks & Recreation Commission

Congratulations to our new commissioners. The residents of Mendota Heights appreciate the commitment you are making to this great city.

The City would also like to thank the following outgoing commissioners for their years of hard work and dedication to the City:

- Sally Lorberbaum** – Planning Commission
- Eric Hesse** – Planning Commission
- Maureen Harms** – Planning Commission
- Vern Edstrom** – Airport Relations Commission,
- Dave Libra**- Parks and Recreation Commission.

The City of Mendota Heights appreciates your years of service and dedication to this community.

## Drop Box Reminder

There are 2 drop boxes outside of City Hall for your convenience. One is for utility bills and the other is for US Mail. Just drive up and drop it off!

### City Directory

#### Council Members:

John Huber, Mayor	450-0729
Ultan Duggan	452-5179
Sandra Krebsbach	454-5696
Mary Jeanne Schneeman	457-4337
Jack Vitelli	455-5625

#### Staff Members:

Jim Danielson, City Administrator	452-1850
Kathleen Swanson, City Clerk	452-1850
Mike Aschenbrener, Police Chief	452-1366
John Maczko, Fire Chief	255-1371
Sue McDermott, Public Work Dir.	452-1850
Jake Sedlacek, Asst. to Admin.	452-1850
Tom Olund, Public Works Supvr.	454-4059
Kristen Schabacker, Finance Dir.	452-1850
Teresa Gangelhoff, Rec. Prgmr.	452-1850
Paul Berg & Dick Gill, Code Enforcement Officers	452-1850

From:  
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