



# Circle Pines *City News*

[www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us](http://www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us)

July 2024

## Music on the Lake- It's Golden!

Enjoy summer nights with free concerts at Golden Lake Park. Co-sponsored by Centennial Community Education and the City of Circle Pines.

### July Music in the Park The Floras

Thursday, July 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

The Floras are a husband and wife singing duo with decades of performing experience. The constant call of 50s and Americana music has brought them into singing for a living.

## Night to Unite Tuesday, August 6

Join neighbors across Circle Pines on Tuesday, August 2 for the Night to Unite in Minnesota. Night to Unite will celebrate and strengthen neighborhood and community partnerships.

For more information pertaining to Night to Unite or how to get involved, contact CSO Elena Daddario 763-784-2501 or by email at [edaddario@clpdmn.com](mailto:edaddario@clpdmn.com). For more information go to [clpdmn.com](http://clpdmn.com) under the Crime Data & Information Section.



## Primary Election August 13, 2024

### Absentee Voting or Mail-In Voting

Voting by mail is easy.

1. Go to [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org)
2. Click on Other Ways to Vote
3. Click on Vote Early by mail.

There will be the information on how to vote by mail. Your first step is to fill out the application for absentee ballot.

Once you have cast a ballot by mail, you can track your ballot and confirm that it was received and counted.

### Vote In-Person Absentee

Friday, June 28 through Monday, August 13. If you would like to vote **absentee in person**, you will need to go to City Hall, Monday-Friday during office hours beginning Friday, June 28 (or on the Saturday before Election Day from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or until 5 p.m. on the Monday before Election day).





**City Hall**

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Circle Pines, MN 55014  
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**Non-Emergency**

Police:763-784-2501  
Fire:651-792-7900  
In an emergency, please call 911.

**City Officials**

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**July Public Meetings**

City Council  
07/09 & 07/23 7 p.m.

Park Board  
07/02 6 p.m.

Utilities Commission  
07/23 5 p.m.

Planning Commission  
07/15 7 p.m.

You can also view the latest Council meeting at any time on the internet on the City Website at [www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us](http://www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us). Click on City Council meeting video on demand.



Join a team of volunteers in planning for historical and fun-filled activities next year as the community celebrates 75 years.

Come to the next planning meeting on **Monday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.** at Circle Pines City Hall, or contact Chandra at City Hall if you have any questions – [cpeterson@ci.circle-pines.mn.us](mailto:cpeterson@ci.circle-pines.mn.us) or 763-231-2611.

**Additional Recycling Opportunity**

**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

**8 a.m.-Noon**

*Recycle Technologies*  
1525-99th Lane NE, Blaine

**Accepted for Free:**

Laptops, Tablets, Cell Phones and Scrap Metal, Holiday Lights, Extension Cords and Cables  
(\$7 charge if computer or laptop has a hard drive in it)

**Accepted for a Fee:**

Fluorescent Bulbs and CFLs (\$.50-.95) H.I.D. Lamps (\$2.50)  
DVD, VCRs, Radios, Speakers, etc. (\$6)  
Residential Inkjet Printer (\$10), All-In-One Printer (\$35), Residential Laser Printer (\$35)  
TVs and Monitors (\$20-50)  
Console TV's and Rear Projection TV's (\$85)  
Scanners & Fax Machines (\$10)  
Appliances (\$12-30)  
Mattresses & Boxsprings (\$20) King Size (\$25)  
Tires (\$7-11.25)  
Treadmill (\$40) Non Electric Exercise Equipment (\$25)

**\*\*\*Larger items may require more than 1 coupon item for free.\*\*\***

A Photo ID will be required.

Please enter at 99th Ln NE. Exit at Davenport St NE.

Cash or Checks are acceptable payment types.

If you would like to recycle four free items, be sure to bring the coupon.



**cp**  
Recycle  
4 items for Free  
(\$55 Maximum)  
  
Coupon valid only on  
July 13, 2024  
8 a.m.-Noon  
Recycling Technologies

# Golden Lake Removed from Impaired Water List

*Article Submitted by Rice Creek Watershed District*

Golden Lake, a 55-acre lake in Circle Pines, has struggled with algae blooms, driven by high phosphorus levels. The lake was listed as impaired by the state, after not meeting water quality standards. Thanks to the efforts of the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD), the City of Circle Pines, Anoka SWCD, and surrounding communities, the lake is being removed from the Minnesota's Impaired Waters list. RCWD will be planning a "celebration" event with Circle Pines, local partners, and community members later this year to commemorate the accomplishment.



## Key Projects and Achievements

In 2015, RCWD and Anoka SWCD, with the city of Blaine, added an iron-enhanced sand filter bench to an existing stormwater pond at Centennial Green Park, preventing 27 lbs. of phosphorus from entering Golden Lake annually. In 2019, in partnership with Circle Pines, another iron-enhanced sand filter basin was installed near an existing stormwater pond, capturing another 50 lbs. of phosphorus.

Many other homeowner and private projects such as rain gardens and shoreline restorations have been completed throughout the years.

## Water Quality Monitoring

Since 1996, RCWD has been monitoring Golden Lake every two weeks during the open water season. The data shows a dramatic improvement in water quality, with phosphorus levels reduced by more than 50% compared to the long-term average. Current levels meet state standards for phosphorus, algae, and clarity. RCWD will continue to monitor water quality on the lake.

## Future Plans and Community Involvement

Maintaining and protecting Golden Lake's water quality is an ongoing effort.

Everyone involved has gone to great lengths to restore this lake and now we must work together to keep it that way.

With clearer water, there will be more aquatic plants in Golden Lake. RCWD is working with Circle Pines to responsibly manage an invasive plant called curlyleaf pondweed as it can negatively affect water quality. More native plants are also present, and that's a good thing! Native plants need to be protected as they help maintain and improve water quality. Residents should not remove or treat native plants with herbicide; please work with the City, RCWD, or the Minnesota DNR if you have issues with aquatic plants.

Homeowners, businesses, schools, etc., can also contribute by doing projects of their own like rain gardens, shoreline restorations, yard conversions to alternatives like native plants, install rain barrels, and more with the RCWD Water Quality Grant Program ([www.ricecreek.org/grants/water-quality-grants](http://www.ricecreek.org/grants/water-quality-grants)). Cities and counties can utilize the RCWD Stormwater Management Grant Program for larger stormwater management projects (<https://www.ricecreek.org/grants/stormwater-management-grants/>).

Together, we can keep Golden Lake restored and healthy for future generations.



# Library News

## Centennial Branch

Nothing moves faster than a Minnesota summer, but there is still plenty of time to visit the library as we move into July. Whether it's summer reading, enjoying the cool building, or just browsing for your next favorite read, we're sure you'll find something to enjoy.

With that in mind, here are some of the programs and events happening this quick moving month.

### Summer Adventures: Blast Off!

This year, the Anoka County Library Summer Adventures Program runs June 1- August 17. People of all ages can participate in the program by tracking their minutes, sharing book reviews, and engaging in activities that foster STEM, art, literacy, and community engagement.

The primary way to participate is by registering on "Beanstack" (<https://anokacounty.beanstack.org>). Kids and teens (under 18) receive a free book after recording just five hours of reading. There will also be prize drawings throughout the summer for participating, so make sure to track minutes and record the activities. Even better, send a "Friend" request to a family member or friend and compete and compare your reading and activities together!

For those kids and teens (under 18) who have library fines, we are bringing back our Summer Read Down Program. For every 15 minutes read and recorded in Beanstack, \$1 will be taken off the fines. Call or stop in and talk to a librarian for more information.

### Current hours:

Centennial's hours of operation are:

Monday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Thursday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

### Storytimes

Storytimes have started and run through August 3. We have three options for you, please notice that preregistration is required for Baby Storytime.

*Baby Storytimes* are Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.; this session is designed for children under 2.

*Toddler Storytimes* are Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.; this session is designed for children between ages 2-3.

*Family Storytimes* are Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.; any age is welcome to these sessions. Please note: There will be no Storytime Thursday, July 4th due to the Holiday.

Register by phone, online, or by asking at the desk.

### Children

*Read-to-a-Dog*: Monday, July 24, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Children are invited to practice their reading skills in 15-minute sessions with licensed, trained therapy dogs. Program geared towards grades K-3. Registration is required. Please call the Centennial Library at 763-324-1540 to register.

### Families

*Kalimba King: Family Concert*. Monday, July 8, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. All the way from California, Carl Winters performs gospel, jazz, blues, rhythm and blues, pop, and original songs on the ethereal kalimba. The Kalimba or African thumb piano, is often misunderstood, misinterpreted, and mistaken for being a museum piece or trinket. Come sing, dance, and learn about a new type of music.

Registration is not required but register to receive a reminder email about the event. This program is funded by MELSA.

*FENTastical Blaine Wetland*. Wednesday, July 31, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. The star of this program at your library is Blaine Wetland Sanctuary (BWS). It's a weird and wonderful fen wetland! Learn about how BWS is a giant sponge, habitat with islands, and a place where some of the plants eat bugs! Join this program to play with water games, explore interconnected systems, and get a free activity book for your own future adventure at FENTastical Blaine Wetland Sanctuary.

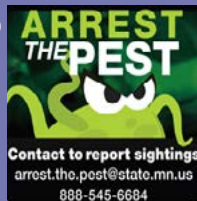
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## Invasive Species

Did you know that invasive species cause \$120 billion annually in damage nationwide? Invasive species are species that are not native to Minnesota and cause economic and environmental harm by causing the decline and extinction of native species; threaten fisheries, forestry and recreation; and reduce our property values. Some of the invasive species include zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, common buckthorn, and emerald ash borer. Invasive species are found on land and in the water.

Tips for residents:

- Use only local or certified hay and firewood
- Clean recreational equipment thoroughly
- Treat infestations on your property; methods vary by species
- Report new infestations to "Arrest the Pest" hotline - 1-888-545-6684 or [mda.state.mn.us](mailto:mda.state.mn.us)



## Anoka County Compost Site

### Rice Creek Chain of Lakes

7701 Main St, Lino Lakes  
651-429-3723

#### April - November

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

#### December - March

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. ONLY

### Bunker Hills

13285 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids  
763-767-7964

#### April - November

Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

#### December - March

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. ONLY

For more information, including fees and materials accepted, visit [anokanok-countymn.gov/359/Compost-Sites](http://anokanok-countymn.gov/359/Compost-Sites)

Sites closed Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

## Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

#### April - October

Wednesday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### November - March

Wednesday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*Closed holidays.*

**3230 101st Ave NE  
Blaine, MN**

763-324-3400

**[AnokaCountyMN.gov/HHW](http://AnokaCountyMN.gov/HHW)**

There is no charge to use the facility. Accepted: fluorescent bulbs, household cleaners, mercury thermometers, household batteries, automotive products (antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters), pesticides, fertilizer, insect killer, paint, sharps (place in puncture resistant container).

Provide drivers license or ID for proof of residency. Waste from businesses, organizations and schools is not accepted.

## Fertilizers

It is important to schedule your lawn care maintenance during times that match the life cycle of the turfgrass.

1. Do not add fertilizer too early in the spring. This may encourage the grass to grow during a time when it should be slow or dormant.
2. Do not spray to control weeds when temperatures are warm. This increases the likelihood of damaging the lawn.
3. Do not fertilize in hot mid-summer months. This can cause irreversible damage to your lawn.
4. Crabgrass doesn't develop until late spring or early summer, so don't apply herbicide used to prevent pre-emerging crabgrass in the fall.
5. For more information visit: Lawn care calendar | UMN Extension [extension.umn.edu](http://extension.umn.edu)

## Centennial Library News Continued...

### Adults

*Adult Creative Sensory Writing with Raki Kopernik.* Thursday, July 25, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Raki lives in Minneapolis and teaches creative writing at The Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Raki believes everyone has an interesting story, and that with curiosity and vulnerability, we can find deep connections to the world around us through writing. In this program participants write a story or poem based on a collaborative brainstorm, considering sensory details, what kind of story, characters, situations, and emotions the art might activate. The idea is to be inspired by the sensations that arrive when we are engaged in something, then dig into and follow our imagination, always staying curious. Please bring a notebook and pen. This program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

*Centennial Bookclub for Adults:* Monday, July 24, 6:45 p.m.-8 p.m. Interested in trying out a new book group? Join us for the Centennial Book Club! Drop in for a favorite book discussion or become a regular member. July's title: *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

### Everyone

*Tiny Art Show.* All the entries are in, and this is the month we will be voting. Look at all the hard work your community has done, and then try and pick your favorites. Remember you can vote for both kids and adults. Voting ends at the end of July, with the winners at each branch announced later in the summer. The winning artwork at each location turned into bookmarks.

**Closings**  
The library  
will be closed  
Thursday, July  
4 for the 4th of  
July Holiday.