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School's Out for Summer! Hope all the junior lakers enjoy summer vacation!

I just returned from the Family Fun Extravaganza benefit for Trevor Broten at Northpoint Elementary – wow! It was wonderful to see all of the support going out to a very deserving family. I'm constantly reminded how lucky I am to be part of such a great community.

Have a great month!

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HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY

Kristin Jordan 6/1
Wendy Ottosen 6/06
Sam Jordan 6/7/04
Tessa Wilkinson 6/14
Joel Ryan Roessler 6/18/07
Josh Jordan 6/25/07
Callie Goulet (Cairn Terrier) 6/29

We hope you all have a very special birthday! If you have a Birthday or Anniversary you would like added to the newsletter email Alisa Lowry @ lowryaj@comcast.net

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Meet our Volunteers... Community Spotlight

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All articles and special requests for the newsletter must be received no later than the 20th of the month.



Ric and Melissa Chiodo and big brother Cort are proud to announce the arrival of:
Cora May Chiodo born on May 20, 2009 at 1:41 pm
weighing 7.14 lbs, 21 inches long.
CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Anniversary!

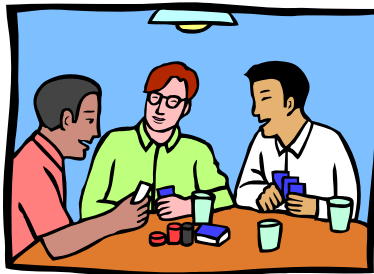
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Lakes Men's Poker Night

Interested in playing Poker in the Lakes and meeting some of the neighbors? Robert Persaud wants to get a group together to meet on a regular basis. Forming an interest list now.

Phone: 763-205-3400.

Email: polar_bob99@yahoo.com

NEW RESEARCH REVEALS PARENTS ARE NOT DOING ALL THEY CAN TO PREPARE A SAFE HOME FOR BABY

Take a quiz to check your awareness of Baby Safety!

http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/start_safe/quiz.aspx

Home Safety Council® Launches “Start Safe” Baby Safety Awareness Campaign Encouraging Parents to Take Simple Steps to Baby-Proof Their Homes

New research by the national, nonprofit Home Safety Council shows that nearly all parents (99 percent) believe it's important to create a safe home for their baby. But, while nearly nine out of ten parents bought items to fill their baby's toy chest and dresser drawers, most did not put safety on their shopping list.

The Home Safety Council understands that preparing for a new baby can be overwhelming and has launched the “Start Safe” baby safety campaign to educate parents on the simple and inexpensive steps needed to protect their baby from a serious home injury.

“Keeping their children safe is the #1 job of parents, and it starts even before the baby is born,” said Meri-K Appy, president of the Home Safety Council. “Making a safe home for your little one doesn't take very much time or cost too much. Simple things like taking bumpers and blankets out of the crib and creating a family fire escape plan are the first steps to a long and happy life for your baby.”

Infants depend on the adults around them to keep them safe from top home injury hazards including, choking/suffocation, fires and burns, drownings, falls and poisonings. To help new parents understand the most common dangers facing their baby and what they can do to protect against them, the Home Safety Council offers clear and simple tips.

New and expecting parents can test their safety knowledge online by taking the Home Safety Council's “New Parent Know-How: Baby Safety Quiz.” After completing the quiz, parents can visit HomeSafetyCouncil.org/babysafety to learn what they can do to create a safe haven for their growing family.

Baby Safety Tips

The Home Safety Council offers the following safety tips to help keep babies safe in the nursery and throughout the home.

Safe Sleep Tips:

One of the most important things parents can do for their babies in the first year of life is to keep them safe while they sleep. Yet, the new research found that an alarming number of new parents put their babies to sleep in cribs with potential suffocation hazards, including: blankets (68 percent), bumpers (47 percent) and stuffed animals (34 percent). Follow the tips below to create a safe place for your baby to sleep:

- Put babies to sleep on their backs. Keep pillows, blankets and toys out of cribs. Do not hang anything with strings or ribbons over cribs. Mobiles should be removed once the baby starts to sit up.

- Keep baby monitors and other cords a safe distance from the crib.
- Put a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm near the bedrooms. A CO alarm will tell you if the gas level is too high.
- Make sure to have working smoke alarms inside or near every bedroom. Test each smoke alarm every month. Put new batteries in your smoke alarms at least one time each year.
- If your smoke alarms are more than 10 years old, replace them with new smoke alarms.
- Practice fire drills to make sure everyone can wake up to the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Use a baby carrier that leaves your hands free in case you have to crawl under smoke or go down a safety ladder to get outside.
- In a fire, go to your meeting place outside. Call the fire department from there. Do not go back inside for any reason.

Nursery Safety Tips:

The nursery should be a safe and nurturing environment for baby. Follow the safety advice below to protect your baby from injuries in the nursery:

- Children can choke on small things. If something is small enough to fit in a toilet paper tube, it is not safe for little children. Look in every room of your home. Pick up small items like buttons, coins, jewelry and small toys.
- Never leave the baby alone on the changing table, even for a second. Always use safety straps on high chairs, changing tables and strollers.
- All pictures should be secured out of reach. Don't hang pictures or other heavy decorations directly over a crib.
- Keep cribs, beds, chairs and other furniture away from windows.
- Install a baby gate at the nursery door.
- Replace all door stops that have removable caps that can pose a choking hazard.

Safe Bathing Tips:

Many new parents don't realize babies can drown in as little as one inch of water. In fact, one in five (20 percent) new parents surveyed didn't know they should never leave their baby unattended in the bath tub, even if there is no water in it. Follow the Home Safety Council's advice to keep your baby safe while bathing:

- Drowning can happen very fast. Most of the time you will not hear someone drowning. Stay within an arm's reach of young children when they are in or near water.
- Hot water burns like fire. Set your home water heater at 120 degrees F or just below the medium setting to prevent burns. Use a water thermometer to test bath water. The water temperature should be no more than 100 degrees F.
- Babies and young children have delicate skin. Install special tub spouts and shower heads that prevent hot water burns.

For additional information on baby safety, please visit: www.homesafetycouncil.org/babysafety.

Thank you to Becky Booker of the SBM Fire Department for her continuous contributions to our newsletter!

<http://www.sbmfire.com/>



District 16 ECFE & Preschool Programs

www.springlakeparkschools.org/ecfe

Early Childhood office: 763-785-5560

For families with children ages birth-kindergarten

COMING in mid-JULY: Watch for the new Early Childhood brochure in your mail and on-line. This will detail all the 2009-10 ECFE and School Readiness classes.

Summer 2009 ECFE- Early Childhood Family Education offers fun, educational and affordable family classes for babies, toddlers and preschool children. This summer (June 22-August 13), parents may choose from the following classes: Monday **Mixed Ages**, Tuesday **Mixed Ages** (full), Wednesday **Drop-In Playgroup**, Thursday **Infant Playtime**, Thursday **Toddler Playtime**. The two **Mixed Ages** classes offer parents a chance to play with their child/ren and a time to meet with other parents for discussion time. You may register by calling 763-785-5560 or going on-line to www.springlakeparkcomservices.com. All other summer classes are non-separating and drop-in; no registration is necessary-just pay at the door. Full details about the District 16 ECFE program can be found at www.springlakeparkschools.com/ecfe.

Summer 2009 Preschool Classes - The summer semester will run from June 22-August 13; all classes will be held at Woodcrest in Fridley. Classes include: "Fun in the Sun Preschool", "Summer Kindergarten Readiness" and "Summer Preschool Partners". Call to check on availability.

2009-2010 Preschool Classes - Learn & Play Preschool classes will be held at both Woodcrest Elementary and at Northpoint Elementary. Preschool Partners will be at Woodcrest only. There is sliding fee scale assistance available for all Preschool classes.

Early Childhood Screening is a FREE, careful review and check of your child's (age 3-5 years) health, well-being and development. Together, parents and professionals identify strengths and areas that may require special attention before your child enters school. The best age for screening is just before the child's fourth birthday. The State of Minnesota *requires* Early Childhood Screening before kindergarten entrance. District 16 will offer three more days of screening before the 2009-10 school year begins in September. For further information, or to schedule an appointment for your child please call Maggie at 763-785-5560.

On May 30, a benefit was held at Northpoint Elementary for Trevor Broton, a 17-month old little boy with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). For more information about the disease go to www.curesma.org. Along with the benefit committee, the Broton family would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" for the outpouring of love and support received from this community. The "Family Fun Extravaganza" was a tremendous success, with over 400 people in attendance! All funds raised will go directly for Trevor's care. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provided matching funds for the event. If you would like to learn more about Trevor, please visit: www.TrevorBroton.com. Additional donations will be accepted on the website until June 30.



Adopt a Park

With the arrival of summer, the Parks and Recreation Department is again seeking residents and groups to get involved in its Adopt-a-Park program, an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and enhance city parks and trail corridors in the community.

With 62 parks and more than 615 acres of open space, Blaine has an abundance of diverse parkland with varying maintenance needs. Although the city does its best to continuously maintain and beautify parks, additional help with improvements is always welcome - and encouraged. Individuals, neighborhood groups or community service organizations can all join the Adopt-a-Park partnership with the city to better our parks.

In the partnership, the city can provide multiple resources, including technical assistance with project plans, volunteer training, some supervision and a variety of in-kind services. In return, the city expects volunteers to remain committed, organize volunteers and plan and organize project work.

Where do you begin? Explore your neighborhood park or trail corridor and try to envision potential improvements. A monthly cleaning may be needed or some features may simply need an occasional sprucing up. Perhaps a new landscape feature is needed to add a focal point to the park. Maybe prairie restoration is an option or the site would be a good location for a community garden. Options are unlimited. Exploring the creative potential of your neighborhood park or trail can be fun and challenging. Talk to friends, neighbors and community groups to gauge interest. Then give us a call to get started.

City parks belong to all of us. Please consider adopting one to help beautify our common community space. Additional information about the Adopt-a-Park program is available from Parks and Recreation Director Jim Kappelhoff at 763-785-6162 or jkappelh@ci.blaine.mn.us.

Teen Jam 2009

We want your band to perform on stage!

All groups need to fill out an application form (available on-line) and submit a CD, tape or dvd/vcr tape for review.

Submission Deadline is MAY 29, 2009. For more information or an application form call 763-717-2723.

Register your "Night to Unite" Event Online

Night To Unite is Minnesota's largest crime prevention event. It's the perfect way to get to know your neighbors and build a safer community. Night To Unite replaces "National Night Out" only in name. It's still the first Tuesday of August and this year takes place on Tuesday August 4th. Block parties generally start at 6 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

Register your block party online and receive materials to help you organize and plan your event today. If you have questions, call Kim Kiley, Crime Prevention Specialist at 763-785-6186 or via email at kkiley@ci.blaine.mn.us.

The Anoka Hennepin School District's ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) program offers classes, special events and home visits for parents with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten. A sliding fee scale is available. New classes begin in late January. For more information, call 763-506-1275 or visit our Web Site at www.anoka.k12.mn.us/ce.

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