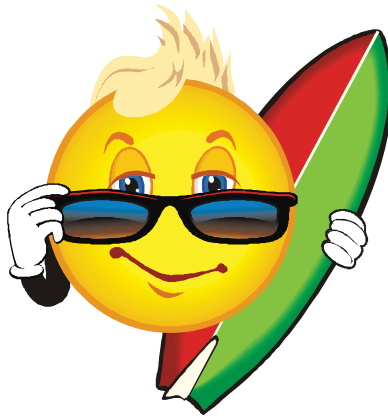


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I can't believe I'm sending out the August newsletter – summer has gone by so quickly. I hope you have been enjoying it as much as we have at our house.

Back to School Information for the Spring Lake Park School District has been released on their website:

<http://www.springlakeparkschools.org/backtoschool.asp>

Have a great month!

Amy Wheaton

Crown Shores

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HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY

Mike Chalupnik 8/04
Deb Vicario 8/9
Denise Smith 8/9
Bronson Talcott 8/10
Lindsey Goulet 8/15
Gretchen Ennis 8/19/79
Luka Gandhi 8/22/06
Tiana Wilkinson 8/25/03
Rachel Morff 8/25/99
Dylan Vicario 8/28/05
Paul Edgett 08/30/1970

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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Call Mike and his team for all Master Association questions & comments regarding The Lakes

Meet our Volunteers... Community Spotlight

Bulletin Board

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Ladies Bunco Group

Email me if you'd like to take over the Lakes Bunco Group!!

Births/New Neighbors

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

Happy Anniversary!

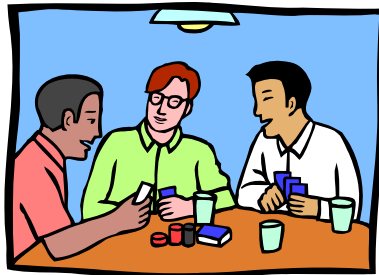
Julie and Nick Roessler 8/7
Paul and Ginnelle Edgett 08/08/1998
Travis and Jackie Anderson 8/23
Lacey (Howard) and Mark Smith 8/4/07

Want to be included in the Anniversary announcements-email Alissa @ lowryaj@comcast.net



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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

Backyard Safety

Rebecca Booker

Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department

The Home Safety Council and the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department recommends keeping these safety hints in mind when spending time outside this summer.

Prevent Drowning

- A swimming pool should have a fence that goes all the way around it with a self closing gate.
- When children are in the water, stay close enough to touch them.
- Adults should keep their eyes on children every second they are near water.
- Stay awake and sober when watching children in or near water.
- Only adults can safely take care of children in or near water.
- Don't ask children to baby-sit younger children around water.
- Store large buckets upside down, so water cannot fill them up.

Prevent Falls

- Put bright lights over all porches and walkways.
- Have handrails on both sides of the stairs.
- Put ladders away after using them. Store ladders on their sides; in a shed or garage so children cannot climb on them.
- Keep stairs clear.
- Fix broken or chipped steps and walkways as soon as possible.
- If you have young children, use a safety gate to prevent falls from porches or decks.
- Cover the ground under playground equipment with a thick layer (9-12 inches) of mulch, wood chips or other safety material.

Prevent Poisoning

- Chemicals, fuels (such as gasoline), car fluids (such as anti-freeze), pesticides (such as bug killers), and lawn and garden products (such as fertilizer) are poisons.
- Store chemicals in a safe place with a lock where children cannot see or touch them.
- Close the lid on all dangerous products and put them away after using them.
- Know to call 1-800-222-1222 if someone takes poison.
- Keep the number by every phone.

Prevent Burn Injuries

- Use gasoline only as a fuel for motors.
- Store gasoline in a container designed just for gasoline in a shed or garage with a lock.
- Use gasoline only outside. The vapors (fumes) are very dangerous if you bring gasoline inside a building.
- Fill gas tanks away from smokers.
- Fill mowers and gasoline-powered tools outside, before starting the job.
- Re-fuel only after the tool has completely cooled down.

Keep Children Safe

- Keep children indoors while mowing or using other dangerous outdoor tools.
- Keep children far away from barbecue grills when cooking.
- All garden equipment and tools should be kept where children cannot reach them. Store all sharp tools pointing downward.

Home Safety Survey- Call for an appointment for a fire representative to do a safety survey of your home. **FREE**, **confidential** and on completion you receive valuable coupons! **Call @763-767-4003**



District 16 ECFE & Preschool Programs

www.springlakeparkschools.org/ecfe

Early Childhood office: 763-785-5560

For families with children ages birth-kindergarten

REGISTER NOW for Early Childhood Family Education classes – Registration for the Fall semester of ECFE classes begins on Monday, August 3 at 8:30 a.m. ECFE is for all families with a child from birth-kindergarten entrance. The easiest way to sign-up for any of these fun parent & child classes is to do so on-line at www.springlakeparkcomservices.com, You may also register by mail, by phone or in person at the Early Childhood office at Woodcrest in Fridley. Please sign up early because classes fill quickly!

Copies of the new 2009-2010 Early Childhood brochures were mailed in mid-July to families with young children who are on the school district's census. The new brochure is also posted on the district's website at www.springlakeparkschools.org/ECFE.

Three ECFE classes are currently being offered at Northpoint Elementary this fall. Check out the brochure for the **Super Saturday Playtime**, **Baby and Me**, and Thursday evening **Mixed Ages** classes.

Even though registration for Preschool classes began in March, there are limited openings. Call Maggie at 763-785-5560 to learn about class availability or to put your name on a waiting list. Learn & Play Preschool classes will be held at both Northpoint and Woodcrest Elementary Schools. The Preschool Partners class will be at Woodcrest. There is fee assistance available for 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 has TWO more days of screening before the 2009-10 school year begins in September. For more information, or to schedule an appointment for your child please call Maggie at 763-785-5560.



"Night to Unite" Event – Tuesday, August 4th

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.

The Crown Shores Night to Unite party will be held at the Lowry's, 12195 Coral Sea from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please bring your own beverage and a food item to share. Hope to see you there!!

City of Blaine Begins Using Social Media

The City of Blaine has ventured into the realm of social media, having created a home on multiple websites aimed at supplementing the city's communications efforts.

The wave of social media sweeping cyberspace already has drastically changed the manner in which people communicate. At Blaine City Hall, where the goal of city communications is to be timely, efficient and relevant, staff has identified Twitter, YouTube and Facebook as tools to add to the city's communications repertoire in order to continue to best reach residents with pertinent community information.

Twitter: A free social networking and micro-blogging tool, Twitter enables users to send small, instantaneous messages known as "tweets." Subscribers receive messages in email or mobile device. The city has already begun utilizing Twitter to send meeting updates and minutes, general announcements and news.

<http://twitter.com/blaineminnesota>

YouTube: YouTube is a video-sharing website allowing users to upload, view and share video clips. The city has only a few videos online to date, but in the future will add more original content as well as portions of shows and features already airing on Blaine's television channel.

www.youtube.com/user/cityofblaine

Facebook: This popular social networking site has numerous practical applications for the city. Primarily, it gives the city a presence in a medium that has more than 200 million active users, although it also serves as a portal to the city's other social media sites.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/blaine-mn/city-of-blaine-minnesota/73120633907>

For more information on upcoming events or city information, check out the City of Blaine website:

<http://www.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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Persons wishing to advertise their businesses or services in The Lakes Newsletter may now do so (we will have one page for Lakes residents and one page for non-Lakes residents). Advertising is free. We only ask that a discount or special promotion be offered to The Lakes residents in exchange for the free advertising. Advertisements not offering promotions or discounts will not be placed in the newsletter.

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<u>Help Wanted</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>For Sale</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
<p>"Supervisors, Weight Loss Challenge Coaches, and Referral Coordinators Needed for The Daily Shake -- Nutrition Club. For more information call Trisha at: 651-983-6251 or email: thedailyshakeblaine@hotmail.com"</p>	<p>Bring a SMILE to your face when you walk in the door. Take time to relax and play. Hire me to clean your house! I am a resident of The Lakes and owner of Neat Freaks Cleaning Company and would love to work for you! Call Lisa at 763-242-6686 or email at lisa@neatfreaksclan.com to set up an estimate. Lift the weight of cleaning your house off of your shoulders! I look forward to hearing from you!</p> <p>Piano Lessons: Call Sara @ 651-235-6290</p>	<p>FOR SALE: Pier One rustic wooden room divider \$150.00 Pier One rustic wooden coffee table-like new \$150.00 large woven light blue floor rug \$75.00 If interested, call at 763-208-9749 or e-mail at lkdm@comcast.net</p>	<p>WANTED: Spring cleaning is about to begin and I am looking for DONATIONS for a LARGE garage sale to be held June 10th through the 14th for a non-profit organization, Vail Place http://www.vailplace.org/ This organization helps adults recovering from mental illness integrate back into the community. Misc. items of all kinds in good condition, electronics in working condition, household items, toys, games, puzzles, etc. no clothing please. I will pick up at your home. Call Theresa at 763-208-6683 or 763-226-4635.</p> <p>CARPOOL: Looking to connect with other DaVinci Academy parents for carpooling. Email Colleen: Colleen.Fodness@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US</p> <p>WANTED: Looking to buy a newer Premier Pontoon, 16 or 18 foot, please call Ryan at 763-565-6477</p>

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