

CityNews



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“Walkway of the Community”

The Apple Valley Firefighters Tribute and Memorial is at the Lebanon Cemetery located at County Road 42 and Pilot Knob Road. The Memorial was dedicated in 2006 to honor the Apple Valley Firefighters and is surrounded by a walkway which signifies the Community. Paver bricks purchased by the Community supported the construction of the Memorial just as the Community supports the Apple Valley Fire Department (AVFD) with fire stations, trucks, equipment, and financial support.

The Apple Valley Firefighters Relief Association is pleased to offer you an opportunity to honor the special people in your life. The Apple Valley Firefighters will place a paver brick engraved with your message in the walkway surrounding the Apple Valley Firefighters Tribute and Memorial. Brick pavers are available in two sizes. The larger, 8" x 8" for \$200, includes up to 6 lines of engraving, and the smaller, 4" x 8" for \$125, includes up to 3 lines of engraving.



Honor someone with a tribute gift

Sometimes the public feels they need to know someone on the fire department to purchase a paver brick, but that is not the case. Many times, the most meaningful gift is not something tangible. Instead, it could be a gift in the recipient's name to a much-loved cause or organization.

Whether you wish to honor a graduating student, a friend, a beloved family member, a retiring co-worker, or a new associate, making a contribution to the Apple Valley “Walkway of the Community” in a colleague or family member's name can be a significant gesture. You also could give such a gift for birthdays, holidays or other special occasions.

If you or a group of colleagues or relatives would like to honor someone with a gift that will continue to have meaning for many years to come, consider a paver in the “Walkway Of The Community.”

To receive an Order Form or for more information, please contact:

Apple Valley Fire Department Relief Association, 7100 147th St W. Apple Valley, MN 55124
Phone: (952) 953-2600 • Fax: (952) 953-2515 • Email: fire@cityofapplevalley.org

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The State Primary Election is August 14, 2012.
The State General and City Election is November 6, 2012.
Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Be sure to exercise your right to vote!

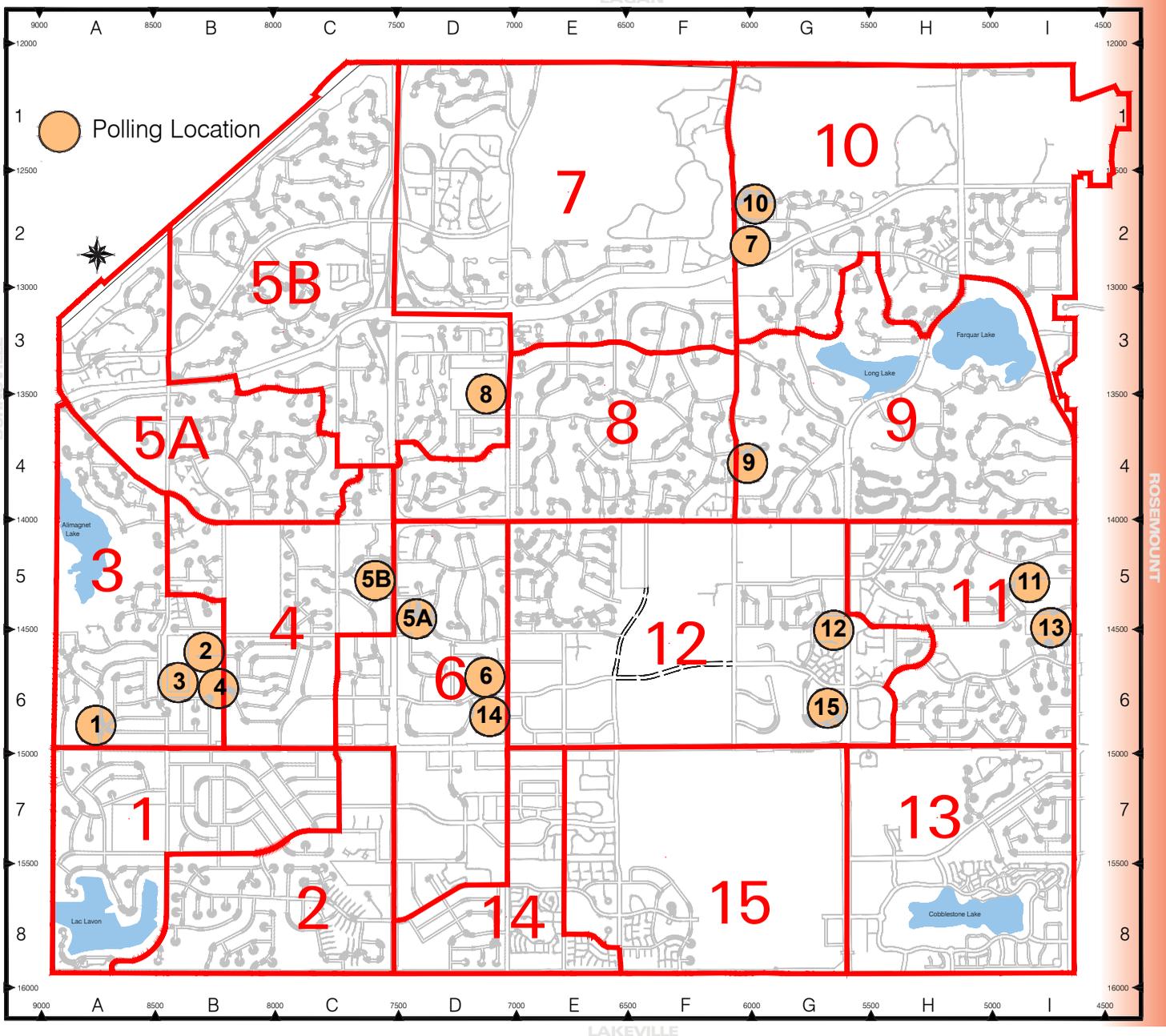
PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AND POLLING LOCATIONS HAVE CHANGED

Due to redistricting, several of Apple Valley's precinct boundaries and polling locations have changed for the 2012 elections. Check the precinct map to see if you were affected. You can also use the Polling Place Finder on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us.



2012 APPLE VALLEY PRECINCT MAP

TOWNSHIP 115N., RANGE 20W.





Are You Registered to Vote?

Elections are just around the corner. If you have not yet registered to vote, forms are available at the Apple Valley Municipal Center, Dakota County Western Service Center, and on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us and the City's website at www.cityofapplevalley.org. Pre-registration saves you time. Register today! Your registration is permanent provided you vote at least once every four years and do not change your name or address. The last day to register to vote for the August 14th State Primary Election is July 24, 2012, and the last day to register for the November 6th State General and City Election is October 16, 2012.

City of Apple Valley Polling Places 2012

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Precinct Number	Polling Place
1	Redwood Community Center 311 - 150th Street W.
2	Hayes Community and Senior Center 14601 Hayes Road
3	Westview Elementary School 225 Garden View Drive
4	Apple Valley Community Center 14603 Hayes Road
5A	Hope Church 7477 - 145th Street W.
5B	Mount Olivet Assembly of God Church 14201 Cedar Avenue
6	Augustana Health Care Center of Apple Valley 14650 Garrett Avenue
7	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
8	Greenleaf Elementary School 13333 Galaxie Avenue
9	Community of Christ Church 5990 - 134th Street Court W.
10	South Suburban Evangelical Free Church 12600 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
11	ISD 196 District Service Center 14445 Diamond Path
12	Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church 14401 Pilot Knob Road
13	Diamond Path Elementary School of International Studies 14455 Diamond Path
14	Apple Valley Municipal Center 7100 - 147th Street W.
15	River Valley Church 14898 Energy Way

Registering on Election Day

If you do not pre-register, you may register to vote at the polls by providing proof of residence to the election judges. The following forms of identification are authorized by the Secretary of State to prove your residence:

- Valid Minnesota Driver's License, Learner's Permit, or MN ID card (or receipt for one) showing your current name and address in the precinct.
- Valid Tribal ID Card with name, current address, signature, and picture, issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- Valid or expired Minnesota Driver's License or MN ID card with a former address and a utility bill or fee statement.
- Valid or expired U.S. Passport and a utility bill or fee statement.
- Valid or expired U.S. Military ID card and a utility bill or fee statement.
- Valid MN student ID, issued by a Minnesota postsecondary educational institution, and a utility bill or fee statement.
- Valid or expired Tribal ID Card with name, signature, and picture, issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and utility bill or fee statement.
- Notice of late registration mailed from the County Auditor.
- Valid registration with a former name or at a previous address in the same precinct.
- Another registered voter in your precinct who can "vouch" for your residence.
- An employee of a residential facility (who is on a facility list or can demonstrate their employment at the facility) who can "vouch" for your residence at the facility.
- Valid MN student ID, issued by a Minnesota postsecondary educational institution, provided the student's name, student ID number (if applicable) and address in precinct appears on a postsecondary education housing list provided to election judges.

The utility bill or fee statement must show the voter's name and current address, and it must be due within 30 days of the election. The bill must be for:

- Telephone (landline, cell, VOIP, etc.) television (cable, satellite, etc.), or internet service provider regardless of how the service is delivered;
- Electric, gas, water, garbage, sewer, or solid waste;
- Current student fee statement; or
- Rent statement that itemizes utilities.

Who is Eligible to Vote?

An individual who meets the following requirements at the time of an election is eligible to vote. The individual must be:

- 18 years of age or older;
- A citizen of the United States;
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election; and
- Registered to vote.

The following individuals are *not eligible* to vote. Any individual:

- Convicted of a felony whose civil rights have not been restored;
- Under guardianship in which the court-order revokes the right to vote; or
- Found by a court of law to be legally incompetent.

Attentive Cooking

Cooking Fire Facts

Fires caused by cooking remains the leading cause of home fires and injuries in Minnesota and nationwide.

Why do these fires happen?

Frequently, it's because people leave food unattended. Often the fire starts within 15 minutes of cooking, proving that there is no safe period to leave cooking unattended.

- A National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) study found that on average there are 117,100 home fires involving cooking equipment each year. These fires result in over 370 civilian deaths, up to 4,290 injuries, and \$453 million in property damage.
- Cooking fires are not confined to the family kitchen. Cooking fires can occur on grills, turkey fryers, and any open flame or heat source used for cooking.
- Cooking fires are dangerous because people do not know how to put them out properly.
- Cooking fires should be smothered by covering a pan with a lid or keeping the door closed on a microwave, oven, or toaster oven.

Don't Leave Your Stove Unattended - Keep a Watchful Eye

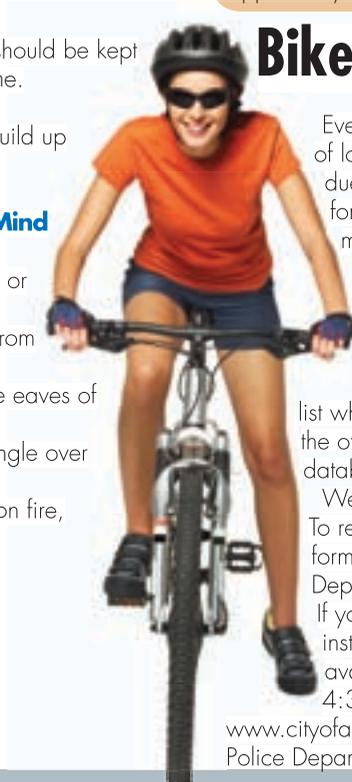
Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. Make it a house rule for your family not to leave the kitchen when cooking. Do not let yourself get distracted by phones calls, people coming to your door, reading, answering e-mails or texting. If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking. Use a timer to remind you that you're cooking. Use a portable timer if you must leave the cooking area. Carry a timer with you to remind yourself and others that there are items cooking in the kitchen.

Tips For Smart Cooking

- BE NEAT, TIDY, AND CLEAN!
- Keep combustibles away from cooking surfaces.
- Pot holders, rags, curtains, bags, dish towels, etc. should be kept a good distance away from any open cooking flame.
- Keep cleaners away from heat sources.
- Wipe up spills and clean your oven. Grease can build up and catch on fire.

Organize Your Cooking Area Keeping Safety In Mind

- Do not keep items on the back of the stove. Your clothing can catch on fire when you reach for these or similar items used for cooking.
- Keep turkey fryers and grills a safe distance away from buildings.
- Never use any outside cooking appliance under the eaves of a building.
- Do not cook with loose or long sleeves that can dangle over stove burners.
- No matter what age you are, if your clothes catch on fire, STOP DROP and ROLL!



Apple Valley is a Yellow Ribbon Community

Program seeks to assist military members and their families

On March 30, 2012, the City of Apple Valley was officially proclaimed a Yellow Ribbon City by Governor Mark Dayton. The designation came after a dedicated group of community volunteers pulled together and created an action plan on how our community will support military members and their families. When military members return to their communities after deployment, they often face challenges putting their lives back together. Veterans often face challenges reconnecting with family and friends and re-entering the workforce. The Apple Valley Yellow Ribbon effort recognizes that this reintegration process will be easier in a community that honors and supports its service members. The Yellow Ribbon initiative is a comprehensive program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting service members and their families with community support, training, services and resources. It's neighbors supporting neighbors.

Military service members and families... thank you for your service to our community and nation! We are proud of your dedicated service and extend our gratitude. If you could use some help, the Apple Valley Yellow Ribbon Network wants to hear from you.

Community members...would you like to assist in this effort? The Apple Valley Yellow Ribbon Network is currently looking for volunteers to assist in serving veterans and their families. You can make a difference—volunteer today!

You can connect with the Apple Valley Yellow Ribbon Network and learn more about the program at www.facebook.com/ApplesValleyYellowRibbonNetwork.

Bike Registration Program

Every year the Apple Valley Police Department recovers hundreds of lost or stolen bikes. For the most part the bikes go unclaimed due to the fact that owners don't have identification information for their bike. The Police Department offers a program to help match up recovered bikes with their original owners. The program consists of residents registering their bikes with the Apple Valley Police Department. Each bike is then assigned an identification number and its owner supplied with a tamper-proof sticker to affix to the frame of the bike. The data is then entered on the police department's bike registration list which is available for officer's use. When a bike is recovered, the officer will check it for the identification sticker and search the database to find the owner.

We currently have over 700 bikes registered in the program. To register your family's bikes, please fill out the bike registration form (one per bike please) and return it to the Apple Valley Police Department at 7100 147th St. W. or fax it in to 952-953-2733.

If you choose to mail or fax the registration, your stickers and instructions for use will be mailed to you. The registration form is available at the Police Department lobby between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or you can download a copy from the city's website at

www.cityofapplevalley.org. For more information, contact the Apple Valley Police Department at 952-953-2700.

Safe Drinking Water

The City of Apple Valley relies on groundwater to supply our drinking water. Groundwater is the water that fills the small spaces between rock particles (sand, gravel, etc.) or cracks in solid rock. Rain, melting snow, and surface water become groundwater by infiltrating into the ground and filling these spaces. The top of the water-saturated zone is called the water table. When water infiltrates from the surface and reaches the water table, it begins moving toward points where it can escape, such as wells, rivers, or lakes.

An aquifer is any type of geologic material, such as sand or bedrock, that can store and supply water to wells or springs. The groundwater that supplies public wells often comes from within one to two miles of the well. How fast groundwater moves depends on how much water is pumped from the well and what type of geologic material the water is moving through.

Apple Valley's water comes from deep wells in the Prairie du Chien, Jordan, and Mt. Simon sandstone aquifers, located several hundred feet underground. Despite this depth, the aquifers can be vulnerable to contamination from human land surface activities. Potential sources of pollution can include:

- Improperly disposed household hazardous wastes.
- Abandoned wells that haven't been properly sealed.
- Poorly-maintained septic systems.
- Overuse of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Leaking storage tanks.
- Unreported spills and illegal dumping.
- Contaminated stormwater runoff.

Wellhead Protection Plan

The City of Apple Valley is working with citizens to protect drinking water by carrying out a Wellhead Protection Plan. This plan has been prepared in conjunction with several local, county, and state agencies. The Minnesota Department of Health is the lead agency for the State's program. These are the steps the City took to develop a Wellhead Protection Plan:

- Identified the aquifer recharge areas to be protected.
- Determined how vulnerable the recharge area is to pollution.
- Identified land uses and potential sources of pollution in the wellhead protection area and implemented ways to prevent groundwater contamination.
- Established a plan to work with property owners and residents to ensure that pollution doesn't degrade our groundwater supplies.

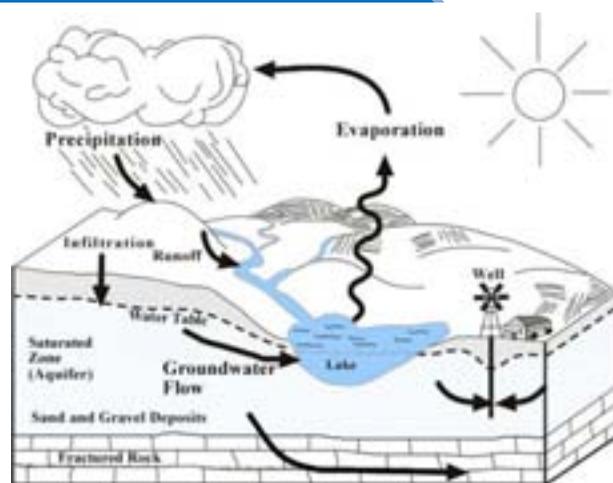
What Can You Do?

- Help identify land uses and potential sources of contamination on your property (wells, tanks, septic systems, hazardous wastes, etc.).
- Make sure any potential sources of contamination under your control meet local, state, and federal regulations.
- Use hazardous products only as directed and dispose of them properly when no longer needed.
- Practice proper turf management techniques and avoid over-fertilization of your lawn and garden.
- Seal any unused wells on your property according to Minnesota Well Code.
- Conserve water whenever possible.
- Report spills (or illegal dumping) of hazardous wastes, fuels, or chemicals to law enforcement.
- For additional wellhead protection information, contact the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700, or visit their website at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/whp.

Water Testing

The City of Apple Valley regularly samples the quality of the water pumped by our wells to ensure the water supply is safe for residents to consume. At present, Apple Valley's water meets all State and Federal drinking water standards. An annual report of water quality is available on the Apple Valley website, www.cityofapplevalley.org.

Everyone has an important part to play in protecting drinking water wells—today and for the future. For more information, contact the Apple Valley Public Works Department at 952-953-2400.



Buckthorn Management

Buckthorn is an invasive plant species introduced into the United States from Europe many years ago, and today is commonly found in most natural and wooded areas. If left unmanaged, buckthorn will eventually out-compete with native understory plants and become the dominant plant species. Property owners are encouraged to remove buckthorn and promote native plant species.

The Apple Valley Public Works Department will assist residents with buckthorn management by providing on-site consultation and use of City-owned pulling tools. Residents can make arrangements with their private waste hauler to dispose of buckthorn material. It can also be disposed at Resource Recovery Technologies, 16454 Blaine Avenue, Empire (651-423-4401).

Residents can reserve a City-owned buckthorn removal tool to pull buckthorn out of the ground. A \$200 deposit is required. These tools are specially designed levers used to pull buckthorn plants with relative ease. Pulling buckthorn eliminates the need for chemical stump treatment.

Additional buckthorn information can be found on the City website or by calling the Public Works Department at 952-953-2460.

End of Season To-Do List

As summer winds down, here are some items to add to your list of things to do.

- Make sure to drain all outside garden hose connections and your lawn irrigation system including opening the ports on the backflow protection device to prevent costly damage to your plumbing system.
- Remember to call for a final inspection if you have finished your home improvement project. This may include new roofing or siding, or replacing your furnace, air conditioner, or water heater. All of these projects require permits and inspections by Building Inspections. If you hired a contractor to do the work, make sure the inspection has passed before paying them to help protect your interests.

City Information on Channel 16

Apple Valley Government Access Community Television features useful City information on the Channel 16 Bulletin Board as part of its regular program day. The Bulletin Board lists a variety of City Meeting Schedules and Agendas, Hotline Numbers and gateway information for City Services, special announcements and events, and daily program guides.

Live, Gavel-To-Gavel, Televised Meeting Coverage

Apple Valley Government Access Channel 16 telecasts all of the City Council and Planning Commission meetings live. Meeting coverage is also replayed on a variety of days and times to provide more opportunities for citizen involvement in their local government.

The City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. In addition the meeting is replayed on Thursdays & Saturdays at 2:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. Replays are on Wednesdays at 2:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Apple Valley Programs On CH. 16:

"Valley Beat" and "Hook & Ladder" share information about, give a look inside, and highlight the excellent work and members of the Police and Fire Departments in Apple Valley. Six new episodes of each program are produced annually.

Valley Beat:

Sunday.....	8:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Monday.....	1:00 a.m.
Tuesday.....	8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....	1:00 a.m.
Thursday.....	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Friday.....	1:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Saturday.....	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Apple Valley Hook & Ladder:

Sunday.....	8:30 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Monday.....	1:30 a.m.
Tuesday.....	8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday.....	1:30 a.m.
Thursday.....	8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Friday.....	1:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday.....	8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Programs and telecast times are also listed on the Channel 16 Bulletin Board Program Guide, and the City Web site at:

www.cityofapplevalley.org

Fall Yard Care Tips

Fall is coming, and as we try to enjoy the last of our sunny seventy degree days, it may be tough to tear ourselves away to get some essential lawn chores in. Fall is a time when we lay the groundwork for a successful spring. Here are some items we should be checking off our to do list to keep our yards in tiptop shape:

- Fall is the time to fertilize. Fertilizing in the fall before the ground is frozen promotes healthy root growth in your lawn. Be sure to use a zero phosphorus fertilizer (middle number is zero) unless establishing a new lawn or a soil test has indicated a phosphorus deficiency. For information, see <http://soiltest.cfans.umn.edu/>.
- Consider planting. You can often get deals on plants this time of year with decent survivability rates. Fall is actually the best time to seed grass and water saving native plants. Visit www.BlueThumb.org to find out how to incorporate plants native to Minnesota in your yard.
- Keep street curb and gutter free of leaves. Leaves contain high amounts of phosphorus that promotes algae growth in local lakes and ponds. Just 5 bags of leaves have enough phosphorus to produce 300 pounds of algae. Leaves can be disposed of in compost piles, by dropping off at composting facilities, or through your trash hauler depending on their company policies. See <http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/EnvironmentRoads/EnvirProtect/Composting>.
- Store away rainbarrels. Water that freezes in your rainbarrel can damage it. One simple method is to place the empty barrel upside down so water cannot collect over winter.

To learn more about fall yard care, view the Blue Thumb Year-Round Guide to Yard Care on the "Why" page of www.BlueThumb.org. For more information on Apple Valley natural resources, call 952-953-2462.

Sewer and Water Emergencies

In the event of a sewer or water emergency, please use the following contact numbers.

952-953-2400 (Public Works)

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

952-322-2323 (Dakota Communication Center)

After hours, weekends and holidays



FALL CLEAN-UP

Residential Fall Clean-Up Day is Saturday, September 22, 2012 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

NEW LOCATION

Quarry Point Athletic Complex
15725 - 157th Street West, Apple Valley
(157th Street & Pilot Knob Road)
Proof of Apple Valley residency required!

Here is your opportunity to clean out your house or garage and properly dispose of unwanted materials. The following article breaks down what can and cannot be accepted and the fees associated with dropping off materials.

Materials Accepted:

- Car tires: \$5.00 ea., semi tires \$10.00 ea., tractor tires \$25.00 ea.
- Furniture: Recliners \$15.00 ea., couch \$15.00 ea., Sofa Hide-a-bed \$25.00 ea., wooden chairs \$5.00 ea.
- Scrap metal: \$7.00 minimum (small items, bikes, propane tanks), \$10.00 minimum (lg. items, lawnmowers, grills, snow blowers)
- Home remodeling debris: Volume based (\$50.00/avg pickup load)
- Carpet and padding: \$1.00/sq. yd. each (provide approx. dimensions)
- Mattresses and boxsprings: \$15.00 each; Baby mattresses: \$5.00 each
- Miscellaneous: Volume based (\$50.00/average pickup load)

Price may vary depending on volume/weight

Materials NOT Accepted:

- Leaves or grass
- Brush or tree trimmings
- Regular home recyclables
- Business waste
- Railroad ties
- Appliances *
- Household hazardous wastes *
- Car batteries *
- Motor oil & filters *
- Electronics *

* On September 22, from 9:00am-2:00pm, Dakota County residents can bring electronics and household hazardous waste to the **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day** Burnsville Maintenance Center
13713 Frontier Ct., Burnsville, MN, 55337.
For more information call 952-895-4511 or visit www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org.

Appliances Special Pick-Up Day

Monday, September 24, 2012

Call J.R.'s Appliance at 651-454-9215 or Certified Appliance Recycling at 952-894-1448 to schedule a pick-up and obtain fee information.

You must call before noon on Thursday, September 20. Acceptable appliances include: freezers, dryers, refrigerators, washers, furnaces, garbage disposals, dishwashers, water heaters, stoves, trash comp., air conditioners, microwaves, dehumidifiers, heat pumps.

Do not bring appliances to clean-up site.

Call 952-953-2702 for more information.

Campaign Sign Regulations

In an effort to treat all political candidates consistently and fairly, the City of Apple Valley administers a process to enforce State regulations related to the placement of signs in the right-of-way and City property. The rules apply to political campaign signs for all candidates, regardless of whether they are seeking federal, state, county, City or school offices.

Consistent with the laws of the State of Minnesota, campaign, private and commercial signs are not allowed in the following locations:

- Public right-of-way for State Highways, including Trunk Highway 77
- County property and public right-of-way for County Roads
- Public right-of-way for City Municipal State Aid Streets
- Property owned by the City of Apple Valley

A map showing all of the affected streets can be found at www.cityofapplevalley.org.

In addition, City ordinance prohibits campaign, private and commercial signs within the first 18 feet from the edge of the roadway on all other streets.

If the City finds a violation on City property or the right-of-way, the sign will be removed and stored at the Apple Valley Central Maintenance Facility located at 6442 140th Street. Signs may be reclaimed Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. Unclaimed signs will be disposed of 60 days after removal.

Questions concerning campaign sign rules should be directed to the City Code Enforcement Division at (952) 953-2570. Additional information about this topic can be found on the Elections page of the City's website at www.cityofapplevalley.org.



Lebanon Cemetery Improvements

Lebanon Cemetery was recently enhanced with the completion of landscape improvements at the main entrance. Irrigation was installed and decorative grasses and perennials were planted. As the plants grow and bloom, they will provide another beautiful feature for visitors to enjoy.

Lebanon Cemetery of Apple Valley is a non-denominational cemetery located on the southeast corner of County Road 42 and Pilot Knob Road and open to the public from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, 365 days a year. For more information or to schedule an individual appointment to meet with a cemetery representative, please call 952-953-2400.

Cemetery Volunteers

Thank You! The City of Apple Valley sincerely thanks the dedicated volunteers who have given time and energy this year to Lebanon Cemetery of Apple Valley. Their efforts help provide a comforting place for families and friends who are visiting the graves of loved ones.

Jim Wick
Jack Wallace
Dale and Marla Danielson
Jay and Deb Hoekstra
Appleseeds 4-H Club