

# CITY OF NEW YORK MILLS

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## Spring Clean Up Day Set for May 9th



The City of New York Mills will be picking up items during their bi-annual spring cleanup day which is scheduled for May 9th.

Residents have the opportunity to dispose of their unwanted items and have those items hauled away for them. All items must be curbside by 8:00 a.m. The items to be picked up must be sorted by type. For example, wood items in one stack, small metal items in another and so on. Also, if you would like to have old tires picked

up, please make sure that each tire is removed from the rim and that these items are stacked separately.

As in previous years, branches will not be picked up, nor will any hazardous waste products such as fluorescent bulbs or empty toxic containers. Hazardous items, along with paint cans and spray paint cans will be accepted during the hazardous waste drive scheduled for September 13, 2011. Also, the City will not pick up regular household garbage.

There will be a charge for larger items. While the City does not charge for hauling items away, they do pass on the charge assessed by the landfill for items at the same rate they are

charged. These items must be paid for prior to the pickup at the City Clerk's Office. A color-coded, self-adhesive label will be given for each item that has been paid for in advance, and this must be attached to the item for it to be picked up and transported to the landfill.

This year, the City has requested the help of different civic organizations to assist in the City-wide pick up. Several Lions Club members and Civic & Commerce members have volunteered to help with the effort. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the City Clerk's office at 385-2213.

For a complete listing of larger items and the charge for those items, see page 5 of this newsletter. *Cont. Pg 5*

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## NYM Fire Department Pancake Breakfast May 1st



Support your local Fire Department by coming out to the NYM Fire Hall on Sunday, May 1st for their annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, which will be held from 8 am to 12 noon.

Funds from the event go

toward funding fire and rescue equipment, training and education for the department.

Cost for the breakfast is a free will offering. Fire Department members will be serving up pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee.

The Fire Department's Pancake and Sausage Feed has been a popular event for the past 7 years.

Other upcoming fundraisers sponsored by the Fire Department include the Car Wash,

held in conjunction with the Corn Feed in August, sale of cookbooks, a meat raffle and sale of raffle tickets.

Raffle tickets this year are available at a cost of \$5 each with over 60 prizes valued at over \$1,500. Prizes include 15 guns, cash prizes and one night stays at 7 Clans Casino or Holiday Inn in Brainerd. Tickets will be available at the Pancake Breakfast or from any NYM Fire Department member. The drawing will be held July 1st during the Lund Mania Celebration.



## Annual Plant Sale Back Under New Sponsorship

The New Horizons Club of New York Mills has announced that their organization will be handling the Annual Plant Sale, beginning this year. Previously, this popular event has been sponsored by the NYM Garden Club, but members are no longer able to do this project.

The NYM Garden Club has been responsible for doing area

flower beds around the City and conducting this annual springtime event for many years. Their tireless efforts brought beautiful flowers to our town, and New Horizons is proud to be able to carry on this service to the community.

The Plant Sale will be held in front of the New York Mills Public Library on Friday, May 20th from 11 am to 6 pm, and Saturday, May

21st from 10:00 am to noon.

Plants will again be provided by Gordy's Greenhouse and the proceeds will be donated to the New York Mills Public Library for renovations as well as other community projects.

Bring your shopping list, get your spring gardens and pots blooming and support a worthy cause all at the same time!



## Pet Vaccination Clinic Set for May 3rd

A low-cost vaccination clinic for pets will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the New York Mills Fire Hall. The clinic is sponsored by Lakeland Veterinary Clinic of Perham.

Dog and cat licenses will also be available during the clinic, which

are required by the City of New York Mills.

To license your pet, it must be current on both rabies and distemper vaccinations, which can both be obtained on site that day. Dog licenses are issued for two years at a fee of \$20.00 per animal, and cat

licenses are issued for two years at a cost of \$10.00 each. License fees this year will be half priced and will cover the remainder of 2011. Vaccination costs are \$15 for rabies and \$20 for distemper. Also available are vaccinations for lymes disease and blood testing.

## Hwy 67 Street Project Resumes



The City of New York Mills and Otter Tail County will be finishing the reconstruction of South Main Avenue (CSAH 67), from Centennial 84 Drive to the southern edge of the City limits, this spring. Work by the contractor, Quam Construction Inc. of Willmar, has resumed with plans to finish the project by the end of June.

Work remaining includes curb and gutter installation north of Winslow Street, grading and paving the road surface north of Winslow, and sidewalk, turf establishment and driveway aprons throughout the project corridor. Additional sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of the road from Wendy Woods Lane to the south end of the project.

Highway 67 South has been closed at the edge of the City and

traffic will be detoured around 370th Street to County Highway 135, with local traffic access being maintained as much as possible.

Access will be maintained to homes in the project area as much as possible, however there will be times when access into driveways will not be practical. Residents with special needs should contact project staff to make necessary arrangements.

Engineering and utility companies have placed stakes and flags near the project area. These markers are critical for construction and for avoiding damage to utilities such as gas, electric and phone lines. Please do not disturb these markers for everyone's safety!

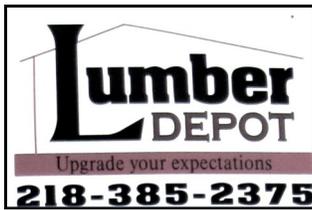
Drivers in the area are asked to please respect all barricades,

safety fencing, construction warning signs and traffic control signs during the construction project. Residents are also asked to keep a safe distance away from construction activity.

Construction progress meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the City Hall. These meetings are open to the public. If you have questions, concerns or require special considerations during the process, please contact Project Managers Jon Pratt (218-846-7723) or Aaron Lauinger (218-846-7779), Tim Loudon of Quam Construction (320-479-1178) or City of NYM Public Works Director Roger Salo at 218-639-0878.

The City of New York Mills appreciates everyone's patience and understanding while work is being completed.

## “Upgrade Your Expectations” Motto for NYM’s Newest Business



Customer Service is the main focus of NYM’s newest business, Lumber Depot, owned by Chris & Peggy Rutten.

“Being in the construction business for so many years, we know first hand the quality of service people expect,” stated Peggy Rutten.

Chris, a 1983 graduate of New York Mills High School, has been part owner of Guck-Rutten construction for 20 years. When asked what made him consider purchasing a lumber yard, Chris stated that he wanted to expand his construction knowledge. “It seemed like a logical fit”, added Peggy. “Chris knows the business, the

product and understands the importance of customer service.” He felt there was something missing in the area and wanted to offer a more hands on approach to customer service—something you won’t find in the big box stores. This is why Lumber Depot has made “Upgrade Your Expectations” its motto.

Currently open in its temporary location at 105 E. Centennial Drive, (the old Mid State Auto Finance Bldg), Lumber Depot hopes to begin construction on its new building next week. The construction will be done in phases. The first phase will be construction of the warehouse buildings at their new site on the south side of Centennial Drive, next to Mills Locker Plant. Inventory will be moved to that site, as well as the current retail site.

The second phase will include office and retail space.

Lumber Depot will offer a full line of building supplies. One highlight will be an expanded showroom where customers will be able to keep up with current trends and get a better visual. “We want you to be able to actually see what the product will look like on the wall rather than looking at a stack of paint cans”, stated Peggy. They also plan to offer upgraded technology with email and electronic invoicing to speed up service to their customers. If that is not enough, Chris and Peggy plan to offer drive through service! “You will be able to drive up, order your product, pay and have your items loaded without ever leaving your vehicle”. Plans are also in the works to add a website.

When asked how they came up with the name, they stated that the railroad played a part in it. “We are a chain of one”, Chris said with a smile.

Aside from Chris and Peggy, Lumber Depot will begin with 4 employees, three of them being former Homestead Building Supplies employees.

Plans are to have the business operating fully at their new location by the end of summer. Their hours of operation are Monday – Friday 7:30 am-5 pm and Saturdays 8 am-5 pm. Their phone number is 385-2375. (The former Homestead Bldg Supplies number).

The City of NYM is happy to welcome Lumber Depot to its list of businesses.



Chris & Peggy Rutten, owners, stand in front of Lumber Depot’s temporary location at 105 Centennial Drive East

## Hoaby Computer Service & Repair Opens in NYM



Josh Hoaby, owner and operator of Hoaby Computer Service and Repair, is no stranger to the computer technology field. With over 12 years of experience, including working as a computer technician for RC Visions in Perham, and the past 8 years with Lakes

Area Internet Plus of New York Mills, Josh felt he wanted the opportunity to strike out on his own to provide technical assistance to the area at an affordable rate.

Hoaby Computer Service & Repair (HCSR) is located at 105 East Gilman Street in New York Mills. HCSR offers on-site and in-shop technological assistance to both businesses and individuals. HCSR can assist you with services such as removal of viruses and malware from your operating system, upgrades, software installations,

or simply offering technical assistance and consultations for a wide variety of issues.

HCSR also provides free estimates. If you are curious about the cost or feasibility of repairs, Josh will provide a free estimate of service necessary to get your system up and running again. Keeping the customer informed and providing fast, quality service at a fair rate is the main focus of HCSR.

Walk-ins are welcomed, however, as a sole proprietorship, Josh suggests calling ahead to assure availability as

he may be on a service call.

Hours of operation are Monday through Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm. Service may be available beyond those hours by leaving a message. For information and service, call HCSR at 218-385-3718.

Since opening, Josh says that business has been steady and rewarding. The business community and City of New York Mills is excited to include Hoaby Computer Service and Repair in its commercial family.





## 10th Annual Ronald McDonald House Ride Gears Up

Preparations are gearing up for the 10th Annual RMH Ride, scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the New York Mills VFW. The RMH Ride, which holds the title for the world's largest Ronald McDonald House Benefit Ride, raised a phenomenal \$124,738.32 in 2010. All proceeds go to support the Ronald McDonald Houses in Fargo, ND.

This year, organizers hope to top that mark with a full slate of events. Thursday evening, June 9th kicks off the weekend's festivities with R&R Wrestling and music by Wild Nights Entertainment. "Slamabama" will take the stage Friday evening, and Saturday begins with registration from 9 am to 11:30 am.

A pancake breakfast sponsored by the HS Football team

will be held at the NYM High School cafeteria from 8 am to 11 am. A kids Bike Safety Rodeo, sponsored by McDonalds in Wadena, and held in conjunction with the NYM Police Department, will take place at the school parking lot, at 9:00 am. Kids can visit with Ronald McDonald, The Hamburglar and Grimace and can have a chance to win one of over 20 bicycles to be given away. In 2010 over 200 children attended this popular event.

The ride leaves the VFW at noon sharp, rain or shine beginning with a Parade of Motorcycles. Riders will travel from NYM to Wolf Lake and on to Wadena. The 10th Annual RMH RIDE will return to the VFW in New York Mills approximately 4:30 p.m. for a meal, door prizes, live auction, silent auction, burnout contest,

and at 8:00 p.m. the drawing for a 2011 Harley-Davidson Road King. Musical entertainment for the evening will begin with Cut Loose taking the stage, followed by the AC/DC Tribute band TNT.

Raffle tickets for the Harley Davidson Road King are available for \$20 from any ride committee member, from the Ronald McDonald House in Fargo, ND or by mail at RMH Ride Inc. PO Box 214, New York Mills, MN 56567.

Whether you are a bike enthusiast or just want to do your part, you can show your support. A collection of aluminum pop tabs is held at the VFW during this event each year. In 2010, the Ride sold 4,500 pounds of tabs to raise \$2,804.75.

For more information on the Ride or how you can contribute, visit their website at [www.rmhride.com](http://www.rmhride.com).



## Great American Think Off Coming June 11th

The Great American Think-Off philosophy debate is Saturday, June 11th at the James Mann Center for the Performing Arts at New York Mills School. The Debate will begin promptly at 7:00pm. Admission to this annual event is \$12 advance sale and \$15 the day of the debate. Student admission is \$5 anytime. Call 385-3339 to reserve your tickets.

This year's debate question,

"Does poetry matter?", represents an ancient question in philosophy, and the finalists, who will be made public on May 1<sup>st</sup>, will ensure a spirited inquiry to this question.

A special guest at this year's debate will be former poet-in-residence at the Arts Retreat here in Mills, Ed Bok Lee. Mr. Lee is a "performance poet," a term that speaks to the art of a very dramatic recitation of the poem. He

will be presenting his poems during the intermission at the debate.

The night before the Think-Off, Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm, nationally famous humorist and storyteller Kevin Kling will give a performance with the Minnesota band Zeitgeist, also at the Ted Mann Center. This will be an engaging and funny performance. Tickets to this pre-debate event are also available by calling the Center at 385-3339.



## Mini Seminar for Seniors to be Held May 9th

Each year the Sr. Center hosts a mini seminar in connection with the Tri-County Advisory Board located in Fergus Falls. Lyle Hoxtell, coordinator of aging with the Otter Tail Health Department, sets up

these events.

These sessions are a service to senior citizens in the community, offering valuable information from local police departments and bank representatives to name a few.

This year's session will be held on Monday, May 9th at 1:00 pm at the NYM Sr. Center. The topic this year, will be on "Senior Citizens Driving Safely". Farmers & Merchants State Bank will provide coffee and cookies.

# Student Council Sponsors Community Day

The New York Mills High School Student Council is organizing Community Day, a day for high school students to show their support to the community of New York Mills. Community Day is a service project organized to thank the community and give back for the support they have received.

Plans are to hold the event in conjunction with the city –wide clean up day, which is scheduled

for May 9th. The exact date is still to be determined but is planned for the week of May 9th through the 13th.

Over 300 high school students will take part in the project, and will spend an afternoon cleaning parks, sidewalks and roadsides around town. They also plan to clean up the football field and perhaps help out with projects at the Public Library.

Students will work in teams by grade level, with each team wearing a different colored t-shirt and working at different sites.

The Student Council is a proponent to community involvement, community service and community pride.

Our city can be proud of our student body and their efforts to make New York Mills a better place to live.



# Spring Clean Up Day, Cont from Pg 1...

The following is a list of larger items which can be picked up and the charge for each:

White Goods

Major Appliances- (Stoves, freezers, refrigerators) \$ 9  
Minor Appliances- (microwaves, air conditioners) \$ 9

Commercial Appliances \$50

Batteries—

Car/Boat Motorcycle \$ 1  
Truck/Tractor \$ 4  
Commercial \$10

Tires—

Passenger Car/Pickup \$ 2  
Semi-Truck/Trailer \$ 5  
Tractor (38.00 or smaller) \$15  
Large Tractor (over 38.00) \$25  
Flotation Tire \$50

Miscellaneous—

Stuffed Chair \$ 6  
Sofa \$12  
Mattresses (any size) \$12  
Carpeting (per yd) \$1 yard

Computer Monitors \$ 9  
Computers (CPUs, smaller printer, each) \$ 5  
Large Printers \$ 9  
Televisions (19" or less) \$ 9  
Televisions (larger than 19") \$12  
Propane Tank (emptied-5-20-40 lbs) \$ 4

If you have any questions please call the City Offices at 385-2213. There will be no refunds given.



# Stay Informed on Latest City News

The City of New York Mills in an effort to keep residents up to date with the latest in information and events related to our community, offers several avenues to stay informed.

If you haven't already done so, take the time to visit our City's website located at [www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com](http://www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com). You can also access the site by googling "City of New York Mills MN". On the city's site, you can access a variety of information from department information, city council minutes and agendas, frequently asked questions, a commu-

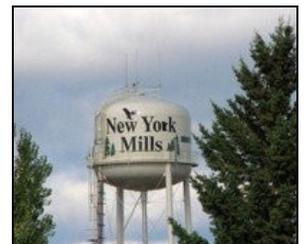
nity calendar, a community business listing, information on community organizations and groups, or a copy of our latest newsletter. In the past month, our website had 2,288 views.

For Facebook users, the City of New York Mills offers two pages. On your facebook page, search for nymills Minnesota. Become a friend of our city's page, or check out the City of New York Mills fan page and become a fan. Currently, the nymills Minnesota page has 477 friends while the City of New York Mills fan page has 453 fans.

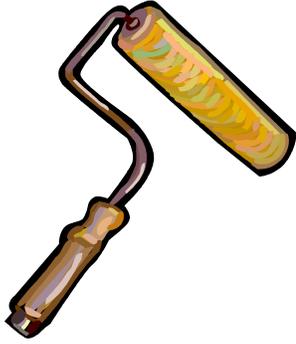
These forms of communication have proven to be valuable avenues to reach individuals, whether they be local residents or people from great distances interested in what goes on in New York Mills.

If you prefer paper copy, watch for the latest copy of this city newsletter which is published bi-monthly and distributed to over 25 different locations in the community.

Of course, you are always welcome to call our city offices with any questions or concerns at 385-2213.



## City Utilizes Sentence to Serve Program



In an effort to conserve city funds and utilize a valuable asset, the City of New York Mills has partnered with the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Department to spruce up the downtown area of New York Mills.

Members of the Sentence to Serve Program will be working on painting downtown curbs, and possibly street markings sometime during May or June.

The Sentence to Serve program has been a useful asset to communities since the program was developed in 1991, providing

low-cost assistance for a wide range of projects, helping to fill the void caused by the current economic conditions. The Sentence to Serve Program has been instrumental in sandbagging efforts this spring, as well as playing a large part in the tornado recovery project and maintenance and operation of Glendalough State Park.

Sentence to Serve workers consist of low risk adults who have been involved in non-violent crimes. Workers are appointed by an Otter Tail County Judge's

order and work in supervised groups of 4-14 workers.

The program helps do work that wouldn't likely get done otherwise. STS strives to spread out their services over a wide area and help everyone who requests their assistance. STS has worked extensively in the communities of Parkers Prairie, Dalton and Henning.

Groups or communities interested in utilizing the Sentence to Serve program put in a request. STS workers provide the labor, the entity provides the materials. Labor cost is \$2.00 per hour, including supervisors.

## Cultural Center Plans Labyrinth Project

A new project of the Cultural Center is to plan for and build a living sculpture at the Sculpture Park, beginning this year and concluding in the summer of 2012.

The labyrinth will be an elongated circle approximately 60 feet in diameter and it will be placed to the south and slightly east of the monumental tractor sculpture by Ken Nyberg of Vin- ing.

Labyrinths have an ancient history—some of the earliest know labyrinths were made in pre-Greek culture and are found on the island of Crete, artifacts of ancient Minoan culture. They are

remembered as the place where the mythical Minotaur, a creature half man and half bull, was kept.

In more recent (medieval days) the labyrinth was constructed as a pathway toward meditation and enlightenment and as such is found in well-known churches in Europe such as Chartres cathedral and the cathedral at Amiens in France.

Labyrinths are also found in many outdoor sites in Europe as well. The elongated circle design, known as the Baltic design, is found in Finland, and has therefore been selected for the sculpture park.

The community of New York Mills will be invited to

participate as the labyrinth takes shape. It will be made of local rocks and native grasses and forbs (flowering prairie plants). The first phase of the structure will be completed this summer with a 12' diameter circle that will be the center of the labyrinth. Next year, the pathways leading to the circle will be completed.

George and Sherry Biltz of Sunset Beach Resort on Big Pine Lake have constructed three labyrinths at their resort and they are providing technical assistance in design and construction of the Mills labyrinth. Contact Jamie Robertson for more information at 385-3339 or e-mail at [jamie@kulcher.org](mailto:jamie@kulcher.org).




**YOUR VOTE COUNTS !**  
Support OTWCAC in their quest to win a Toyota car in the TOYOTA 100 CARS FOR GOOD PROGRAM

## OTWCAC Finalist in Toyota 100 Cars for Good Program

Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council, Inc (OTWCAC) is one of 500 finalists in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good program, which will award vehicles to 100 nonprofit organizations based on votes from the public beginning May 9, 2011.

Toyota's 100 Cars for Good program will showcase five nonprofit organizations each day

for 100 days on Toyota's Facebook page, [facebook.com/Toyota](http://facebook.com/Toyota). Visitors to the page can vote once a day for the organization that they feel is most deserving of a new Toyota vehicle. OTWCAC will be one of the five organizations highlighted for voting on Thursday, July 7, 2011.

Local residents are encouraged to support OTWCAC and

their quest for a new Toyota. If OTWCAC receives the most votes and is awarded the vehicle, it will be used to perform multiple and varied services to lower income families such as meeting with homeless or dislocated clients; delivering emergency groceries, toys, furniture or clothing for low income families; or using it for emergency response during disasters.

## Lund Mania Summer Celebration Plans Underway

The New York Mills Civic and Commerce Association invites you to New York Mills this summer for boatloads of fun! Plans are underway again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Lund Mania Fishing Tournament, Parade, and Street Dance to be held on Friday July 1.

On Friday the tournament is held from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on beautiful Ottertail Lake. The teams come back to New York Mills after the tournament to attend our town festivities, partici-

pate in our Parade, and learn the tournament results during the Lund Mania Results Gala right after the Parade. Several fishing celebrities will be in town. Plans are underway for a street dance later in the evening.

There will be many other activities throughout the day. There will likely be a Classic Car Show, activities for children in Central Park, a free Swim day at the Legried Community Pool, and many other fun events. Vendors

will be in Central Park with food and refreshments. A fish fry is also planned again this year, catered by the Eagles Café.

On Saturday, July 2 there will be baseball all day long with the Babe Ruth and Legion teams playing. In the evening, the annual ball game between the Millers and the Bluffton Braves will be followed by a fireworks display.

Mark these dates on your calendar and plan now to attend the Lund Mania Summer Celebration events!



## Community Pool News

### Pool Director, Heidi Van Dyke

Spring has sprung and soon the summer days will be among us! It's getting to be that time of year for getting signed up and registered for all the summer events and opportunities. For the Legried Community Pool's 2011 season we will be offering two sessions of swimming lessons.

Our first session will be

**July 11-July 22** and the second session will be **July 25-August 5th**. Our lessons are run in the morning hours and are all Red Cross certified. We offer classes for the Parent/Child and Levels 1-6. In addition, we offer private swimming lessons, a lifeguarding class, adult lessons and aqua aerobics (upon sufficient demand).

If you are interested in what we have to offer please send in your registration. If you have any questions, contact the NYM City Office (prior to June 6th) at 385-2213 or Heidi Van Dyke at the pool 385-3200 (after June 6th).

We look forward to another fun-filled summer in the sun and staying cool at the pool!



## OT-Wadena Community Action Council Inc to Hold Its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Roy Isaacson Memorial Charity Golf Tournament

On Saturday, May 21, 2011, Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council, Inc. (OTWCAC) will host its annual Charity Golf Tournament at Thumper Pond Golf Course, located in Ottertail. This is the agency's only fund raising effort and we are asking for your support. Please join us for the events and consider a donation.

Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council has been serving families and individuals in Otter Tail and Wadena counties

for 46 years, helping hard working low-income individuals and families successfully resolve emergencies and move toward self-sufficiency.

Last year OTWCAC raised just over \$8,000 and they hope to increase that amount this year. Last year's funds assisted 29 households in the community to maintain their employment and stabilize housing. Funds are never paid directly to clients but are paid to their vendors, such as, utility companies, landlords, etc.

OTWCAC is asking for donations, hole sponsors and event participants. Contributions are tax deductible. Hole sponsorship includes a sign with your name at one of the 18 golf course holes. Prize donations will be awarded after the event and cash donations will be used to provide direct service to families. Please let Nelly Brasel, at 218-385-2900 - ext 105 know if you plan to make a donation and/or wish to golf. OTWCAC staff is available to pick up donations.



## Best Young Artists in the Region



The Minnesota State High School League Art Festival is on display at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center from April 26 thru May 4. During this annual event 15 area high schools in section 6A bring the best artwork created by their students for display and judging.

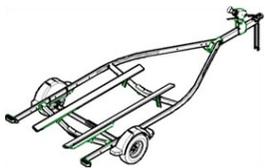
Regional artists view the work and rate it based on key criteria. The students with the top ranking in their medium are

awarded certificates of excellence. The event will bring 200 students to New York Mills on Wednesday, May 4 for the awards ceremony and various workshops at the School, Cultural Center and City Hall Ballroom. In years past it has looked like a teen population explosion. Area lunch providers will see a boost in sales on that day which makes it yet another way the arts are vital to our local economy.

Once you view the exhibit

there is no doubt the region is rich with young talent. It's an exhibit worth seeing with over 180 pieces of artwork on display utilizing a wide array of art materials. The Centers hours are Tuesday-Friday 10 to 5 and Saturday 10-3. On Wednesday, May 4 it will be shoulder to shoulder teen artists and by 5:00 the show will be gone with each artist removing their own masterpiece for its trip home.

## Trailers, Trailers—Everywhere!



**ShoreLand'r**

So, you may wonder, what is with the big tent and all the boat trailers down on East Centennial 84 Drive? Monahan's Marine has been assembling Shoreland'r trailers here in New York Mills for about the last 9 months out of a leased facility in Newton Township. Recently, production demand has increased and the business is outgrowing the current leased space. As a temporary measure, the City agreed to lease the parcel on East Centennial 84

Drive to this business while they make plans to establish a more permanent facility in town. The plan is to locate the business out on Boardman Avenue near the City's Shop building, and coincidentally, adjacent to the Brunswick Corporation Boat Group facility. In the meantime, anyone going through town has seen the steady stream of trailers being hauled down Centennial 84 Drive from the east end of town down to the Brunswick location. By July 1<sup>st</sup> this business will

consolidate on the Boardman site and be able to shut down the temporary location on Centennial 84 Drive.

Currently, Monahan's Marine employs about 16 people from the area. Tom Monahan is excited at how his business is growing, and is looking forward to establishing his operations in the City going forward.



CLIMB Theatre and Viking Library System Present



**RETURN TO HONOR**

A play about the challenges of post-deployment life  
for adults and families with children 10 and older

**Friday, May 6**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall Ballroom**  
**28 Centennial 84 Drive, New York Mills**

**FREE ADMISSION**



This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.  
CLIMB Theatre is a fiscal year 2010 recipient of an Arts Touring grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is funded, in part, by the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008, and a grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation of Minnesota.

For more information, contact Gail Nordstrom  
Viking Library System at 218-739-5286

## Dates Set for City-Wide Garage Sales

According to the East Otter Tail Focus newspaper, they will be offering discounted ads for a City-wide garage sale event to be held in New York Mills on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, 2011. To place your ad or get more information, please call the newspaper at 346-5900. The newspaper will coordinate this and provide maps showing the location of the garage sales appearing in their ads.



## Workshops/Tekkie's Offer Help for Internet Needs

So much conversation regarding business growth has focused on reaching the global market through internet marketing, a nebulous thought when you're living in a small rural town. However today, with 50 million iphones and computers in many homes, a small rural business may be missing out on local customers if they don't have a web presence. The reason being people under the age of 35 don't use yellow pages- instead they google, and if your business doesn't appear on the internet, they won't find you.

Fortunately, New York Mills is one of 18 Minnesota towns asked to participate in a broadband expansion program called MIRC, Minnesota Intelligent Rural Communities, facilitated by the U of M

Extension, with the Blandin Foundation acting as project administrator utilizing stimulus dollars.

For us this two year program is providing two methods for increasing the number of businesses with a web presence. The first, with a series of free monthly workshops on how to build your own website and utilize social media network tools. The second, by forming a NYM Tekkie team using the genius of teen computer whiz kids to work with area businesses. NYM Tekkie's can develop a website in 5-10 hours. Any business can hire them for \$10/hr. If you'd like to check them out simply google NYM Tekkie and their webpage with individual team member information will pop up. Whether you want a simple site to help peo-

ple locate you or an ecommerce site complete with shopping cart, it can be yours for \$100 or less. This is a win win for all involved because it provides businesses with an inexpensive website and area youth with a good paying part-time job.

Workshops are offered each month on varying topics at the NYM School in the High School Media Center. The workshop scheduled on May 16th at 5:30 pm will be "Introduction to Selling On-Line" including info on how to sell on Ebay, Craig's list and ETSY. The June workshop will concentrate on how to optimize your website visibility. If you'd like your name added to the email alert list contact Lynn Kasma at [lrkasma@hotmail.com](mailto:lrkasma@hotmail.com) or call 385-4060.



## 8th Annual Special Needs Event Held in NYM

Over 160 area young adults with developmental disabilities celebrated their annual Spring Dance and Dinner at the New York Mills City Hall Ballroom on April 15th. Although this was the 8th year for this annual event, 2011 is the first year the event was held in New York Mills.

"Staff and numerous participants mentioned how much they enjoyed this year's location," stated Marlette Anderson-Otto, one of the event's coordinators. "Everyone involved made this a memorable experience for the students."

This event originated with the Perham High School DCD staff 8 years ago and continues to be organized by the Perham staff. Other participating schools gener-

ate funding and help collect door prize donations. These communities include Wadena-Deer Creek High School, Parkers Prairie High School, Verndale High School, West Central Community Services, Staples-Motley Middle and High Schools, NYM High School, Sebeka High School, Perham Productive Alternatives and Perham High School.

Students thoroughly enjoyed listening to music by an area DJ and dancing for several hours. All participants enjoyed a fabulous sit down dinner catered by Eagles Café and served by area high school students and staff. Members of the NYM Lions as well as Police Chief Jim Van Schaick and his wife Kelly served refreshments throughout the event donated by the Lions

Club. "It was very heartwarming to see how much these young people enjoyed themselves," stated one Lions member.

"This event is something our young people and adults look forward to yearly", says Otto. "On their behalf, I would like to thank the following organizations for their donations of door prizes or funding that makes this a reality. Thanks goes out to New York Mills New Horizons Group, New York Mills Lions, Perham FOCUS, Ottertail Lions, Fred Tegtmeier and the area high school students who came to us and offered to chaperone. In addition, we would also like to thank the NYM city staff for all their work in helping us make this event a success."



# A Message from Our Chief of Police

## Chief Jim Van Schaick



Winter is behind us and people are enjoying more time outside. As a result, pedestrians, bicyclists, and others are once again sharing the road with motor vehicles. Now, more than ever, everyone using the roadway must do their part to ensure the safety of all.

It is particularly important to educate children on road safety and awareness. It goes without saying that "Playing" on the road is hazardous, but just playing *close* to the road can be unsafe. Even while supervised, it only takes a moment for a child to haphazardly chase the proverbial "ball that got away" onto the road.

Motorists must continue to be situationally aware and be extra diligent when driving

through residential neighborhoods, playgrounds, parks and anywhere there is pedestrian or other traffic. As a reminder, texting, surfing the web, emailing and other digital communication while driving is unsafe and unlawful. Non-motorists need

to increase their situational awareness as well and must use caution when listening to personal music devices or communicating digitally, e.g., cellular phones, texting, etc. Helmets are always encouraged when bicycling, riding a foot scooter, skateboarding and while in-line skating.

Laws in Minnesota define right-of-way rules regarding the use of the road. For the most part, these rules are easy to comply with by simply using common sense and courtesy. For example, pedestrians have the right-of-way when crossing the roadway in a marked crosswalk or at *any* intersection whether marked or not. However, the statute says, "No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is

so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield." The statute goes on to state that when crossing the road at any point other than at a crosswalk or intersection, the pedestrian must yield to passing motorists. In the absence of a sidewalk, pedestrian traffic should walk on the left side of the roadway or shoulder. This is actually written into Minnesota statutes. One of the main advantages of this rule is the ability for pedestrians to see on-coming traffic and give way as appropriate. Contrary to pedestrians, bicyclists must use the right side of roadway and obey traffic laws to include signaling for turns. By statute, bicycles operating at night must have a white light to the front that is visible from at least 500 feet and a red reflector to the rear. Minnesota also now recognizes motorized foot scooters. Minnesota statutes define a motorized foot scooter as, "a device with handlebars designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, and powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human

propulsion, and that has no more than two 12-inch or smaller diameter wheels and has an engine or motor that is capable of a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour..." Regulations for motorized foot scooters are similar to those for bicycles with some exceptions: Minimum age of an operator is 12 years old and operators under 18 *must* wear a helmet. Scooters are not allowed on sidewalks and may not carry anyone other than the operator.

Another vehicle on the road that has become common is the golf cart. Permits are required for Golf carts that are driven on streets within the City of New York Mills. Golf carts can only be operated during daylight hours and require specific slow moving vehicle emblems to the rear. More information and permits can be obtained at the New York Mills City Clerk's Office.

For any questions or comments, please contact the New York Mills Police Department at (218)385-2600. Minnesota traffic regulations can be found in chapter 169 at [www.revisor.mn.gov](http://www.revisor.mn.gov).

## NYM Lions Auction Sets Record

This year's New York Mills Lions Annual Fundraiser Auction, which was held in the City Hall Ballroom, proved to be a memorable event, setting a record for the organization for any single event. The Auction raised over \$17,000 in funds by selling donated items which ranged from homemade wine to organized fishing trips.

The highest selling item was a muzzleloader hunting package donated by Bob Sonnenberg and Dennis Muckala, which brought over \$900. A children's picnic table donated by Tim Dettwiler raised over \$400, while Eric & Jill Weber's always popular

"Beer and Banter Evening" sold for over \$300.

One highlight of the evening was when Margaret Van Erp's homemade caramel rolls were auctioned off in a special auction, raising a delicious \$342 for 2 pans of rolls!

Every item is either handcrafted, held on local landowners properties or organized by local supporters.

Auctioneer Tim Erp, along with ring man Dave Delaney, kept the bidding alive. Along with the evening's fare, a light lunch was served, provided by Dean's Country

Market, and refreshments were served by Lions Members.

The New York Mills Lions would like to thank every one who made the auction such a success.

"Money from the auction stays in the community," stated Vice President Tim Erp, who cited several various projects, including helping to fight blindness through providing of a leader dog service - seeing eye dogs and several lifelines services for area individuals affected by blindness. The Lions Club is also very involved in the support of local school activities, helping to maintain the community swimming pool, and providing

low income residents with free swim passes to the pool. Members recently served refreshments at the special needs prom held at the ballroom for many area youth..

One project the Lions Club is involved in is a Handicapped camp near Vergas offering fishing, boating and other outdoor activities to area children.

The NYM Lions Club appreciates the outstanding level of generosity, commitment and support it receives from community helping to make their service organization such a success.



## Mayor's Corner- Larry Hodgson, Mayor

Once "Mother Nature" quits teasing us with unpredictable weather, summer will arrive for another year and plans will be forming to fill up the weeks ahead with family activities. One activity that I have been contemplating for the past several years is a "block party" that could be organized using a format similar to the National Night Out format that has been practiced around the United States and Canada since 1984.

Look around your own neighborhood and you may notice that there are some new faces and you along with your neighbors may not even be able to put a name to those faces. So it is in our part of the city. We have neighbors with children that are seen every day coming and going to work, to school, or

are on errands and we don't know these people. Wouldn't it be a great idea to get together with these people and everyone else in your "block" and find out more about each other?

Along with that idea wouldn't it be great to involve your local law enforcement authorities to get to know them better, and to get tips from them on how we can all participate in making our communities safer. This is also a chance for children to meet with law enforcement members and let them learn first hand that they are there to help and protect them.

A block party can be as simple as a backyard cookout or as elaborate as your imagination may take you. But most importantly, do it as a group to get as many people involved as possible, and be sure to plan activities for the kids. Front yards, driveways, sidewalks and garages are logical locations. If your neighborhood is close to a park or school with public space, the party could be

held there. Since this is likely to be an outdoor party, think about the back-up plan in case of rain (is the party postponed or moved inside garages or covered porches?) If your plans go as far as to include the temporary closing of a street in your neighborhood be sure to get permission from city authorities.

You will soon begin hearing on radio and seeing in news media that National Night Out day for 2011 is officially August 2, 2011. Maybe it would be a nice tribute to plan your block party in close proximity to that day and plan your party theme to coincide with the national celebration. No matter what your final plans may be, we ask that you notify the city as to when and where your celebration will be and if you would like to have local law enforcement officials make a visit during your celebration. In closing I hope everyone has a fantastic summer and always remember to be careful and be safe.

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## Library Happenings

### Julie Adams, Library Director

The New York Mills Public Library has several events coming up – please mark your calendars!

Come to the NYM City Hall Ballroom on Friday, May 6, at 7 pm, for the CLIMB Theatre presentation of "Return to Honor" a play about post-deployment challenges. This is not only for people directly involved with the military, but for the community as a whole to learn about the challenges soldiers face once they return from combat. Because of sponsorship by Viking Library System and Legacy funds, admission is free. Children must be 10 or older to attend. Contact the Library if you would like more information.

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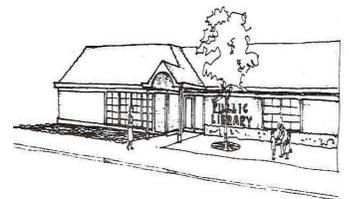
Legacy funding to sponsor the **Missoula Children's Theatre** this summer to do a week long residency working with kids entering grades 1-12 to put on a performance of *The Tortoise Versus The Hare*. Practices will be held June 20-24, with 2 public performances of the play on Saturday June 25. Up to 60 kids can participate. The Library is compiling a list of people who are interested. Please contact the Library at 385-2436 if you would like more information.

The **Summer Reading Program** will kick-off on Tuesday, June 28, at 11 am, in the City Hall Ballroom with musician and storyteller Ross Sutter. Free admission and open to all! There will be story hour and movies shown throughout the summer,

stop by the Library to pick up a Summer Reading Program schedule.

And just a reminder that the Library accepts donations year-round for our **Annual Used Book Sale**. If you have books, movies, or CDs you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Library during regular open hours. The Library cannot except magazines or damaged items for the Book Sale. The Annual Used Book Sale will be on July 20 & 21, 2011 in the NYM City Hall Ballroom.

The best way to find out about events that the Library is sponsoring is to stop by the Library and talk to the staff or you can follow the Library on Facebook – search for "New York Mills Public Library".



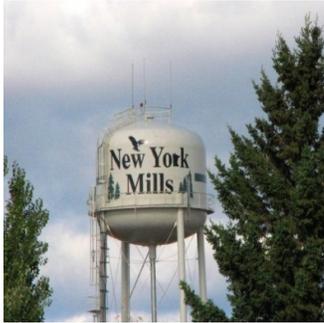
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## Community Calendar



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| <u>May 1</u>          | <b>Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast</b> 8 am-Noon at Fire Hall   | <u>May 21</u>           | <b>OTWCAC Roy Isaacson Memorial Golf Tournament</b>   |
| <u>May 1-4</u>        | <b>MSHSL Gallery Exhibit</b> at Cultural Center   | <u>June 4</u>           | <b>Pancake Breakfast @ Sr Center</b> 8 am   |
| <u>May 4</u>          | <b>MSHSL Festival</b> 9 am-3 pm   | <u>June 4- July 9</u>   | <b>Upstairs Gallery Art Exhibit @ Cultural Center</b> Josh Wilichowski artist                                 |
| <u>May 3</u>          | <b>Pet Vaccination Clinic</b> at Fire Hall 4-6 pm.  | <u>June 10</u>          | <b>Zeitgeist &amp; Kevin Kling, Humorist Performance @ Cultural Center</b> 8 pm                               |
| <u>May 6</u>          | <b>CLIMB Theatre Play Presentation "Return to Honor"</b> 7 pm at City Hall Ballroom                           | <u>June 10-11</u>       | <b>City Wide Garage Sales</b>   |
| <u>May 6</u>          | <b>Youth Garden Day</b> Gr k-6 @ NYM School— 3:30-6:30 pm   | <u>June 11</u>          | <b>Ronald McDonald Benefit Ride Noon, Pancake Breakfast @ School</b> 8-11, <b>Kids Bike Safety Rodeo</b> 9 am |
| <u>May 7</u>          | <b>French Toast Breakfast @ Sr Center</b> 8:00 am   | <u>June 11</u>          | <b>Kent Scheer Workshop-Declaration of Independence @ Cultural Center</b> 2 pm                                |
| <u>May 7- June 18</u> | <b>Elisa Korenne Performance</b> at Cultural Center 7:30 pm/ Authentic Jewish Dinner @ Creamery 5:30 -7:30 pm | <u>June 11</u>          | <b>Great American Think Off</b> 7 pm @ James W Mann Auditorium  |
| <u>May 11</u>         | <b>Regional Art Show Gallery Exhibit @ Cultural Center</b>  | <u>June 11</u>          | <b>Legried Community Pool Opens</b> (weather permitting)  |
| <u>May 11</u>         | <b>Heart Saver CPR/AED/1st Aid @ Perham Area EMS Trng Room</b> 5:30 pm  | <u>June 14</u>          | <b>City Council Meeting</b> 4:30 pm, Public Forum @ 5 pm  |
| <u>May 9</u>          | <b>City Wide Spring Clean Up Day</b>  | <u>June 14</u>          | <b>Sr Center Board Meeting</b> 10 am  |
| <u>May 9</u>          | <b>Free Driving Seminar for Sr Citizens</b> 1:00 pm at Sr Center  | <u>June 20</u>          | <b>MIRC Workshop-Marketing your Website @ NYM HS Media Center</b> 5:30  |
| <u>May 10</u>         | <b>City Council Meeting</b> 4:30 pm, Public Forum @ 5 pm  | <u>June 21</u>          | <b>Sr Center Games Day @ Center</b> 1:30  |
| <u>May 10</u>         | <b>Sr Center Board Meeting</b> 10 am  | <u>June 22- July 30</u> | <b>Gallery Exhibit-Karen Heller of Verndale @ Cultural Center</b>   |
| <u>May 10</u>         | <b>Open Mic Night @ Cultural Center</b> 7 pm  | <u>June 25</u>          | <b>Missoula Children's Theatre Performance @ James W Mann Auditorium</b> 2 performances                       |
| <u>May 12</u>         | <b>Garden Party/Silent Auction Fund-Raiser</b> at Cultural Center 6 pm  | <u>June 28</u>          | <b>Summer Reading Program Kickoff @ City Hall Ballroom</b> 11 am  |
| <u>May 14</u>         | <b>Artist Reception for Regional Art Show @ Cultural Center</b> 3-5 pm  | <u>July 1</u>           | <b>Lund Mania</b>   |
| <u>May 16</u>         | <b>MIRC Workshop-Introduction to Selling Online @ NYM HS Media Center</b> 5:30 pm                             |                         |   |
| <u>May 17</u>         | <b>Games Day @ Sr Center</b> 1:30 pm  |                         |   |
| <u>May 20</u>         | <b>New Horizons Plant Sale</b> in front of Library 11 am-6 pm Friday/10 am-Noon Saturday                      |                         |   |
| <u>May 21</u>         |   |                         |   |