

CITY OF NEW YORK MILLS

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Get Ready for Boatloads of Summer Fun!



New York Mills' Summer Celebration is just around the corner, including the Lund Mania Fishing Tournament as well as many other activities.

Friday, July 11th will have events offering boatloads of fun for young and old alike. The day begins at about 6:00 a.m. for those involved in the Lund Mania

tournament on Otter Tail Lake. The tournament runs from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Back in New York Mills, there will be a free swim day at Legried Community Pool from 1:00 to 5:00, sponsored by the NYM Civic & Commerce. Main Street will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the Cultural Center arranging a host of activities for the day.

Beginning at about 9:00 a.m. there will be live painting of four spear fishing houses, and folks are invited to come and observe the artists at work. From 2:00 to 5:00 there will be a host of fun filled family activi-

ties. Just to name a few, plans are to have an art in the park event, sidewalk chalk art, a caricature artist, giant Jenga, a coin hunt in the sand, and an FFA petting zoo. Centennial 84 Drive will be closed beginning at 2:00 in the afternoon. Food Vendors will be set up in Central Park starting at 4 pm, including the popular annual Fish Fry, put on by Eagles Café featuring Gary Roach's fish batter.

The wildly popular Boatville Drag Races will return, with teams sponsored by local businesses racing for top honors. The Lund Mania results ceremony will be held in front of the NYM

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Primary Elections Set for August 12th



The 2014 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 12th this year. While there is not a local Primary Election, voting for federal, state and county offices will take place.

Voting for the City of New York Mills and Newton Township residents will be held in the City Hall Ballroom. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you are unable to attend your polling place to vote on August 12th, you may contact the Otter Tail County Auditor's office at 218-998-8030 to receive an absentee ballot application.

New to the City? Name or address change? You can

register at the polls on Election Day, or simplify the process by pre-registering through the County Auditor's Office through July 22nd for the Primary. The General Election is set for Tuesday November 4th. Pre-registration for the General Election can be done through October 14th.

If you are interested in serving as an election judge for the City of New York Mills, contact the City Offices at 218-385-2213.

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**Happy
Independence
Day!**

**Come on Out
to the Ball
Game!**

**NYM Millers
vs.**

**Bluffton Braves
7:30 pm Thursday
July 3rd-Smith Park
followed by
FIREWORKS**



A Message from Our Chief of Police

James Gritz

Hi-My name is James Gritz. I am excited to be the new Chief of Police for New York Mills. I have been working for the City since May of 2011, starting out as a part-time officer. I moved to a full-time position in

November of last year. I have been in the law enforcement field for almost twelve years.

I have enjoyed getting to know the community over the past three years and look forward to serving New York Mills as its police chief.

I have been married to

my wife, Tina, since October of last year. We have three children-Jasmine, age 16, Logan, age 13 and Harley, age 2. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my wife and kids going camping, fishing or attending one of the older kids activities which they are involved with as part of the

New York Mills school.

There is a lot to appreciate and be proud of in our community. I look forward to leading the New York Mills Police Department to help keep this community a great place to raise a family.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend and a great summer!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Set for September 12th in NYM

It is time for Fall Cleanup! A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been scheduled for Friday, September 12th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New York Mills City Garage located at 102 N. Boardman Ave. The service is free of charge for Otter Tail County residents. The collection offers the opportunity for Otter Tail County residents to dispose of hazardous items

such as paint, stain, varnish, household cleaners and pesticides, fuel, rechargeable batteries, aerosol products, fluorescent light bulbs (up to 10 bulbs per family), used oil, oil filters (limit 4 per household) and rodent bait, in an environmentally friendly way. Magazine recycling is also offered at these collections. Business waste is NOT accepted at these mobile collection sites. Also not acceptable are home

medical waste or any type of explosives.

For a complete listing of acceptable items or for further information you may call the Otter Tail County Household Hazardous Waste Facility at (218) 736-2161. Information is also available on the Otter Tail County website at www.co.ottertail.mn.us/solidwaste.

Household Hazardous Waste
Common household items that should never be thrown in the trash or poured down a drain

 Oil Based & Latex Paint	 Moth balls / Rodent Bait	 Aerosol Products
 Used Motor Oil / Antifreeze		 Fluorescent Light Bulbs
 Household Pesticides	 Rechargeable Batteries	 Gasoline & Fuels

Protect our air, water & soil by properly disposing of hazardous household items through the OTC Household Hazardous Waste program (HHW).

NEW YORK MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

2014 Annual Used Book Sale

Mark your calendars - 3 Days!

**Tuesday,
July 15
4 to 8 pm**

Prices on Tuesday:
Everything \$1.00

**Wednesday,
July 16
4 to 8 pm**

Prices on Wednesday:
Everything 50¢

**Thursday,
July 17
8 am to noon***

* may close earlier, depending on selection

Prices on Thursday:
\$1.00/bag

—City Hall Ballroom—

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Birder's Alert



but not wanting to impose the expenditure of time and money required by The Big Year, is launching its 1st Annual LittleBig Year.

Anyone who is interested in birding and learning more about our feathered friends is invited to the organizational meeting on July 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cultural Center located at 24 North Main Street, New York Mills, Minnesota. If you can not make it to the meeting, you can still participate by contacting the center at info@kulcher.org or Alice Martin at 218-385-3245.

You are invited to join the fun whether novice or expert and no matter what your age and no matter where you live in Minnesota.

Birders participating in The Big Year have been known to travel thousands of miles, lay out hundreds of thousands of dollars, and spend up to half of the year away from home in order to sight as many North American birds as possible in one year.

The Cultural Center in New York Mills, Minnesota, being aware of the phenomenal growth in interest in birding,

NYMFD's CASH CALENDAR Offers \$4000 in Prizes

New this year, the New York Mills Fire & Rescue is offering chances to win cash every day in August. For a \$10 donation, your name will be put into the hat for any one of 31 cash prizes ranging from \$75 to \$350.

The drawing will be held on Friday, August 1st at 7 pm at Mills Liquors. Winning tickets will be returned to the drawing for more chances to win.

Weekly winners will be posted at Mills Liquors at the end of each week in August. To enter the drawings, you must be 18 years old. Winners do not need to be present for the drawing.

Proceeds for this year's

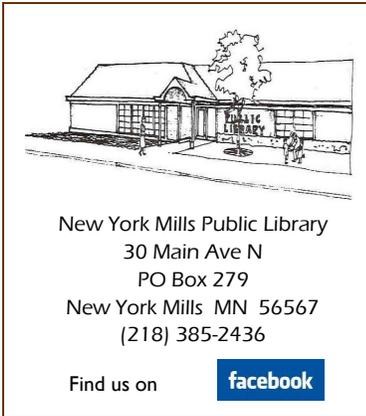
Cash Calendar fundraiser will go toward fire relief equipment, training and education for the NYM Fire and Rescue.

Tickets are available from any Fire Department member or the City Office.

NYM FIRE & RESCUE CASH CALENDAR

License # X-07386
August 2014 \$10 Donation Per Ticket
\$4000 IN TOTAL CASH PRIZES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					\$100	\$75
\$100	\$125	\$150	\$100	\$150	\$75	\$125
\$150	\$250	\$125	\$150	\$75	\$150	\$100
\$75	\$100	\$125	\$350	\$125	\$100	\$125
\$75	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$150	\$125	\$75
\$100	\$150	\$100	\$150	\$125	\$75	\$250



Library Happenings

Julie Adams, Library Director

30 minutes a day/5 days a week to earn prizes. Kids participating in our Kids Book Club have already met once on June 30 and will meet on July 28 and August 25.

Our Annual Used Book Sale is coming up in July! It will be held in the City Hall Ballroom on Tuesday, July 15, 4-8 pm, Wednesday, July 16, 4-8 pm, and Thursday, July 17, 8 am to noon. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library and everyone who supports this annual fundraiser.

As a reminder, if you have items you would like to donate to our Annual Used Book Sale, please drop them off at the Library anytime (the sooner the better, but we do accept donations year round). If you would like to volunteer at the Book Sale, please contact the Library staff to sign-up for a shift.

New this year, there will be lots of activities on Main Avenue on Friday, July 11, as part of the Lund Mania Summer Celebration – and we are excited to be a part of it! Activities we will sponsor include games

for kids and families 2-5 pm. Games we have lined up so far include ladder golf, football toss, a fishing pond, and a golf hole in one. We, along with Viking Library System and help of Legacy funding, are also sponsoring “Steamroller Printmaking” from 1-5 pm, that day. All of these activities are free and open to people of all ages, so please stop by and join us! Main Avenue will be closed for these activities, so please use our parking lot or nearby side streets for parking. Sorry for any inconvenience. Thursday, July 31, will be Becca’s last day at the Library – she is moving away. Please join us for cookies, coffee, and lemonade as we bid her best wishes on her new adventure. Becca’s replacement, Lorene Trumbull, will start working at the Library mid-July, so please make sure to give her a warm welcome when you see her.

Please make sure to follow the Library on Facebook to receive updates on Library activities. Search for “New York Mills Public Library”. And check out our new website: www.nympubliclibrary.org.

The Library is always busy, especially during the summer, and this summer is no exception! Our “Paws to Read” Summer Reading Program kick-off was a big hit. The Brodini Comedy Magic Show held on June 25th in the City Hall Ballroom was a huge hit - 158 kids and adults attended!

Upcoming activities in our “Paws to Read” Summer Reading Program include story hour on the following Wednesdays at 3 pm, in the Library Meeting Room: July 2, 9, 16, 23. Then join us for a movie on Wednesday, July 30, at 3 pm, to wrap up the Summer Reading Program. All through the month of July kids signed up for our Reading Challenge will be reading

Community Pool News

Heidi Van Dyke, Pool Manager

Swimming lessons are in full swing at the Legried Community Pool. The first session of lessons was just completed. Session II is scheduled to begin on July 7th and will run through July 18th. The third and final session will run from July 28th through August 8th.

Remember, private lessons are also available either late mornings, early afternoons or in the evenings at a price of \$15 per half hour session or 5 lessons for \$70.00.

Sign up for lessons by contacting the NYM Pool at 385-3200, or by filling out one of the registration papers available on the City’s website at www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com, on the City’s facebook page or at the City Offices. Listen to KWAD-KKWS for weather related announcements regard-

ing swimming lessons.

Daily admission to the pool is \$3 for any age. Season passes are available at the pool or at Farmers & Merchants State Bank at a cost of \$50 for individual season passes, or \$125 for family passes. Make sure you take advantage of the FREE SWIM DAY at Legried Community Pool on Friday July 11th from 1-5 pm during the Summer Celebration and again on August 15th for the Corn Feed.

For those of you wanting to take part in a great low impact workout, sign up for Aqua Aerobics. Fun for all ages, Aqua Aerobics cost \$2.50 per workout. Held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 5:30 pm if there is sufficient demand.

The Public Works Department had the floor of the main pool resurfaced this

spring. The City has received the funding to install a handicapped lift chair in the pool, which is a new requirement of the ADA, Americans with Disabilities Act.

Legried Community Pool is open Monday through Friday from 1-5 pm for Open Swim, and 6-6:30 pm for Family Swim, with Open Swim resuming from 6:30-8 pm. Saturday hours are 1-5 pm. For more information, call the pool at 218-385-3200.





Mayor's Corner Julie Gerber, Mayor

Hello All! I hope everyone's summer is going great! With a little help, maybe it will start to feel like summer anyway. I think we can all agree that we have all had enough of the cold, wet, windy weather for a while. Now the kids can get all of their favorite activities in—summer rec, swimming at the pool, all levels of baseball and softball, etc. Summer is just too short to fit it all in!

As always, there are lots of events planned in New York Mills in the coming weeks to attend and enjoy! The annual Baseball game between the New York Mills Millers and the Bluffton Braves is July 3rd with the Fireworks following the game.

Lund Mania is just around the corner! As in years past, there will be plenty of things to do. A full field of 50 teams will fish Ottertail Lake on Friday, July 11, with the weigh-in and awards ceremony before the parade.

This year there are lots of other happenings going on too! Things kick off at 1:00 with the

free swim at our city pool and the kid and family games/activities right downtown. Main Avenue will be closed beginning at 8 am so please plan accordingly for parking. Around 4:00, head over to central park for the fish fry & other food vendors and the always entertaining "Boatville Drags." Our annual parade starts at 7:00 that will include our very own Marching Eagles in their last performance under the direction of Blake Groe! Stick around to dance the night away at the street dance that follows!

Also coming up will be the corn feed on August 15th. This

will also be a busy day in Mills, with many events planned like the Puppet Pageant and bounce houses for the kids.

Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and our local corn will be ready! And then just think, before you know it, it will be time to get back to school! Again!

Take time to enjoy the moments and appreciate all we have in our little town. Say hello to your neighbors and maybe even a stranger. We have many wonderful, friendly, giving people here in Mills, all it takes is one to make a difference to someone else!

Make it a great Day!

MUD-a-Fun
3rd Annual New York Mills
JULY 12, 2014
LOCATED BEHIND THE NYM VFW • START 2:00PM

North Country Mud Racing Association
\$10 Gate Admission
Weekend Camping Available
Trophies Through 3rd Place in Each Class
See complete rules: www.ncmra.com

KIDS MUD RACING
BRING YOUR TRUCK!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

REGISTRATION CLOSING AT 1:00. NO EXCEPTIONS!
DRIVER'S MEETING 30 MIN PRIOR TO START OF RACE.

CONTACT STEVE BOHNE
1-701-866-6117

\$20 Sportsman Registration
\$30 Registration

CLASSES:
*Sportsman, Open Street, Super Stock, Pro Stock, Modified, Cut Tire, Open, Powder Puff.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH LUND MANIA & MILLS SUMMERTIME FUN EVENTS

Plans Underway for the Annual C&C Corn Feed

Plans are in the works for the 2014 Corn Feed, which will be held on Friday, August 15th from 4-7 pm in Central Park.

The Annual Corn Feed which is free of charge is a way for the Civic & Commerce to thank the community for its involvement and support to local businesses throughout the year.

Along with loads of luscious golden sweet corn cooked up and served by C & C Volunteers, this year's celebration will again include games for the kids, bouncy houses, food vendors and the Farmer's Market. The Senior Center will be hosting a Pie and Ice Cream Social during the Corn Feed. The New

York Mills Cultural Center will again be performing its annual Puppet Pageant immediately following the Corn Feed. Staged in the open space behind the Cultural Center, Puppeteers will perform a story from the Finnish national epic poem, *The Kalevala*.

Be sure to come out to Central Park in New York Mills on August 15th for a day of good food, good fun and good conversation!



Summer Celebration Continued From Page 1

Fire Hall at 5:30 pm. followed by a new event, when the four spear fishing houses are put up for live auction at 6:30 p.m. The parade follows this event starting at 7 pm. From 9 pm—midnight come and enjoy the street dance featuring the local band 60 Cycle Hum.

Again this year the street dance is planned to be held on Centennial Drive, in front of the Fire Hall, but in case of rain will be in the City Hall Ballroom.

Some new events will be held this year on Saturday, July 12. The Sierra's Run 5k walk/run begins at

the NYM School at 10:00 a.m.

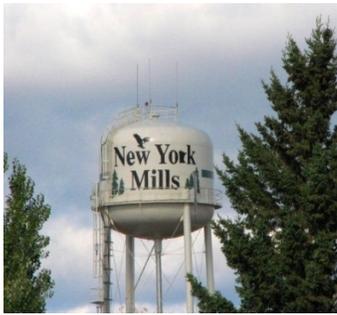
There also will be a Mud Run event held at the VFW Club on the north side of US Hwy 10.

Thanks to all the sponsors of these events. Let's all get out and enjoy the Lund Mania Summer Celebration!



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Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 4:30 pm. Public Forum begins at 5 pm

Hours

City Office: Phone 385-2213
Monday –Friday: 8 am—5 pm

NYM Public Library: Phone 385-2436
Mondays..... 10 am-6 pm
Tuesdays.....10 am-6 pm
Wednesdays.....10 am-7 pm
Thursdays.....10 am-7 pm
Fridays.....10 am-5 pm
Saturdays.....10 am-2 pm

Mills Liquors: Phone 385-2004
On Sale:
Weekdays.....9 am-12 Midnight
Friday - Saturdays.....9 am-1 am
Off Sale:
Monday—Saturday.....9 am-10 pm

Legried Community Pool: Phone 385-3200
Summer Hours:
Monday-Fridays.....1-5 pm Open Swim
6-6:30 pm Family Swim
6:30-8 pm Open Swim
Saturdays.....1-5 pm
Closed Sundays

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