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NYM Summer Celebration Approaches



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

Friday, July 12th 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, the fun starts with a free swim day at Legried Community Pool, sponsored by the NYM Civic & Commerce. 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. Again this year we will have a free petting zoo and pony rides from 4-7 pm. Family Art Activities will take place behind the Regional Cultural Center from 1-5 pm. Stop in and enjoy the Decoy Show at the Cultural Center from 10 am-

5 pm.

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 Fire Hall at 5:30 pm, followed by the Parade at 7 pm. From 9 pm—12:30 am enjoy an opportunity to dance to one of the area's best bands, 32 below at the annual Street Dance, located on Centennial Drive, in front of the Fire Hall. A \$5 cover will be charged. The NYM Fire Department will draw for the winners in its annual raffle drawing at 8 pm in the Fire hall.

Fire Dept to Begin Charging for In-Town Calls

At the June City Council meeting, Ordinance No. 124 was passed and will take effect on August 1, 2013. The Ordinance establishes fees within the service area of the New York Mills Fire Department that will be assessed for fire calls at a rate of \$400 per hour. This will affect all townships as well as within the the City of New York Mills that our department serves. For many years, township fire calls have been assessed a fire call fee but there has not been a fee within the City limits. With improved building codes

and fire retardant materials, structure fires have thankfully become less common. However, there are still many calls that require fire department response, including accidents and medical emergencies. The costs of operating the fire department continue to escalate, and this new fee will help to offset some of this cost. The fee will not apply to false alarms nor to medical emergencies. However, the fee will apply to any event requiring fire service, such as vehicle accidents and struc-

ture fires. Anyone wishing to have a copy of the ordinance can pick one up at City Hall. The ordinance will also be included on the City's website once it becomes effective in August.

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Do YOU Have What It Takes?

The New York Mills Fire Department has several openings for volunteer firefighters. For more information, contact Fire Chief Ryan Brasel at 218-385-2480 or call the City Office at 218-385-2213.

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Most insurance policies available to homeowners and businesses that cover structures will cover a fire call charge like this at a nominal premium cost. We urge all residents and businesses to check into their policies to see if they currently have such coverage or not. If you don't, you may want to add that coverage to begin starting

August 1. We all hope that such an event does not happen to us, but if it does we can certainly appreciate the service by our top notch fire department!

Remember to thank the fire department members next time you see them for their volunteer service. They do a wealth of good throughout our area.



City Wide Clean Up Day Set for August 26th



The City of New York Mills will be picking up items during their bi-annual City -Wide cleanup day which is scheduled for August 24th.

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 10th. 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.

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) \$ 5
 Minor Appliances-

(microwaves, air conditioners) \$ 5
 Commercial Appliances \$ 5 0

Batteries—

Car/Boat Motorcycle \$ 1
 Truck/Tractor \$ 4
 Commercial \$ 1 0

Tires—

Passenger Car/Pickup \$ 2
 Semi-Truck/Trailer \$ 5
 Tractor (38.00 or smaller) \$ 1 5
 Large Tractor (over 38.00) \$ 25
 Flotation Tire \$ 5 0

Miscellaneous—

Stuffed Chair \$ 6
 Sofa \$ 6
 Mattresses (any size) \$ 6
 Carpeting (per yd) \$ 1 yard
 Computer Monitors \$ 5

Computers

(CPUs, smaller printer, each \$ 5
 Large Printers \$ 9
 Televisions (19" or less) \$ 5
 Televisions (larger than 19") \$ 10
 Propane Tank(emptyed-5-20-40 lbs) \$ 4

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

NYM Celebrates Independence Day with Baseball/Fireworks on July 3rd

Following a long-standing tradition, the New York Mills Independence Day Celebration will begin with a baseball game between the New York Mills Millers and the Bluffton Braves at 7 pm at Russ Jacobson Field in Smith Park on Wednes-

day, July 3rd.

A fireworks display will follow the game, sponsored by the NYM Lions, NYM Civic & Commerce and Miller Baseball.

See you there!



NEW YORK MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Used Book Sale

Mark your calendars - 3 Days!

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

**Prices on Tuesday:
Everything \$1.00**

**Wednesday,
July 17
4 to 8 pm**

**Prices on Wednesday:
Everything 50¢**

**Thursday,
July 18
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

Plans Underway for Annual Civic & Commerce Corn Feed



Plans are already underway for the 2013 Corn Feed, which will be held on Friday, August 16th 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.

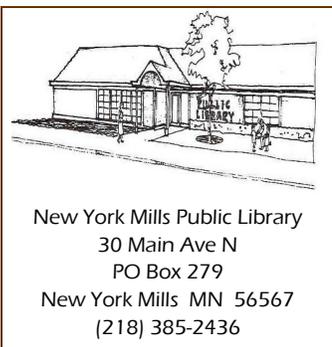
Along with loads of luscious golden sweet corn cooked

up and served by Civic & Commerce Volunteers, this year's celebration will again include games for the kids, bouncy houses, food vendors and the Farmer's Market. The New York Mills Senior Center will be hosting a Pie and Ice Cream Social during the Corn Feed. The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center will again be performing its annual Puppet Pageant immediately following the Corn Feed. Staged in the new 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 16th for a day of good

food, good fun and good conversation!





Library News- Julie Adams, Library Director

The Library is busy with Summer Reading Program activities for kids. If you would like more information about our "Dig Into Reading" Summer Reading Program, please stop by the Library.

Our Annual Used Book Sale is coming and we are in need of volunteers! We are doing it differently this year – it will be a 3 day event – please note the Book Sale schedule:

Tuesday, July 16 – 4 to 8 pm (everything will be \$1.00)
Wednesday, July 17 – 4 to 8 pm (everything will be 50 cents)
Thursday, July 18 – 8 am to noon* (\$1.00/bag)

*may close earlier, depending on how many books remain
 Shifts for volunteers will be

as follows:

Tuesday, July 16
 Set-up - 10 am until finished (usually takes less than 2 hours)
 4 to 6 pm (this shift is filled)
 6 to 8 pm
Wednesday, July 17
 4 to 6 pm
 6 to 8 pm
Thursday, July 18
 8 am to 10 am
 10 to noon (will include clean-up)

If you are available to help, please call or stop by the Library to

sign-up for a shift. Your help is GREATLY appreciated!!

We accept donations for our Used Book Sale year round, so please drop off any donations of books, movies, or CDs you may have. We accept your donations anytime the Library is open, but please note we cannot accept damaged materials, textbooks or encyclopedia, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, or magazines.

We are planning a bus trip in August, watch for details to be announced mid-July!

New Playground to Become a Reality Soon for Country View



A new City Playground is coming soon. Country View Addition, in the northeast part of New York Mills, will be home to a new playground this fall, which at least temporarily, is being

called Northside Playground.

The New York Mills Park Board is a volunteer organization who has worked together with the City of New York Mills to make this project possible.

Volunteers are working on the ground work, preparing the lot for the equipment, which is expected to be installed in July. The Park Board will need volunteers to help with this installation, so stay tuned for more details on dates if you are will-

ing to help out in July. We will try to pass that info on through our City's facebook page as it comes available.

The first phase of the playground will be installed this year, with future improvements planned if further development continues in that area.

Funds to develop the playground are the result of the City's park fund as well as many donations received from local businesses including the NYM Lions Club,

Tender Hearts Home Care, Arvig Communications, Country View Townhomes, Mid State Auction Service, NYM Garden Club, Otter Tail Power, New Horizons and Central Minnesota Credit Union. If you are interested in helping out, either through monetary donations for future improvements or by lending a hand, contact Park Board President Matt Radniecki at 218-385-2718.

Council Meeting Change

The New York Mills City Council meeting for July will be held on Monday, July 8th at 5:00 pm. in the City Hall Council Chambers. This meeting time is a variation from the normal meeting date and time which is generally the second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm.

The meeting will begin at 5 pm, with the Public Forum beginning at 5:30.



MILLS LIQUORS
New Summer Hours (July 1- Sept 3)
Monday-Wednesday 11 am-11:30 pm
Thursday-Saturday 9 am-1 am



Mayor's Corner

Julie Gerber, Mayor

Hello All!

I hope everyone's summer is going great! At least it feels like summer now. We have all had enough of the cold, wet weather for a while. Now the kids can get all of their favorite activities in—with summer rec, the swimming pool, all leagues of baseball and softball, etc. Summer is just too short to fit it all in.

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. **L u n d Mania** is just around the corner! As always, there will be plenty of things to enjoy. A full field of 50 teams will fish Ottertail Lake on Friday, with the weigh-in and awards ceremony before the parade.

All kinds of other events

will be happening on Friday. Things kick off at 1:00 with the free swim at our city pool and the family art activities & decoy show at the Cultural Center. Around 4:00, head over to central park for the fish fry & other food vendors, petting zoo & pony rides and the always entertaining "Boatville Drags." Our annual parade starts at 7:00 and the street dance that follows will feature live music by 32 Below.

Also coming up will be the corn feed on August 16th. This will also be a busy day in Mills,

with many events like the Puppet Pageant already planned and more to come.

Hopefully, the weather will hold out and our local corn will be ready.

If you run into one of our city employees, thank them for their hard work keeping our town running and looking nice. We have a city to be proud of—with lots of great people doing some really great things! Have a Great Summer and a safe 4th of July!

Community Pool News

Heidi Van Dyke, Pool Manager

Swimming Lessons are in full swing at the Legried Community Pool. The first session of lessons, which was just completed, included 99 students. The next session is scheduled to begin on July 8th and will run through July 19th. The third and final session will run from July 29th through August 9th.

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 regarding 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 **FREE SWIM DAY** at Legried Community Pool on Friday July 12th from 1-5 pm,

during the Summer Celebration and again on August 16th 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 costs \$2.50 per workout. Held Monday and Thursday evenings from 4:45 to 5:30 pm if there is sufficient demand.

The Public Works Department has been working to upgrade several things at the pool, replacing two heaters and resurfacing the kiddie pool before its opening. The floor of the main pool will be resurfaced this fall or next spring.

The City is trying working to

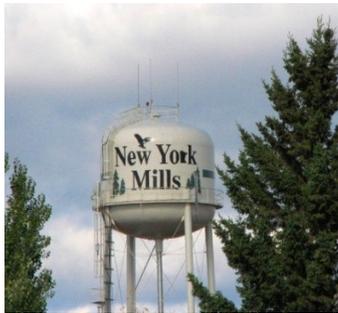
secure grant funding to install a handicapped lift chair in the pool, which is a new requirement of the ADA, Americans with Disabilities Act.

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



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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 (Mon-Wed.).....11am-11:30 pm
Thursday - Saturdays.....9 am-1 am
Off Sale:
Monday-Wednesday... 11am-10 pm
Thursday-Friday 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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