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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Set for September 10th in NYM

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It is time for Fall Cleanup! A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th 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	 OTC SOLID WASTE	 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).

**School Starts
Sept 3rd**

**PLEASE
DRIVE
WITH
CARE!**



Volunteers Help Make New Playground a Reality

If you have driven out in the Country View Addition area, you may have noticed the new playground that has sprung up lately. This playground is the result of a cooperative effort with the NYM Park Board, the City of New York Mills and help from numerous civic organizations and volunteers.

The Playground project set-up for the first phase was a huge success on Friday, Aug. 23rd. Volunteers from the City Crew, Credit Union, NYM Dispatch, Farmer's and Merchants Bank, police and fire departments,

along with citizens helped to assemble the project for our community. A representative from Dakota Fence supervised the project.

The set-up is the first phase of developing a park in the Northside area. "We will be putting border and wood chips in this fall and also look at landscaping the area," stated Matt Radniecki, Park Board President.

"We would like to thank everyone who helped make this new playground a reality by helping assemble it last Friday, by donating needed funds, or in

other ways", said Radniecki.. "We also appreciated the tools offered by Mike Swenson, Kris Koll, and Dave Braukmann."



Photo by Connie Vandermay

Please join the
New York Mills
Public Library
as we tour the



**Science
Museum
of Minnesota®**

Saturday, October 5, 2013

Because of Legacy funding we are able to offer
**FREE Transportation & Admission ticket to the
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Food, beverages, and admission to the Omnitheater are on your own

Exhibits currently open at the Science Museum include:



And many more!

Register at the New York Mills Public Library

Strictly limited to 55 participants
Registrations will be taken in the order they are received

**Sponsored by the New York Mills Public Library
and Viking Library System**

Call 385-2436 for more information
This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

Library News-

Julie Adams, Library Director

The Library has been busy this summer! Our "Dig into Reading" Summer Reading Program was a big hit. The Okee Dokee Brothers concert had a great crowd – 229 kids and adults attended! Our Reading Challenge had 65 participants and we gave out a total of 153 prizes. Our story hours were well attended each week as well – a total of 60 kids participated in story time. We also held our Annual Used book Sale in July. There were 38 volunteers who helped during the three day sale. Over \$1600 was raised from the sale of donated books and movies. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library and everyone who supported this fundraiser. As a reminder, we do accept donations year round for our Annual Used Book Sale. Contact the Library for more information.

We were fortunate to have received Legacy funding to do a bus trip to Historic Fort Snelling on Saturday, August 17. Aside from being a beautiful day to walk around Fort

Snelling, it was also a special Civil War reenactment day.

We had thought perhaps that would be the only bus trip with would receive funding for this year, but we just recently received word that we have been approved for Legacy funds to do a bus trip to see the Science Museum of Minnesota. There is a new Mayan exhibit that looks to be very interesting. Please see the separate flyer or stop by the Library for information.

Please join us for Preschool Story Time on Thursday, September 26th – 10:30 am.

Join us for fun stories & activities!

*Pre-registration required.
*Limited participant spots (10).
Please call 385-2436 or stop by the Library to sign-up!
Parents are encouraged to stay for story time.

Please make sure to follow the Library on Facebook to receive updates on Library activities. Search for "New York Mills Public Library".

NYM Fire Department News

Ryan Brasel, Fire Chief



The New York Mills Fire Department has recently hired three new volunteer firefighters, Nic Pederson, Landyn Saewert and Joseph VanWatermulen. We are currently at full staff at this time with 22 members. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, contact the fire department or city office to obtain an application and it will be on file when a position is available. You will be contacted along with other applicants and an interview and skills test will be arranged.

Also October 6th thru October 12th is Fire Prevention Week. During this week, the fire service educates and informs their communities about the danger of fires

and awareness of how to prevent fires. During fire prevention week, the New York Mills Fire Department members volunteer their time to educate and inform our elementary grades preschool/ junior kindergarten thru 2nd Grade on fire danger and fire awareness by going to their classrooms, bringing a fire truck to the school or giving fire hall tours. During this week it is a good time to review your fire escape plan with your family and talk about the fire dangers with your children. Also, it is important to test your batteries in your smoke detector at least twice a year. An easy way to remember is to check them in the spring

and fall during daylight savings time. For further information on fire safety and awareness go to www.nfpa.org/safety-information/safety-tip-sheets.

Due to the dry conditions the New York Mills Fire Department reminds everyone to be cautious when burning this fall as fire can spread quickly during the extremely dry conditions. As of 08-25-13 our fire danger is currently HIGH and a burning permit is required. For information on burning regulations or information on how to obtain a burning permit, go to www.dnr.state.mn.us or contact the New York Mills Fire Department at 385-2480.



Mayor's Corner

Julie Gerber, Mayor

Wow! It's hard to believe that school is back in session! I know there is differing of opinion at our house about going back to school. My girls are more than ready to get back to their classrooms, but they have been so helpful this summer it is hard for us to see them go. In talking to lots of students the past few weeks, the overall opinion is that most of them are ready to go back. However, in talking with other parents, ALL of them were ready for the kids to get back to school. It will be nice though to get back to a regular rou-

tine of chaos.

With all of the excitement of starting a new school year, safety reminders can get missed. Now is a good time to remind our children (and maybe ourselves) about a few back to school safety tips:

- Getting to and from school safely whether walking, driving, or riding the bus by following all traffic and pedestrian laws.
- Playing safely on the playground and displaying good playground behavior.
- Being knowledgeable of school safety rules and respectful of the teach-

ers and school administrators

As our children begin another school year, this is a great reminder that driving cautiously is everyone's responsibility--whether children are present or not. They will be walking or biking along sidewalks, waiting at or near bus stops and passing by driveways throughout our neighborhoods before and after school. As we all know, children can move very quickly and unexpectedly. We all need to anticipate the unexpected and remain alert for sudden movements. Also, there will be increased traffic before and after school-with both cars and school buses.

Let us be mindful of other drivers and remember

school bus safety laws, like stopping when a bus is loading and unloading students and red lights are flashing.

It is up to all of us to help keep our children safe—Let's not let them down!

Till next time!

Life is like a camera...

Focus on what's important,

Capture the good times,

Develop from the negatives,

And if things don't work out

Take another shot.

Community Pool News

Heidi Van Dyke, Pool Manager

2013 Summer Fun at the Legried Community Pool Comes to an End

It is hard to believe the summer months of June, July and August have gone by so fast! We had a wonderful season at the pool. In our three sessions of lessons and private lessons we had 387 students! It is great to see so many people take part in this opportu-

nity in our community. Throughout the three months we had nearly 4,000 swimmers come through our gate for Open Swim. We are very fortunate here in New York Mills to have such a "cool" place to have fun over the summer months in our commu-

nity.

Thanks for all your community support and we look forward to next summer!

Heidi Van Dyke, Savannah Thompson, Jenna Esala, Kristin Kane, Lexi Rankka, Micah Esala, Mike Sonsalla, Ben Trumbull, Carli Rankka, Zack Bauck and Ellie Rutten.



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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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