

# Blaine City Connect



July/August 2015

## Night to Unite Tuesday, August 4

Join neighbors across the City of Blaine on Tuesday, August 4, for the annual Night to Unite celebration. The City of Blaine is continuing its special 50th Anniversary celebration. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a summer evening with neighbors celebrating in your community and getting to know who belongs in your neighborhoods. Make this year's Night to Unite one to remember. Start planning your summer block party today.

Night to Unite is the one night of the year in which the police and fire departments are out in full force visiting block parties and strengthening community partnerships. The public works department has joined the celebration and will be making visits to neighborhood parties with their special monster trucks. McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog will be there too. Parties must sign up to receive a visit.

It's free to register a block party, and the City will provide you with some ideas and items to help you plan. Each party will receive door hangers, nametags, t-shirts for the organizers, informational forms, and a few other goodies. See you at the block party!

For more information and to register your block party, visit

[HTTP://WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US/GO/NTU.](http://www.ci.blaine.mn.us/go/ntu)

For inquiries contact Kim Kiley, Crime Prevention Specialist at 763-785-6186 or email [KKILEY@CI.BLAINE.MN.US](mailto:KKILEY@CI.BLAINE.MN.US) or Officer Michelle Moore at 763-771-2600 EXT. 232, email at [MMOORE@CI.BLAINE.MN.US](mailto:MMOORE@CI.BLAINE.MN.US).



## City Celebrates 50 Years with an Open House

On Tuesday, April 21, Blaine City Hall hosted an open house as part of the community's 50th Anniversary celebration. The event featured information tables about City services and programs, safety displays, home improvement information, City equipment and vehicles on display, and the opportunity for kids to sit in the Mayor's chair. There was also a community involvement expo which featured local volunteer organizations providing information about what they do in Blaine and how residents can get involved with them to help the community. Mayor Tom Ryan, and Ward Three City Councilmember Jason King, were on hand to meet residents and answer questions.

As part of the Open House, the Blaine's 50th Celebration Committee sponsored an essay contest that asked students to imagine what Blaine will look like in the future. The winners of the 4th and 5th grade essay contest are Aiden Heuer from Eisenhower Elementary and Elena Gemlo from Westwood Intermediate School. The winners of the 6-8th grade essays are Joshua Dereje from Northdale Middle School and Sakhi Gautam from Roosevelt Middle School. Honorable mentions go to Kevin Sarazin, Lily Wiczorek, Abigail Mansell, Ashley Piche, Kim Vo, Maya Bohlman, Lily Yang, and Maya Singer.

The City would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers that made this event possible.



Blaine's 50th Anniversary Committee presents...

# Back to the 60s



featuring  
THE  
ROCKIN' HOLLYWOODS

## Pig Roast!

\$5 per person  
ticket required includes sides,  
beverage, & dessert

Purchase tickets in advance at the Senior Center or City Hall. Limited to 300 people. Bring a lawn chair!

Tuesday, August 11, 2015  
4:30 - 8:30 pm - Aquatore Park

## Games!

Lawn Twister, Outdoor Yahtzee  
Playdough, Hippity Hop Races  
Hoola hoops, Bag Toss, 9 Square

Everyone Welcome!  
A ticket is not needed  
for games or entertainment.

[BlaineEvents.com/50](http://BlaineEvents.com/50)



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## RECYCLING CALENDAR

### July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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A Zone	B Zone	Holiday
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### August

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## CITY DIRECTORY

Police and Fire.....	911
Police (non-emergency) .....	763-785-6168
Fire (non-emergency).....	763-786-4436
Anoka County Dispatch.....	763-427-1212
Advanced Disposal.....	763-786-7233
Building Inspections .....	763-785-6170
Cable Channel 15 .....	763-780-8241
City Cable Channel 16 .....	763-785-6192
City Clerk .....	763-785-6124
City Manager.....	763-785-6120
Community Standards .....	763-785-6187
Crime Prevention .....	763-785-6113
Economic Development .....	763-785-6180
Engineering.....	763-785-6172
Fire Inspections .....	763-785-6187
Forestry .....	763-717-2660
Housing Services .....	763-785-6146
Human Resources .....	763-785-6109
Job Line .....	763-717-2679
Newsletter .....	763-785-6192
Operator.....	763-784-6700
Parks and Recreation .....	763-785-6164
Planning & Zoning .....	763-785-6180
Public Works .....	763-785-6165
Recycling & Solid Waste .....	763-785-6192
Senior Citizens Center .....	763-786-9375
Sewer Backup .....	763-785-6165
Streets .....	763-785-6165
Stormwater .....	763-785-6188
Utility Billing .....	763-785-6141
Water & Sewer System .....	763-785-6165
Web.....	763-717-2638

## ABOUT

CityConnect is published bimonthly by the City of Blaine and distributed to all residents and businesses. Past copies of the city newsletter are available at: [WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US/GO/NEWSLETTER](http://www.ci.blaine.mn.us/go/newsletter)  
Feedback can be directed to: [NEWSLETTER @ CI.BLAINE.MN.US](mailto:NEWSLETTER@CI.BLAINE.MN.US)  
All city legal notices are published in the city's official newspaper, the Blaine/Spring Lake Park Life.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### City Council\*

July 9 | August 6 | August 20  
7:30 pm | City Hall Council Chambers

### City Council Workshops

July 9 | July 16  
August 6 | August 13 | August 20  
6:30 pm | City Hall Cloverleaf Room

### Planning Commission\*

July 14 | August 11  
7 pm | City Hall Council Chambers

### Park Board\*

July 28 | August 25  
7 pm | City Hall Council Chambers

### Nat'l Resource Conservation Board

July 21 | August 18  
7 pm | City Hall Cloverleaf Farm Room

### Arts Council

July 14  
5:30 pm | City Hall Lunch Room

### Historical Society

July 14 | August 11  
6:30 pm | City Hall Sanctuary Room

\*Meetings can be seen live on cable channel 16.



## STAY CONNECTED

- [WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US/GO/EMAILUPDATES](http://www.ci.blaine.mn.us/go/emailupdates)
- [FACEBOOK.COM/BLAINE.MN](https://facebook.com/blaine.mn)  
[FACEBOOK.COM/BLAINEBIZMN](https://facebook.com/blainebizmn)  
[FACEBOOK.COM/BLAINEPARKSMN](https://facebook.com/blaineparksmn)
- [FLICKR.COM/PHOTOS/](https://flickr.com/photos/)
- [PLUS.GOOGLE.COM](https://plus.google.com), THEN SEARCH **BLAINE MINNESOTA**
- [INSTAGRAM.COM/BLAINEMINNESOTA](https://instagram.com/blaineminnesota)
- [LINKEDIN.COM/COMPANY/CITY-OF-BLAINE-MINNESOTA](https://linkedin.com/company/city-of-blaine-minnesota)
- [PINTEREST.COM/BLAINEMINNESOTA/](https://pinterest.com/blaineminnesota/)
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[TWITTER.COM/BLAINEPARKSMN](https://twitter.com/blaineparksmn)
- [YOUTUBE.COM/CITYOFBLAINE](https://youtube.com/cityofblaine)



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## Beach Safety Tips

- Learn to swim and know your swimming ability.
- Swim near a lifeguard.
- Keep children within arm's length.
- Obey posted signs.
- Pay attention to buoys and swim within them.
- Stay out of water during thunderstorms.
- Do not rely on swimming aids.
- Do not swim immediately after a meal.
- Alcohol and swimming do not mix.
- Enter water feet first. Diving can be dangerous especially if you don't know your surroundings.
- Do not swim in dark.
- Use sunscreen and drink water.
- Take frequent breaks - Every hour take a sun, water or bathroom break.
- Keep the beach and water clean.

## Fireworks Safety

- Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks. Consumer fireworks include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.
- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

Download the National Fire Protection Association Tip Sheet on Fireworks Safety at [HTTP://WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US/GO/FIREWORKSSAFETYTIPS](http://www.ci.blaine.mn.us/go/fireworkssafetytips)

## Grilling Safety

- The grill should be placed well away from the home and deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill's surface and in trays below the grill.
- Gas Grill: Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Charcoal Grill: When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.
- Never leave your grill unattended!

Download the National Fire Protection Association tip sheet on Grilling Safety at [HTTP://WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US/GO/GRILLINGSAFETYTIPS](http://www.ci.blaine.mn.us/go/grillingsafetytips)

# BLAINE 2015 CITIZENS ACADEMY

## Registration Now Open

Attention Blaine residents and those who work in Blaine: If you are interested in learning more about safety services, registration for the 2015 Blaine Citizens Academy is now open!

The eight-week course, hosted by the City of Blaine Safety Services Division, is a great opportunity for individuals to learn more about the structure and operations of the Police, Fire, and Community Standards departments while participating in a variety of exciting and fast-paced activities, all in a safe and fun environment. Class is held Wednesday evenings, Sept. 9 to Oct. 28, 2015 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The academy meets at a different location each week depending on the activities scheduled.

Course topics and hands-on activities include: police use of force, motor vehicle extrication, fire fighting, crime prevention, fire prevention, housing maintenance, code compliance, criminal investigations, fire investigations, drug awareness, traffic stops, and other emergency response.

All applicants 18 years and older are invited to apply. Class size is limited and all applicants must pass a criminal history background check. Applications can be found on the City of Blaine website and will be accepted until the class fills, so register early.

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# World Fest

Blaine '15

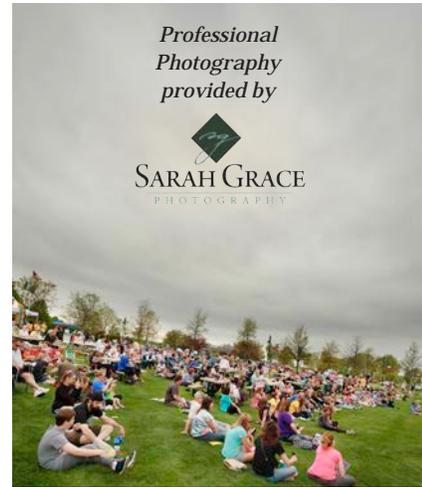
## Record Attendance at World Fest 2015

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted World Fest on Saturday, May 16, at Town Square Park. The event was a huge success! Around 2,200 people came out to enjoy the event. World Fest is an amazing event that brings the community together to celebrate the rich diversity of our community.

Blaine World Fest promotes the sharing of cultural experiences and expands our community's cultural understanding through entertainment, delicious cuisine, art, conversation, and exhibits. Entertainment and activities were free. A five dollar punch card gave participants access to samples from 12 local restaurants.

The event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors. The primary funder of the event was a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council through the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment. Other sponsors include the Blaine Festival, JamesHardie Siding and Trim, Chili's, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Andrea-Studio Web Design, Minnesota School of Business, Anoka County, Target, Advanced Disposal, Sarah Grace Photography, and Allegra Print and Imaging.

**Save the Date: May 21, 2016**



Professional  
Photography  
provided by



### FREE Business Advice

The Open to Business program helps residence and business owners with business advice ranging from marketing and financial management to leasing and purchasing property. Are you in need of business advice to start or grow your business here in Blaine? If so, Business Advisor, Kathleen DuChene, would be happy to meet with you!

If you are a Blaine business owner or looking to open a business in the city, you're invited to participate in this FREE opportunity. Kathleen DuChene holds office hours at City Hall for walk-in appointments on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Interested entrepreneurs can also schedule appointments at other times by calling **763-438-7315**.

Examples of how Open to Business has helped other clients:

- An existing business owner received advice about real estate issues and expansion plans.
- A resident received help in evaluating his target market and received suggestions on how he could expand his product into new markets.

More information about this program can also be found online at [WWW.OPENTOBUSINESSMN.ORG](http://WWW.OPENTOBUSINESSMN.ORG).



## USA CUP and 3M Championship Coming this Summer

Blaine will become a popular destination again this summer as tens of thousands of visitors come to the city for two major annual sporting events.

### USA CUP July 10 - 18

After hosting a record number of teams at last year's USA CUP, registration numbers are up again this year, and tournament officials are confident another registration record will be set.

National Sports Center staff has already booked teams from five different continents so far. They are North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Canadian teams have registered from Manitoba, Ontario, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory, and the following U.S. states are represented so far: Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

#### A Global Tournament

As the largest youth soccer tournament in the western hemisphere held at the world's largest soccer complex, more than 19,000 teams have combined for more than 50,000 games in USA CUP history, drawing millions of visitors to Blaine over the course of 30 years of tournament play. By playing a global game and hosting teams from around the world, USA CUP celebrates the numerous cultures that come together to enjoy the game of soccer.

### 3M Championship July 27 - August 2

The 3M Championship also returns to the Tournament Players Club - Twin Cities in Blaine this year. The 2015 tournament runs July 27 thru August 2, and features several days of events leading up to three days of stroke play golf on the weekend. Public parking is available at the Anoka County-Blaine Airport. Detailed information is available at [www.3mchampionship.com](http://www.3mchampionship.com).

The tournament continues to be immensely successful in terms of both accolades and attendance. The 3M Championship won the prestigious Champions Tour Presidents' Award as the best tournament of the 2009 season. In 2008, it was voted the No. 1 Champions Tour event by the golfers. The annual tournament has also donated more than \$20 million to local charities since 1993.



### Free Admission 3M Championship

The 3M Tournament will be free to the public in 2015. This includes free admission, parking, and shuttles. Public parking is available at the Anoka County-Blaine Airport.

Detailed information is available at [WWW.3MCHAMPIONSHIP.COM](http://WWW.3MCHAMPIONSHIP.COM).

## Community Center Task Force Update

In the spring of this year the Community Center Task Force hired ANA Research to conduct a survey of city residents to gauge the level of interest for indoor community recreational facilities in Blaine. The survey was mailed to randomly selected households that reflect the demographic makeup of Blaine as a whole, and has a margin of error of +/- 5%.

The results of this survey were presented to the City Council at its June 18, City Council meeting. The results indicated that a majority of residents would support new facilities and would find at least some increase in property taxes to help fund the building of the facilities to be reasonable.

Highest support levels exist among households with children and newer residents of Blaine. Lowest support levels are recorded among households with seniors.

The most appealing potential amenities for new facilities include:

- Paths connecting to existing bike and nature trails
- Indoor running and walking track
- Indoor pool
- Workout equipment
- Group fitness classes

The full survey can be found on the City of Blaine's website at [WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US/GO/COMMUNITYCENTER](http://WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US/GO/COMMUNITYCENTER).

The Task Force is now in the process of getting a consultant to help take the information gathered in the first survey and put together some preliminary design and cost concepts to share with the residents in advance of another planned survey for 2016.

## Mayor Tom Ryan's Office Hours

**Tuesdays, 2:30 to 4:30 pm  
Westwood Conference Room**

Visits with Mayor Ryan are held in the Westwood Conference Room located on the first floor of Blaine City Hall on a first come, first served basis.

## Sewer Backup? Contact Public Works

Residents experiencing a sewer backup should immediately contact the City of Blaine Public Works Department. Public Works will check the sewer main for blockages, as tree roots in the line can cause backups for neighbors as well.

Call 763-785-6165, during normal business hours from 7 am to 3 pm.  
Call 763-427-1212, outside of normal business hours.

20  
15 Fall

## BlaineParks.com

More information about Parks & Recreation programs is available at **763-785-6164** or in the current Recreation Connection online at **BLAINEPARKS.COM**.

FACEBOOK.COM/  
BLAINEPARKSMNTWITTER.COM/  
BLAINEPARKSMN

### Family Fun Night

Enjoy kiddie carnival games; various inflatables; explore a police car and a fire truck at our vehicle fair. Concessions will be available. Event is FREE and held at Aquatore Park.

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 14

**TIME:** 6 – 8 pm

### Kids Triathlon

AGES 7 TO 14

Come out for the 2nd Annual Blaine Kids Triathlon. Distances include 100 or 165 yard swim, 2.3 mile bike and finishes with a 1 mile run. Held at Lakeside Commons Park.

**DATES:** Saturday, July 25

**TIME:** 8 am

**FEE:** \$30 resident;  
\$33 non-resident



## Youth Activities

Visit our website at **BLAINEPARKS.COM** or call **763-785-6164** for more information on these great camps!

### Youth Day Camps

#### YOUTH ENRICHMENT

- DESTINATION MARS: ROCKETRY, ENTERING GRADES 2 TO 5
- PRE-K EXTREME LEGOS, AGES 4 & 5

#### COMPUTER EXPLORERS

- ADVANCED MINECRAFT: USING MODS, REDSTONE & TEXTURES, ENTERING GRADES 3 TO 6
- VIDEO GAME DESIGN: NINTENDO CHARACTERS, ENTERING GRADES K TO 3

#### MAD SCIENCE

- JR. SCIENTIST, AGES 5 TO 7
- GEOLOGY ROCKS, AGES 6 TO 12

#### TECH TAC TOE

- EXTREME MOVIE MAKING FUN: STAR WARS, AVENGERS, NINJA TURTLES & MINECRAFT, AGES 6 TO 11
- EXTREME MOVIE MAKING FUN FOR GIRLS, AGES 6 TO 11

### Perpetual Motion

AGES 16 MONTHS TO 10 YEARS

Various levels of gymnastics starting the week of July 20.

### Skyhawks

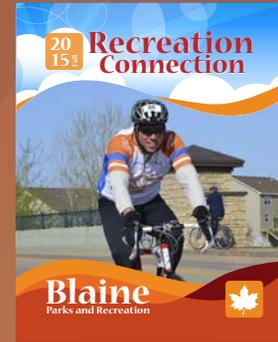
Various week long sports camps for ages 4 to 12.

### Mayer Arts

AGES 7 TO 12

Learn songs and dances from the new upbeat version of the Broadway Hit Musical about Little Orphan Annie and put on a musical. All that is needed is comfortable clothing and lightweight tennis shoes. Bring a nut free snack and beverage each day. Held at the Sunnyside Park Building.

**DATES:** July 13 – 16  
**TIME:** 1 – 4 pm  
**FEE:** \$124 resident;  
\$136 non-resident



## 2015 Fall Recreation Connection

Online registration begins Monday, July 27 at **BLAINEPARKS.COM**.

### Friday Field Trips

All trips are for completed grades 1 to 6 and leave from and return to the Blaine City Hall. Space is limited!

- **CHARLOTTE'S WEB AND FRENCH REGIONAL PARK**  
JULY 17, 9 AM – 3:45 PM  
\$25 RESIDENT; \$28 NON-RESIDENT
- **RAPTOR CENTER AND BOWLING**  
JULY 31, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
\$29 RESIDENT; \$32 NON-RESIDENT
- **CASCADE BAY WATER PARK**  
AUGUST 7, 10 AM – 3:45 PM  
\$22 RESIDENT; \$24 NON-RESIDENT

## Adult Activities

Visit our website at **BLAINEPARKS.COM** or call **763-785-6164** for more information.

### Photography

Requirements for all photography courses: Must ensure camera is properly functioning prior to class. Instructor: Sarah, owner of Sarah Grace Photography, LLC. Classes include Step by Step, Advanced, Nigh-Low Light, Nightscapes, Vacation, and Portrait.

### Zumba

Zumba is a Latin inspired fitness class that incorporates music and dance movements creating a dynamic, exciting, effective and non-intimidating exercise environment. Classes begin the week of July 20 and are held at QC Dance Studio.

### Adult Sports

Leagues forming for fall Softball, Football and Co-Rec Kickball.



## Community Outings

*All community outings depart from and return to Blaine City Hall unless noted otherwise and include motor coach transportation. Times include pick-up and return. Outings include lunch and ticket (unless noted otherwise).*

### Mary Poppins

#### CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATER

This trip departs from and returns to the Blaine City Hall. Register by July 27.

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 26  
**TIME:** 10 am – 5:15 pm  
**FEE:** \$74

### St. Croix Casino

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 12  
**TIME:** 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
**FEE:** \$7

### Treasure Island Casino

**DATE:** Monday, September 14  
**TIME:** 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
**FEE:** \$7

*This casino trip departs from and returns to the Senior Center, 9150 Central Avenue NE, and includes motor coach transportation and coffee & donuts prior to departure. Time includes pick-up and return.*

### Save the Date!

The Lexington Athletic Complex Grand Opening is set for Tuesday, August 18, 6:30-8:30 pm. For more information on this event, visit our website at **BLAINEPARKS.COM** or call **763-785-6164**.

To celebrate Blaine's 50th Birthday, the Anniversary Committee invites you to take the....



June 26 -  
August 7

# 50 Park Challenge

For more information on these trips, please call **763-785-6164**.

## Please Remember to Clean Up After Your Pets

Under City ordinance pet owners are required to clean up after their pets when taking them for a walk. Pet owners must carry a plastic bag or some other means of picking up after their pet whenever they are off their own property.

The ordinance was enacted in response to multiple complaints regarding the amount of feces accumulating within our park systems and along our walkways. Please be a courteous pet owner and clean up after your pet.

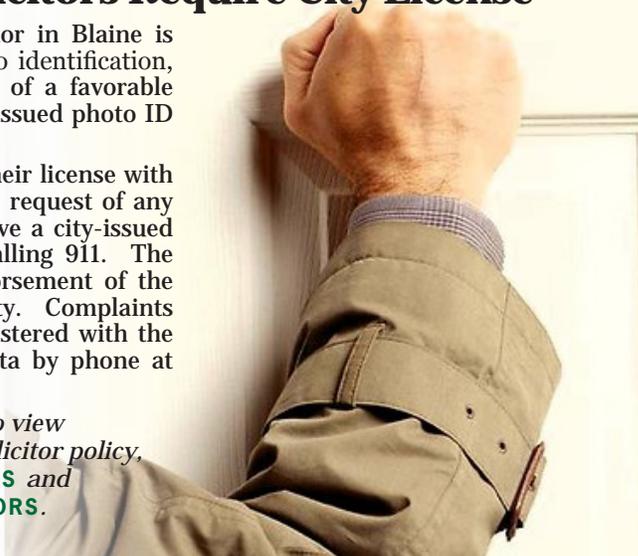


## All Door-to-Door Solicitors Require City License

Any door-to-door peddler or solicitor in Blaine is required to carry a city-issued photo identification, which is supplied upon completion of a favorable background investigation. The city-issued photo ID also serves as their license.

Peddlers and solicitors must carry their license with them at all times and show it at the request of any resident. If the person does not have a city-issued photo ID, please report them by calling 911. The license does not constitute an endorsement of the products or merchandise by the City. Complaints about business practices can be registered with the Better Business Bureau of Minnesota by phone at **651-699-1111**.

*For more information or to view the city's complete peddler and solicitor policy, visit [WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US](http://WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US) and search keyword **SOLICITORS**.*



## Clean Water Starts at Home

### Tip #5: Lawn Care

#### Did You Know

The number one source of water pollution in the USA is nonpoint pollution. Its source? Many, many places –indirectly via runoff from lawns, streets, rooftops, gutters.

Grass clippings are considered an “illicit discharge” and not allowed because of the excess phosphorous they add that can cause algae blooms.

#### Tips from the Pros

Leave the clippings as you mow! Grass can use the nutrients from the clippings especially on sandy soil. Do not haul them into a pile; just leave them as they fall. Piles don't compost quickly and so can create erosion and mosquito breeding sites.

Mow to blow onto lawn and off the street, driveway, and sidewalk. Then, you don't need to sweep 'em up! Don't hose them off, either. That's your drinking water going down the drain!

Mow at 3 inches! Adjust your mower to leave grass 3 inches high (a little wider than a dollar bill). Taller lawns use less water, handle heat stress better and compete with weeds better. Then, cut after 1 inch of growth. Consider a low-mow or no-mow seed mix for part of your lawn, too.

Please do your part to prevent pollution and protect our waters!

*Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District at **763-755-0975** or [WWW.COONCREEKWV.D.ORG](http://WWW.COONCREEKWV.D.ORG).*

# BLAINE RECYCLING SATURDAYS!

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

3rd Saturday of Each Month  
Aquatore Park, 9150 Central Ave

The City of Blaine sponsors a recycling drop-off day the third Saturday of each month in the parking lot at Aquatore Park. The parking lot is near the City water tower and water treatment plant. You do not need to be a Blaine resident us bring items to the drop-off day.

Please Note: No garbage will be accepted.

#### Green Lights Recycling

763-785-0456

[WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US/GO/RECYCLINGSATURDAYS](http://WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US/GO/RECYCLINGSATURDAYS)

Collects mattresses, box springs, carpet, appliances, fluorescent lamps, electronics, rechargeable batteries, and tires.

Please note that there is a fee for some items. Mattresses/box springs are \$20 each. Most appliances are \$5 each. Most electronics are between \$2 and \$25 depending on size.

Carpet - \$5 one roll, \$8 two rolls, \$12 three rolls, \$16 four rolls, \$20 five rolls, and \$25 six rolls. You can also drop off tires and rechargeable batteries for a small fee. Free items include scrap metal and vehicle batteries.,

#### Bikes 4 Kids

[BIKES4KIDSMN.ORG](http://BIKES4KIDSMN.ORG)

Drop off any size bicycle that you no longer want at Blaine's monthly recycling drop-off day. The bikes will be accepted by Bikes 4 Kids to be refurbished, or have their parts used in refurbishing other bikes. Bikes 4 Kids then donate the bikes to people in need.

There is no charge to drop a bike off that the monthly recycling drop-off day. Bikes 4 Kids are a part of The Robert & Wilma Burbach Bike Foundation.

#### Randy's Environmental Services

763-972-3335

Offers free paper shredding.

#### Other City Recycling Opportunities

763-785-6192

[WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US](http://WWW.CI.BLAINE.MN.US) | search keyword **RECYCLE**

Call for more information about recycling opportunities available in Blaine.

#### Advanced Disposal

763-786-7233

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**Ages 15 and up**  
**Saturday, September 12, 8:00 am**  
**Lakeside Common Park**

[www.BlaineTriathlon.com](http://www.BlaineTriathlon.com)

The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to conduct the fourth annual triathlon in the City of Blaine on a **NEW DATE** Saturday, September 12, 2015, beginning at 8:00 am. The venue for the Blaine Triathlon will be held at beautiful Lakeside Commons Park located at 3020 Lakes Parkway. The race is sanctioned by USA Triathlon.

From novice to veteran triathletes, the Blaine Triathlon will be a fun and challenging race consisting of a 0.3 mile swim, 16.7 mile bike ride, and a 3.5 mile run. If swimming or biking or running is not your favorite exercise, participants can register a relay team of two or three individuals whereby they choose the leg of the race they want to compete.

The registration fee is \$100 for individuals and \$125 per relay team and includes a dry fit race

tee shirt, swim cap, post race refreshments, and all finishers receive official race hardware.

For registration and more information about the Blaine Triathlon, go to [WWW.BLAINETRIATHLON.COM](http://WWW.BLAINETRIATHLON.COM).

We are also seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help out at the triathlon that will include a wide range of duties throughout the race.

For more information, go to [WWW.BLAINETRIATHLON.COM](http://WWW.BLAINETRIATHLON.COM) and select VOLUNTEERS for details.

We always welcome community businesses and organizations that are interested in a sponsorship opportunity for this exciting event. Please check out the sponsorship brochure on our website under the sponsors tab to see how you can be part of the Blaine Triathlon.

**Thank you to our generous sponsors so far!**



**Community Concerts**

- 7:00 PM • Town Square Park
- JULY 7 **TIM PATRICK & HIS BLUE EYES BAND<sup>BD</sup>**
- JULY 16 **MAYER ARTS (6:00 PM)**
- JULY 21 **SADDLE SORES<sup>OL</sup>**
- JULY 23 **QC DANCE**
- JULY 28 **HOLY ROCKA ROLLAZ<sup>BD</sup>**
- AUGUST 4 **JHDC SUMMER DANCE SHOWCASE**

**Kids Concerts**

- Fr Fridays @ 10:30 AM • Aquatore Park
- JULY 10 **THE SPLATTER SISTERS<sup>BD</sup>**
- JULY 17 **KID POWER WITH RACHAEL<sup>OL</sup>**
- JULY 24 **TRICIA AND THE TOONIES<sup>BD</sup>**
- JULY 31 **WENDY'S WIGGLE, JIGGLE & JAM<sup>OL</sup>**
- AUGUST 7 **SCHIFFELLY PUPPETS PRESENT...<sup>BD</sup>**  
*The High Frying Adventures of Peter Pan*
- AUGUST 14 **THE ALPHABITS<sup>OL</sup>**
- AUGUST 21 **MIXED NUTS!<sup>BD</sup>**



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