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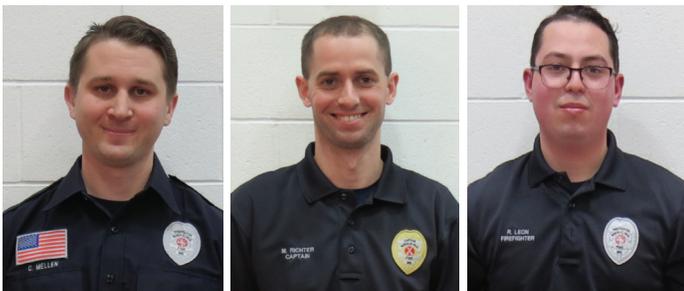
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Making a Difference

Saluting Our Fire Department Family

North St. Paul Fire Department hosted their annual appreciation banquet on January 18, 2019. **It is a time to thank the firefighters, their families and retirees for their dedication to the citizens of North St. Paul.** The event was well attended by firefighters and their guests, staff, retirees and City Council members.

Each year Fire Chief Duddeck and officers recognize members of the department who go above and beyond what is expected of them.



From L to R: Lieutenant Chris Mellen, Captain Mike Richter and Firefighter Rolando Leon

This year the 2018 Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to Lieutenant Chris Mellen.

Chief Officers presented the award to Lieutenant Mellen for his **outstanding work ethic and professionalism** towards the citizens he serves, his superb attendance to Fire & EMS calls, and his dedication to training by attending on-going classes. Lieutenant Mellen is a firefighter that others look up to and will assist in any situation.

The 2018 Chief's Award of Excellence Award chosen by Chief Duddeck, was presented to Captain Mike Richter and Firefighter Rolando Leon.

The award recognizes Captain Richter and Firefighter Rolando for the impact they have made to the department.

Both Captain Richter and Firefighter Leon have outstanding performance in the areas of service hours worked, training, leadership abilities, communication, and knowledge, as well as their dedication to serve the community with a positive attitude.

Honoring Retirees

The department also honored **Captain Ryan Anderson and Firefighter Mike Stahnke who retired with 10 years of service.** Fire Chief Duddeck expressed his sincere gratitude for their commitment and service to the community.



Captain Anderson (L) and Firefighter Stahnke

Staffing the Department

The North St. Paul Fire Department is a combination department with three full-time and 32 paid-per-call employees. Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service is provided by Lakeview Hospital EMS paramedics who are based at the fire station. **In 2018, the department responded to 1,318 Rescue/Medical calls with 80% of those EMS related.** The department averages four calls per day.

Energy Efficient Rebates Now Available

The City offers electric/energy rebates to residential customers who purchase and install new, ENERGY STAR® appliances and lighting. Rebates are also available when you recycle your refrigerator or freezer, or tune up your central air conditioner.

Business customers who install energy efficient lighting and variable speed drives also have the opportunity to apply. Forms are available online or at City Hall. For more information contact the Utility Billing Department at (651) 747-2413.

Choose Clean Energy!

The City of North St. Paul and the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency is now offering Clean Energy Choice for business and residential customers with the opportunity to have 100% of their electricity come from environmentally friendly, renewable sources. Currently, the City has 240 customers participating in the Clean Energy Program. The Clean Energy Choice program is a low-cost way to support renewable energy and the environment.



News & Notes

Volunteers Make a Difference

North St. Paul is grateful for the many volunteers.

Southwood Nature Preserve accomplished many improvements in 2018 with the help of countless volunteers.

Fourth grade students from St. Peter's School along with teachers and volunteers planted native prairie plants that were started in their classroom. ESL students from Harmony Learning Center also grew plants in the classroom and planted them in the upper Mesic Prairie at Southwood.

The Mesic Prairie was overgrown with thistle, stinging nettle and burdock, so volunteers cleared the trail getting ready for the Prairie Days event.

Volunteers from St. Mark's Church weeded the Upper Mesic Prairie and 20 GAP Youthbuild students pulled garlic mustard that had spread throughout the entire preserve.

The Conservation Corps removed buckthorn and treated small trees. North High Air Force JROTC and instructors, North Haven Church volunteers, Southwood Task Force members, and Master Naturalists together removed abandoned junk, tree cages, posts, and other debris from the Mesic Prairie.

Native flower and grass seeds were hand spread by volunteers over newly fallen snow for germination, and will also help with even distribution.

Thank you volunteers! More city-wide park improvements can be found on the website at: northstpaul.org/prc

Think SPRING and SAVE the Dates

- Egg Hunt at Casey Park - April 20
- All Park Clean Up - April 27 (Rain date: May 4)
- Earth Day Cleanup/Southwood Nature Preserve - April 27
- Arbor Day Tree Give Away - April 27 at Rotary Park
- City-Wide Garage Sale May 16, 17 & 18
- Mustard Pull - May TBD with volunteer group
- Fall Work Day - October 19

More information about the events will be available in the upcoming newsletters.

Coming this Summer - A Program for all Ages



The City will be collaborating with ISD622 to offer fun summer programs on select Tuesday mornings in North St. Paul Parks. More information to follow in the upcoming months.



History, Our Story

Enjoy history? Be part of the Historical Society's monthly gathering featuring guest speakers on the 4th Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm. **Upcoming dates:**

Tuesday, February 26

Little Eddie: A Story of a North End Boy

See into the life and mind of North St. Paul's favorite blind guy, Ed Riege. From his time as a local business owner, civic servant and community character, learn about little known facts about Ed including his famous wave. Ed's daughter Susan will entertain you with the Ed Riege chronicles. A special exhibit about Ed will be on display.

Tuesday, March 26

Kay Wilhelmy Bauer: Learn About an Extensive Career

Kay grew up in a family of 14 children near the corner of White Bear Avenue and Larpentuer Avenue in St. Paul. At that time it was a farm. Kay graduated from St. Kates with a degree in nursing, was in the US Navy for over thirty years and served in Vietnam. Kay also worked at United Hospital for many years, and as an educator for many more.

55+ Driver Courses at City Hall

Join the 4-hour refresher course being offered!

- **Tuesday, February 26, 2019 (4-hour refresher course)**
- **1:00 - 5:00 pm or**
- **5:30 - 9:30 pm**
- **Fee: \$22**

Persons age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years, according to Minnesota law. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit www.mnsafetycenter.org or call toll free at 1(888) 234-1294.

Firearms Safety Class at City Hall

Monday, April 15, 2019 from 6:00 - 9:30 pm

Pre-registration Fee: \$7 (non-refundable)

Register online at northstpaul.org/firearmssafety or call North St. Paul Parks & Recreations at (651) 747-2411.

Adults and youth ages 11 and older may attend a firearms safety certification course and learn the safe handling of firearms and hunter responsibility. Once completed, the Firearms Safety Certificate becomes valid at age 12.

Prerequisite: Prior to the first class, a student is required to complete an online Hunter Course found at:

www.huntercourse.com. A voucher must be presented at the beginning of the evening class on April 15, 2019.

Please note: *After passing the April 15, 2019 class, the student is then required to go online to the DNR website and print the formal certificate. DNR Fee: \$7.50*

