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Neighbors and Deputies working together for safer communities



## Neighborhood Newsletter – July 2025

### Event:

#### School Supply Drive from August 4 – 8<sup>th</sup>

Ramsey County Patrol Station 1411 Paul Kirkwold Dr. Arden Hills  
8am-4:30pm (normal lobby hours)

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#### Night to Unite - Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

National and Statewide community parties, conducted any time between 5-9pm with Deputies, Firefighters, others visit registered events with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

### Night to Unite - Registration NOW

Night to Unite (aka. National Night Out) is a statewide event that builds and fosters community bonds between citizens, businesses, and public safety organizations such as the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. This annual celebration occurs on the first Tuesday in August and gathers neighborhoods and public safety personnel together for an evening to promote safe communities.



Residents and businesses in Arden Hills, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township are encouraged to plan a **Night to Unite** event. This year's Night to Unite will be held on **Tuesday, August 5, 2025** and you can register now at the link below or visit our website for more information. If you live in different city than listed above, please check with your local city police department.

*The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Night to Unite **registration is now open until July 29<sup>th</sup>!***

For more information please go to: [Participate in Night to Unite](#)

Online registration link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8YWT6KN>

### Fireworks

Celebrations throughout the year from New Years Eve, Graduations, and 4th of July, brings reminders of what is legal and illegal in the State of Minnesota for fireworks. Unlike many of our surrounding states, fireworks that explode, or are aerial are not legal in the state of Minnesota per [MN State Statute 624.20](#). Please review the [MN State Fire Marshal's](#) list below and keep your family and friends safe this summer as you celebrate.

## New MN Laws starting July 1<sup>st</sup>

### Lane Splitting & Lane Filtering

The MN Office of Traffic Safety and Motorcyclists Safety Center are pushing the new information around the New Laws around lane splitting and lane filtering for Motorcycles. Their reminders around the laws includes the following information.

Lane Splitting allows a motorcycle to pass another vehicle in the same direction of travel and in the same traffic lane at no more than 25 MPH and at no more than 15 MPH over the speed of traffic in relevant traffic lanes.

Lane filtering allows motorcycles to move through traffic that is stopped, such as at a traffic light or traffic jam, at a speed no more than 15 miles per hour over the speed of traffic in the relevant traffic lanes.

Lane splitting and filtering cannot be performed under the following circumstances:

- At the approach, drive-through, or exit of a roundabout.
- In a school zone.
- In a work zone where only a single travel lane is available for use.
- On an on-ramp to a freeway or expressway.

It is the **Motorcyclists responsibility** to determine if these maneuvers can safely be performed in a given situation and should not perform them if they cannot do so safely and within the legal speed restrictions.

**Motorists** should be aware of motorcycles sharing your lane in slow-moving traffic and when stopped at intersections.

For More information: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/safe-driving-information-and-laws/mn-motorcycle-safety-center>

### Boating Permits required under the age of 21

The MN Department of Natural Resources is educating on the new law requiring some adults and youth will need a valid watercraft operator's permit to operate motorboats/personal watercraft. By July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 any adult born after June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004 will be required to have a permit. Then over the next few years adult operator will need a permit if born after the following dates:

- June 30, 2000 (starts July 1, 2026)
- June 30, 1996 (starts July 1, 2027)
- June 30, 1987 (starts July 1, 2028)

For More information and how to get your permit please visit: [MN DNR New Boater Education Law](#)

### LANE FILTERING



### LANE SPLITTING



## Protections for minors appearing in online media

A new law establishes regulations, compensation requirements, and enforcement provisions related to minor children appearing on internet platforms where the content generates compensation. The law will apply when at least 30% of the content creator's compensated video content produced within a 30-day period included the likeness, name, or photograph of any minor.

**For More information on this law and all laws starting Jul 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, go to**

<https://www.house.mn.gov/hinfo/leginfo/06012025NewLaws.pdf>

## Water Safety



### Hot days, Cold water Shock!

As we are in the middle of our summer heat and the air is warm, this does not mean that the water is warm. In some MN lakes and rivers, they are spring fed creating a cooler water temperature. For other lakes and rivers, the water may feel warm on the surface or on the shoreline creating a sense of comfort and relaxation. However, the deeper you go, the cooler the tempers may be. If one plunges into

cold water, it becomes dangerous if you are not prepared for the exposure to your body and brain. Whether you're a child, teenager or a grown adult, the "cold shock" can drastically cause changes in breathing, heart rate, and blood pressure and can still be triggered in water temperatures as warm as 77 degrees. In an article by the National Weather Service, "The sudden gasp and rapid breathing alone creates a greater risk of drowning, even for confident swimmers in calm waters. In rougher open water, this danger increases. Unplanned immersion in cold water can be life-threatening for anyone without protection from the temperatures or a lifejacket to help you stay afloat." ([Cold Water Hazards and Safety](#)) So even on a hot day, take time to ease into the water and properly acclimate to the tempers vs taking the plunge.

### Unknowns under the surface

All water is dangerous as there are so many unknowns under the surface creating hazards and unsafe water. River water that appears calm can still have a strong current just below the surface. Visibility in water can be very deceptive and distorted along with many of the MN bodies of water have very poor clarity. Dangerous objects can be hiding just below the surface, such as, trees, branches, glass/cans, boards/old docks, concrete blocks /large rocks, metal rebar/shopping cars, and more. Historically, people used lakes and rivers to dump garbage (of all shapes and sizes). As a member of the Ramsey County Dive Team, we have discovered many unsafe items just below the surface of the water that if swimming or jumping from a boat, you would not see. In 2020, we pulled a boat out of Long Lake just outside the swim area. A boat was dumped in the lake but when it sank, the tip of the boat stayed up right and was just two feet below the surface of the water. This hazard was removed from the lake before any unsafe incident occurred.



So, as you and your families go in or near the water this season, please consider water safety and wearing a life jacket. [ARC-Water Safety](#) , [Water Safety at Home](#)





**RAMSEY COUNTY  
SHERIFF**

# School Supply drive

NEW supplies  
for **local** students,  
Kindergarten to  
High School



## Donate

August 4th through August 8th  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

*Ramsey County Patrol Station  
1411 Paul Kirkwold Dr.  
Arden Hills, MN 55112*



August 5th at your  
Night to Unite Party

## Supply Needs

Folders  
Crayons  
Markers  
Back Packs  
Calculators  
Loose Leaf Paper  
Colored Pencils  
Protractors / Compasses  
Noise Cancelling Headphones  
Glue & Glue Sticks  
Notebooks  
Pens & Pencils  
Highlighters  
Scissors  
Rulers

## Summer Season Community Events

There are many events happenings in our local communities throughout the year to foster positive community engagement. Here are a few summer events that might be worth checking out:

**Arden Hills** – Penny Carnival on Friday July 18 from 1 - 3 pm, Perry Park, 3700 New Brighton Road, Arden Hills Lions Picnic on Thursday, August 14 from 5-7:30pm , 1219 Cummings Park Drive, Arden Hills Annual Ribfest on Saturday, September 13 starts at Noon at National Guard Readiness Center, located at 4800 Hamline Ave N. in Arden Hills

**Little Canada** - Canadian Days August 1-3<sup>rd</sup> info/link: [About Canadian Days](#)

LC Farmers Market Monday from 2-6pm 2920 Rice Street (Hardware Store Parking Lot)

Art in the Park: Concert August 14 from 6-8pm at Spooner Park Lower Shelter Ice Cream

Social July 31 from 6-8pm at Pioneer park

**North Oaks** - Rummage Sale September 13-14 info/link: [North Oaks Rummage Sale](#)

**Shoreview** - Slice of Shoreview Days July 25-27 at Island Lake County Park info/link:

<https://www.sliceofshoreview.com/> Farmers Market Tuesdays through August 26 from 3-7pm

Lower parking lot of Community Center Kidz Concert in the Commons 10am / Concert in the Commons 7-8:30 pm, Wednesdays through August 7 info/link: [Shoreview calendar](#)

**Vadnais Heights** - Heritage Days August 11-17 info/link: [Vadnais Heights Days](#) Music in the Park Series Wednesdays 6-8pm info/link: [Music in the Park Series | Vadnais Heights, MN](#)

**White Bear Township** - Movie in the Park July 12, August 9, and September 13, at dusk , Polar Lakes Park info/link: [Movie in the Park](#) Township Day Saturday, September 20 from 2-8pm, Polar Lakes Park info/link: [Township Day Celebration](#)

## Neighborhood Watch is about Neighbors and Deputies working together

Involved neighbors are more likely to have open communication lines with each other, deputies, and the whole community. When neighbors know each other's names, normal patterns, and look out for each other, it is likely that they will report any activity that doesn't fit with regular schedules. Involved neighbors look out for each other.

Neighborhood Watch program [information and forms](#) to help your block organization are available on the county [website](#). Please complete and return the [Block Captain registration form](#) to ensure the Sheriff's Office has your most current contact information.



Thank you for working for safer neighborhoods!



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**Remember – when you See Something, Say Something, Call 9-1-1**





# NIGHT to UNITE

**NEIGHBORS  
JOINING  
TOGETHER**

Come  
Celebrate  
on **August 5th**,  
gather your  
neighborhood and  
public safety personnel  
together for an evening  
to promote safe  
communities

**Register your 2025  
NTU party with the**



**RAMSEY COUNTY  
SHERIFF**

**by July 29th**

**SCAN QR CODE FOR  
INFORMATION  
&  
REGISTRATION**



**EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
TUESDAY OF  
AUGUST  
ANY TIME BETWEEN  
5PM TO 9PM**



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## Organizing a party

A successful event includes careful planning, talking with your neighbors, and shaping the party around your neighborhood.

Decide on a Party Host and have them register your party with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

## Neighborhood participation

Neighborhoods are also encouraged to combine Parties or invite other blocks to join your party, especially if that block is not planning a NTU party.

Send invitations to all neighbors by mail, email, or by phone.

## First Responders

Once your party is registered, the Sheriff's Office:

- Provides safety materials.
- Coordinates efforts to have either deputies, firefighters, city, or public safety personnel come to your event.