



News & Notes

'YOU BELONG HERE' SIGNAGE WELCOMING ALL TO COLOGNE



The Cologne Community of Belonging initiative continues to take action to enhance connection and communication throughout the greater Cologne community. This includes publishing a second *Cologne News & Notes* newsletter for residents and businesses in the 55322 ZIP Code area, and installing “You Belong Here” signage along Cologne trails and City entrances. The signs also include a QR code to link to the Community of Belonging website page. New “Welcome to Cologne” signage is planned for entrance areas into Cologne as well as banners and event signage for display for community celebrations.

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TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY AND EFFICIENCIES

Earlier this winter, Carver County, the City of Cologne and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) hosted a community Open House to discuss the recent Transportation Study and potential options for the Cologne Area Transportation Plan.

The purpose of the study and discussion of proposed options is to identify a coordinated transportation system vision with recommendations for short, mid- and long-term transportation improvements for State, County, and City roadways in and around the City of Cologne.

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CITY OF COLOGNE STRATEGIC PLANNING

The City of Cologne is exploring contracting with an outside agency to conduct a refresh of the City’s strategic plan. The process will include interviews with the City’s elected leadership and other participants to gather input on the City’s strengths, vision and opportunities to move the City of Cologne forward. The goal is to provide a framework for the City’s elected leadership and its staff to develop focused priorities and strategies for the City of Cologne to create a work plan and road map for the City of Cologne. For more detail, visit the City’s website at www.cologne.mn.com (click on Jan. 17, 2023, City Council packet).

COMMUNITY OF BELONGING

ARTS COUNCIL INTEREST?



Cologne Community of Belonging volunteers continue to take action to create a thriving and welcoming community for all – including delivering Welcome kits to new residents and businesses; exploring additional park and trail connections; and bringing arts and culture to the community. *If you are interested in joining a new Arts Council or other Community of Belonging initiatives, contact Gracia Hegener, hegenerg@gmail.com or John Hendel, jhendel405@gmail.com.*

PICKLEBALL NOW AVAILABLE AT THE COLOGNE COMMUNITY CENTER

Pickleball anyone? The Cologne Community Center now has one pickleball court and a portable net available for those wanting to play the game. In addition to the indoor court, Cologne would like to also add outdoor courts in the community.

Described as a cross between tennis, ping pong and badminton, Pickleball has been a rapidly growing sport – combining exercise and fun with friends old and new.

If you're interested in being added to the Cologne Pickleball information list, to learn more about the game or to attend an introductory class about how to play, please send an email to ColognePickleball@gmail.com. This list will be used to notify participants and invite them to join the "Whatsapp" messenger app to coordinate times for group play. "Whatsapp" will allow participants to message within the group to see who may be available at a certain time and if a group of four or more is able to meet for doubles.



Pickleball is now available to play during daytime hours at the Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bring your own paddle. Cost is \$1 per person.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb. 9, 2023 **Bloodmobile, Cologne Community Center**
Future dates are May 11 and Sept. 14, 2023.
Call Karen Shambour at 952-466-5928 for more information.

Feb. 11, 2023 **Benton Lake Bash/Ice Cribbage & Family Fun Day, Benton Lake.** Begins at 11 a.m.



Feb. 25, 2023 **Candle Lit Ski event, Baylor Regional Park**



Venture to Baylor Regional Park for a wintery adventure. Glide through candlelit

trails on cross-country skis, take a tractor-drawn hayride through the park, warm up by the bonfire with cider and smores then check out snowshoeing and kick sledding. Hosted by Carver County Parks; register through Central Community Education at <https://bit.ly/CLS2023>



March 18 **Maple Syrup Festival, Baylor Regional Park**
1 to 5 p.m., 10775 County Road 33, NYA

April 29, 2023 **Cologne Fire Department Steak Fry,**
Cologne Fire Station, 3-8 p.m.
Steak dinner with all the fixings
\$20 Adults; \$10 for kids under age 8
\$5 Hot Dog meal

ONGOING EVENTS

Winter **Cross-Country Skis and Snowshoe Rentals**
Carver County Parks
www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-works/parks-recreation/general-parks-information/events-activities/winter-recreation

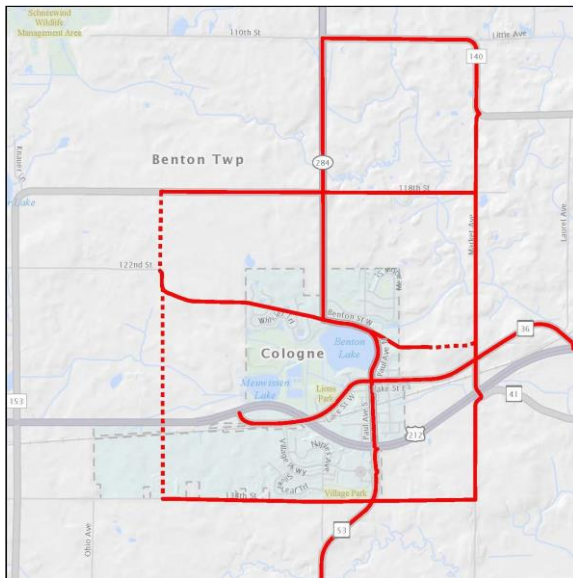
Open Gym Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.; Sundays, 3-7 p.m.; \$1 p/person; Community Center

1st & 3rd Tuesdays **Seniors Cards** group, 1 p.m., Community Center

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Focus areas include the following:

- State Highways 284 and 212
- County Highways 36, 53, 41; County Roads 153, 152, 140
- Local city collector streets



Next Steps

Incorporating input from residents and other stakeholders, the next steps from the County/City/MNDOT are to develop a draft implementation plan – identifying alternatives for future consideration, potential timing of improvements and responsible parties – for discussion in February and March, with final plan approval in June 2023.

SCHEDULE												
Phase/Task	2022											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Open House Meetings												
City Council / County Board Meetings												
Focus Group Meetings												
Existing and Future Conditions												
Roadway, Intersection, Pedestrian and Bridge Concept Development, Evaluation and Recommendations												
Implementation Plan												
Draft and Final Plan												

Visit the City of Cologne website to view the proposed plan and options at <https://www.colognemn.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/January-17-2023-City-Council-Packet.pdf>

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT MODERN DESIGN CELEBRATES 31 YEARS IN LOCAL BUSINESS

Congratulations to Modern Design – one of the largest custom cabinetry shops in Minnesota – its owners and employees for celebrating 31 years in local business.



Owners Troy and Jo Eiden started their Modern Design business in 1991, just outside of Cologne on Troy's parents farm on County Road 140, with just three employees. They soon outgrew their location and moved into the former lumberyard location in downtown Cologne (209 Paul Ave. South) in 2000.

"We were nervous to take that big step, but so glad we did. It's been a great space and location for us, and we've added on five times over the years," Jo said. The largest addition was in 2019, nearly doubling its size. Modern Design continues to grow, now employing 60 employees – five of whom work in the Norwood Young America location (opened in 2021) – as well as opening a showroom in Rochester in 2021.

According to the Eidens, "Our employees and our focus on quality and customer service is what sets us apart." The following employees celebrated milestone anniversaries this past year:



10 years – Amber Ranzau, Doug Kallevig, Jim Strei, Joe Hansen, Keith Hodne, Thomas Meuffels, Kristi Dockter; 15 years – Rodrigo Mendoza, Scott Lureen, David Hoen; 20 years – Nate Koch, Russell Hoen, Brian Harless; 25 years – Brian Dalheimer.

Modern Design is currently hiring, with openings for installers, final assembly and cabinetmakers. Visit moderndesigncabinetry.com or call 952-466-4766 to learn more. To see a showcase of Modern Design's work, also visit houzz.com/pro/mdcabinetry

1211 Village Parkway
PO Box 120, Cologne, MN 55322

DID YOU KNOW?

FOOD SHELF A LOCAL POSSIBILITY

Discussions are under way with the Bountiful Basket organization to potentially use a portion of the former St. Bernard Catholic School as a food shelf. Watch for more information in future *Cologne News & Notes* issues.



City of Cologne

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Emergency/after-hours public works: 612-579-7054

Email: info@colognemn.com

Website: www.colognemn.com

City Office is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

City Administrator: Jesse Dickson

City Clerk: Michelle Morrison

Utility Billing Clerk: Lori Kasel

Cologne City Council: Mayor Matt Lein, Sarah Bruss, Rachel Lenzen, Carol Szaroletta, Nathan Kells

The City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. *Citizens are welcome to attend meetings and learn about City Council work.*

Planning Commission meets on the 1st Monday, 6 p.m.

City Hall holiday closures – Monday, Feb. 20 (Presidents' Day); Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day).



CAP Agency Senior Nutrition Services (Meals on Wheels) is available in the Cologne area, Monday through Friday for individuals 60 years of age and older. Seniors utilize services to maintain independence, improve daily nutrition and recovering from injury or illness.

CAP Agency Senior Nutrition is funded through the Federal Older Americans Act by a contract with Trellis-Area Agency on Aging, state appropriations, CAP Agency and participant contributions.

A contribution of \$5.00 per meal is requested but no one is turned away because of inability to donate.

Please contact Karen at 952-442-5478 for more information or to complete a short registration.

2023 Special Waste Collection (NEW LOCATION IN COLOGNE)

Saturday May 20, 2023

8 a.m.—12 noon
Carver County Public Works
11360 US HWY 212, Cologne



Items Collected	Pricing	Attention Carver County Businesses
Car Tires (rims accepted)	\$3.00 each	<p>Except for the following materials, businesses are prohibited from participating in these Special Waste events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fluorescent bulbs will be accepted for a fee. Please call for pricing specifics. Limit 50 bulbs per drop off. Xcel Energy customers may dispose of their first ten fluorescent bulbs for no charge by showing their Xcel Energy statement. For no charge, small businesses may also bring antifreeze, auto batteries, up to five oil filters, and up to 20 gallons of motor oil. Excess quantities of oil or oil filters will not be accepted. <p>Hazardous Waste Generators: receipts will be provided for reporting. VSQG's are encouraged to bring in the above wastes, but SQG's and LQG's are prohibited from the events without exception.</p>
Semi Truck Tires (rims accepted)	\$8.00 each	
Farm (Large >44") Tires	\$25.00 each	
Lawnmowers	\$5.00 each	
Bicycles	\$3.00 each	
Residential Electronics (TV's & Computer Monitors)	\$10.00 each	
Appliances (Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier, Dishwasher, Dryer, Freezer, Microwave, Refrigerator, Stove, Washing Machine, Water Heater, etc.)	\$10.00 each	
Fluorescent Bulbs	No charge	
Used Oil and Oil Filters	No charge	
Used Antifreeze	No charge	
Auto Batteries	No charge	
Scrap Metal	No charge	
Household Hazardous Waste	No charge	



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952-361-1800
www.recyclecarver.org



Yellow Ribbon Honor Banquet

April 22, 2023

at the
Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion
Norwood Young America

**Keynote Speaker is Carver County
Deputy Sheriff Matt Arnst**

Meal provided by Hillcrest Café & Catering

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
6:00 - 9:00 PM

TURTLE'S EVENT CENTER, SHAKOPEE
Tickets are \$60/person and available at svamm.org

Live Music
Beer Tastings from Shakopee Brewhall
MN Themed Buffet Dinner
Meat Raffle
Silent & Live Auctions

HOPS & HOTDISH

Come out 'n about to show your support!

Southern Valley Alliance

