



News & Notes



COLOGNE COMMUNITY GARDENS NEW NONPROFIT FORMED; VEGETABLE PLOTS PLANNED

Thanks to the efforts of local gardening enthusiasts, the Cologne Community Gardens was recently approved as a new 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to support gardens and green spaces in Cologne. A Board of Directors of local representatives has been formed to guide the organization's efforts and use of financial donations.

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CITY OF COLOGNE SEASONAL REMINDERS

Spring means it's yardwork season. Please help protect Cologne's storm water and sewer systems.

Do not rake your yard waste into the street, or put grass clippings on streets, paths or sidewalks. Leave clippings on the lawn or compost them. Sweep or blow clippings off paved surfaces and back onto the lawn.

Watering Ordinance: Water rates increased Jan. 1, 2023, so expect to see an increase in your water bill this summer if you water your lawn.

Sprinkling within the City may not be conducted between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on any day, and is limited by property address. Properties with odd-numbered addresses may sprinkle on odd-numbered dates; those with even-numbered addresses may sprinkle on even-numbered dates.

COLOGNE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIREFIIGHTERS NEEDED; APPLY TODAY



Interested in serving the greater Cologne community? Consider joining the Cologne Fire Department, which is looking for new members. The City of Cologne has a paid-on-call (volunteer) Fire Department of approximately 30 firefighters who live or work in the City of Cologne. All members are Firefighter I and Firefighter II certified, as well as First Responder certified. Many are also EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) certified.

Contact Fire Chief Chad Vos at 952-466-2586 to learn more.

COMMUNITY OF BELONGING

WELCOMING NEW RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

The Cologne Community of Belonging team continues to create a thriving and welcoming Cologne for all – including partnering with the Welcome Neighbor business to deliver 49 Welcome Kits to new residents in 2022. The group is also looking for volunteer community members to help welcome new residents in each of Cologne's neighborhoods, and businesses to help sponsor the Welcome Kits.



Interested? Contact Donna Hughes, donna@welcomeneighbormn.com or Jo Eiden, jo@moderndesigncabinetry.com.



SAVE THE DATES

COLOGNE GLAD DAYS OFFERS FUN FOR ALL JULY 27-30, 2023

Celebrate all that is Cologne – including its history – during the 23rd Annual Glad Days festival July 27-30, 2023. The annual event is named after the Gladiolus flower, for which the Lins family of Cologne was nationally recognized as growers and hybridizers in the 1940-60s decades. Designed to celebrate Cologne’s rich history, the Glad Days celebration has grown into a four-day summer event bringing together thousands of long-time and new Cologne residents and visitors to celebrate community and all that is “Glad” in Cologne.

MUSIC, GAMES, FOOD, CONTESTS AND MORE: TIMBERWORK’S LUMBERJACK SHOW RETURNS

An all-volunteer committee plans, staffs and solicits funding and in-kind support to host a variety of social, recreational, historical, music and other activities for young and old. This year’s celebration will again feature fan-favorites such the Garden Party, Junior Prom Friday Night Kids Fest (plus a free hotdog dinner), fire truck rides, games, food vendors, live music of all varieties, BBQ contest, kids’ pedal pull, Sunday Tractor Cruise and more.

Returning to Glad Days this year are the popular Timberwork’s Lumberjack Shows, delighting fans with hot saw, speed carving, axe throwing, logrolling, chopping competitions and more. According to event co-chair Betsy Pysick, the bulk of the events will take place at or around City Square Park (under the old Cologne water tower) with most planned to be free-of-charge or at a minimal cost. “We are grateful for the support of many businesses, organizations and individuals to help offset the costs of this amazing family-friendly celebration so our community members can continue to enjoy all of the activities,” Pysick said.

For more details, event schedule or to sponsor, visit www.colognegladdays.com, follow the Cologne Glad Days page on Facebook or use the QR code (at right).



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 17, 2023 **New Business Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony & Open House**, 5-7 p.m., STARS Early Learning Academy, 1111 Village Parkway

Sept. 14, 2023 **Bloodmobile, Cologne Community Center**
Call Karen Shambour at 952-466-5928 for details.



May-August Registration open for **Carver County Parks & Recreation Day & Adventure Camps, Youth & Adult Specialty Programs, Family Events** and more. Visit <https://bit.ly/programsccp>, call (952) 466-5250 or send an email to parks@co.carver.mn.us



July 27-30 **Cologne Glad Days** (see above)
July 28-29 **Cologne Lions Softball tournament**, Lions Park, County Rd. 36 & Henry Ave.
Aug. 1, 2023 **National Night Out**

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

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT COLOGNE BASEBALL BEGINS 125TH SEASON; HOLLANDERS IN PLAY

Baseball season is upon us! Join the Cologne Hollanders on “The Hill” for their 2023 season. Enjoy great action, great food and a great atmosphere at Robert G. Fritz Memorial Field, 301 W. Playhouse St. – located below the old Cologne water tower at City Square Park.

HOLLANDER BASEBALL 2023

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- \$1 Beer Night
- Fireworks
- Fill the Hill
- Tennis Ball Toss
- Kids Night
- \$1 Foul Balls
- And more...

More info to come
Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and our website

Website: www.facebook.com/colognehollanders

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07	YOUNG AMERICA	AWAY 6:00 PM
14	PLATO	HOME 6:00 PM
21	BROWNTON	AWAY 2:00 PM
24	WINSTED	AWAY 7:30 PM
02	BROWNTON	HOME 7:30 PM
04	CARVER	AWAY 2:00 PM
07	GREEN ISLE	HOME 7:30 PM
11	WESTONKA	AWAY 2:00 PM
14	NEW GERMANY	HOME 7:30 PM
16	NORWOOD	HOME 7:30 PM
18	PLATO	AWAY 6:00 PM
20	GLENCOE	HOME 7:30 PM
25	GREEN ISLE	AWAY 2:00 PM
27	HAMBURG	AWAY 7:30 PM
05	MAYER	HOME 7:30 PM
09	ST BONI	HOME 2:00 PM
12	NORWOOD	AWAY 7:30 PM
13	CARVER	HOME 7:30 PM
16	WATERTOWN	AWAY 2:00 PM
23	HAMBURG	HOME 2:00 PM

Cologne’s long history of “town ball” dates back to 1898, with a baseball team known as the Cologne Chronicles. Several teams and name changes followed, with many Cologne residents having descendants on those early teams – including family names of Meuwissen, Aretz, Arnst, Weibel among others. Fast-forward to 1972 when the Cologne Hollanders earned a berth in the State Tournament – a highlight for the team and its manager, Robert Fritz, for whom the field is named.

The Hollanders returned to the State Tournament in 2019, the first time since their 1972 predecessors. Today, the Hollanders compete against area teams in the Crow River Valley South League and are managed by Craig Pexa. Fans across the region and Minnesota highly praise the Hollanders’ “Fritz Field” experience – including the team’s competitive play, the field’s quality and a strong Hollanders’ fan base ... as well as the “Shack’s” famous cheese curds.

Follow the team on Facebook and Twitter social media pages, and their website to stay informed of game schedules, results and more.



Twitter: @Colognebaseball
Facebook: Cologne Hollanders Baseball
Website: www.ballcharts.com/colognehollanders

Dates and time of special Hollanders’ events will be posted on the team’s media platforms.

BOUNTIFUL BASKET COLOGNE FOOD SHELF TO OPEN JUNE 2023

In partnership with St. Bernard’s Church, Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska, is close to finalizing agreements to bring its food assistance program to the Cologne community. This new satellite food shelf site will be located in the St. Bernard’s Catholic School building, 300 Church St East, with an anticipated start date in early June 2023.



This new food shelf is strategically located to fill a void and decrease barriers to food access for individuals living in the City of Cologne, as well as Hancock, Benton, San Francisco and Dahlgren Townships. At the outset, the food shelf will be open six hours per week out of this location (three daytime hours and three evening hours).

Volunteers and financial or in-kind support is needed to ensure this food shelf can meet the community need and be successful. For information about how to receive services, hours of operation and volunteer opportunities, please visit www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org/cologne.

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 COLOGNE

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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, May 29 (Memorial Day); Monday, June 19 (Juneteenth); Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day); Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day).

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If you are interested in joining Cologne Community Gardens or making a financial contribution, call or text Scott Rynerson at 952-857-9005.

Volunteer opportunities

Volunteers are needed to help Cologne continue to showcase its gardens, including:

Benton Lake Garden (flowers): Opportunities to share general upkeep or specific area(s).

Cologne Lions Park peony planting: Help with seasonal care and general maintenance. To volunteer, contact Roger Storms at rstorms55318@aol.com

Cologne vegetable garden plots

The City of Cologne has given preliminary approval to offer vegetable garden plots in the community, pending costs to provide water. The site is located on West Louis Street. If you're interested in renting a plot for the 2023 gardening season, contact Lona Hendricks at lona.j.hendricks@gmail.com as this will help determine how many plots to develop.

**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	Except for the following materials, businesses are prohibited from participating in these Special Waste events. <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. Hazardous Waste Generators: receipts will be provided for reporting. VSQ's are encouraged to bring in the above wastes, but SQG's and LQG's are prohibited from the events without exception.
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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 CARVER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
 952-361-1800
www.recyclecarver.org



