



News & Notes



Local members of the Tri-County Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota met with Senator Julia Coleman during Minnesota's 13th annual Biker Day at the State Capitol on March 13, 2024.

CITY OF COLOGNE PROCLAIMS MAY AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

The City of Cologne joined communities across Minnesota in recognizing May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, promoting education and training to improve highway safety.

The Tri-County Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. (American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education) of Minnesota serves and includes riders from Cologne and neighboring communities.

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CITY OF COLOGNE REMINDERS & UPDATES

2024 City filing deadline:

Filing opens in July and will be posted at City Hall (on the official bulletin board), City website

www.colognemn.com and in the Waconia Patriot. Seats to be filled: Mayor – one seat, 2-year term; Council members: three seats. Two seats will be for the regular 4-year term. One will be for the remainder of the seat currently filled by appointee Maria Samuelson, a 2-year term through Dec. 31, 2026.

City of Cologne email alerts:

Receive timely announcements from the City of Cologne, including meeting notices, office closures and more by signing up for email alerts here: <https://www.colognemn.com/residents/email-alerts/>

SAVE THE DATES ANNUAL GLAD DAYS CELEBRATION JULY 25-28

Join community neighbors and enjoy “all things Cologne community” at the Glad Days festival July 25-28.

The 23rd annual Glad Days will again feature family-friendly fun for all ages – including softball, baseball, music, food and more. New activities this year are “Puzzles & Guzzles” on Thursday, July 25 during the evening flower contest and a paintball course on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. Music during the weekend will feature Ladies of the 80's, Larry Olson Band, Bill Litzau and a Karaoke contest. The fan-favorite tractor cruise on Sunday, July 28 will cap off the celebration. Details will be posted on www.colognegladdays.com and the Glad Days Facebook page.

COLOGNE COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING COMMUNITY INVITED TO 'CREATE A BETTER STORY'

The Cologne Communities of Belonging team invites community members to join a series of conversations on how we, the people of Cologne, can work together to create our own story – where everyone feels welcomed, respected, safe and that they belong here.

Cologne Communities of Belonging leadership team member Kaarin Foede said, “Creating a Better Story is designed for community members and community leaders to understand that we are communicating, living and creating our story every day.”

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BOUNTIFUL BASKET TO CELEBRATE 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

FREEWILL BREAKFAST ON JULY 13; ALL INVITED

Located in the St. Bernard School building (310 Church Street East), the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf will celebrate its one-year anniversary in Cologne on July 13, 2024.

The Cologne Lions Club will help with this celebration by **hosting a freewill breakfast on Saturday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to Noon** at St. Bernard School. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, coffee/juice and pure maple syrup made by members of the Cologne Lions Club. Donations of cash or non-perishable food products for the food shelf will be accepted.

Bountiful Basket has met an increasing community need, growing from 23 shopper visits in its first month (July 2023) to now serving up to 65 families each week. Through February 2024, the Cologne food shelf and its volunteers have distributed 52,163 pounds of food to shoppers – an average of 21.58 pounds per shopper. Local businesses have also provided rescue food and gas cards to help shoppers. Below are two of the many notes of gratitude from shoppers:

"Thank you for meeting a real need for our family. Such kindness and decency, I was very impressed with your staff, Thank you again."

"Your kindness of providing food will help get us through a difficult time."

The local food shelf is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursdays from 3:30-6:30 p.m., and Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, visit www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org/cologne

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WHEREAS, Motorcycles provide fuel efficient transportation for commuting, touring, recreation, relaxation, and enjoyment; and,

WHEREAS, Motorcycles are encountered less frequently on Minnesota roadways during winter months; and,

WHEREAS, Motorcyclists are taking to the road in greater numbers as spring arrives; and,

WHEREAS, Increased awareness of motorcyclists by motorists can reduce the number of crashes on our roadways; and,

WHEREAS, Observance of motorcycling safety and awareness calls attention to improving highway safety;

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the City of Cologne Proclaims; May 2024 to be **Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month**


Matt Lein, Mayor
City of Cologne



A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is a not-for-profit, grassroots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the public about motorcycling. With several thousand members in the state, A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to protect the rights of motorcyclists.

"On behalf of my fellow riders, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and our Tri-County Chapter, we are very proud and appreciative that the City of Cologne supports our goals of motorcycle safety and awareness," said Tri-County Chapter President Jon Fernholz, Cologne. "A.B.A.T.E. members' efforts across the state have made Minnesota a leader in motorcycle safety."

According to Fernholz, A.B.A.T.E.'s initiatives also include providing education and training for young riders. To date, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has registered and paid \$25,500 for 98 youth to take rider training in 2024 through its Young Riders Scholarship program. For more information about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota or the Tri-County Chapter, visit www.abatemn.org or contact Jon Fernholz at 952-649-0581 or via email at education@abatemn.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Ongoing:** **Cards for Seniors**, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Cologne Community Center
- April 27** **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
- April 30** **Cologne Lions 50th Anniversary Celebration**, 5:45-8 p.m., Dahlgreen Golf Club, Chaska; social, dinner, speaker and more.
- May 5** **Free 'Companion planting and natural weed and pest control' garden presentation** by U of M Master Gardeners, 2-4 p.m., Cologne Community Center; hosted by the Cologne Community Gardens
- May 9** **American Red Cross Bloodmobile**, 1-7 p.m., Cologne Community Center. Call Karen Shambour at 952-466-5928 for details.
- May 9** **Community Conversations, 'Shifting the Culture,'** 6-8 p.m., Cologne Community Center
- May 31** **Cologne Hollanders game and fireworks**, 7:30 p.m., Fritz Memorial Field
- June 14** **Cologne Hollanders 'Fill the Hill,'** 7:30 p.m., Fritz Memorial Field
- June 21** **Paradise Beach Bash**, 3-10:30 p.m. Lake Waconia Regional Park; free kids dance, live music, games & more. \$10 fee for additional activities. For details, click on the QR code or link below. [DestinationWaconia.org/beach](https://www.destinationwaconia.org/beach) 
- July 7** **Cologne Hollanders Kids' Day**, 2 p.m., Fritz Memorial Field
- July 21** **Cologne Hollanders Fan Appreciation**, 2 p.m., Fritz Memorial Field
- July 25-28** **Cologne Glad Days Celebration**
- July 26-27** **Lions Softball Tournament**, Lions Park
- Aug. 1** **National Night Out**

Special Waste Collection Events

Items like pesticides, cleaners, automotive and maintenance products are potentially hazardous and shouldn't end up in the trash. Carver County residents that have these or other difficult to dispose of items can drop them off at one of our special waste collections instead.

Items accepted for a FEE

Car Tires	\$3.00 each	Bicycles	\$3.00 each
Semi Tires	\$8.00 each	TV's & Monitors	\$10.00 each
Large Farm Tires	\$25.00 each	Appliances	\$10.00 each
Small Gas Engines	\$5.00 each		

Items accepted at NO CHARGE

Batteries - Automotive & Household

Electronics
 CPU & Laptop
 Printer, Scanner, Fax
 Keyboard & Other Peripherals
 VCR & DVD Player
 Stereo & Speakers

Fluorescent Bulbs (Business bulbs accepted for a fee)

Household Hazardous Waste

Latex & Oil Paint	Household cleaners
Paint remover, stripper, thinner	Propane tanks
Stain, varnish	Gasoline
Pesticides, herbicides	Oil & antifreeze
Aerosol cans	Automotive products
Mercury thermometers & thermostats	

Scrap Metal

NOT ACCEPTED

• Brush & yard waste	• Garden hoses
• Carpet	• Medical waste
• Clothing & fabric	• Mirror glass
• Construction & demolition debris	• Plastic tarps
• Dishware	• Porcelain toilets and sinks
• Drinking glasses	• Shredded paper
• Furniture	• Styrofoam
• General recycling	• Trash/garbage

Dates & Times

Spring Collection
 Saturday May 18, 2024
 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Carver County Public Works Headquarters
 11360 US Hwy 212
 Cologne, MN 55322

Fall Collection
 Saturday September 14, 2024
 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Carver County Public Works - Hollywood
 3480 CR 21
 Hollywood Twp, MN 55388

Can't Make It?
 The Carver County Environmental Center is open year-round. Visit recyclecarver.org for details.

Event Details

Businesses are prohibited from participating in Special Waste Collection events except for the drop off of fluorescent lamps, motor oil, oil filters and anti-freeze. Please call (952) 361-1800 for pricing and quantity limits.

Containers larger than 5 gallons will not be accepted without prior approval.

Questions?

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[facebook.com/recyclecarver](https://www.facebook.com/recyclecarver)

Central Public Schools:

- June 11** **Safe Kids 101**, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Central Elementary Media Center, grades 2-6; \$40
- Multiple dates** **Kidcreate Studio and KidScientific sessions**
 Visit isd108.ce.eleyo.com for details.

Cologne Academy Events:

- May 21** **8th Grade Graduation**, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 5** **Cologne Academy Golf Classic**, Dahlgreen Golf Club, Chaska; register at <https://www.32auctions.com/CAgolfclassic2024>
- Aug. 26** **First Day of School**

Zion Lutheran School Event:

- May 5** **Zion Education League Silent Auction**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Zion Lutheran School, 14735 County Rd. 152, Cologne; donuts/coffee (8:30-9:30 a.m.) freewill donation), silent auction, food trucks, carnival games for kids, live auction

COLOGNE FITNESS CENTER

NEW STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Home from school for break?
 Stop by the City Hall front desk and ask about our student fitness center membership.
 Post secondary student ID required, must be at least 18 years of age
 \$15 pass for 1 month of access
 Monday-Fridays between the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm



BEAT THE HEAT

SUMMER BREAK OPEN GYM

Cologne Community Center
 Weekdays: Monday-Friday
 9:00-4:00pm
 (as long as private events are not books:
 please call 952.466.2064 or check our online calendar)

\$1.00 per student

Please have a ride arranged to pick up no later than 4:00pm when community center closes



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Interested in joining or learning more about the Cologne Communities of Belonging?

Email colognecommunitiesofbelonging@gmail.com



City of Cologne

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Emergency/after-hours public works: 952-466-5601 and leave a voice mail message.

Email: info@colognemn.com

Website: www.colognemn.com

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

City Hall holiday closures –Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day),

Wednesday, June 19 (Juneteenth), Thursday, July 4

(Independence Day)

City Administrator/Clerk: Michelle Morrison

Utility Billing Clerk: Jenna McInnis

Cologne City Council: Mayor Matt Lein, Sarah Bruss,

Maria Samuelson (NEW), 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 Wednesday, 6 p.m.

GARDEN PLOTS, PLANTERS AVAILABLE FOR RENT

The Louis Street Gardens continue to develop – adding permanent water spigots and an accessible path from the road – allowing residents to rent in-ground plots or raised planters this season. Priority for planters is given to those with mobility challenges. In-ground plots (10ft.x15ft.) are available for \$25; raised planters are \$10 on a first come, first served basis. Contact Community Garden Coordinator, Lona Hendricks at 952-567-4561 or via email at lona.j.hendricks@gmail.com *Thank you to Don Wickenhauser and Wickenhauser Excavating, Cologne, for their supply and equipment donations and installation services.*



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The series, “Creating a Better Story,” is presented by the YMCA of the North United Health Group’s Equity Innovation Center of Excellence. During these conversations, “We analyze our community story, review history to understand the current context of culture and learn how we perceive our story through mental models,” Foede added. “Together, we are exploring how we can tell a better story – a future story that improves trust and safety for all and builds bridges so everyone feels welcome.”

Two virtual conversations were held in April; the series will end with the **“Shifting the Culture” discussion on Thursday, May 9, 6-8 p.m., at the Cologne Community Center.** No registration is required; all are welcome.