



News & Notes

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NEW FIELD & FORGE MARKET IN COLOGNE BEGINS JUNE 3

Calling all farmer's market fans: The City of Cologne is bringing a Field & Forge Market to the community in early summer.

The Field & Forge Market will be held on Tuesdays, 3:30-6:30 p.m., from June 3-Sept. 30. The Market will be located in the far southeast parking lot near the Cologne City Hall (1211 Village Parkway). To become a vendor, review the Rules & Regulations and complete an application at www.colognemn.com/partners-2/cologne-field-forge-market/
Patrons: Please park in the Cologne Community Center parking lot (do not park at STARS ELA or Cologne Academy lots for the safety of their scholars).



CITY OF COLOGNE

SEASONAL REMINDERS & UPDATES

DO NOT put grass clippings or yard waste on City streets, paths or sidewalks. Leave the clippings on the lawn or compost them. Be sure to sweep or blow clippings off of paved surfaces and back onto the lawn.

BE AWARE: IRRIGATION/WATER USE

Water rates have increased; the most significant change will be noticed while irrigating and with the use of 10,000-plus gallons. The water rate increases to \$11.95 per 1,000 gallons at the 10,000-plus gallons' mark.

Sprinkling is allowed between 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. Households with even-numbered street addresses may sprinkle on even days; those with odd-numbered street addresses may sprinkle on odd days. If you have an irrigation system, please check your settings.

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COLOGNE COMMUNITIES
OF BELONGING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Cologne Communities of Belonging team has several new projects under way while continuing to enhance opportunities for gathering and connection in the community.

Community Gardens

Residents interested in gardening may rent in-ground plots or raised planters at the Louis Street Gardens. In-ground plots (10 ft. x 15 ft.) are available for \$25; raised planters are \$10 on a first come, first served basis. This season, there are new features at the garden – including a free little seed library, perennials to be shared by all and the sale of garden produce (volunteers needed to help harvest) at the new Field & Forge Market.

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BOUNTIFUL BASKET TO CELEBRATE TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

FREEWILL BREAKFAST ON JULY 20; ALL INVITED

The Cologne Lions Club will help Bountiful Basket celebrate its two-year anniversary in Cologne by hosting a freewill breakfast on Sunday, July 20, from 8 a.m. to Noon. The breakfast will be held under a tent at the food shelf site at 102 Lake St. West, Cologne. Thank you to PMR Contractors for sponsoring the tent.

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 is open Tuesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Thursday 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Donated food may be dropped off at the Bountiful Basket during all open hours or at the City of Cologne office 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (weekdays). Learn more at bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org or call **952-988-2802**.

NEW BUSINESS OPENING LUV'S KITCHEN & COMPANY

Luv's Kitchen & Company opened this spring at 1111 Village Parkway, and serves coffee, fountain drinks, and breakfast and lunch items. Hours are 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Welcome to Cologne! Call 952-201-0461 or visit www.toasttab.com/luvs-kitchen-company-1111-village-parkway to order online.

24TH ANNUAL GLAD DAYS CELEBRATION JULY 24-27

Mark your calendars for July 24-27, 2025, to enjoy best community celebration around – Cologne Glad Days.

The 24th annual Glad Days will again feature family-friendly fun for all ages – including live music daily, food truck plaza, ball tournaments and more. This weekend-long celebration is designed to: have a community gathering to bring together the lifelong residents of the area and those who have recently moved into the community; reflect on the history of Cologne and share it with the new residents; and encourage residents to take pride in the community.

The celebration begins Thursday, July 24 with the Cologne Market, evening garden party and with puzzles and guzzles. On Friday, enjoy Family Fun Night, Touch a Truck



and music by Hollywood Blvd. Saturday brings the BBQ contest, foam party, music all day by Rich Larson & Girls Night Out, line dancing and more. The Sunday tractor cruise and Bill Litzau & Open Highway will close out the weekend. Be sure to visit the free bounce houses, RC cars game truck ball games and paintball (small fee) all weekend. Thank you to the sponsors that make this celebration possible.

More details are posted on www.colognegladdays.com and watch for event updates on the Glad Days Facebook page.

OPEN GYM Cologne Community Center

WEEKDAYS

Mondays 11:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday-Fridays 9:00am-4:00pm

Stop by the front desk to sign in

\$1.00 per person

Elementary students- please arrange to have adult supervision

Middle school students please have a ride arranged no later than 4pm when City office closes



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Carver County Parks:

Visit bit.ly/CCPprograms and bit.ly/CCPevents or scan the QR codes for summer program details and events – including a free playground opening event **May 17 at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park** and **July 12 camping with the stars at Baylor Regional Park.**



- May** **Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month**
Learn more at www.abatemn.org
- May 3** **“Gray Area Thinking” Community Conversation with Ellie Krug, 9-11 a.m.,**
Cologne Academy cafeteria, 1221 S. Village Parkway. Presentation and toolset from Krug – national speaker, transgender writer and “human inclusionist” – on how to be more welcoming of anyone who is “Other” in society; sponsored by the Cologne Community of Belonging, light continental breakfast will be served. Free, open to all.
- May 4** **Annual Garden Sale, 10 a.m.-Noon,**
West Union Lutheran Church; 15820 Market Ave.; vegetable/herb/flower, houseplants, free seeds, vendors
- May 7** **Cologne Hollanders home opener game, 7:30 p.m.,** Fritz Memorial Field
- May 11** **Permanent Jewelry with Darling & Divine at Logan Pass Coffeehouse, 9 a.m.-Noon,** 202 Paul Ave. N.
- May 17** **Carver County Special Waste Collection Day, 8 a.m.-Noon,** Carver County Public Works, 11360 Hwy. 212; details at www.carvercountymn.gov
- May 30** **Cologne Hollanders game & fireworks, 7:30 p.m.,** Fritz Memorial Field
- June 19** **Cologne Lions cookout, 212 Tavern, 4-8 p.m. (food) and 6-9 p.m. (music),** 114 Paul Ave. S.
- June 22** **Cologne Hollanders Kid’s Day game, 4 p.m.,** Fritz Memorial Field
- June 3-Sept. 30** **Field & Forge Market, 3:30-6:30 p.m.,** 1211 Village Parkway/S.E. parking lot
- July 20** **Bountiful Basket anniversary breakfast, 8 a.m. to Noon, 102 Lake St. West**
- July 20** **Cologne Hollanders ‘Fill the Hill’/Fan Appreciation game, 2 p.m.,** Fritz Memorial Field
- July 24-27** **24th Annual Cologne Glad Days**
- July 25-26** **Cologne Lions softball tournament,** Lions Park

For the most current schedule and activities at the Cologne Community Center, visit www.cologne.mn.com and click on the Digital Bulletin Board.

Aug. 21 **Cologne Lions cookout, 212 Tavern, 4-8 p.m. (food) and 6-9 p.m. (music),** 114 Paul Ave. S.

Central Public Schools

June-Aug. **Camp Central Summer Adventures, various dates, 9-11 a.m.;** youth ages 3-6, \$12 per child per camp.

June 25 **Water Wonders: Exploring Conservation and Wildlife, Benton Lake, Cologne, Noon-3 p.m.;** youth ages 6-10, \$36, bring a bag lunch.

For all Central Schools summer programs, event details and registration, visit isd108.eleyo.com

Cologne Academy

May 20 **8th grade graduation, 6:30 p.m.,** 1221 S. Village Pkwy.; www.cologneacademy.org

Zion Lutheran Church and School

July 28-Aug. 1 **Epic Australian Adventure Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m.,** 14735 County Rd. 152, Cologne; ages 3 years through youth entering 6th grade. Register by July 18 at <https://forms.gle/u5n5weGiyNBLbMjz5> www.zion-cologne.org



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CONFERENCE ROOM
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COMMUNITY ROOM

- GRADUATION PARTIES
- BABY & BRIDAL SHOWERS
- FAMILY & CLASS REUNIONS
- HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS
- BIRTHDAY PARTIES

GYM SPACE

- WEDDING RECEPTIONS & BANQUETS
- BUSINESS CONFERENCES
- FUNERALS/CELEBRATION OF LIFE
 - SEATING UP TO 400
 - DANCE FLOOR
 - VARIABLE LIGHTING
 - SOUND SYSTEM
 - STAGE
- SPORT RENTAL:
 - BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL,
 - PICKLEBALL, ETC.



BOOK YOUR GATHERING TODAY

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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: May 26 (Memorial Day);

June 19 (Juneteenth); July 4, Sept. 1 (Labor Day)

City Administrator: Michelle Morrison

Utility Billing Clerk: Jenna McInnis

Cologne City Council: Mayor Matt Lein, Sarah Bruss, Carol Szaroletta, Jeri Bowers, Selmer Olson

The City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.

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

Citizens are welcome to attend meetings and learn about City Council work.

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Priority for planters is given to those with mobility challenges. For details, contact Community Garden Coordinator, Lona Hendricks at 952-567-4561 or via email at lona.j.hendricks@gmail.com

NEW: Cologne Historical Society

Are you interested in starting or participating in a historical society in Cologne? The Communities of Belonging leadership team is looking for volunteers to help organize and support these efforts in partnership with the Carver County Historical Society. If interested, please email

colognecommunitiesofbelonging@gmail.com

or contact Lona Hendricks at 952-567-4561.



Join us!

Are you interested in joining or learning more about the Cologne Communities of Belonging? We look forward to meeting you!

Please send an email to:

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