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Albert Lea is on the Move

In Albert Lea, ACTIVE LIVING is a story of collaboration. SHIP (the Statewide Health Improvement Program) is proud to be part of that collaboration. We are working with community partners to increase your access to recreational facilities and make Albert Lea a walkable/bikeable community.

Supporting good community design, SHIP has invested in the Front Street bike lanes which will be built this summer and connect with the Blazing Star Trail. Thirty new bike racks will be installed around the city to promote non-motorized forms of transportation and provide a convenient and safe place for residents to park their bikes.

For young people, a Bike Rodeo will be held May 21st at Southwest Middle School. Children will learn about bike safety and have an opportunity to practice their new skills. Free bike checks and helmets will be part of this fun event.

Watch for kiosks that will serve as signage along our walking paths and trails. The Brookside Boathouse will have a special kiosk dedicated to ACTIVE LIVING programs offered by Community Education.

Walk, bike or drive to Riverland Community College and check out the new Disc Golf Course. This course is open to all free of charge. If you don't play Disc Golf, a free clinic will be held at Bancroft Bay Park at 10 a.m. on May 14 because there's no time like the present to learn a new sport!

Enjoy three free swim days sponsored by SHIP this summer. We encourage your family to experience the Albert Lea Aquatic Center and have some fun in the sun. Free swim days are June 18, July 16 and August 13. Save the date and join the fun!

Working with our schools, worksites, healthcare and communities, SHIP is actively investing in a healthy future for Freeborn County. We continue to work with all our partners to empower our communities to support healthier lifestyles and work together to make the healthy choice the easy choice. Enjoy your summer... live longer... live better... get active!

Albert Lea Police Dept. Citizen's Academy

The Albert Lea Police Department's Citizen's Academy is now in its 9th year. The purpose of the academy, says coordinator Lt. Jeff Strom, is to give the citizens of Albert Lea a better understanding of their police department and how it works. It also introduces them to a large number of the officers.

The Citizen's Academy is held every Spring. Community members learn about the history of the police department, the equipment the officers carry, field training the officers go through, and many programs including: crime free multi-housing, crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED), Community Service Officer, School Liaison Officer and Zero Adult Provider. The participants are also encouraged to ride along with an officer for a 4 hour period to get a better feel of what their shift is like.

John Double, an Assistant Principal at Albert Lea High School is a current participant in the program. "Having a good rapport with law enforcement is very important," he says. He has been enjoying the presentations so far. When asked what his favorite topic has been, he commented that the CPTED program, crime prevention through environmental design, was very interesting. "It's a great program that's free and available to anyone."

On this particular evening, Officer Ted Her-

man, the High School Police Liaison officer gave a presentation explaining his duties. He and Officer Jay Crabtree are stationed within the school district. Officer Herman says that a large part of his job is counseling - kids come in and talk to him about problems they may be having at home or at school.



Spring 2011 Citizen's Academy participants

Officer Jacob Stockwell, the substance prevention specialist for the Department also gave a presentation on ZAP, the Zero Adult Provider program. It looks to pinpoint who is providing alcohol to minors and provides penalties to them to try and curb the supply of alcohol.

Lt. Strom says that the Academy has been very well received over the years and people really seem to enjoy it.

For more information about the Citizen's Academy or any programs mentioned, please contact Lt. Jeff Strom, 507-377-5210.

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brett.behnke@co.freeborn.mn.us

**Special General Election
for Ward 1 at
Brookside School
Tuesday, May 3, 2011
7 a.m. until 8 p.m.**



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One World, Many Stories

Albert Lea Public Library Summer Reading Program 2011

June 6th- July 23rd

Read Books and Receive Prizes!!

Children of all ages encouraged to sign up
online @ www.alplonline.org beginning May 2nd.

Weekly Programs

Storytime- Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Gametime- Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

Art Zones Studio- Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Book Pals Book Club (Gr. 3-5)- Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

Night-time Storytime- Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Special Events

Magician Jim Jayes- Thursday, June 9th
at 2 and 3 p.m.

R.A.D. Zoo- Thursday, June 16th at 2 and 3 p.m.

Hans Mayer Music Program- Thursday, June 23rd
at 2 and 3 p.m.

Schifelly Puppets- Thursday, June 30th
at 2 and 3 p.m.

Crafts & Games- Thursday, July 7th at 2 p.m.

BINGO- Thursday, July 14th at 2 p.m.

Zoo-man- Thursday, July 21st
at 2 and 3 p.m.

Children's Room
211 East Clark Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007
(507) 377-4356



Parks and Recreation Department to Make Change in Pavilion Reservation Policy

The Parks and Recreation Department has made a change in their procedures for renting City pavilions. Beginning June 1, 2011, the Parks and Recreation Department will extend their time period for reservations to include the following calendar year. As an example, a person will be able to come in on June 1, 2010 and reserve a date sometime in the 2012 season. You will be charged the entire cost of the reservation at the time you make the reservation. The cancellation policy will also remain the same. For a refund, the reservation must be cancelled thirty days before the event. Our hope is that this change will make it more convenient to reserve one of the City's facilities for your event or family gathering.

Officer Doppelhammer Recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving



David Doppelhammer, left, is pictured with his father, Lowell Doppelhammer

On March 9, 2011, MADD Minnesota hosted an award luncheon at Target Field to honor those in criminal justice or community leaders that have worked to prevent alcohol related traffic deaths and injuries.

Albert Lea Officer David Doppelhammer has continuously performed beyond expectations in his efforts to enforce DUI laws. Officer Doppelhammer was recognized at this event in the Outstanding Service Category.

The Albert Lea Police Department proudly recognizes Officer Doppelhammer for this nomination.

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SELCO

Albert Lea Parks and Recreation



Marion Ross Performing Arts Center



ACT Presents: Always, Patsy Cline
May 5, 6, 7, 8 (Matinee), 11, 12, 13, 14

Auditorium:

- Seats up to 257
- New seats installed January 2008
- Front and rear projection screens
- State of the art lighting and sound

Meeting Room

- Seats up to 40 - Front projection screen

For more information on auditorium and meeting room rental contact the Parks and Recreation office at 507-377-4370.

SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 2, 2011

Registration for all summer programs will be at the Parks and Recreation Office (at the City Arena) Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Albert Lea Parks and Recreation
(Located at the City Arena)
Phone: 507-377-4370

jdavis@city.albertlea.org
jhagen@city.albertlea.org
jhutchison@city.albertlea.org
bfurland@city.albertlea.org

You can also register online:
www.cityofalbertlea.org



Skatepark Hours

Open from 7:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m. seven days a week. Located at the City Beach.

Please Pre-Register!

Don't wait until the last minute! If there are not enough registrants, a class will be cancelled.

Please register at least three business days prior to start date.

Youth Sports/Recreation Contacts

Albert Lea Community Baseball
Kelly Bordewick 507-402-3671

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hbducklips@yahoo.com
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Albert Lea Soccer Association
Sophie Ehrhardt 507-377-8115

Albert Lea Youth Hockey Association
Chris Chalmers
cchalmers08@gmail.com

Just for Kix
Amie Struck 507-433-1966

Kennel Club
Teri Nelson 507-373-7169

SPECIAL EVENTS

Kid's Yard Sale

Ages 7-14

Is your bedroom piling up with old toys, video games and clothes? Why not clean all that stuff out and make money while you're at it? Everyone is invited to shop, but only kids between the ages of 7-14 are eligible to sell. Kids age 7-10 years old must be accompanied by an adult during the entire sale. Set up begins at 10:30 a.m. No early drop-offs and nothing left behind. Park & Rec will do all the advertising.

When: Friday, June 10 (city-wide rummage sale weekend)

Time: 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Where: Morin Park (in case of inclement weather-City Arena)

Fee: \$5.00 per 8 foot table (p.s. have mom and dad pay)



Kids Art in the Park

Enjoy an evening of face painting, tie-dyeing, crafts of all kinds, children's gallery, Ventriloquist Shari Ellingson and so much more! We will also have a sidewalk chalk mural contest with prize give-a-ways. Come and decorate your mural anytime from 4-5:45 p.m. Judging will begin at 6:00 p.m. Ventriloquist will begin at 5:00 p.m. New this year we will also have the "Wishing Tree." Stop out and jot down your wish and tie it in the tree. Wishes will be kept up for one week (dependent on weather). We hope yours comes true!

When: Wednesday, June 15th

Time: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: New Denmark Park (new location)

Fee: FREE (bring a t-shirt to tie-dye)

*Sidewalk chalk will be provided for murals

**Food and beverage available for purchase

Movies in the Park

Join us at Edgewater Park Bandshell for great family movies! Take a seat on the bench or bring your lawn chairs and blankets to relax and enjoy the show.

When: Friday, July 22nd -MegaMind (PG)

Friday, August 12th -Hachi (G)

Friday, August 26th - Tangled (PG)

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Where: Edgewater Park Bandshell

Fee: FREE

Movies in the Park is sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, A.L. Family YMCA and Park and Rec.

Movies will be rescheduled in case of inclement weather.



Park Olympics & Wiffleball Tournament

Are you the Master of Foosball, the King of Box Hockey or the Ruler of Ping Pong? Bring your friends and family out for an evening of friendly competition. We will also have a Wiffleball tournament and divisions broken down by age groups. And if mom and dad are up for it, we will have Parents vs. Kids!

When: Wednesday, June 29th

Time: 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Where: Hawthorne Park

Fee: FREE

Summer Carnival

Join us for an afternoon of carnival games, face painting, bouncies, food and so much more!

When: Wednesday, July 13

Time: 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Where: Farmer's Market-North Broadway Parking Lot

Fee: \$2.00 (includes all games)

Children 2 and under FREE

*Food and beverage available for purchase at Farmer's Market



Beach Luau

Bring your family out for warm weather fun! Enjoy limbo and hula hoop contests, water balloon volleyball, sand bowling, a sandcastle contest, a bonfire, bounce, s'mores and DJ! Also, bring your suits and cool off in the lake. Lifeguards will be on duty from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Sandcastle judging will begin at 8:00 p.m.

When: Wednesday, July 27

Time: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Where: City Beach

Fee: FREE

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Homeward Bound Theatre

Dr. Seuss and Me

Grades K-3rd

Act out favorite Dr. Seuss stories like "The Cat in the Hat" or "Green Eggs and Ham," recreated for family and friends! Kids will experience warm-up games, theatre exercises and movement.

When: June 6-9

Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Where: City Arena-Conference Room #1

Fee: \$38 (supplies included)

Register by June 3rd

Prop Bag

Grades 3rd-6th

An unusual combination of household items becomes a world of fun for the imagination! A rope becomes a magic belt, a scary snake or an animal tail! Short skirts are developed from improvisation. Bring your friends!

When: June 6-9

Time: 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Where: City Arena-Conference Room #1

Fee: \$38 (supplies included)

Register by June 3rd

Where the Wild Things Are

Grades K-3rd

Creative dramatics and movement with fun and focus, theatre games, and pantomime. Learn elements of theatre. Develop individual imagination and group cooperation acting out of children's literature. "Cups for Sale," "Three Billy Goats Gruff," "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," "The Three Little Pigs" and Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are."



When: August 8-10

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: City Arena-Conference Room #1

Fee: \$38 (supplies included)

Register by August 5th

The Sneetches

Grades 3rd-6th

Learn the basics of acting and theatre: movement, vocal articulation and enunciation, breathing techniques, the mirror game, pantomime, conflict resolution, character development, monologue, dialogue and group dynamics. With focus on the natural ability of children to pretend, we will play out children's literature such as "Dr. Seuss," "Stone Soup" and other favorite stories as well as creating our own improvisation plays.

When: August 8-10

Time: 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Where: City Arena-Conference Room #1

Fee: \$38 (supplies included)

Register by August 5th

PLAYPARKS

PLAYPARK SCHEDULE

We have many great activities scheduled this summer! This year eight playparks will be open during the summer including Academy, Hawthorne, Hayek, Lakeview, Sondergaard, Southwest, Troy-Hammer and Valley. Playparks will be open Monday-Thursday from 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Each park will have one leader to supervise the building and grounds and assist children in creating a fun and happy summer! Each day offers something new and exciting. Parents are encouraged to stop by their neighborhood park and meet their Park Leaders.

*Please note: Playparks are subject to close due to inclement weather and extreme heat.

When: June 6th – July 28th
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Who: Ages 7-12
Fee: Free!!!



Craft-tastic Mondays

Each Monday during the Playpark season we will try our hand at a different craft. Come out and see what's going on at your neighborhood playpark!

When: Mondays, June 13-July 25
Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Where: Academy, Hawthorne, Hayek, Lakeview, Sondergaard, Southwest, Troy-Hammer and Valley Parks
Fee: Free!!!



Tie Dye Tuesdays

Go to your neighborhood playparks and bring whatever you want to tie dye! Let your imaginations run wild! Materials will be provided (dye, rubber bands).

When: Tuesday, June 28 & Tuesday, July 26
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Where: Academy, Hawthorne, Hayek, Lakeview, Sondergaard, Southwest, Troy-Hammer and Valley Parks
Fee: FREE!!!

Splash-tastic Thursdays

Come out to your neighborhood playpark each Thursday for water games! Slip-n-Slide your way to fun, play water games and cool off from the hot summer sun!

When: Thursdays, June 9-July 28
Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Where: Academy, Hawthorne Hayek, Lakeview, Sondergaard, Southwest, Troy-Hammer and Valley Parks
Fee: FREE!!!



Radical Relays

Enjoy an afternoon filled with relays galore! Racing, balloon popping, hula hooping, obstacle courses, you name it! Challenge your friends!

When: Tuesday, June 14
Time: 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Where: Academy, Hawthorne, Hayek, Lakeview, Sondergaard, Southwest, Troy-Hammer and Valley Parks
Fee: FREE

Waterpalooza

Come on down to your local playpark and enjoy all sorts of water games and activities! We'll have water relays, slip-n-slide races and much more!

When: Thursday, July 7
Time: 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (during splashtastic Thursdays)
Where: Academy, Hawthorne, Hayek, Lakeview, Sondergaard, Southwest, Troy-Hammer and Valley Parks
Fee: FREE



Garden Contest 2011

Come participate in our citywide celebration of gardening! Garden contest categories include, Vegetable/Fruit Garden, Flower Garden, Vegetable/Fruit Container Garden, Flower Container Garden, Children's Garden and Water Garden. For more information on judging criteria and rules contact Parks and Recreation at 377-4370 or check out our website at www.cityofalbertlea.org

Entry Deadline: Friday, July 29
Judges Visit Finalists' Gardens: August 8 and 9
Awards Ceremony: Late August (TBA) at Farmers Market

Volunteer Parks & Recreation Opportunities

Consider giving your time and talents through volunteering with the Albert Lea Parks and Recreation Department. Throughout the year, we host many special events that require the assistance of volunteers. Individuals, businesses and social groups are encouraged to call and find out how to take part. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Jenny Davis at 377-4370 or send an e-mail to jdavis@city.albertlea.org.

- Volunteer opportunities are open to:
- Individuals (children under 14 with supervision of an adult chaperone)
 - Church groups
 - School clubs and school community service hour requirements
 - Scout groups
 - Local businesses and employee groups
 - Social clubs (mom's groups, single groups, etc.)
 - Community organizations
 - Anyone with an interest in volunteering

Senior Center



Membership Dues: Annual membership fee is \$30.00 per year, our year runs from January 1 thru December 31.

Hours: Monday- 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more info call **373-0704**.

As a member of the Albert Lea Senior Center you will receive a monthly newsletter to keep you up to date on Center events.

Participate in: Aerobics, Yoga, Walking Club, Red Hat Society, Crafts and Card Recycling, Monthly Birthday Party, Play Ph-effer, 500 or Bridge, Blood Pressure Checks, Innovision Eye Care, Coping with Grief, Stress Management Class, Class on Macular Degeneration, AARP Driver Safety Class, Ping Pong and Special Events.

There's a Pool Room with 5 pool tables and the Lounge is open to use the computers, watch TV or put in a movie, work on puzzles or visit with friends.

Take a day trip to exciting destinations around Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

PLAYPARK TRIPS



Edina Aquatic Center Trip

Families welcome, children 6 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.

Come with us as we check out all the exciting attractions Edina Aquatic Center has in store! Hop aboard the Shipwreck Express and look out over the water as you prepare yourself for the cable ride. Rocket down the 207-foot body slide and fly down the 300-foot tube flume in a single, double- or triple-person tube. Enjoy a little out-of-the-water fun at Oakwood Forest where you can climb up the hollowed trunk of the magical tree house to reach the lookout tower. Slide down and enjoy the monkey bars, bridges, and rope climbing. Hide in the crawl-through log or get caught in the spider web. Adventure awaits!

When: Wednesday, June 22nd

Time: Bus leaves City Arena at 9:30 a.m. and returns approximately 5:30 p.m.

Where: Edina, MN (kids remember to wear your yellow Park & Rec trip shirts)

Fee: \$15 in town \$20 out of town

Register by June 17th



MN Twins vs. Tampa Bay Rays Trip

Come check out the new stadium and watch the Twins beat the Rays! We'll be seated in the Home Run Porch view for Park & Rec days.

When: Wed. July 6th

Time: Bus leaves City Arena at 9:30 a.m.

Game starts at 12:10 p.m. Bus will return to City Arena approx. 5 p.m.

Where: Target Field, Minneapolis (kids remember to wear your yellow Park & Rec trip shirts)

Fee: \$25 in town \$30 out of town

Register by June 24th

Old Log Theater "The Reluctant Dragon" & Lake Minnetonka Regional Park Trip

Families welcome, children 6 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.

Join us for a special performance of "The Reluctant Dragon" at the Old Log Theater. Based upon Kenneth Grahame's charming tale about a boy who befriends a kind and funny dragon. Afterward we will hop on the bus and head over

to Lake Minnetonka Regional Park for a picnic lunch and playtime at their creative playground area.

When: Wednesday, July 20th

Time: Bus leaves City Arena at 7:30 a.m. and returns approximately 4:30 p.m.

Where: Old Log Theater-Excelsior, MN; Lake Minnetonka Regional Park-Minnetrista, MN (kids remember to wear your yellow Park & Rec trip shirts)

Fee: \$15 in town \$20 out of town

Register by July 15th

PLEASE NOTE:

Play park trips are designed for children 7-13 years. Each trip has a fee, requires pre-registration and is fully chaperoned. Families are welcome to participate; 6 years & under must be accompanied by an adult. Yellow trip shirts are required to be worn by children on all trips (can be purchased for \$6 at the Parks and Recreation office). The bus will leave from the City Arena for all out of town trips.

YOUTH SPORTS



Youth Lacrosse

Open Lacrosse league for all age groups, male or female to introduce the game of Lacrosse. Open Lacrosse will run for three weeks. Lacrosse League nights will follow for the next four weeks and consist of instruction and drills to learn the skills of the game. Games will be played following the instructions to use and develop the skills.

When: Mondays, starting June 6th-July 18th

Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Where: Hayek Park

Equipment: Sticks, helmets & gloves required (sticks will be available to use @ park)

Fee: \$15.00 in town \$20.00 out of town

(includes t-shirt)

**Parents are WELCOME to stay and watch or help!!



Albert Lea Summer Hockey School 2011

The Albert Lea Hockey School will be held during the week of July 18-22, 2011. The primary purpose of the school is to introduce and drill all players on the basic fundamentals - skating, passing, shooting, checking, stickhandling, etc. Special emphasis will be directed toward positional play and team concepts. Albert Lea High School coaches will direct the school.

Costs for squirts, peewees and bantams will be \$100.00 and the cost for mites will be \$50.00.

The cost for JV players will be \$100. Questions, applications, and payments should be directed to:

Roy Nystrom
1615 Seath Dr., Albert Lea, MN 56007
507-373-7890

Play Ball! MN Twins Clinic



The Minnesota Twins will be offering a free baseball and softball clinic to youth in and around Albert Lea. Play Ball!

Minnesota Youth Clinics program provides boys and girls with the opportunity to enhance their baseball and softball skills, while also hearing positive messages about staying in school and away from drugs and alcohol. Play Ball! Minnesota Youth Clinics are funded and administered by the Twins Community Fund. Clinics are open to boys and girls ages 6 to 16 and focus on hitting, fielding and throwing. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. The Twins provide safe, youth-friendly equipment. Youth participants are asked to bring their baseball or softball gloves.

When: Saturday, July 23rd

Time: 9:00 a.m.-6-9 year olds

10:30 a.m.-10-16 year olds

Where: Hayek Field Complex (in case of inclement weather-City Arena)

Fee: FREE

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Touch-A-Truck

Held in conjunction with Cloverleaf & Lakeview Lions Annual Flight Breakfast

Put your imagination in gear and go! Join us for Touch-A-Truck where kids get a chance to get up close to their favorite vehicles and rub elbows with their hometown heroes. Touch-A-Truck is a FREE, fun, family event enjoyed by kids of all ages! An assortment of vehicles will be featured including a Fire Engine, Police Vehicles and even an airplane!

When: Sunday, June 12th
Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Where: Albert Lea Municipal Airport
Fee: FREE!!

**Cloverleaf/Lakeview Lions Annual Flight Breakfast 7:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

*Serving pancakes, ham, eggs, milk & coffee:
 Adults \$6.00 Kids \$3.00 (12 & under)*

Cheerleading Camp

Ages 7-13 years

Learn basic cheers, lifts, dance routines and other fun activities! On the last day there will be a performance for family and friends! Participants will receive their own pom poms.



Session 1: June 13-17

Lakeview Park 9:30-11:30 a.m. or Hayek Park 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Session 2: June 20-24

Valley Park 9:30-11:30 a.m. or Academy Park 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Session 3: June 27-July 1

Southwest Park 9:30-11:30 a.m. or Troy-Hammer Park 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20 in town \$25 out of town

Tennis Camp

Why not take a swing at tennis this summer? All that's needed is a pair of sneakers and the willingness to learn and have fun! Tennis skills will be taught through a variety of games, relays and drills. Tennis will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Southwest Tennis courts. Rackets are provided. Make sure to bring drinking water for your athlete.

Session 1: June 14-June 30

Session 2: July 12-July 28

9:00-9:50 a.m. 6-8 years

10:00-10:50 a.m. 9-11 years

11:00-11:50 a.m. 12-14 years

Fee: \$15/session in-town \$20/session out of town

Tiny Tigers Tot Lot

Ages 4-6 years

Young children will be introduced to new and exciting games, crafts, nature, a variety of sports and an opportunity to make new friends! Snacks will be provided.

Session 1: June 20-24

Session 2: July 18-22

Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: Valley Park

Fee: \$15 in town \$20 out of town



Wilderness 101

Ages 7-13 years

Have you ever wondered if you could survive in the wild? What do you do if you find a wild baby animal? Is there equipment needed for nature hikes? We'll answer all these questions and more! Learn more about making a plan, collecting drinking water, finding food and shelter, starting fires, and calling for help. We'll even build our own Survival Kits! This class is taught by the DNR.

When: Tuesday, June 28th

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: Myre-Big Island State Park (bus will pick up kids at visitors center)

Fee: \$8.00 in town \$13.00 out of town

Cheer-Tots

Ages 4-6 years

Learn basic cheers, lifts, dance routines and other fun activities! On the last day there will be a performance for family and friends! Participants will receive their own pom poms.

When: July 11-15

Where: Lakeview Park

Time: 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 in town \$15 out of town

Artsy Craftsy Camp

Ages 7-13 years

Use your imagination and create something fabulous! Each day we will construct many different masterpieces! Come prepared to have fun!

When: July 26-28

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: Edgewater Park-Cottage

Fee: \$20 in town \$25 out of town



Let's Go Fishing!

Ages 7-13 years

Let's get outside and go fishing! Kids will learn basics such as how to use a rod and reel, water safety, fishing skills and of course we'll do some fishing! We'll even do fish printing, casting, water cycle, and food chain games and a pop can fishing rig! Please bring a healthy sack lunch to eat as well as a clean empty pop can. This class is taught by MinnAqua DNR. Fishing rods are provided.

When: Monday, August 8th

Time: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Where: Edgewater Park Cottage

Fee: \$10.00 in town \$15.00 out of town

Kids-Only Camp Out

Ages 7-13

Grab your friends and head outdoors where we'll be camping out at beautiful Edgewater Park! Come and enjoy canoeing, scavenger hunts, games, a guided night hike and many more camp activities. We'll also be making lunch, supper and breakfast the next morning over the campfire! Items to bring will be handed out when you register. Some tents will be available, but if you have your own we encourage you to bring it. We will be canoeing from Brookside Boat Landing to Edgewater Park. Camp-out is sponsored by Parks & Recreation and ISD #241 Environmental Learning Center.

When: Wednesday, August 10

Time: Drop-off kids Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and pick-up next day at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Drop-off at Brookside Boat Landing Boat House/Pick-up is at Edgewater Park; we will be spending the night at Edgewater (cottage if rain)

Fee: \$10 in town \$15 out of town (includes meals)

Backyard Camp

Ages 7-13 years

Bear Bag Toss, Capture the Flag, Kickball, Relay races, Scavenger hunts, Tag games and Wiffleball. Sound like fun? Come and be a part of our backyard crew as we learn classic games that keep kids busy and happy! Lots of running and jumping so dress for active play each day. Please bring a healthy snack and water for your child. One last hurrah before school!

When: August 16-18

Where: Edgewater Park Cottage

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$10 in town \$15 out of town

Passport to the Parks!

Have you taken a tour of your hometown lately? Did you know that Albert Lea has over 41 parks? This summer, challenge your family and others to set foot outdoors and get to know your local parks. Here's the challenge...head with your family to at least 15 parks this summer and see what they have to offer. Take a picture next to the park sign. When you've hit 15, send the pictures in to us for a chance to win great prizes from local businesses! Pick up your passport guide at the Parks and Recreation office located at the City Arena or download it online at www.cityofalbertlea.org.

When: Challenge begins May 2nd and runs until August 31st

Fee: Free to participate!

Benefits: quality time with family and friends and a new appreciation for your local parks!

Send pictures to jdavis@city.albertlea.org or mail to:

Albert Lea Parks & Recreation

Attn: Jenny

221 E. Clark Street

Albert Lea, MN 56007

AQUATIC CENTER

Aquatic Center opens June 4, 2011
Open Mon.-Fri. 1:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 1:00-7:00 p.m.
507-373-3328

Daily Admission: Children 2 and under
\$1.25 (includes tax)
3-17 year olds \$3.25 each (includes tax)
18 and older \$3.50 (includes tax)
Individual Season Pass: \$35 in town + tax
\$45 out of town + tax
NO REFUNDS - NO CHECKS ACCEPTED AT
THE AQUATIC CENTER

Nothing can replace close adult supervision when using the Aquatic Center. All children 6 years and under must be supervised by a paid adult swimmer. Adult must be with-in arm's reach of the child at all times.

ATTENTION: All people entering the Aquatic Center MUST pay a daily admission whether they swim or not. No exceptions!

Two Dollar Tuesdays

Bring your whole family out to the Albert Lea Aquatic Center on Tuesdays for a special rate. Each person only pays \$2.00 (includes tax) to enter the aquatic facility. Children 2 and under are \$1.00 (tax included).

Pool Crashers (Ages 13-18 years only)

The Albert Lea Aquatic Center is reserved just for you and your friends! Come out and enjoy the warm weather, your friends and music. Concession stand will be open.

When: Thursdays, June 9th, July 14th, Aug. 11th
Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Albert Lea Aquatic Center
Fee: \$2.00 per person

Splash With Me



Ages 6 months-3 years
 Come and enjoy open play-time at the Aquatic Center. Let your child splash around and use our water toys. Come as often as you want, although 9 meetings are scheduled! What a great way to introduce them to the water. An adult must

accompany child in the water. Additional staff is available to assist those with special needs. Swim diapers are required.

When: Tuesdays, June 21-August 16
Time: 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Where: Albert Lea Aquatic Center
Fee: \$20 in town \$25 out of town
 (includes 1 adult and 1 child)

SWIM LESSONS

Fee: \$20/session in town
 \$25/session out of town

You may register for ONE session and must finish the session before registering for another. Levels 1 through 7 and Aqua Tots are offered at times listed below; you may check the level descriptions when you register.

Aqua Tots must be 3 & 4 year olds; **children must be 5 years old to start level 1.**

Lesson Dates & Times: (maximum 10 per class)

Session 1 June 13-June 24

10:10-10:50 a.m. -Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and aqua tots
 10:55-11:35 a.m. -Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and aqua tots
 11:40 a.m. -12:20 p.m. -Levels 1,2,3,4, 5
 6:20-7:00 p.m. -Levels 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, Aqua Tots

Session 2 June 27-July 8 (no lessons July 4th)

10:10-10:50 a.m. -Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and aqua tots
 10:55-11:35 a.m. -Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and aqua tots
 11:40 a.m. -12:20 p.m. -Levels 1,2,3,4, 5
 6:20-7:00 p.m. -Levels 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, Aqua Tots

Session 3 July 18-July 29

10:10-10:50 a.m. -Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and aqua tots
 10:55-11:35 a.m. -Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and aqua tots
 11:40 a.m. -12:20 p.m. -Levels 1,2,3,4, 5
 6:20-7:00 p.m. -Levels 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, Aqua Tots
 7:05-7:45 p.m. -Levels 1, 2, 3, Aqua Tots

Adult Swim Lessons

Session 3 July 18-July 29

7:05-7:45 p.m.-Beginning levels
 \$40/in town \$45/ out of town

Private Lessons

Private swim lessons are available for individuals.
 5-30 minutes sessions
 \$100.00 per individual
 5-30 minutes sessions
 \$150.00 for two individuals (if in same level)

*Pool managers will contact individuals to schedule a time that works best for both students and instructors. For more information or to fill out a private lessons request form, contact Parks & Recreation at 377-4370.

WATER AEROBICS

Ages 14-Adult

Jump right in-the water's great! In this fun class we will use noodles, aquatic gloves and barbell floaters. There will be NO class scheduled during Fair Week.

When: June 5-August 17

Time: Mon and Wed 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Sun and Wed 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
 (*Please note day change)

Where: Albert Lea Aquatic Center
Fee: \$40 in town \$45 out of town

Play Day at the Pool

Kids and families come and enjoy a fun-filled day at the Albert Lea Aquatic Center! Power 96 will be broadcasting LIVE. We'll play lots of games with the kids and little kids; and you'll have a chance to win awesome prize packages!


When: Fri. July 29th

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m. (pool stays open until 6:00 p.m.)

Where: Albert Lea Aquatic Center

Fee: Just your admission into the Aquatic Center
 \$1.25-children 2 & under
 \$3.25-children 3-17 years
 \$3.50-18 years & older

Freeborn County "Free Swim Days"

 Come out to the Albert Lea Aquatic Center for a FREE day of fun! "Free Swim Days" are funded by Freeborn County Public Health with funding from a Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) grant from the Minnesota department of Health.

When: Sat. June 18th (rain date June 19th)

Sat. July 16th (rain date July 17th)

Sat. August 13th (rain date August 14th)

Time: 1:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Albert Lea Aquatic Center

Fee: FREE!

5th Annual Doggie Dip



Bring your puppy dog out for some well deserved fun in the sun! The Albert Lea Aquatic Center will be open for dogs and their "humans" to go swimming. **Dogs must have proof of current vaccinations.** Human companions will take full responsibility for their pups. This includes proper disposal of doggie doo doo, controlling their dog and addressing inappropriate or aggressive behavior. Chemicals will be adjusted for the "different breed of swimmer." Dogs are NOT allowed on the slide. Registration not required - pay at the door.

TIME: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Date: TBA

Fee: \$4.00 (includes 2 human companions)
 \$1.00 for each additional human
 NO POOL PASSES

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Freeborn County Environmental Services

Rural Addresses and GPS Units

We have received a few calls from residents who expressed concerns about the Global Positioning System (GPS) toy they recently bought that does not read address accurately. Since our department is in charge of rural addressing, I looked into numerous situations of no reading or incorrect readings. There were many, each with a peculiar problem.

Using a Garmin or Tom Tom, people travel without a paper map and often with more detail. The problem is that information contained in these inexpensive locating units is bought and sold on the market like clothes or cars. The units are good, often with only a 15- 20% error rate. Very acceptable for manufacturers. GPS units cost around \$100 and can be carried from one vehicle to another. Some day we may be using forms of this technology daily, like we now use cell phones.

When the County rural addressing system was developed, a real time kinematic GPS unit was used to locate addresses (driveway, road, building site, etc) and the readings provided information to determine the house number. This type of GPS equipment today costs \$10,000 to \$30,000. I checked with a couple of engineering firms that currently use GPS locating devices for establishing legal boundaries, roads, bridges, etc. They spent \$15,000-\$20,000. These sophisticated measuring tools can measure a distance of less than .30 cm, provide horizontal and vertical positions (elevations) and other valuable information. They also can obtain readings from 24 different U.S. and Russian satellites rotating around the earth.

Survey grade GPS units use a base and rover. The base is placed over a known point (horizontal and vertical). The rover is the mobile unit you carry with that collects data that is sent back and forth by radio from the base which gives you a real time corrected position instantly. Hand held and auto units do not have this capability.

The way your car GPS unit works is to triangulate. In other words, they get a signal from a couple of satellites and turn that information into a road map on a screen. If your unit is on the dash and close to the window glass it will probably receive a good signal. If it sits on the console or in the seat, the steel roof, interior and other things may affect its ability to take readings. Weather and surrounding structures may have some effect on readings but most units perform well considering the technology. There are also occasional delays in the signals traveling through the atmosphere. Signals may bounce off various local obstructions. This is called multipath error, like the ghosting on a TV.

One issue with GPS readings is that they cannot identify a road or highway if it has two names. For example State Line Road is also named 510th Street on an Iowa map. My Garmin will not accept State Line Road but does read 510th Street, Northwood. A software issue. Another address in Freeborn County ends with Kiester, MN 56051. I cannot get a location reading because Kiester is in Faribault County and their addressing grid does not match ours.

The unit is attempting to read a Freeborn County address in another county. A software issue. Numerous other sites where I used my Garmin, missed the mark by a quarter to a half mile or more. When traveling in Florida recently, the information was so bad we disconnected the Garmin and used a paper map.



Randy Tuchtenhagen

Freeborn County Solid Waste Officer

New technology often outpaces manufacturers ability to iron out the bugs and perfect an otherwise great invention. By updating your GPS unit on the internet on a regular basis you will be using the most recent inputs and hopefully improve the quality of your GPS unit.

WM Residential Recycling 2011 Calendar

1-800-777-8408

Your Collection Week is Every Other Week

Yellow Week

Green Week

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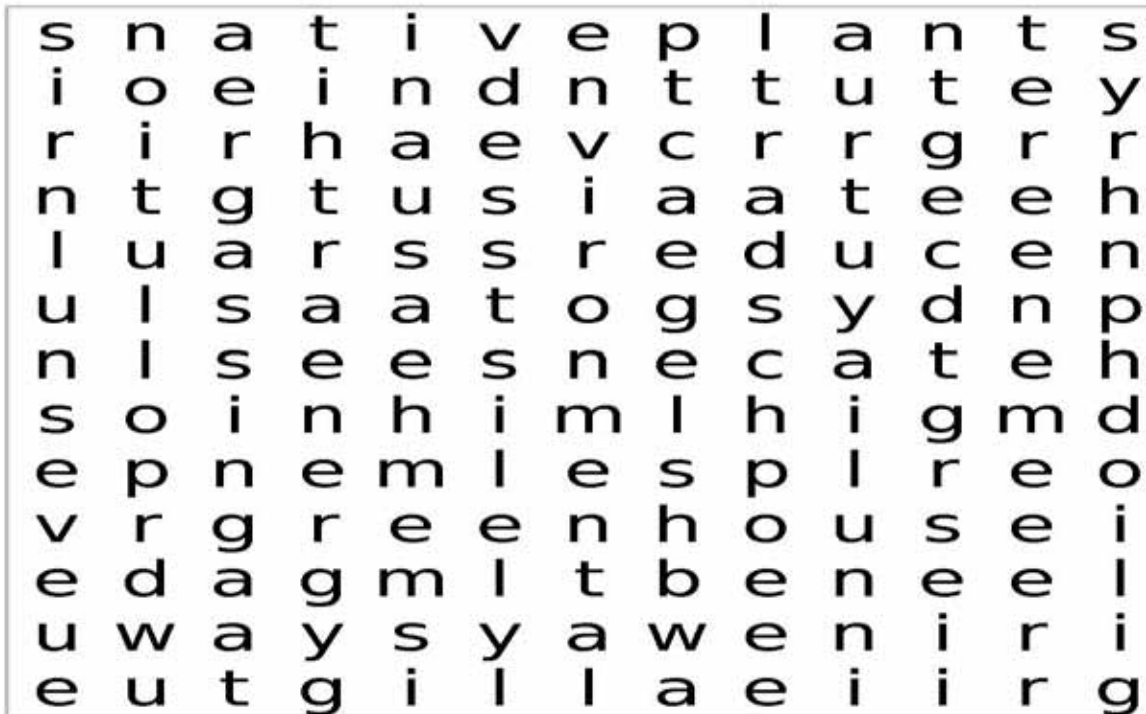
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Freeborn County Environmental Services

Environmental Puzzle



- Earth
- Recycle
- Reduce
- Reuse
- Greenhouse
- Global
- Warming
- Sun
- Tree
- Shade
- Gassing
- Pollution
- Nativeplants
- Energy
- Environmental

2011 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

Location:

Albert Lea HHW collections are held at the **City Transfer Station** 2506 W. Richway Drive.

Collections in other cities are generally at the city hall or fire station.



Date	City	Day	Time
4 - 27	Freeborn	Wednesday	Noon - 3 p.m.
5 - 5	Conger	Thursday	Noon - 3 p.m.
5 - 10	Myrtle	Tuesday	Noon - 3 p.m.
5 - 14	Albert Lea	Saturday	9 a.m. - Noon
5 - 18	Hollandale	Wednesday	Noon - 3 p.m.
5 - 25	Alden	Wednesday	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
6 - 2	Emmons	Thursday	Noon - 3 p.m.
6 - 7	Geneva	Tuesday	Noon - 3 p.m.
6 - 11	Albert Lea	Saturday	9 a.m. - Noon
6 - 16	Manchester	Thursday	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
6 - 21	Hayward	Tuesday	Noon - 3 p.m.
6 - 29	Hartland	Wednesday	Noon - 3 p.m.
7 - 9	Albert Lea	Saturday	9 a.m. - Noon.
7 - 13	Twin Lakes	Wednesday	3 - 6 p.m.
7 - 21	Oakland	Thursday	Noon - 3 p.m.
7 - 26	Clarks Grove	Tuesday	Noon - 3 p.m.
8 - 20	Albert Lea	Saturday	9 a.m. - Noon.
8 - 23	Maple Island	Tuesday	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
9 - 24	Albert Lea	Saturday	9 a.m. - Noon.
9 - 28	Glenville	Wednesday	Noon - 3 p.m.

Electronic collection
May 20 & September 30
at the Fairgrounds

Attention: Individuals and businesses!

Take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of electronics:

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. only!

Special Price
May 20 & Sept. 30

Note: We do not accept appliances (white goods), such as stoves, microwaves, dehumidifiers or cooling units. Electronics not accepted at any other

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Shell Rock River Watershed

2010 Clean Water Report Card: Fountain Lake - Best Water Clarity on Record

The summer-average water clarity in Fountain Lake in 2010 was 2.7 feet, which is the best water clarity on record for this lake. The clarity of Fountain Lake has improved consistently in the last three years, which is likely a result of the ongoing watershed management activities and the improved water quality coming from upstream Pickerel Lake. Although the clarity of the water in Fountain Lake was better than that required by the MPCA, the summer-average phosphorus and chlorophyll *a* concentrations exceeded the MPCA's standards.

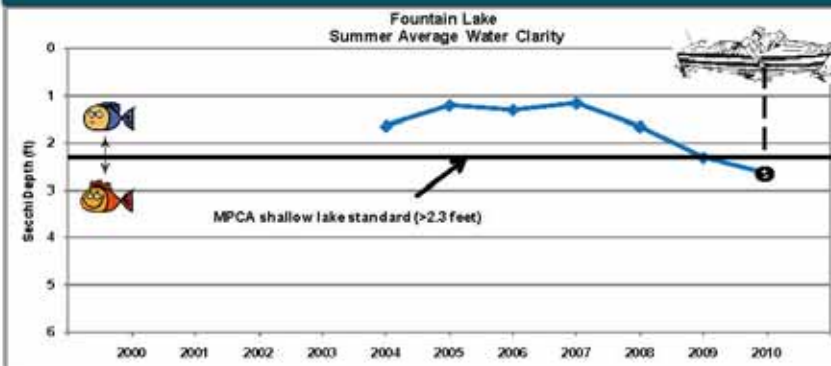
Stormwater is a significant source of phos-

phorus to Fountain Lake. When it rains, stormwater carries sediment and the phosphorus attached to sediment particles, from the land into nearby lakes and streams. Bancroft and Wedge Creeks, two of the largest tributaries to Fountain Lake, together contributed about 40% of the phosphorus loading to the lake during the 2010 monitoring period. Another significant source of phosphorus to Fountain Lake during the 2010 monitoring season was internal loading (about 43%). All lakes accumulate phosphorus (and other nutrients) in the sediment from the settling of particles and dead organisms. Internal loading occurs in some

lakes as the phosphorus in the sediment is reintroduced into the lake water and becomes available again for uptake by plants. This complex process of internal loading can be affected by water temperature, oxygen, pH, wind mixing, and disturbance by bottom-feeding fish such as carp.

Find our 2010 Clean Water Report Card for 2010 and 2010 Clean Water Report Cards for Fountain, Pickerel and Albert Lea Lakes on our website www.shellrock.org, or stop by our office located on the first floor of the historic courthouse, or phone us at 507.377.5785.

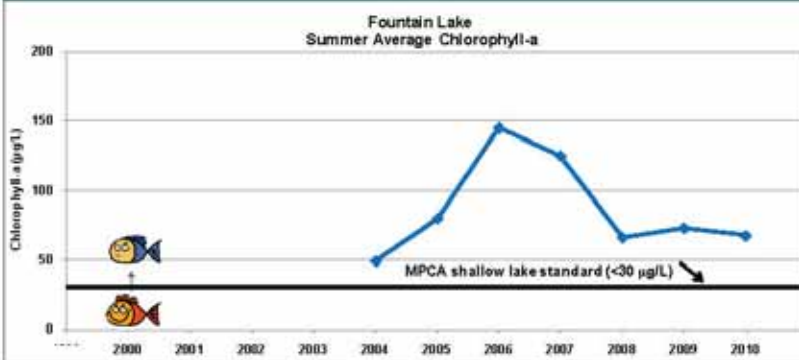
Water Quality Indicator: Water Clarity



The water clarity of Fountain Lake has been monitored regularly since 2004. The clarity of the water is measured by lowering a black and white disk (Secchi disk) into the water and identifying the depth at which the disk is no longer visible.

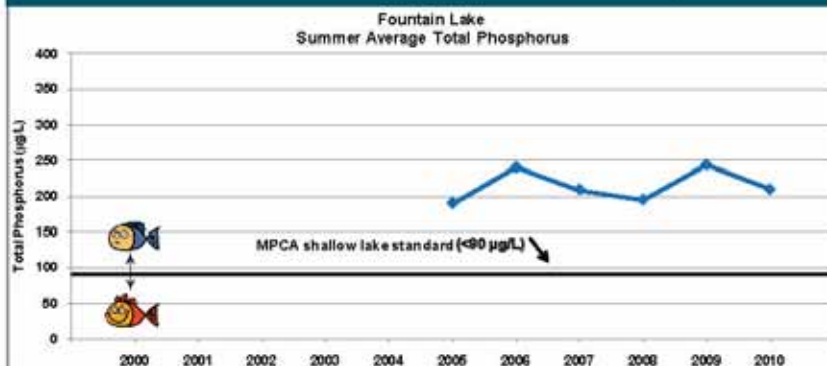
As shown in the figure, the summer-average clarity of Fountain Lake has improved in recent years, meeting the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) standard for shallow lakes in southern Minnesota in 2009 and 2010.

Water Quality Indicator: Chlorophyll *a*



Chlorophyll *a* is the main photosynthetic pigment found in algae, and is often measured to determine the amount of algae in water. The Shell Rock River Watershed District has monitored chlorophyll *a* in Fountain Lake since 2004. Although recent years have seen improvements, the summer-average chlorophyll *a* concentrations in the lake have historically been higher than the MPCA's standard for shallow lakes in southern Minnesota. These high chlorophyll *a* levels typically indicate an abundance of algae in the lake, which is also evident by the pea-green color of the water at times.

Water Quality Indicator: Phosphorus



Phosphorus is a plant nutrient in the soil that stimulates the growth of algae when in lake water. Summer-average phosphorus concentrations in the lake have historically been, and continue to be, higher than the MPCA's standard for shallow lakes in southern Minnesota. These high levels of phosphorus often result in severe algal blooms. Sources of phosphorus to Fountain Lake include stormwater runoff from the lake's direct watershed (including portions of Albert Lea), water from upstream lakes and tributary streams, and the release of phosphorus from lake sediments (see reverse).

RAIN BARREL TRUCKLOAD SALE

JUNE 18, 2011 • 9am-3pm • TWO LOCATIONS
Oak Park Mall • 1301-18th Ave NW • Austin, MN 55912
Northridge Mall • 2510 Bridge Ave • Albert Lea, MN 56007

Why Rain Harvesting?

- Lower your water bill
- Improve your soil's pH balance *(rainwater is slightly acidic; preferred by many plants, flowers, and microorganisms)*
- Provide clean water for gardening, free from chlorine and salt commonly found in tap water
- Reduce storm water run-off, erosion, and flooding
- Relieve strain on your municipality's sewer system
- Help protect rivers, streams, lakes and the environment



FreeGarden™ RAIN

\$60
 (\$130 value)

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- Insect-resistant, stainless steel screen
- Higher spigot accommodates most watering cans
- Childproof lid and stable footprint



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Residents of the Shell Rock River Watershed District will be eligible for a \$10 Rebate. Rebate forms will be available at the truckload distribution as well as at the SRWD office on the first floor of the historic courthouse. For more information:

507.377.5785 or www.shellrock.org or connie.kaupa@co.freeborn.mn.us



Shell Rock River Watershed District
 Working Together to Improve Water Quality

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