



City of Upsala

## NEWSLETTER

April 2023

### CAN WE SAVE YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE IN TIME?

*“Where exactly do you live?”*

Just think if you had to call 9-1-1 because your significant other is having a medical emergency in the middle of the night; you're terrified, scared, and panicked. First Responders seem to be taking an awful long time to get there. 30 minutes later someone knocks on your door and asks if you are the person who called 9-1-1. Come to find out the responders couldn't find your house because the house wasn't numbered, illuminated, or there was a tree/bush/decoration in front of your house number. Imagine the help that could have gotten to you and your significant other a lot sooner if that house number was able to be seen from the road.

Or imagine you called 9-1-1 because your loved one is having trouble breathing, gasping for air, and holding their chest with a panic look on their face. You start wondering why nobody is coming to help you! What's going on?? Finally, a knock at the door and someone asks, “Did you call 9-1-1?” By this time your loved one is blue in the face and not responding very well to you. Frustratingly, the responders had to knock on all the apartment doors to find which apartment they needed to be at because none of them were numbered.

Please make sure you have large, easily seen house numbers from the road, and on your apartment doors. This easy step could save a life – could save *your* life.

### CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE!!

MAY 19 - 20, 2023

Upsala is going to have a City-Wide Garage Sale May 19-20.



Please visit the city's website: [CityOfUpsala.com](http://CityOfUpsala.com) for more details.

We will not be going through the Morrison County Community Wide Garage Sale, but we will put a notice in the Morrison County Record.

### WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY

Let's make it GEORGEOUS!

Many people stop in Upsala or drive through. Our community is the gateway to the lakes. We have received several compliments on how nice our community looks. That says a lot for everyone who keeps their yards clean and tidy.

However, there is always the exception... the couple of homeowners who leave junk out, or their trash carts at the end of the driveway on non-garbage pickup days, etc.

Some people just don't have the knack or patience to clean up their yard – totally understandable – it's just not your thing. The great thing is there are other people who love to do that stuff; they like doing it so much, they are willing to volunteer to help others.

If you need help cleaning up your yard, please do not hesitate to call city hall. We will find the right people for the task. 573-4950

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

# City Wide Clean Up Day Saturday, June 3 from 8 to 11

Mark your calendars. Cleanup Day is Saturday, June 3 from 8:00am to 11:00am at the Rec Building. This is a great time to get rid of old computers collecting dust, the rusted-out grill, the chair that no one wants to sit in because the springs have sprung, and the junk in the back yard.

For residents of Upsala, only; be prepared to show an ID with address.

Air Conditioner		\$15.00	Humidifier	\$10.00
Bathtub		\$15.00	Lawn Mower Push	\$ 5.00
Bike / Trike		\$10.00	Rider	\$20.00
Carpet(per pound)		\$ 0.10	Mattress/Box Spring	
-Padding		\$ 0.10	Crib	\$10.00
Chair	Small	\$10.00	Twin	\$15.00
	Large	\$15.00	Full/Double	\$20.00
			Queen/ King	\$20.00
Couch	Small	\$15.00	Microwave	\$15.00
	Large	\$25.00	Refrigerator	\$15.00
Computer	laptop	\$15.00	Sink	\$ 5.00
	Tower	\$15.00	Stove	\$15.00
	Screen	\$10.00	Toilet	\$10.00
	Keyboard	Free		
	Mouse	Free	Tires	Car w/o rim
Dishwasher		\$15.00		Truck
Dresser		\$15.00		Tractor
Freezer		\$20.00	TV	Small
Grill	Small	\$ 5.00		Large
	Large	\$10.00		Console
Home Demolition		\$15.00	Washer/ Dryer	\$15.00
(doors, siding, etc.)			Water Heater	\$15.00

The Consumer Confidence Report for 2022 is posted on the city's website.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING MAY 5

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The Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants Friday, May 5 starting around 11:00am. Please be aware while the hydrants are being flushed, it stirs up sediment such as iron that has settled. This may turn your water brown. It is not harmful to drink, however, doing laundry at this time is not recommended. If you do have brown water, it is best to flush it out with cold water until it runs clear.

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Spring is the season for home improvements and projects! If you are planning any projects that require a building permit, such as reroof, new windows, adding a deck, or siding, etc., please remember to obtain a permit before you start work. If you start working on a project without obtaining a building permit, the fee for the permit will be double the original amount of the usual permit. If you are unsure if your project requires a permit, you can check the City's website for more information or stop at City Hall.

Before digging, be sure to call Gopher State One Call by dialing 811 so they are able to safely locate underground utilities.

## Watch What you Flush

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**Public Works has noticed a lot of non-flushable items in the lift stations. Please refrain from flushing anything other than toilet paper and sewage. Maintenance has been finding syringes and other personal care items which will damage our pumps leading to expensive repairs or replacements.**

## Heritage Days

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August 12 & 13

This year's theme for Heritage Days is:

**Let Freedom Ring  
Thank a Veteran**

Please note the parade will be starting at **4:00pm** with activities to follow. We will be having fireworks again this year starting around 10:00pm.

### **Manure Mis-Managed Making Messes and Maddening Many**



It is great to see people getting out and enjoying the outdoors.

Walking the dog and taking the horse out for a ride are great ideas on ways to deal the cabin fever we have been experiencing.

However, the manure left behind from dogs and horses is getting to be frustrating for the rest of the people in our community.

Children are very curious and love to discover. They do not need to have their parents clean them up because they decided to discover what they found was poop - poop that was not cleaned up by the popper's owner.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE clean up after your animal immediately.

### **Dogs at Large**

We have had several complaints about dogs running around our community. This causes not only fear in children and those of us who are afraid of dogs, but we really don't want to clean up your dog's poop in our yards. Please PLEASE PLEASE, keep your dogs under control at all times.



### Storytimes

Join Miss Greta for a fun filled storytime featuring books written and illustrated by Eric Carle. We will read stories, make a craft, and enjoy a sweet treat. For ages 3 to 8 and their families. Limit 15. Preregistration encouraged.

**Spring Storytime Wednesday, April 19 from 3:30-4:15 p.m.**  
**Red, White & Blue Storytime Wed., May 17 from 3:30-4:15**  
**Jungle Animal Storytime Wed., June 21 from 3:30-4:15 p.m.**

### Lego Hour Challenge

Inspire your creativity with our Lego challenges. The first challenge is an alphabet challenge, featuring a different letter each month, the second challenge will be announced at the session. For ages 5 to 12. Limit 16. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library. Registration is required for each date.

**Wednesdays, May 24 & June 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

### Between the Covers Book Club

Join "Between the Covers" book club for adults the fourth Monday of every month. Refreshments are sometimes provided. Stop in for a copy of the book in print or audiobook (when available) ahead of time.

**Mondays, Apr. 24, May 22 & June 26 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

### Upsala Public Library 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House

Stop in for a birthday open house! See how the library has grown and enjoy refreshments. Coloring and activity sheets will be available for kids, and adults and teens may make a craft. While supplies last. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library.

**Friday, April 28 - During library open hours**

### Mike Lynch Minnesota Starwatch Program



Make the stars your old friends as we watch the great celestial show over Upsala. Following a short orientation in the library, you'll enjoy quality time

outside under the heavens getting to know the constellations like The Big Bear, Orion the Hunter, Leo the Lion, and some of their great stories behind them. We'll also use large telescopes, among the largest mobile telescopes in Minnesota and Wisconsin, for close-up views of the moon, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies, and other wonders in the late winter and early spring skies.

Mike Lynch is a retired meteorologist and has been hosting star watch parties and teaching astronomy for over 50 years. Even if it's cloudy you'll learn a lot, have a great time!

**Friday, April 28 from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

### Author Allen Eskens

Join author Allen Eskens in person at the library as he discusses his bestselling books! Allen Eskens is the bestselling author of *The Life We Bury*, *The Guise of Another*, *The Heavens May Fall*, *The Deep Dark Descending*, *The Shadows We Hide*, *Nothing More Dangerous*, *The Stolen Hours*, and *Forsaken Country*. He is the



recipient of the Barry Award, Minnesota Book Award, Rosebud Award (Left Coast Crime), and Silver Falchion Award and has been a finalist for the Edgar® Award, Thriller Award, and Anthony Award. For adults. This program was made possible with Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.

**Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

### Books and Brats

Join the Friends of the Upsala Public Library for lunch on Saturday, May 20 at Paul and Kathy's grocery in Upsala. Books will be given away. A brat lunch will be available for purchase. Funds raised will support the Friends of the Upsala Library activities.

**Saturday, May 20 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

### Author Pam Nowak

Join award winning author Pam Nowak as she discusses one of her latest books "**NEVER LET GO**" follows the lives of five women from the time they left home to their settlement at Lake Shetek on the Minnesota frontier and through the Dakota Conflict of 1862. One abandoned on the prairie with two small children, one left for dead, and three taken captive. Their entwined, true stories are realized in this women's historical fiction.

**Tuesday, June 13 at 3:00 p.m.**

### Dazzling Dave Show

Dave is a YoYo professional. He travels the world teaching with his yo-yo's and spintops. He teaches the basic physics behind spinning things and the skill involved to learn them while entertaining. For all ages. A Legacy event.



**Tuesday, June 13 at 3:00 p.m.**

### Zoo to You

Hemker's Zoo to You program is a unique way to learn about and experience zoo animals. Visit will include hands on learning sessions, and educational talks on the animals including habitat, and special adaptations, how they are cared for. **This program was funded through donations to the Locally Growin' campaign.**

**Monday, July 10 at 3:00 p.m.**