

October-November-December 2025



It's a great time to be  
**UPSALA**  
**PROUD**  
cityofupsala.com

**5th Annual Business TRICK OR TREAT**

**Friday, October 31 • 3:30-6:00 PM**

**Come Visit Us!**

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| Buffy's Bar and Grill<br>CentraSota Coop<br>Community Covenant<br>Gethsemane Lutheran<br>Johnson Insurance<br>Lange Oil<br>Nana's Kitchen<br>Nelson Insurance<br>Paul & Kathy's Grocery | Stearns Bank<br>Sytek Communications<br>Upsala Community Center<br>Upsala Farm Store<br>Upsala Fire and First Response<br>Upsala Motors<br>Vitality Living of Upsala<br>Upsala Public Library |
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SOME BUSINESSES CLOSE EARLIER THEN 6PM, check their website or facebook for more info

**PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**  
Everyone can participate!

**JUDGING WILL BE FRIDAY OCT 31 @ 1PM**

- Use your own pumpkin
- Drop your pumpkin off starting October 27, they must be here by October 31 at 11AM at the Vitality Living of Upsala
- Carved and/or decorated
- Under 16/Over 16 Categories
- Enter as many as wanted
- Winners in each category receive \$75/\$50/\$25 in Upsala Bucks
- A form will be available to fill-out and placed under your pumpkin.
- Pickup your pumpkin by November 1 3PM if you would like to keep the pumpkin



## DRIVERS NEEDED!

Looking for bus drivers, relief drivers and sports drivers. If you have any extra time, willing to train.

**WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT Upsala Schools?**

Here are a few arts events happening at Upsala Area Schools, go to [upsala.k12.mn.us.com](http://upsala.k12.mn.us.com) for full schedule!

**November 14-15 @ 7PM • Fall Play**  
**December 16 @ TBD • Elementary Christmas Concert**  
**December 22 @ 7:30PM • 5-12 Grade Band Concert**



## Prepping for Winter

As the days grow shorter and the chill sets in, it's time once again to get ready for another Minnesota winter! Whether you're team "Bring on the snow!" or "Wake me up in April," a little preparation now will make the cold months go much smoother.

### AROUND THE HOUSE:

Check your furnace filter and test your heating system before the first cold snap. Make sure doors and windows are sealed tight to keep the heat in and drafts out. Stock up on sidewalk salt, sand, and hot cocoa—because once the snow flies, it's always a scramble to find them.

### FOR YOUR VEHICLE:

Give your car a winter check-up: battery, tires, and wipers all take a beating in cold weather. Keep a blanket, shovel, flashlight, and scraper in your trunk. It's better to be ready than frosty and frustrated on the side of the road!

### SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL:

As snow begins to accumulate, the City's Public Works Department will be out keeping our streets safe and passable. A few reminders to help them help us:

Main Street (Highway 238) must remain clear of snow and snow piles at all times. When plows are operating, please avoid parking along the highway. Parked vehicles obstruct equipment and delay operations—so move them around the corner or to an alternate location until plowing is finished.

### SIDEWALKS:

Property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks adjoining their property within 24 hours after snowfall ends. Keeping walkways clear helps ensure safety for everyone.

### FIRE NUMBERS & MAILBOXES:

Please keep your fire number signs and mailboxes visible and accessible. This helps emergency crews and postal workers locate your property quickly and safely during snowy conditions.

### SNOWMOBILES:

For safety reasons, snowmobiles are not allowed on sidewalks or city park. When traveling through town, please stay along the edge of the street and use caution.

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS:

Winter always goes better when we lend a hand. Check in on elderly neighbors, share a shovel if you see someone struggling, and spread a little warmth (figuratively, of course—keep the cocoa for yourself).

Let's all do our part to keep Upsala safe, cozy, and cheerful this winter. Bundle up, drive safe, and enjoy the sparkle of the season!

## Let's Taco 'Bout Dogs, Leashes, and... Well, Poop

We all love our furry friends. They're cute, loyal, and make great walking buddies. But let's be honest—nothing ruins a nice stroll through town faster than stepping in a mystery pile on the sidewalk.

So here's the deal:

Keep your dog on a leash and clean up after them. Every time. No exceptions.

When your dog is off-leash, it might seem harmless—"Oh, he's friendly!"—but not everyone (or every dog) feels the same way. Plus, a leash keeps your pup safe from traffic, squirrels, and their own questionable life choices.

And about that poop... yes, it's gross. No one should have to dodge it on the sidewalk, in the park, or on their lawn. Pet waste doesn't magically disappear—it sticks around, smells awful, and can actually make people (and other pets) sick. So please, grab a bag, scoop the poop, and toss it in the trash.

Let's keep our town looking great, smelling fresh, and walkable for everyone—two legs or four. Because a clean sidewalk is a happy sidewalk.

"We're running out of clever ways to say this—so leash it, bag it, contain it, just do it!"



## Keep Cats Safe (and Contained!)

Cats love to roam, but letting them wander can be dangerous—and too often ends in heartbreak. Sadly, several cats have been hit along Highway 238, and even the quickest kitty can't outrun a car.

Keep your cat indoors, in a catio, or supervised on a leash to protect them from traffic and other hazards. It also keeps neighbors happy and flowerbeds intact.

Let's keep every cat safe, sound, and far from the highway!

# PICK THE Theme

It's that time again—planning for Upsala's 2026 Heritage Day (August 8 2026) is already underway, and we want your help in picking next year's theme!

Each August, our community comes together to celebrate our history, hometown pride, and all the people who make Upsala such a special place to live. The theme sets the tone for everything—our parade floats, decorations, and music—and we'd love to hear your creative ideas!

Think fun, local, and full of small-town spirit—something that celebrates who we are and where we're headed.

Drop your theme ideas in person, in the utility bill drop box, on All Roads to Upsala, or by email.

Let's make Heritage Day 2026 another year to remember—starting with the perfect theme!

## Heritage Festival Committee

What a fantastic Heritage Festival this year! Beautiful weather, an amazing parade, and fireworks that wowed everyone—thank you to all who made it possible!

There's always room for more hands and fresh ideas, so if you've ever thought about getting involved, now's the perfect time. **The Heritage Festival Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 7 at 7 PM** for an organizational meeting, and we'd love to see some new faces join the fun.

Come share your ideas and help make next year's celebration even better!

## UPSALA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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These Legacy programs are funded in part or whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

**Hours: Monday 10 - 4, Tuesday 2 - 6, Wednesday 2 - 8, Friday 2 - 8 & Saturday 10-1**

### Authors Michelle Aleckson and Mollie Rushmeyer

Join us for a fun author talk from two great award-winning authors. Mollie Rushmeyer and Michelle Aleckson are Minnesota-based friends and authors who write heartfelt, faith-filled fiction. Michelle brings swoon-worthy romance and stories of grace, while Mollie weaves humor, history, and love into her contemporary tales. Together, they celebrate strong heroines, relatable journeys, and the joy of storytelling. **Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6:00pm**



### Diamond Dot Painting Snowflake Ornament

Experience the joy of diamond dot crafting by making a beautiful snowflake ornament. All supplies provided. For children ages 6 to 12. Limit 10. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library.

Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Quilt as You Go Table Runner with Linda Temp

Linda and friends will lead you through techniques to make a table runner using the quilt-as-you-go method with coordinating fabric strips. If you are new to quilting, a table runner is an excellent beginner project. Kits of varying fabric choices will be available. The second session will be used to learn quilt binding techniques. For adults and teens. Limit 8. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library.

Please bring a sewing machine, bobbin, scissors, straight pins and walking foot (if you have one for your machine).

Wednesdays, Nov. 5 & 12 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

### Storytimes

Join Miss Madelyn for monthly in-person storytimes! We will play and learn together this year. Join us for fun stories, crafts, play and learn activities. For ages 3 to 8 and their families. Limit 12. Sign up online or at the library. *Registration required for each date.*

Tuesday, Nov. 18 Tea Rex Storytime 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Tuesdays, Dec. 9 Gingerbread Storytime 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

### Holiday Music with Homemade Jammin'

Add extra cheer to your holidays with a special concert from musical group Homemade Jammin'. Sue and Connie will perform festive tunes on a variety of instruments including guitar and hammer dulcimer. For all ages. *This program was made possible with Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.*

Friday, Dec. 5 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### Stan Tekiela presents: Deer, Elk and Moose: Grand and Majestic Creatures

From Alaskan wilderness to the Florida Keys, Stan Tekiela has spent 30 years in pursuit of deer, elk and moose in order to study and photograph them. In this talk Stan will speak about his fascination with these grand and majestic creatures. From the soulful eyes of the deer to the easygoing nature of moose, Stan presents the lives of these intriguing mammals with his humorous style. *This program was made possible with Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.*

Saturday, Dec. 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

See more of our great upcoming library events online at [griver.org/events](http://griver.org/events)



## Wheels in Motion: Keeping Kids Safe on Bikes, E-Bikes, Scooters, and Small Dirt Bikes

More kids and teens are riding around town on bikes, e-bikes, scooters, and small dirt bikes—and while these rides are fun and convenient, they come with responsibilities.

### PARENTS: STAY IN THE KNOW

Today's rides can reach higher speeds and may not be legal on sidewalks or city streets. Before your child takes off, check:

**Where** they're riding and if motorized vehicles are allowed.

**How** their e-bike, scooter, or dirt bike operates.

**When** they're riding—avoid dusk or dark hours.

**Who** they're with and if they know basic safety rules.

### RIDE RIGHT AND RESPECTFULLY

- ➔ Watch for vehicles at driveways & intersections.
- ➔ Stay alert and avoid phones or earbuds.
- ➔ Keep speeds under control and ride single-file in groups.
- ➔ Be courteous to pedestrians, drivers, and neighbors.

### COMMUNITY SAFETY STARTS AT HOME

A quick parent-to-child conversation about routes, rules, and respectful riding can prevent accidents and keep everyone safe. Let's keep our town a place where kids can explore, play, and ride—safely and responsibly.

# 2026 CITY OF UPSALA WASTE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR



## RECYCLING PICK UP DAY

| January |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| April |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## WASTE PICK UP DAY

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## HOLIDAY PICK UP DAY

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| December |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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# UPSALA CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

PROPOSAL AT A GLANCE | Term: 10 Years | Annual Amount : \$125,000  
annually | Tax Impact: Est. \$9/month for average \$275K home

Go to: [ehlers-inc.com/calculator/upsala2025/](https://ehlers-inc.com/calculator/upsala2025/) to see what your tax impact would be

## WHAT IS A CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY?

A dedicated funding source (local property tax) used **ONLY** for long-term investments in the district, separate from the daily operating budget.

### LEARN MORE BEFORE YOU VOTE:

Attend an informational session to get your questions answered.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS:

6PM | Mon, October 13, 2025 | HS Media Center

6PM | Mon, October 20 2025 | HS Media Center

6PM | Wed, October 22, 2025 | HS Media Center

## FUNDS ARE USED FOR

- **Safe Transportation**  
(Replacement of aging buses/vans)
- **Technology**  
(Student devices, network upgrades)
- **Curriculum**  
(New textbooks/materials)
- **Facility Maintenance**  
(Deferred repair needs)

ELECTION DAY: Tue, Nov 4, 2025

POLLING PLACE: Upsala City Hall

FULL DETAILS ONLINE:

[upsala.k12.mn.us/page/capital-projects-levy](https://upsala.k12.mn.us/page/capital-projects-levy)



## GALLERY HOURS

Friday 4-6PM  
Saturday 10AM-Noon  
Sunday Noon-4PM

Email submissions to  
[steve@upsalacov.org](mailto:steve@upsalacov.org)

**CALL FOR ARTISTS:** November will feature quilts and tributes to our veterans.

# Christmas Lights Contest

Light up the season and show off your holiday spirit!

**Judging:** week of December 14  
**Winners announced:** December 22

**CATEGORIES & PRIZES**

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Residential Homes       |       |
| 1st Place —             | \$150 |
| 2nd Place —             | \$100 |
| 3rd Place —             | \$75  |
| 4th Place —             | \$50  |
| Top Commercial Property |       |
| Prize —                 | \$100 |

## UPSALA LIONS 2025 Breakfast with Santa

**Saturday, December 6**  
**8:30-11:00 a.m.**  
**Upsala School Cafeteria**  
**Freewill Offering**

VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS AND HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN  
YUMMY BREAKFAST | BAKE SALE  
WEE SHOP CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FOR THE 'LIL ONES

**Exercise your right to vote!**  
Tuesday, November 4 • 10AM-8PM  
City Hall • 320 Walnut Ave • Upsala  
UP FOR ELECTION:  
Capital Project Levy Authorization  
Upsala Area Schools



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