



Holiday Lights 2023 CONTEST WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING
CONTEST WINNERS.

RESIDENT WINNERS

1st Place Dan & Julie Burggraff .. \$150 Upsala Bucks
2nd Place Mark & Melanie Gilles .. \$100 Upsala Bucks
3rd Place Jayson Burgardt \$50 Upsala Bucks

BUSINESS WINNERS

1st Place Centra Sota Coop \$150 Upsala Bucks
2nd Place Upsala Farm Store Inc. .. \$100 Upsala Bucks
3rd Place Sytek \$50 Upsala Bucks

Thank you to the 2023 Judges (contest winners from
2022)



PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

The City of Upsala works hard to clean up streets after the snow falls. Please keep your sidewalks and drive-ways plowed and de-iced!

Help the City of Upsala and MnDot by staying off Main Street after a considerable snowfall until it is cleaned-off and safe. There is no parking on Main Street and side streets during snow removal. **No 4-wheelers or snowmobiles in the City Park.**

Help your home during cold weather:

- Make sure you have heat tapes on your water lines
- Get your furnace or chimney serviced
- Reverse your ceiling fans (clockwise in winter)
- Prevent ice dams
- Caulk window and doors and put plastic on windows
- Divert water when ice and snow thaws
- Turn off exterior faucets
- Winterize your sump pump
- Change your batteries on your smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm
- Use curtains or blinds to keep out drafts



Be The Person Dog Your Thinks You Are

There are still dogs roaming the streets, please put them on a leash to keep safe. **More importantly, do the "Triple P" method... pick-up the poop for your pooch!**

- In the Upsala city limits, you are able to have **three total** animals consisting of dogs or cats.
- Dogs and cats must be kept within their owner's property or on a leash, no exceptions.
- We suggest that your pet wear visible identification to make it easier to find lost owners.



THE CENTER OF IT
ALL - FOOD, FRIENDS
AND FELLOWSHIP

UPSALA
Community Center

NEW - baked goods available to purchase

- Full Breakfast
- Dine-in/Carry-out
- Noon Meals
- An Evening Meal Once a Month

 Find us on **facebook.**

**Have a hard time reaching
your toes to trim them?**

We can help.

MONDAYS

January 8 and March 11

Call (320) 573-4435 to schedule.



The City of Upsala has four different locations that are suitable for retail business or light manufacturing - including an incredible restaurant opportunity with financial programs available!

A restaurant, coffee shop, flower shop, ice cream store, boutique, bakery, pharmacy, the list is endless!

Contact Mayor Rollie Johnson for more information!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT Upsala Schools?

Here are a few events happening at Upsala Area Schools, go to upsala.k12.mn.us.com for full schedule! Boys and girls basketball are revving up for the season, check their website for home games, come on out and support our youth in the community, let's prove that all roads actually do lead to Upsala!

January 8 and February 15

CE Pop It Chocolate

January 14 and February 11

K of C's Free Throw Contest

January 22

Senior Financial Aid Night



DRIVERS NEEDED!

Looking for bus drivers, relief bus drivers and van drivers, call the school office if you are interested.

KEEP INFORMED

To keep up with the latest news and updates, check out **All Roads Lead to Upsala** on Facebook or visit our website at cityofupsala.com

JAN/FEB EVENTS SCHEDULE

2024 ADULT & TEEN WINTER READING CHALLENGE • PERCHED ON READING • JANUARY 2 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29

1,000 Books before Kindergarten

This reading program will increase awareness of the importance of early literacy and to encourage parents to embrace their roles as their child's first teacher. Plus, there will be prizes. Sign up any time! No limit; register at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library. Ongoing

Books for Babies

Open a library card account for your newborn (age 0-12 months) and receive a FREE book of nursery rhymes. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library. Ongoing

Make and Take Crafts

Starting in September we will be making A to Z alphabet animal crafts! Crafts will change frequently. We will also have other fun holiday themed crafts. Available while supplies last. During library open hours. Ongoing.

Poster Puzzle

Get a sticker for every item you checkout to help us complete our poster. Put the sticker(s) on the letter that matches your color. Guess the image for a treat. January/February

Inside Story Stroll: After the Snowfall

This beautifully illustrated book, *After the Snowfall* by Rich Lo introduces children to the wonder of the winter world. Enjoy this interactive story stroll in the warmth and comfort of the library. While you are here, check out the great selection of books and movies about animals in the winter. January. During library open hours

Bird Watching

Identify all the winter birds "flying" around in the library for a treat! While you are in the library, check out some bird books and activity packs. For all ages. During library hours. January - February

Tech Time

Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle, or other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library website or use eBooks but aren't sure how to? Tech help will be on the first Wednesday of the Month from 4 to 5 p.m. or other dates/times by pre-arrangement. Wednesdays, Jan. 3 & Feb. 7
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Crafternoon

Join us for a fun craft project led by librarian Gwen. All supplies will be provided. Limit 12. Registration required for each date. Fridays, Jan. 12 and Feb. 9
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Winter Storytime

Join Miss Madelyn for a storytime about the many wonders of winter. We will read some stories, make a craft snowman, play with fake snow, and learn about the letter W for winter. Our storytimes teach listening comprehension, letter recognition, and vocabulary. Enjoy time with your child while building a foundation for reading success while having fun! For ages 3 to 8 and their families. Registration required.
Tuesday, Jan. 16
3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Between the Covers Book Club

Join our 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, Jan. 22 & Feb. 26
7:00 to 8:00 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 Library. Registration is required for each date.
Wednesdays, Jan. 24 & Feb. 28
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Authors Michelle Aleckson & Mollie Rushmeyer

Join local authors Michelle "Sass" Aleckson and Mollie Rushmeyer for book readings and discussions of their newest books.
Monday, Jan. 29
6:00 p.m.

Inside Story Stroll: Snow Birds

Learn about the brave birds who persevere through our snowy freezing wintery weather in the interactive story stroll featuring *Snow Birds* by Kirsten Hall. While you are here, check out the great selection of books and movies about birds and other animals in winter. February. During library open hours

Friendship and Hearts Storytime

Join Miss Madelyn for a storytime about little ones learning lessons on how to be good friends. This storytime includes crafting animals out of heart shapes, sorting candy hearts, and learning about the letter H for hearts. Our storytimes teach listening comprehension, letter recognition, and vocabulary. Enjoy time with your child while building a foundation for reading success while having fun! For ages 3 to 8 and their families. Registration required.
Tuesday, Feb. 20
3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

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

Everyone is welcome to attend!

UPSTAGE PLAYERS PRESENTS

BINGO

SPELLS MURDER

BY ROBERT MATTSO

We are proud to announce our upcoming dinner theatre! To purchase tickets, kindly reach out to Lisa Hansen at 320.250.2676. Please note that the last day for ticket sales is December 28th.

JANUARY 12 – \$30
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

JANUARY 13 – \$30
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

JANUARY 14 – \$10
DOORS OPEN AT 1:30PM
NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

DESSERT ONLY!

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SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
UPSALA, MN




If you like to promote your community, work as a team, and keep the "Best Central MN Small Town Parade" and celebration going, this is your chance! Our committee is in need of more members to help with planning and organizing the event.

The Upsala Heritage Days Committee is a passionate group of volunteers working together to plan and coordinate Heritage Day activities.

The committee meets the second Wednesday of the month starting in January through September. Join us in celebrating our small town pride! Call (320) 573-4950 for more information.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 10 • 7:00PM • Upsala City Hall

THANK YOU TO THE UPSALA LIONS (\$15,000)
AND THE HERITAGE DAY COMMITTEE (\$5,000)
FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS PAYING
FOR THE CITY PARK BATHROOMS!



VOTE

Voting for the Presidential Primary will be on March 5, 2024 at the Upsala City Offices from 7:00AM to 8:00PM.

If you're wondering what a primary is and how it all works, visit:
sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/how-elections-work/presidential-primary

