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Neighbors and Deputies working together for safer communities



Block Captain News – July 2024

Event: Night to Unite Bag/Safety Pick up- July 17, 2024, at 5:00pm-7:00pm

Night to Unite **Registered Party Host** Bag and Safety Material pickup. See email confirmation for more details.

Next Block Captain Meeting – Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Ramsey County Public Works Building - Marsden Room
1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills MN 55112

Topic will include Ramsey County Sheriff Office Volunteer Programs and review of “What is Suspicious Behavior/Activity.”

Event: Night to Unite - Tuesday, August 6

National and Statewide community parties, conducted sometime between 5-9pm with Deputies, Firefighters, others visit *registered events*.

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Current alerts in the world of scams

In the month of May and June the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office has noticed a lot of impersonator scams that have grabbed our attention.

Anatomy of an Imposter Scam

Never move or transfer your money to “protect it.”

It's a scam.



Your Bank Account has been Hacked!

There have been multiple reports with victims losing \$30,000 to up to \$500,000. The scammers are calling and stating they are from your bank and give the name of a person who works there. Using their charm and the art of persuasion, these scammers convince the caller that if they don't move their money out of their account, the real hacker could take it all. The scammers

have had the victims withdraw their money and turn it into bitcoin or cash. Another victim was told to

purchase gold in which they stated it would be deposited into a new and safe account. The scammers had a courier go to the victims' homes to pick up the gold.

Once the scammers get the cash, bitcoin, or gold, it is very difficult for Law Enforcement to track or trace where it goes to find the scammers.

So, what do you do if you get this call?

- Hang up!
- Call your bank using a known and trusted number to confirm your account is safe and to ask if the person you spoke to works there.
- Talk to someone you know. Scammers target those who are isolated and don't talk much to others in the community.
- Educate and tell your story. As the scammers call, they get more creative. When you tell your story you are also teaching others about the newest ways the scammers are coming after us.

3 Things Scammers Say

- 1 Scammers tell you to **move your money to protect it**
- 2 Scammers say you have to **get cash and drop it off**
- 3 Scammers tell you to **buy gold and give it to a courier**

Don't do it. It's a scam.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Remember that you are never alone, and we all fall victim to a scam at one point. If you do send money, please call and make a report with your local law enforcement agency and at the [FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov)

Trending Articles to Read:

[Never move your money to "protect it." That's a scam](#)

[Will your bank or investment fund stop a transfer to a scammer?](#)

Night to Unite - Registration NOW



Night to Unite (aka. National Night Out) is a statewide event that builds and fosters community bonds between citizens, businesses, and public safety organizations such as the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. This annual celebration occurs on the first Tuesday in August and gathers neighborhoods and public safety personnel together for an evening to promote safe communities.

Residents and businesses in Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township are encouraged to plan and hold a Night to Unite event that will be **Tuesday, August 6, 2024**. If you live in different city than listed above, please check with your local city police department.

Registration ends July 12, 2024!

For more information please go to: [Participate in Night to Unite](#)

Online registration link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FKNSYM2>





RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF

School Supply drive

NEW supplies
for **local** students,
Kindergarten to
High School



Donate

August 5th through August 9th
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Ramsey County Patrol Station
1411 Paul Kirkwold Dr.
Arden Hills, MN 55112



August 6th at your
Night to Unite Party

School Supplies Needs

- Folders
- Crayons
- Markers
- Back Packs
- Calculators
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Colored Pencils
- Protractors / Compasses
- Noise Cancelling Headphones
- Glue & Glue Sticks
- Notebooks
- Pens & Pencils
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- Rulers

Water Safety

Pools

While watching your local news you may have noticed the reporting of youth and drownings specifically in pools. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) annual report showed that since 2021 there has been a 12% increase in fatal drownings of children under the ages of 15. Within most of the CPSC data reflects that the most at risk for drowning is 5 years of age or younger.

Per Pool Safely, Parents and caregivers can follow these simple steps to keep children safer in and around the water:

- Never leave a child unattended in or near water, and always designate an adult Water Watcher. This person should not be reading, texting, using a phone or being otherwise distracted. In addition to pools and spas, this warning includes bathtubs, buckets, decorative ponds, and fountains.
- If you own a pool or spa, install layers of protection, including barriers to prevent an unsupervised child from accessing the water. Homes can use door alarms, pool covers, and self-closing, self-latching devices on fence gates and doors that access pools.
- Learn how to perform CPR on children and adults. Many communities offer online CPR training.
- Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim.
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes, and other openings to avoid entrapments.
- Ensure any pool and spa you use has drain covers that comply with federal safety standards. If you do not know, ask your pool service provider about safer drain covers.

[CPSC New Drowning Report Shows Increase in Child Fatalities](#)

[PoolSafely.gov](#)

[SafeKids - Water Safety](#)

[Red Cross- Water Competent](#)

Boating

As Minnesotans we embrace the short summer season with getting out on our many bodies of water for sport activities; swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, and boating. As some of you will remember to put on their life jackets, many tend to not wear them or forget to even put them in the boat. The MN DNR has **five reminders to stay safe** as you launch your boat into the water this summer with your family and friends:

- Wear your life jacket and make sure children wear theirs.
 - **All children under 10yrs are required to wear an approved life jacket** when the boat is underway.
- Stay sober. Booze and boating don't mix. Alcohol is the #1 factor in boating fatalities.
- Tell a friend. Tell someone where you're going and when you will be back. If you're not back, they should call 911. Bring a phone or VHF radio.
- Be weather aware. Don't let a storm sneak up on you — delay your trip or head to shore. Go slow in rough water to avoid capsizing.
- Boat smart. Take a boating safety course. Know your boat; stay alert while scanning for dangers; stay seated and low in the boat to prevent falls overboard.







[MN DNR - Life Jackets](#)

[MN DNR- Boat and water safety Resources](#)

Headed back to the Pool this Summer?

Always Pool Safely!

Safety Tips to Prevent Drownings:

-  Always watch kids in and around the water-- and designate a water watcher.
-  Teach children to swim-- or sign them up for swim classes.
-  Properly fence all pools at least 4-feet in height around the perimeter of the pool/spa.
-  Use a self-closing and self-latching gate.
-  Stay away from drains and other pool openings.
-  Know life-saving skills, including CPR for adults and kids.

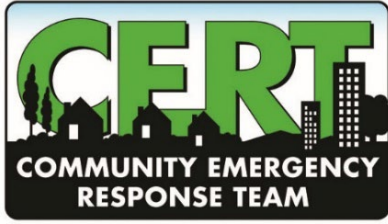
United States
Consumer Product Safety Commission

1-800-368-5888
CPSC

1-800-4-A-SAFE
SAFE



CERT Academy – Community Emergency Response Training



The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a CERT Academy this Fall for **NEW** students.

The 2024 CERT Academy training sessions will be held starting September 18, 2024, through November 13th, 2024. The sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 pm for nine consecutive weeks.

Classes are limited to 25 students. The CERT Program is available to all residents of the State of Minnesota who are 18 years and older. Participants must pass a criminal background check. Participants must commit to the entire nine-week session.

Applications will be accepted through August 1st, 2024, on first-come-first-served basis.

For registration information go to the [RCSO Community Emergency Response Team page](#)

Questions may be directed to the CERT mailbox: cert@co.ramsey.mn.us

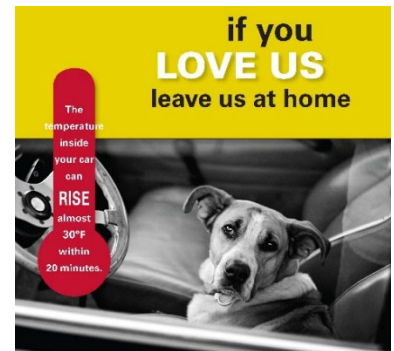


Hot vehicles and pets

Warm weather can, literally, be a killer for a dog left inside a car. On warm days the inside of a car heats up very quickly. When it's 85 degrees out, the temperature inside a car – even with the windows left slightly open – can soar to 102 degrees in 10 minutes, and reach 120 in just half an hour.

Even leaving your dog for “just a minute” may be too long. A dog's normal body temperature ranges from 101 to 102.5 degrees. Dogs can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a very short time before suffering brain damage – or even death.

Then add the fact that most pets are not properly restrained while in the car, and you've got some dangerous situations – for people and pets alike. Unrestrained pets can be seriously or fatally injured, or could even hurt you, in a collision or sudden braking situation. In addition, they're a distraction for the driver, which increases the risk of driver errors.



Please don't become another statistic: only take your pets in the vehicle with you when you absolutely need to, and always properly restrain your pets while in the vehicle.

Hot pavement reminder. Paved surfaces collect solar energy and become very warm (hot) quickly as the day progresses. Avoid walking your dog on hot paved surfaces – the pads on their feet can blister with the heat causing serious injuries.

Fireworks

Celebrations throughout the year from New Years Eve, Graduations, and 4th of July, brings reminders of what is legal and illegal in the State of Minnesota for fireworks. Unlike many of our surrounding states, fireworks that explode, or are aerial are not legal in the state of Minnesota per [MN State Statute 624.20](#). Please review the [MN State Fire Marshal's](#) list below and keep your family and friends safe this summer as you celebrate.

EXAMPLES OF FIREWORKS THAT ARE NOW LEGAL TO SELL, POSSESS AND USE BY THE PUBLIC ON OR AFTER APRIL 30, 2002 AS PERMITTED BY MINNESOTA STATUTE 624.20 (C):	EXAMPLES OF FIREWORKS THAT CONTINUE TO BE ILLEGAL TO SELL POSSESS AND USE, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTE 624.20
<p>Wire or wood sparklers of not more than 100 grams of mixture per item</p> <p>Other sparkling items which are nonexplosive and nonaerial and contain 75 grams or less of chemical mixture per tube or a total of 500 grams or less for multiple tubes and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cylindrical fountain</u> Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks or smoke and sometimes a whistling effect is produced. • <u>Cone Fountain</u> The effect is the same as that of a cylindrical fountain. When more than 1 cone is mounted on a common base, total pyrotechnic composition may not exceed 500 grams • <u>Illuminating Torch</u> • <u>Wheel</u> - Pyrotechnic device intended to be attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. Upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect • <u>Ground Spinner</u> - Small device venting out an orifice usually on the side of the tube. Similar in operation to a wheel but intended to be placed flat on the ground and ignited. The rapidly spinning device produces a shower of sparks and color. • <u>Flitter Sparkler</u> - Narrow paper tube attached to a stick or wire that produces color and sparks upon ignition. The paper at one end of the tube is ignited to make the device function. • <u>Flash/Strobe</u> - Emit a bright light <p>Novelty items such as snakes and glow worms, smoke devices, or trick noisemakers which include paper streamers, party poppers, string poppers, snappers, and drop pops, each consisting of not more than twenty-five hundredths grains of explosive mixture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Any fireworks that are explosive</u> • <u>Any fireworks that are aerial</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firecrackers (any size) • Ladyfingers • Sky rockets • Bottle rockets • Missile type rockets • Helicopters, aerial spinners, planes, UFOs • Roman Candles • Mines or shells (heavy cardboard or paper tube(s) attached to a base – upon ignition stars, balls or reports are propelled into the air) • Chasers • Parachutes • 1.3G Display (special or class B) Fireworks • Aerial shells • Theatrical pyrotechnics (see Minn. Stat. 624.20 to 624.25) <p>Basically, any fireworks listed above are still not legal for public sale, possession or use, except with a permit and by a certified operator according to Minnesota Statute 624.20. (i.e. these fireworks are still not legal unless a permit has been issued by the local jurisdiction and they are used by a state certified operator)</p>

Community events this summer season

There are many events happening in our local communities throughout the year. This summer season offers fun events for the whole family. Here's a few that might be worth checking out:

Arden Hills – Penny Carnival on Friday July 19 from 1 - 3 pm, Perry Park, 3700 New Brighton Road, Arden Hills info/link: [Arden Hills Annual Penny Carnival 2024](#) **Community Picnic on Thursday, August 15** from 5-7:30pm , 1219 Cummings Park Drive, Arden Hills info/link: [Community Picnic](#)

Falcon Heights - Ice Cream Social on Thursday July 18 from 5 - 7 pm, Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave info/link: [Ice Cream Social | Falcon Heights, MN](#)

Little Canada - Canadian Days August 2 - 4 info/link: [About Canadian Days](#)

LC Farmers Market Tuesdays 2 – 6pm 2920 Rice Street (Hardware Store Parking Lot)

Music in the Park Wednesday July 10 from 6-8pm, Thunder Bay/Westwinds Park

Ice Cream Social and Movies in the Park on Thursday August 1 from 6 – 11pm, Spooner Park

North Oaks - Rummage Sale September 14-15 info/link: [North Oaks Rummage Sale](#)

Shoreview - Slice of Shoreview Days July 26-28 at Island Lake County Park info/link: <https://www.sliceofshoreview.com/>

Farmers Market Tuesdays through August 27 from 3-7pm Lower parking lot fo Community Center

Kidz Concert in the Commons 10-10:45 am / **Concert in the Commons** 7-8:30 pm, Wednesdays through August 7 info/link: [Shoreview calendar](#)

Vadnais Heights - Heritage Days August 12-18 info/link: [Vadnais Heights Days](#) **Music in the Park Series Wednesdays 6-8pm** info/link: <http://cityvadnaisheights.com/264/Music-in-the-Park-Series>

White Bear Township - Movie in the Park June 8, July 13, August 10, and September 14, at dusk , Polar Lakes Park info/link: [Movie in the Park](#) **Township Day Saturday, September 21** from 2-8pm, Polar Lakes Park info/link: [Township Day Celebration](#)

Neighborhood Watch is about Neighbors and Deputies working together



Involved neighbors are more likely to have open communication lines with each other, deputies, and the whole community. When neighbors know each other's names, normal patterns, and look out for each other, it is likely that they will report any activity that doesn't fit with regular schedules. Involved neighbors look out for each other.

Neighborhood Watch program [information and forms](#) to help your block organization are available on the county [website](#). **Please complete and return the [Block Captain registration form](#)** to ensure the Sheriff's Office has your most current contact information. THANKS!

Online information of activity in your neighborhood – [CommunityCrimeMap.com](#)

Thank you for working for safer neighborhoods!



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Remember – when you See Something, Say Something, Call 9-1-1



NIGHT to UNITE

NEIGHBORS JOINING TOGETHER



Come Celebrate on **August 6th**, gather your neighborhood and public safety personnel together for an evening to promote safe communities

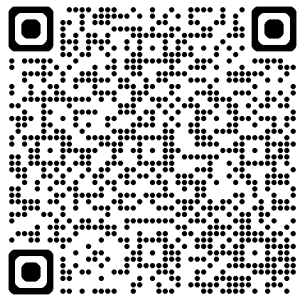
Register your 2024 NTU party with the



RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF

by July 12th

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH 5PM TO 9PM



Organizing a party

A successful event includes careful planning, talking with your neighbors, and shaping the party around your neighborhood.

Decide on a Party Host and have them register your party with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

Neighborhood participation

Neighborhoods are also encouraged to combine Parties or invite other blocks to join your party, especially if that block is not planning a NTU party.

Send invitations to all neighbors by mail, email, or by phone.

First Responders

Once your party is registered, the Sheriff's Office:

- Provides safety materials.
- Coordinates efforts to have either deputies, firefighters, city, or public safety personnel come to your event.