



The Preserve
A S S O C I A T I O N

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Pool Season 2025

PRESERVE POOL JULY 19TH, 2025
2025 BEACH BLAST



Beach Blast

Saturday, July 19th

12 - 5 pm

All ages are invited to join us at The Preserve Pool for a Pirates and Mermaids themed Beach Blast! This event is open to the public, so be sure to bring a friend or two.

Activities include Sand Castles, Temporary Tattoos, Games, Prizes, Scavenger Hunt, Water Balloons and more! Residents have 15 free pool passes.

FREE Aqua Jogging

Wednesday June 18th -July 30th

6:30-7:15 PM

FREE to for both residents and non-residents. Bring a swimsuit and a willingness to move around in the pool!

Maximum class size is 30 participants Available on a first come first served basis

Our instructor, Tricia, has been in the Health & Fitness industry for 33 years. She has taught most formats of Group Fitness, but has the most fun with her deep-water aqua classes.

She has the following certifications:

- AFAA Certified Group Fitness Instructor
- Certified Water in Motion Instructor
- Certified Silver Splash Instructor
- American Red Cross CPR/AED, First Aid Certified
- NASM Certified Personal Trainer and Nutrition Coach



Preserve Swimming Lessons

Session 2 July 14-24

Session 3 July 28 through August 7

Swim lessons are offered for Levels 1 through 6 and PreK Aquatics 1 & 2.

Times:

11:00 am -11:30 Level 1 & 2 Preschool Aquatics, Level 1

11:00 am -11:45 Level 2-6 Learn to Swim

6:30 -7:15 pm Level 2-6 Learn to Swim

There are 9 lessons in each Session. \$100 per session for members (\$125 for non-members).

[Registration sign up form](#)

THE PRESERVE SUMMER SOCIAL Aug 8-11



LIVE MUSIC with Reynold D. Philipsek

Friday, August 8th from 6:00- 9:00 PM

Jazz guitarist, composer and Preserve resident, Reynold D. Philipsek has been a professional musician since he was fourteen years old. He has appeared on nearly fifty recordings either under his own name or in support of other artists.

[Renold Philipsek](#)



CASH BINGO

Saturday, August 9th from 4:00- 8:00 PM

Four sessions, 5 games per session

\$7 per session – Cash payment only

Three BINGO boards per game

Cash Prizes with Coverall Grand Prizes in Sessions 2 and 4

Sales open at 3:45 pm.

Spread the word, invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Volunteers needed – Sign up below!

[Volunteer](#)



FOOD TRUCK El Jefe

Friday and Saturday, August 8th and 9th

during our live music and BINGO El Jefe will be here selling food and drinks.



Native Plant Sale

Monday August 11th

Under The Preserve tent 11 am - 2 pm

The Preserve has teamed up with Natural Shore Technologies for our 2nd annual native plant sale! There will be an assortment of native plants for sale. Our Grounds Manager will be on-site to help answer any plant questions you may have.

Website: [Natural Shore](#)

Online plant store: [Natural Shore](#)

Please take a look at our book: [Natural Shore](#)

Events



SUMMER YOGA- at The Preserve with One Eleven Yoga + Wellness

Thursdays, July 17 through August 14. Beginner Yoga 5:30 – 6:30 pm

\$10 per class (pay at the door)

Ready to dip your toes into yoga (or maybe do some serious stretching)? This class is perfect for newbies or anyone craving a slower, more accessible flow. Focus on building strength, balance, and flexibility, with a side of introductory poses to help you grow. You will leave feeling stronger, more relaxed, and totally ready to take on the world – one pose at a time. All levels welcome!



Ice Cream Social

Did you know The Preserve has 5 parks we affectionately call Tot Lots? Join us as we visit each of The Preserve Tot Lots and enjoy some FREE ice cream treats..

- HighPoint, July 23
- Amsden, July 30 Rescheduled from June
- Preserve Barn, Aug 13
- Basswood, October 15

We will start at 6 PM and go until the ice cream is gone.

Parks Map

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 20th 1-7:00 PM



Due to a higher need for blood, The Preserve has been asked to hold an additional blood drive for the Red Cross in the Barn.

To sign up go to [Donate Blood](#), enter zip code or The Preserve. There is always a need for donations.

Save The Date

- Kids Craft Event, August 10th
- Beach BBQ, Thursday, August 21st 6-8 pm
- Hay Ride TBD in October
- Wine Tasting TBD in November
- Santa Visit December 14th

Look for more information in our September Newsletter.

We would love to hear what you would like to see for events at The Preserve. Please fill out this [survey](#). Thank you.

Neighborhood Spotlight



Spot light on our neighborhoods

The Preserve would like to recognize our residents, Jennifer and Kevin G, for putting together a dog-friendly summer guide (with help from their pup, Lady 🐶) It has drive times and directions from The Preserve and covers things like local dog-friendly events, off-leash splash spots, patios and eateries that welcome pups, and even a few homemade treat recipes. The guide also has clickable links throughout for more info on each spot or event

[Dog friendly Summer Guide](#)

Grounds and Gardens Updates

This new section of the newsletter will highlight news, updates, and opportunities regarding The Preserve grounds and residential landscapes. Curated by our new Grounds Manager, Bridget Beyer. For questions or newsletter topic ideas, email bridget@preserveassociation.com.

SAFETY WARNING! Dead Ash Trees Pose Risk, Expense

If you have an Ash tree that looks like this photo

it is dead or dying and very dangerous! We've been talking about Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) for several years and it is important to know when to take action. Ash trees are notorious for drop branches even when they are 100% healthy. Once they decline, they become very brittle. Branches can fall off a dying ash tree without warning and without heavy winds. If you have been treating your Ash trees for EAB, they likely are alive and healthy. Almost all 250 Ash tree that The Preserve has been treating are doing well. Here are a few links with more information on what to do next:



- [Decision Guide for managing ash trees \(Hennepin County\)](#)
- [The Dangers and Costs for Infected Ash Trees \(WI DNR\)](#)
- [Emerald Ash Borer Do's and Don'ts \(Tree Trust\)](#)

Financial Assistance for Ash Tree Removal

Hennepin County is helping homeowners with low incomes get trees removed and replaced on their properties. This work, funded by a U.S. Forest Service grant, addresses a significant need identified by community members as the emerald ash borer has swept through the county. Applications for removal will open July 9, 2025. Follow this link to receive updates and submit an application once it opens: [website](#)

Requirements:

- Resident applying must live at the address where removal is being requested*
- Total household income is under \$97,800 (for households from 1 to 4 people). For households of 5+ people, [click here](#) program.

Landscaping Funding Opportunities for Residents

Landscaping for Water Quality Rebate – City of Eden Prairie 80% of project cost, up to \$2,000. Eligible projects include shoreline buffers, rain gardens or pollinator gardens that treat stormwater runoff. This program is open year-round.

Step 1: Identify your project area

Step 2: Request a visit a visit from the City's Water Resources Coordinator by filling out this [form](#)

Step 3: Once the water resources coordinator has confirmed your project idea, complete the City's Vegetation Management Plan application form. [form](#) You will need to have the project description, approximate Start and End dates for the project, and a project map. Plant lists are also helpful. If you need help coming up with a plant list, The Preserve can assist you. Email [Bridget](#)

Tree Identification & Inventory at The Preserve

Tuesday, July 22

2:00pm – 4:00pm

The Preserve Association Grounds Manager is seeking volunteers for a community tree inventory project across The Preserve's naturalized parcels in August and September. Please join Eden Prairie City Forester, Erika Commers, and The Preserve Grounds Manager Bridget Beyer, for an information and training session on Tuesday, July 22 from 2:00pm-4:00pm at The Preserve Barn (11221 Anderson Lakes Pkwy). Volunteers who choose to participate in the tree inventory project will help document tree species, diameter, and general condition. These data points will be help support ongoing efforts to protect and maintain our tree canopy in the midst of pest pressure from emerald ash borer (EAB) and oak wilt.

This opportunity is open to non-residents as well. You don't need to live in the neighborhood to participate, just an interest in trees and a willingness to walk!

Please bring a smartphone that is capable of scanning a QR code and if you have one, a fabric measuring tape that is at least 12ft long.

This project qualifies for Minnesota Master Naturalist volunteer hours.

RSVP and/or questions, please email [Bridget](#)

RSVP



Native Plant Landscape Tour with Wild Ones Prairie Edge

Wednesday August 13th at 6:30pm

11742 Mount Curve Road, Eden Prairie, MN

Wild Ones Prairie Edge Chapter will be hosting a tour of Jan and Rick Neville's Residence and Neill Lake Restoration on Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30pm. The tour will include a walkthrough of Jan and Rick's property. There will be plenty to see – raingardens, native prairie, and shoreline restoration!

Wild Ones Prairie Edge has several board position openings in November. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Wild Ones Prairie Edge Chapter Board, email [WildOnes](#)



Lawns 2 Legumes - Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Blue Thumb

\$400 rebate. Eligible projects are focused on creating pollinator habitat. This program is currently accepting applications for spring 2026. The deadline to apply is November 30.

Step 1: Identify one or a combination of the following project options you would like to pursue: Native Pocket Planting, Pollinator Beneficial Trees/Shrubs, Pollinator Lawn, Pollinator Meadow, Container Planting. If you need help narrowing down a project option, The Preserve can assist you.

Step 2: Submit an application by www.metroblooms.submittable.com/

The form is hosted through Submittable, which you will need to create an account to access.

If you are selected, you will be notified by email. Reimbursement is provided for any expenses incurred after the date of receiving the award.

The Preserve Party Room

In June, The barn had 20 parties and meetings while squeezing in a roof replacement. It continues to be a wonderful venue.



Whether you are having a shower, rehearsal dinner, or celebration don't forget this wonderful space available only to members of The Preserve.

Rates and rules can be found on our website [The Preserve](#). Call 952-941-8400 or email [Cindy](#) today to see if your date is available.

We would love to see photos from your event and feedback on how to make The Preserve barn the best venue for your parties.

Reminders

Selling your home: Contact The Preserve Office. The new homeowner must be provided a resale disclosure certificate as well as association documents prior to closing. Without it, the sale of your home could be delayed. If you are planning to sell your home, please let your agent know you are part of The Preserve Association and have them contact [Cindy](#). **If you live in a town house or condo, you are part of two separate HOA's and both should be contacted by your realtor.**

Firewood: We have free firewood available (you must split), please contact [Scott](#) for more details and to schedule a time to pick up.

Design Review form: Anything done to the outside of your home must be approved by our Design Review Committee. A form can be found on our website [The Preserve](#) (residents, information for buying and selling properties) or by contacting The Preserve. We would love to see photos of your finished projects, please email them to [Cindy](#).

Trash Cans: Please remember to put trash, recycling and yard waste cans away. Christmas Trees should be brought to the curb and not burned.

Preserve pool cards: Make sure you have your Preserve card for the pool and tennis/pickleball courts. Preserve cards can be picked up any time of year during our business hours T-F 8:30 am -4:30 pm. Please contact [Cindy](#) to schedule a time to pick up. **A photo on the card is required and will be taken at the pool if you haven't had one taken.** Do not throw your pool cards away. Pool ID cards are permanent and are available for members at The Preserve. POOL CARDS ARE KEPT FROM YEAR TO YEAR and are \$15.00 each to replace. All association members must pick up cards to gain admission to the pool and the pickleball/tennis courts.

Guests accompanying Preserve members pay a fee of \$3 per child under age 18 and \$5 for adults. If bringing a guest swimming, payment is paid at the pool and if playing pickleball/tennis, payment can be paid on our website or in our secured locked box to the right of the door if after hours.

Buckthorn pullers: The Preserve has buckthorn pullers to loan out. Contact us to see if one is available.

Little Library: We are always in need of books for our Little Library. We currently have 4 Little Libraries that need filling. When you are spring cleaning, please consider dropping off books at The Preserve.

Proudly Partnering With



PROP

PROP: Is currently doing an "Open Your Heart" campaign July 1-31st. This important fundraising campaign with a goal of \$150,000 has a proportional match for all financial donations. During the summer, PROP experiences an increase in clients seeking support, but a decrease in donations.



My Very Own Bed

My Very Own Bed is a local non-profit organization created to provide new beds, bedding, stuffed animals, and books to children and adolescents after experiencing homelessness or unstable housing. Once stable housing is established, many children still find themselves sharing a bed with parents or siblings or sleeping on the floor. My Very Own Bed was created to ensure that each child has their own bed to support healthy sleep and as a result, healthy learning and growth.



Metro Blooms

Minnesota based Metro Blooms offers free educational opportunities through their Blue Thumb program. Maybe you've heard of Lawns to Legumes? A grant to help you create pollinator friendly gardens! Metro Blooms, through their educational arm called Blue Thumb, offers workshops and online learning geared to help the DIYer develop skills for projects on rain gardens, native plantings, shoreline plantings, pollinator habitat and more. There are both online and in person opportunities. All free!

Helpful Links

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