



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

The Preserve Pathways Newsletter

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Thanks for a great Season!



We hope you enjoyed your time at The Preserve Pool this season. We would like to thank everyone who used the pool along with our wonderful staff that helped make it happen. Our attendance for the 2025 season was 9,233 visitors, 20% higher than last year!

Remember: DO NOT THROW YOUR PRESERVE CARD AWAY! THEY ARE PERMANENT AND ARE USED FROM YEAR TO YEAR. THERE IS A \$15 FEE TO REPLACE LOST OR MISPLACED CARDS. IF YOU PLAY PICKLEBALL OR TENNIS, PLEASE HAVE YOUR CARD ON YOU WHEN USING THE COURTS.



Raise the Woof

We like to save our final pool day for the dogs in The Preserve! We hope your dog(s) enjoyed their pool day.

The pool has been drained and new chlorinated water will be filled for next season.

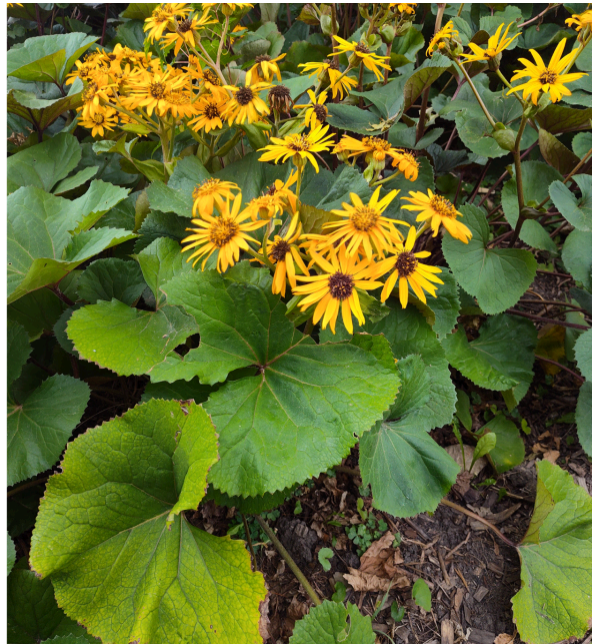


They planted, They Pruned, They Conquered

We were unable to catch a photo of the seasonal grounds crew this year as they were too busy working to stop and take one! We would like to thank them for all the work they put in to help

make The Preserve a desirable place to live. This season they helped assemble and place 12 new picnic tables, repainted 26 waste bins, and helped plant over 1,800 perennials, 15 shrubs, and 39 trees!

Events



Day Lily and Ligularia Plant Giveaway

On Friday, September 19th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; we are giving away a limited number of Day Lilies and Ligularia plants. Ligularia thrives in shade, anywhere hostas will grow, and blooms in late summer through fall. It attracts a number of native pollinators due to its flower shape. Both plants are native to Asia (China, Japan, Korea, Siberia) and are deer and rabbit resistant.

Please contact Cindy by Thursday, September 18th to reserve your plants.

[Reserve a Plant](#)



FALL YOGA at The Preserve

with One Eleven Yoga + Wellness

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, nature begins to slow and settle—inviting us to do the same.

This 6-week beginner-friendly series offers a gentle, stretchy slow flow designed to release tension, quiet the mind, and reconnect you to your breath. Each class will honor the rhythms of fall, encouraging you to soften, ground, and create space for rest before winter's arrival. Kim Kay is a 300-hour RYT who's been practicing and guiding mindful, breath-centered practices for over 8 years. Her teaching blends gentle movement, mindful stillness, and a welcoming space for all bodies and experience levels.

Slow Flow Yoga for Autumn will be held weekly at The Preserve from 5:30 to 6:30 pm every Thursday from October 16 - November 20. Each class is \$10, drop in and pay at the door. Come move, breathe, and find your own season of slowing down.



Join us for our last 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..

- Basswood, October 15th (next to 8770 Bentwood Dr),

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

[Parks Map](#)



Hayride and Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 25

1:00-3:30 pm

Join us for Halloween festivities at The Preserve! Get into the spirit- costumes welcome!

Hay Rides will leave every 30 minutes from the Barn.

Hot cider, cocoa, and cookies will be served.

NEW THIS YEAR: Trunk or Treat, games, other activities for adults and children.

What is Trunk or Treat?

Trunk-or-treat is a community event where children go from car to car in a parking lot to collect candy, instead of going door-to-door in a neighborhood. Participants decorate their car trunks with Halloween themes, and families gather in a central, controlled location like a parking lot for a safer and more organized trick-or-treating experience.

To Participate: decorate your car trunk in a Halloween them or scene (creativity counts) and bring a treat or trinket to distribute.

All families are welcome to participate in the trick-or-treating experience! Trunk not required.

To make this fun, we would like as many cars/trunks as we can. If you would like to participate, please let me know.

[Participate in Trunk or Treat](#)

The Preserve Wine Tasting

Friday, November 7th 6-8 pm

Wine representatives will be at the Barn providing FREE wine pours and offering information about their wines available for pre-order at a discount. This is the perfect time to learn about wines to serve over the holiday season. Light snacks and palate cleansers will be provided.

New Vender and better discounts this year.

RSVP by November 4th to secure your glass.



Wine Tasting RSVP

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 19th 1-7:00 pm

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



Save the Date for Santa!

December 14th

1-2 pm or 2:30-3:30 pm

Each family enjoys a personal visit with Santa.

Snacks and activities included

RSVP is a must as we have limited space.

There is a \$5.00 suggested donation, a PROP item, or a new toy for donation per child attending.

RSVP for Santa

The Preserve Party Room for the holidays

The holidays are soon here. If you are hosting a party this year, now is the time to reserve your desired date.

Whether you are having a shower, rehearsal dinner, or holiday 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.



Save The Date

- Seed Harvest Oct TBD
- Cooking Event Nov/Dec TBD
- Line Dancing in The Preserve Barn January TBD
- Chili Cook off- TBD
- Community Garden Information January TBD

Look for more information in our February 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



Spotlight on our neighborhoods

Holiday lights in The Preserve

If you have ever been down Hyland Terrace you may have noticed this house all lit up and ready for the holidays. This was the home of Ken and Linda Hallonquist. They were wonderful neighbors in The Preserve. Ken was on the HOA board, including serving as its President for many years. They loved Christmas and decorated their house inside and out extensively.

This year, between November 28th and December 18th, we would like to honor them by hearing from our residents in The Preserve. If you know a neighbor that goes above and beyond to celebrate the holidays and brings good cheer to those around them, please send in a photo of their decorations and tell us a little bit about them.

Holiday decorations photo

Grounds and Gardens Updates

This section of the newsletter highlights news, updates, and opportunities regarding The Preserve grounds and residential landscapes. Curated by our Grounds Manager, Bridget Beyer. For questions or newsletter topic ideas, email [Bridget](#)



Tree Inventory Call for Volunteers

Volunteers Wanted! We had a very successful information session on July 22 with the help of Eden Prairie's City Forester. Several Minnesota Master Naturalists have committed to helping identify, measure, and record tree data on The Preserve parcels, and we could use more helpers. If you don't mind walking in the woods and can hold a clipboard, we would love to connect you with a volunteer team. Existing knowledge of our local tree species is a plus but is not required. Please reach out to [Bridget](#) if you are interested.

RSVP



We're Friends of Eden Prairie Parks.

We're Friends of Eden Prairie Parks. Nice to meet you! We're a volunteer-powered group working to protect and restore Eden Prairie's natural spaces. From native plant rescues and seed collection to invasive species removal, we believe in the power of community to care for the places we all love. What We Do

- Remove invasives like buckthorn and garlic mustard
- Restore native prairie and woodland habitats
- Engage and educate the community

Enter to Win



RILEY PURGATORY BLUFF CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

What are your priorities & concerns for water resources?

Take our online survey!

Learn more & take the survey:
rpbcwd.org/plan-update

Help Us Plan the Next 10 Years of Watershed Management.

Photo of Riley Creek by John Cocco

Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Needs Your Feedback

The Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) is updating its watershed management plan to set goals and outline strategies to achieve these goals over the next 10 years.

The watershed district is a local, special unit of government established in 1969 by resident petition. RPBCWD's purpose is to protect and improve the water resources of our communities.

Opportunities to provide feedback on the plan update are being planned through 2026. RPBCWD invites residents and others to provide input on their water resource priorities and concerns through an online survey available at www.rpbcwd.org/plan-update.



Discover Your Watershed

Discover Your Watershed Party – FREE!

Wednesday, September 24

5:30-7:30 pm,

The Preserve Association Barn

Curious about planting a rain garden, attracting pollinators, or protecting lakes, ponds, and streams? Join staff from Nine Mile Creek and Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek watershed districts and the City of Eden Prairie to learn how to support clean, healthy waters in your community. Enjoy FREE barbecue, games, and activities for the whole family while learning about grants, educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

National Public Lands Day

September 27th

Join Minnesota Master Naturalist volunteers for National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 27. This is a statewide event that provides unique opportunities for volunteers to participate in Minnesota Master Naturalists' largest single day of service. Everyone is welcome to participate. The Preserve Association is hosting volunteers for a tree inventory around Neill Lake. There are two time slots available:

9am-12pm

12pm-3pm

Master Naturalists can register online ([AM session](#) // [PM session](#)). Non-Master Naturalists can RSVP by emailing bridget@preserveassociation.com. Registration will close on September 19th.

All participants will receive a free NPLD branded item and a day pass to a national park as a thank you for participating.

Volunteers will be documenting tree species, diameter, and general condition in teams of three. Please bring sturdy shoes for off-trail, smartphone with iNaturalist app, water/snacks. Long pants and sleeves are recommended as

some areas have thickets of buckthorn and honeysuckle. If you already have iNaturalist app downloaded, please join *The Preserve Tree Inventory* project in advance. Instructions for joining a Project can be found [here](#). When searching, it helps to type the full name of the project.

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.**

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. Preserve cards are permanent and are available for members at The Preserve. PRESERVE 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.

Pickleball/Tennis: 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 fall cleaning, please consider dropping off books at The Preserve.

Walking Outdoors: It is that time of year again where it gets darker earlier. Please stay safe and review these tips when out walking this winter:
www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety.

Proudly Partnering With



PROP

PROP: Open House,

Thursday September 25th from 4:00 -6:00 pm.

With School starting, families face increased expenses. Please consider dropping off items for PROP at The Preserve. The most needed items are boxed cereal, pancake mix with syrup, canned beans, Peanut butter and Jelly, canned chicken and tuna. Paper towels and toilet paper are always needed as well.



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!

The Preserve Board

The Preserve Board of Directors



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Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm

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