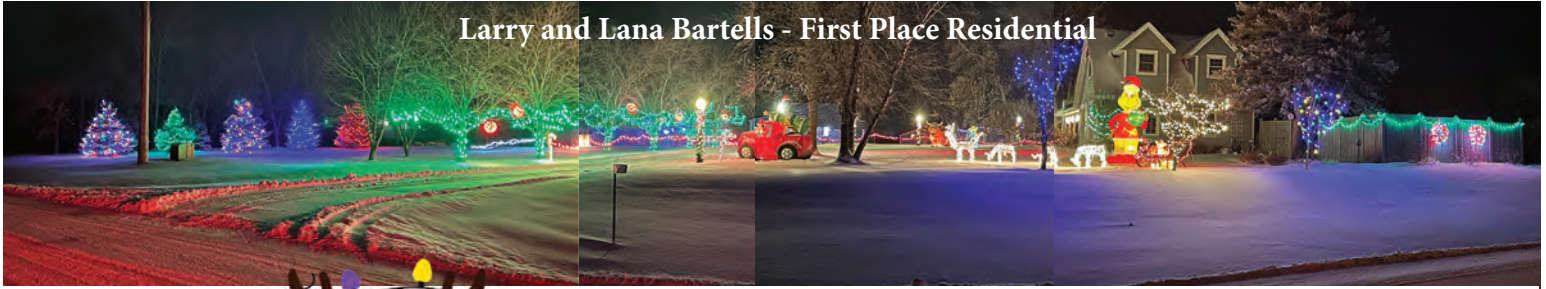




Larry and Lana Bartells - First Place Residential



Holiday Lights 2024 CONTEST WINNERS

RESIDENT WINNERS

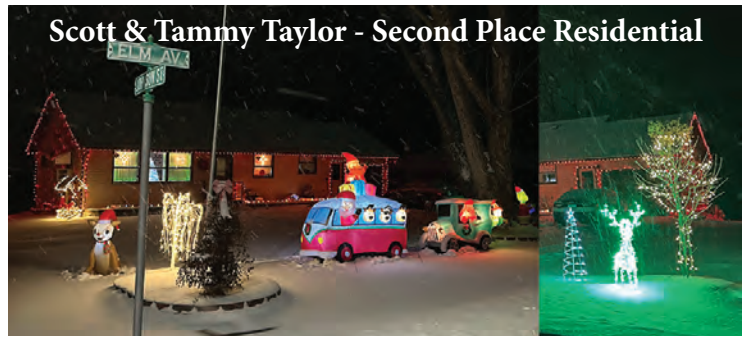
- 1st Place Larry & Lana Bartells \$150 Upsala Bucks
- 2nd Place Scott & Tammy Taylor \$100 Upsala Bucks
- 3rd Place Joe Trettel/Dawn Janssen . . . \$50 Upsala Bucks

BUSINESS WINNERS

- 1st Place Buffy's Bar and Grill \$150 Upsala Bucks
- 2nd Place Upsala Community Center \$100 Upsala Bucks
- 3rd Place Schultz Auctioneers \$50 Upsala Bucks

Thank you for participating and see you next year!

Scott & Tammy Taylor - Second Place Residential



Joe Trettel & Dawn Janssen - Third Place Residential



WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Wellhead Protection Program is a mandatory program that all public water systems are required to participate in through the MN department of Health. Each public water system works with a Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) or Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) source water planner to develop a Wellhead Protection Plan and implement wellhead protection measures as specified in Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4720.

The MDH was granted authority in 1989 with the passing of the Minnesota Groundwater Protection Act, which was a response to the 1986 amendment to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The rules governing wellhead protection were adopted in November 1997.

Wellhead protection is an approach to prevent human-caused contaminants from entering wells used by public water systems. To be considered a public water system well by the MDH the well would provide drinking water to 15 or more connections or to an average of 25 or more people per day for at least 60 days per year.

Wellhead protection plan development includes identifying the source of the drinking water, establishing a protection area known as a Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA); identifying the DWSMA vulnerability and potential contaminant sources; and identifying strategies to protect their source of drinking water. Once a wellhead protection plan is approved by the MN Department of Health it is active for 10 years. The public water suppliers are required to implement measures listed in their Wellhead protection plan which can include constructing a back up well, back-up power, above and below ground tank removal, education and many other ways to protect the public water supplies source water.

FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CITY OF UPSALA, MINNESOTA

Washington, D.C. -The City of Upsala has joined over 22,000 communities nationwide that are allowed to purchase federally backed flood insurance. This availability follows the community's adoption and enforcement of ordinances to reduce flood losses and acceptance by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The City of Upsala is now a participant in the NFIP effective on July 31, 2024. Residents of the City of Upsala will be able to purchase flood insurance up to

the limits under the Regular Phase of the program. However, there is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage goes

into effect. For single-family dwellings, the building coverage limit is \$250,000, and the contents coverage limit is \$100,000. Renters can also protect their belongings by purchasing contents

coverage. For commercial properties, the building and contents coverage limits are both \$500,000.

Lenders must require borrowers whose properties are located in a designated flood hazard area to purchase flood insurance as a condition of receiving a federally backed mortgage loan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

The NFIP is implemented through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. There are over 5 million flood insurance policies in more than 22,000 participating communities nationwide.



PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

The City of Upsala works hard to clean up streets after the snow falls. Please keep your sidewalks and driveways 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

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

Inside Story Stroll: Sugar Snow

This beautifully illustrated book, *Sugar Snow* by Laura Ingalls Wilder and illustrated by Doris Ettliger, introduces children to the wonder of a spring snow, harvesting maple sap to make syrup and other treats. Enjoy this interactive story stroll in the warmth and comfort of the library. January

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.

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 12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library. Registration is required for each date. Wednesdays, Jan. 8 & Feb. 5
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Storytimes

Join Miss Madelyn for a fun-filled author themed storytimes. 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. Limit 16. Registration required.

Ezra Jack Keats Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Eric Carle Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Author Frank Weber

Forensic Psychologist & True Crime author, Frank F. Weber, will be speaking about his forensic work and the writing of true crime mysteries. Frank's newest book, *Scandal of Vandals*, will be available at the event. *Scandal of Vandals* is based on a Minnesota mystery that was once touted as "the crime of the century." A prominent Twin Cities attorney was accused of hiring a hitman to kill his wife. Frank will share information related to the case and give a live demonstration of a lie detector test. Frank will be at the library from 5:00 to 7:00 answer questions about his work, sign and sell his books, and to discuss the latest forensic tools. This program was made possible with Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

6:00 p.m.

Winter Reading Challenge

Adult & Teen Winter Reading Challenge

"The Great Escape," Great River Regional Library's 2025 Winter Reading Challenge, begins Tuesday, January 2, and runs through Thursday, February 28.

This winter, make reading your great escape! Reading is an incredible escape, allowing you to travel to different places and times, uncover new ideas, gain fresh perspectives, and embark on thrilling adventures. Embrace the challenge and dive into the pages of a library book to make your great escape!



The challenge incentivizes readers to build winter reading habits. It is designed primarily for teens and adults and is open to anyone in the 6th grade or older. Each of the 32 branch libraries in the GRRL system will have prize drawings for participants. All book lovers need do is register for the program at a branch library, on the GRRL site, or on the Beanstack Tracker app. Readers can log their winter reading at griver.beanstack.org or in the app.

By downloading and using the app, readers can keep track of their reading, get book recommendations, and earn online badges to help make reading a habit. Also, readers will count the minutes they spend reading, so any amount of daily reading will make participants eligible for online badges and prizes. Each library branch will have drawings for special "The Great Escape" mugs and winter hats.

Thank you to the St. Cloud Friends of the Library and the Friends of the Upsala Public Library for supporting this fun challenge with a variety of prizes!

Between the Covers Book Club

Join "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. 27, Feb. 24 & Mar. 24
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Inside Story Stroll: Cold Turkey

The Mitten meets *How to Catch a Turkey* in this absurd-yet-heartwarming interactive story stroll, *Cold Turkey* by Corey Rosen Schwartz and Kirsti Call. February



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. This meeting will decide if we carry on or if we retire our Heritage Day. The committee is requesting a representative from each group (UBA, EMS, Fire Department, Dollars for Scholars, American Legion, Upsala Lions, just to name a few) to be on our committee. You could rotate within your group every two to three years so nobody has to work year after year.

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., January 8 • 7PM • Upsala City Hall

THANK YOU TO THE UPSALA LIONS, UPSALA AMERICAN LEGION, ALL OF THE BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OUR HERITAGE DAYS. BECAUSE OF YOU, OUR 2024 WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

UPSTAGE PLAYERS PRESENTS

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

BY HENRY LEWIS, JONATHAN SAYER & HENRY SHIELDS
PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH DRAMATISTS PLAY SERVICE UNDER LICENSE FROM MISCHIEF WORLDWIDE LTD.

JANUARY 31 DOORS: 6:30P - SHOW: 7:00P	ADULTS \$8 UPSALA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
FEBRUARY 1 DOORS: 6:30P - SHOW: 7:00P	STUDENTS \$6 DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE SHOW TIME!
FEBRUARY 2 DOORS: 1:30P - SHOW: 2:00P	SENIORS \$6



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