



# NORMANDALE LAKE OFFICE PARK

Spring 2020

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# From the GM

### **Hello Spring!**

We are so glad to see you again. Even though we've enjoyed a relatively mild winter, we all welcome the beauty



and promise of the coming season.

If you haven't been there lately, be sure and take a few minutes to visit our website at **normandale.com**. You'll find a wealth of information about the many amenities we have here at Normandale Lake Office Park.

Go ahead and explore all that surrounds the park outside, too. The walking, hiking, biking trails...the picnic areas...the City of Bloomington and Hyland Park Events are all here for you to enjoy whether you live in the city or not. BloomingtonMN.gov is where you'll find the particulars on parks and recreation and community goings on that make you realize what outstanding treasures we have inside and outside our doors.

I'm so grateful that we live and work in a part of the country that enjoys four distinct seasons, and I can't help but think that spring in Minnesota is the sweetest of all. It's our gateway to so much fun and adventure. I wish you all the best that spring has to offer.

# **Spring Songs**

rees begin to leaf, migratory birds return to nest, perennials break through the warming soil and many animal babies are born into the world. Spring is the time that all things seem fresh and new.

It's a time of celebrations
- St. Patrick's Day, Easter,
Passover, Earth Day, Arbor
Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's
Day and Father's Day. It's
also a time of celebrating
anything at all.

The first day of spring is the vernal equinox, *vernal* is Latin for spring and *equinox* is Latin for equal night – in other words, 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. The fall and spring



equinoxes are also the only two times during the year when the sun rises due east and sets due west.

## **Fascinating Spring Facts and Trivia**

- Most years, spring arrives on March 20 or 21 but, because the earth doesn't circle the sun in exactly 365 days, it sometimes begins on the 19th.
- The first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere is the first day of fall in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The first spring flowers are lilacs, irises, lilies, tulips, daffodils and dandelions.
- Before spring was called spring, it was called Lent in Old English.
   Starting in the 14th century, that time of year was called springing time, a reference to plants springing from the ground. In the 15th century, the term was shortened to spring-time and further shortened to spring in the 16th century.

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- According to a Facebook study, couples are most likely to break up in the spring and two weeks before Christmas.
- There is a myth that it is possible to balance an egg on its end on the spring equinox, but it is no easier on that day than on any other day of the year.
- "Spring fever" refers to both psychological and physiological symptoms associated with the arrival of spring, including restlessness, daydreaming and increased libido. Although the cause is unclear, scientists believe that increased light, more exercise and more exposed skin stimulate hormone levels.
- During spring, birds are more vocal as they attract mates and warn away rivals.
- Children actually grow faster in the spring than other times of the year.
- The early Egyptians built the Great Sphinx so that it points directly toward the rising sun on the spring equinox.
- Every year on the first day of spring, people in Poland gather to burn an effigy and throw it in the river to bid winter farewell.
- Honeybees are more likely to swarm during the spring in order to start new colonies. Surprisingly, swarming honeybees are very docile and the most friendly they will be all year.
- Some believe "April Fools Day" started in 16th century France when the observation of New Year's changed from April 1st to January 1st. Those who continued to celebrate in April were called "April Fools." ■

## NORMANDALE LAKE OFFICE PARK

### Tenants in the News

**New Tenants** Geronimo Energy, LLC

Renewals & Expansions Lamex Foods, Inc.

# What Do You Like Best About Spring?

The earthy smell of spring rains

An abundance of sunshine and natural vitamin  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{D}}$ 

Ideal temperatures

More daylight hours

Open windows

Fresh breezes

Animal babies

Flower stands and farmers markets

Storing winter coats, mittens and scarves

Bike riding

Working outdoors

Yes, even spring cleaning

"Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is."

— Jessica Harrelson

# **New Addition to Our Team**



**Jake Hoehle**Building Engineer

In late September,
Jake joined the NLOP
Engineering Team having
worked in the commercial
field for 7 years. He
graduated from Alexandria
Technical College and
MNSU-Mankato with a
BS Degree. He enjoys
snowmobiling, fishing and
spending time at his cabin.
Welcome Jake!



# Color and How it Affects Us

olor sends such a strong message, that it's likely the first thing we see before other details — when we walk into a room, observe artwork, take in a landscape — virtually everything we encounter at first sight.

It is well established that color can affect our moods and may even trigger the way we think, act and maintain our attitudes. The colors you see throughout your day can make you feel happy or sad and they can also energize you or dampen your spirits.

Feelings of color can be deeply personal or even associated with your culture. As an example, the color white represents purity and innocence in many

Western countries, and it is considered a symbol of mourning in Eastern countries.

Although how the way we perceive color can be subjective, some colors are tied to universal meanings. For instance, colors in the red spectrum (red, orange, yellow) are considered warm



colors and can evoke emotions that range from warmth and comfort to anger and hostility. Colors in the blue spectrum (blue, purple, green) are typically described as calm, but they can also create feelings of sadness and insignificance.

There is much evidence that people respond to color in instinctive ways.

- White is a sign of cleanliness and freshness.
- Red is exciting and powerful.
- Blue can make you feel relaxed and serene, but it also represents aloofness and loneliness.
- Yellow is bright and cheerful, yet it can also be irritating and aggressive.
- Pink is considered a cheerful, happy and even creative color to some, yet it may seem childish to others.

Using color in your life can go beyond clothing choices, your décor and even your vehicle. Meditating with certain colors in mind can help you feel peaceful and stress-free. Visualizing color when deep breathing can bring the same helpful benefits. When you choose to surround yourself with colors that make you feel good, you'll be creating a calm, caring and positive environment.

# Foods to boost your immune system

Feeding your body certain foods may help keep your immune system strong. If you're looking for ways to building a strong immunity, plan your meals to include these powerful immune system boosters. Eat well and get exercise!

Citrus fruits S Red bell peppers You Broccoli A Garlic To Ginger G

Spinach Yogurt Almonds Tumeric Green tea

Papaya Poultry Kiwi Sunflower seeds Shellfish











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8200 Tower, Bank of the West vestibule 8400 Tower, Retail Concourse 8500 Tower, Lower Level

RK Apothecary (convenience, gifts, and dry cleaning) 8400 Tower, Suite 80 952.405.6095

**Design a Bunch** (flowers and gifts) 8400 Tower, Suite 12

### Concierge Services

952.897.5995

8000 Tower Skyway Level, 2nd Floor Hours: 8 am - 1 pm, M-F 952.345.8231

New Horizon Day Care 8400 Tower, Suite 10 952.921.2273

Shear Success (hair salon) 8400 Tower, Suite 20 952.921.2288

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Pick up M-F

8000 Tower, 1st Floor FedEx & UPS

8200 Tower, 1st Floor

FedEx & UPS 8300 Tower, 1st Floor

FedEx

8400 Tower, 1st Floor FedFx & UPS

8500 Tower, Lower Level FedFx & UPS

#### Post Office

8000 Tower, 1st Floor 8200 Tower, 1st Floor 8300 Tower, 1st Floor 8400 Tower, 1st Floor 8500 Tower, Lower Level

Main Bloomington Post Office 952-884-3698

### Restaurants

Caribou Coffee 8000 Tower, 1st Floor 952 486 9500

**Café Fusion** 8300 Tower, Suite 130 **952.378.1424** 

**Ryan's Café** 8400 Tower, Suite 70 **952.897.5990** 

**Kincaid's** 8400 Tower, Suite 90 **952.921.2255** 

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Car Wash 8300 Tower - Contract Parking Mike Siedow 651.308.5137

Fitness Center 8500 Tower 952.921.2081

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