

## IMPORTANT POLICY REMINDERS

- The PCA and the Responsible Party cannot be the same person.
- The Responsible Party must be at the client's assessment (the county will not do the assessment if the Responsible Party is not present).
- The PCAs and Clients must follow the guidelines set by the state.
- PCAs cannot transport anyone other than the client. Clients must pay mileage if their PCA is using their own car. Each trip must be paid before a PCA can transport subsequent trips.
- If the client wants the PCA to accompany them on outings, the client must pay for transportation for the PCA, such as public transportation and metro mobility.
- Cell phone use for personal reasons is prohibited while on the job.
- PCAs cannot be barefoot while working as a PCA.
- PCAs are in the home to assist the client. PCAs are not there to perform duties that are not related to the client, such as doing laundry for other family members.
- PCAs are not to care for client's pets.
- PCAs may not take clients to their own home.
- PCAs are forbidden to use bleach in client homes.
- PCAs cannot lift over 30 pounds.

## Distracted Driving

State safety officials remind drivers that in MN it is illegal for drivers to: read, compose or send texts and emails as well as access the web on a wireless device while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. That includes at stoplights, stop sign or stopped traffic. Drivers under age 18 are prohibited from using a cell phone at any time. Other driver distractions that can end in a citation include:

- talking on cell phones
- eating/drinking
- grooming
- daydreaming
- reaching for items
- adjusting radio, GPS or vehicle controls
- dealing with rowdy passengers

Beginning August 1st, the hands-free cellphone bill will go into effect. Starting then, the law will be much more restrictive, essentially demanding that any use of a cell phone by a driver be hands-free. Drivers can send messages or place calls while driving only if their device is in hands-free or voice-activated mode. The law makes an exception for emergency calls. The penalty for violating the law is a petty misdemeanor, carrying a \$50 fine for the first violation and a \$275 fine for subsequent violations. The goal behind the new distracted driving law is easy to understand as the dangers of cell phone use behind the wheel are leading to deadly accidents.

The "Slowpoke" left-lane law will go in effect on August 1st as well. People driving in the far-left lane will have to move to the right to let others pass. The state's traffic laws make it crystal clear that left lane slowpokes have to get out of the way or face a \$50 ticket plus \$75 surcharges and court fees. This was already law in Minnesota, but now violators may face fines. The underlying idea is to prevent "wolf packs" or a chain of cars stuck behind someone driving in the left lane.



## Community Happenings

♦ Wanting to make a rocket pencil box? Go to any Home Depot on Saturday August 3rd from 9 - Noon. Each child will receive their project, certificate, and a workshop apron. This is a free event.

♦ Capable Partners is having a fishing outing on Lake Minnetonka on August 3rd. This will take place at the Rockvan Boat Yard in Spring Lake Park. Fishing will be on pontoons. You can get more information on their website: [www.capablepartners.org](http://www.capablepartners.org)

♦ The Dakota County Fair has free admission on Monday, 8/5 and Sunday, 8/11. The fair is located in Farmington.

♦ Fare for All is going to be at the Diamondhead Education Center in Burnsville on August 28th from 3-5pm.

♦ Come and learn about monarch migration at Lebanon Hills Regional Park in Apple Valley on Saturday, August 31st, 10 - noon. In this activity you will learn about the life of the monarch, including its amazing migration, going to the prairie and participate in tagging the monarch too.

*Until next month ... Jim (client)*



01 - Nader	15 - Erin
01 - Sam	17 - Bhagmatie
03 - Courtney	18 - Kyle
04 - Eleanor	18 - Calvin
04 - Nancy	18 - Allen
04 - Charlene	19 - Caroline
04 - Miles	20 - Krystal
05 - Dillon	20 - Soukeing
05 - Janet	20 - Patricia
07 - Ryan	21 - Tammera
07 - Melissa	23 - Jon
07 - Michelle	25 - Joe
08 - Thu Thi	26 - Sandy
10 - Barb	26 - Sharon
11 - Nabiha	27 - Abby
12 - Adam	27 - Summer
12 - Susan	28 - Stacy
13 - Barbara	30 - Milton
13 - Julia	30 - Nancy
13 - Dianne	

## Fun Facts about Summer

- The longest day of the year is on the summer solstice.
- Watermelon is one of summer's best summer treats. On average, Americans consume 15 lbs. of watermelon annually.
- In the US, over 650 million long-distance summer trips are made.
- The Eiffel Tower actually grows in the heat of summer. Due to the iron expanding, the tower grows about 6 inches every summer.
- If you love ice cream, the summer season should be your favorite. July, the hottest summer month, is national ice cream month! Americans eat an average of 20 quarts of ice cream a year. Vanilla is the most popular flavor, with chocolate coming in a distant second.
- The "dog days of summer", are the hot, sultry days of summer from July 3rd to August 11th. They were historically the period following the heliacal rising of the star system Sirius, which Greek and Roman astrology connected with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, and bad luck. They are now taken to be the hottest, most uncomfortable part of summer in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Mosquitos are most prevalent during summer months. Mosquitos have been on earth for more than 30 million years.
- Popsicles were invented in 1905 by an 11 year old boy. He left a glass of soda sitting outside on a cold night and by the next morning the soda had frozen. He began selling them at an amusement park in New Jersey. In the US, cherry is the #1 flavor.
- Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans eat over 7 billion hot dogs.
- Summer is by far the busiest time at movie theatres and Hollywood always hopes to earn a significant portion of total annual ticket sales through summer blockbuster months.



**Dakota County Fair, Farmington -**  
Aug. 5-11

**Goodhue County Fair, Zumbrota -**  
Aug. 6-10

**Steele County Free Fair, Owatonna -**  
Aug. 13-18

**MN State Fair - Aug. 22 - Sept. 2**  
Discounted tickets can be purchased at Cub thru 8/21 for \$12. That is a savings of \$3 per ticket.



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Pam Greene has been selected for Superior Home Care's Employee of the Month for August 2019. Pam has been a PCA with Superior Home Care for 8 years. We are grateful for her hard work and dedication.



**Thank You Pam!**

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