



THE GILLESPIE GAZETTE

CONNECTING MEMBERS WITH THE COMMUNITY AND EACH OTHER

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello Gillespie Center Community,

As I wrap up my first month as Center Director, I want to share my gratitude for the warm welcome I've received. Over these past weeks, I've had the chance to meet many of you—during programs, at events, or simply in passing—and each interaction has reinforced what makes the Gillespie Center such a special place. I've been inspired by the energy of our members & the dedication of our volunteers.

As we move forward, I'm excited to continue listening, collaborating, and building on the strong foundation already here. There is so much potential within these walls, and I'm eager to help us grow in ways that reflect the needs of the people we serve. I am also excited to announce a fundraising partnership with The Langdon this summer (log cabin building across the street from Surfside Bar & Grill). The Langdon, open the first seven days of every month, is a non-profit retail shop where you can donate gently used items. In the summer of 2026, **100%** of proceeds from items donated to the Langdon will be given directly to the Gillespie Center.

Thank you for making this first month meaningful. I'm grateful to be here, and I'm looking forward to everything we'll create together.

Brian W. Embrey

Re/Max Member Benefits Program

Kristin and John Beise, our local realtors, will donate 15% of their commission to the Gillespie Center for every home purchased or sold using their services.

Please call for more information or pick up a brochure at the Gillespie Center!

It's a win/win for you and the Gillespie Center!

EVENTS

Reminder to our members that the Gillespie Center will be closed June 1st – June 6th for the installation of a new air conditioning unit. Thank you for your understanding.

Coffee with the Director

Moved the 2nd Tuesday in June to accommodate the maintenance project:

Tuesday, June 9th
9:00am

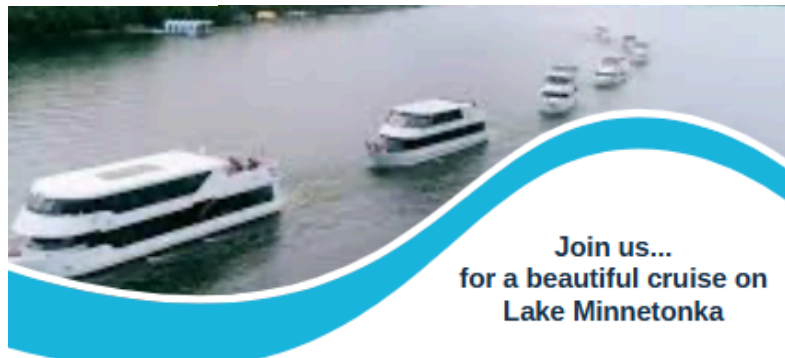


THE LANGDON FUNDRAISER SUMMER 2026



IF YOU DONATE AN ITEM TO THE LANGDON IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2026, 100% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE GILLESPIE CENTER. CALL CLAUDIA AT 952-836-6347 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

WWW.THELANGDON.ORG



Advance Planning Seminar

FEATURING



Eric Baumann
Prearrangement Specialist

We invite you to learn how planning for your final wishes can shield your family from unnecessary emotional and financial burden. Join us and learn more about pre-arrangements, veteran benefits, cremation, burials, and more.

Refreshments will be served!

Wednesday, June 10th | 1:30pm
Gillespie Center

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Cremation & Burials
- Traditional Funerals
- Veteran Benefits
- Payment Plans
- Pre-arrangements

PRESENTED BY



\$25

AL & ALMA'S CRUISES

BOARDING BEGINS AT 11:15 AM
CRUISE 11:30 - 1:00 PM

LUNCH:
Ham & Turkey Croissant Sandwich, Potato Salad, Chips, Carrots, Cookie, Cash Bar

2026 Cruise Dates

- ✓ June 22
- ✓ June 29
- ✓ July 20
- ✓ July 27
- ✓ August 3
- ✓ August 10



Contact Us

NEWS



We need your help!

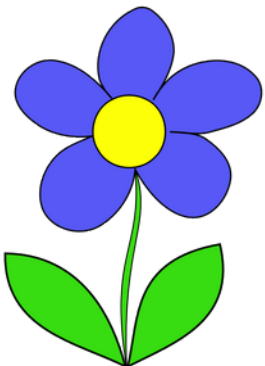
- Bakery Drivers
- Front Desk
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Dishwasher
- Grant Writer

The Gillespie Center is in need of a regular Wednesday morning bakery driver. Please call 952-472-6501 or stop by the front desk if interested!

^GILLESPIE BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTED THE GILLESPIE CENTER AT TRISTA DAYS IN MAY. WE GAVE AWAY OVER 100 PRIZES & 50 POPSICLES!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE WESTONKA GARDEN GUILD FOR TENDING THE GILLESPIE GARDENS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. GILLESPIE SHINES BECAUSE OF VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU! >



NEW EXERCISE GROUPS!

Strength and Stability: Mind and Motion

Wednesdays at 11:45 - 12:30 PM

This class focuses on strength, balance, and mental sharpness. Class may involve body weight exercises, free weights, resistance tubes, or no equipment options. Occasionally a ball is used for easy, playful tossing and simple word memory games to keep the mind engaged while the body moves. Expect supportive guidance, adaptable options and a warm, social atmosphere that makes staying strong and steady genuinely enjoyable and accessible.

Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 AM

Class begins with grounding postures seated or lying to help settle the mind and focus on gentle breathing. Then easing into stretching, a few held postures and a touch of flowing movement. Expect increased focus, stability and strength.

See Victoria for both classes.



PHOTO CLUB

The Photo Club meets at the Gillespie Center the first Tuesday every month at 10 AM. Each Tuesday during the month is a planned photo outing in the local area to an event, museum, or point of interest. We welcome all who are interested in photography and all skill levels to join us. We will enjoy sharing our next photo adventure with you.



Gillespie Singers Show Choir (aka Gillespie Singers)

The choir practices on 3 Thursdays in one month and performs on 2-3 Thursdays the next month. If you're interested, please contact Evelin, 952-472-2105, before coming to a practice. There are no tryouts.

There are no practices in June, July and August.

Practices will resume in September on Sept. 10, 17, and 24 from 1:30pm-3:30pm.

**Intro to Square Dancing
for Beginners
is held on Mondays
at 7:00 p.m.
June 8, 15, 22 & 29**

Free Seminars

Advanced Planning with Washburn-McReavy

Presented by Prearrangement Specialist, Eric Baumann
Wednesday, June 10th at 1:30pm

Riverboat Tours with Island View Ventures

Presented by Maggie Lorbetske Anderson
Wednesday, June 24th at 1:30pm

More information on these seminars is available on our website:
www.gillespiecenter.org





SERVICES



Sparkling Feet will be at the Gillespie Center on the second Wednesday of every month from 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM.

Sparkling Feet is a nurse-owned company that helps people take care of their feet and toenails. Call 952-204-9406 for an appointment for a foot assessment and pedicure.

Upcoming Dates:
June 10, July 8 & August 12

**FREE
TECH SUPPORT**

Wednesday, June 24
8:30am-10:30am



Sign up by calling
952-472-6501

Framed Reverie

Contact Brianna at 218-590-0877 or Brianna@FramedReverie.com



PRECISION
DRIVING CENTER
OF MINNESOTA
A DIVISION OF ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

Get up to 10% off your car insurance of 3 years!

Class is at the
Gillespie Center:
Monday, June 22nd
8:30am-12:30pm

Register by calling
320-308-1400 or visit
DriverDiscountProgram.com



**FREE
Eye Glass Services**

Join Brianna from Framed Reverie every third Wednesday of the month from 11am-1pm for complimentary eyewear adjustments, minor repairs, and personalized consultations.

Offered the 3rd Wednesday of each month
Wednesday, June 17th
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Happy Birthday to the following Members... We wish you all the best in the year to come!

Jeff Johnson 6/1
Marilyn Vialle 6/3
Robert Innes 6/3
Carol Ann Jackson 6/4
David Power 6/4
Jane Neyer 6/6

Peggy Muehlberg 6/7
Lorrie Ham 6/8
Diana Kohls 6/10
Herb Olson 6/11
Carol Lee 6/13
Tom Scherber 6/13
Scott Nielsen 6/16
Thomas Ahlstrom 6/16
Mark Palmer 6/18

Donna Hale 6/19
Curt Berg 6/20
Lyle Shaw 6/20
Chase Muller 6/21
Barbara Hermes-Thibault 6/22
Gene Hostetler 6/23
Kathy Pollock 6/23
Carol Wagner 6/28
Ruth Larson 6/28

The Gillespie Center is the perfect location for gatherings of many kinds...

- Birthday, anniversary, graduation, holiday parties
- Baby and bridal showers
- Weddings
- Family or class reunions
- Business meetings
- Celebration of life
- Fundraisers
- Banquets
- And more



To find out more and check availability contact info@gillespiecenter.org

**Gillespie Center members receive a 10% discount on room rental charges.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Betty Carlson
Vice President:	Cindy Palm
Treasurer:	Michelle Seeman
Secretary:	Linda Blakstvedt
Past President:	Karen DeLorenzo

Board Directors:
Wendy Gasca
Colleen Hendricks
Vicki Innes
Claudia Lacy, City of Minnetrista
Sherri Pugh, City of Mound

THANK YOU SPONSORS

See your Business Here!

We have a fantastic partnership opportunity for you...
Advertising your business in our Gazette will help offset our newsletter costs! Please contact Director@GillespieCenter.org for more information!



Sound Hearing Instruments
At the Gillespie Center
every Tuesday & Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
Dr. Joe Neve, Au.D., Audiologist, provides Hearing Tests, Hearing Aids and Service
For appointments, call (952) 522-2139.
www.soundhearinginc.com



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In the Mound
MarketPlace Center
Commerce & Lynwood,
downtown Mound

Open 7 days a week - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Phone: 952-472-3108 Fax: 952-472-6470

we have carry-out and drive-up service.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Annual memberships at The Gillespie Center help support the day-to-day operations.

Call the Center to become a member or renew your membership. Check the mailing label on this newsletter to find the expiration date of your membership. Business sponsorships are also available.

NEW GILLESPIE MEMBERS IN MAY 2026!

Welcome

Diane Rodewold
Paula Umbehocker
Rodney Beystrom
Jaqueline Neve
Jim Neve
Jerry Sicard

Kim Crockett
Shannon Bruce
Brahim Zabeli
Robin Johnson
Angie Cvengros

Thank you to our donors in May!

- Gillespie Square Dancers
- Gillespie Bridge Club
- City of Mound
- Cindy Palm
- Lowell Allen
- Paul Pond, in memoriam of Joyce Jones

Thank You!

THE GILLESPIE CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND

The Gillespie Center Endowment Fund was established to maintain consistent financial support now and in the future. The principal from the Endowment Fund will continue to grow, in perpetuity, to help fund Gillespie Center programs and services for many years to come. The interest earned each year is used to fund current programs and service needs.

Making a gift to the fund provides assurance that your wishes are respected and your gift(s) can have a permanent, positive impact on the well-being of current and future older adults.

Gifts to this fund may be current, pledged, or planned gifts including cash, real estate, stocks, memorials, trust, and insurance benefits.

Make your donation even more special. Make a gift in honor or memory of a friend, family member, or other loved one. You can also celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special event.

JOIN FOR AN EXCURSION



Thursday, July 9 | Minnesota Twins vs. Cleveland Guardians

Bus Departs at 11:30 AM

Game at 12:40 PM

Cost is \$50 which includes ticket and transportation.

MUST SIGN UP by July 3.



Wednesday, August 5 | St. Paul Saints game vs Louisville Bats

Bus departs at 11:45 AM

Game at 1:07 PM

Cost is \$50 which includes ticket and transportation.

MUST SIGN UP by July 27.

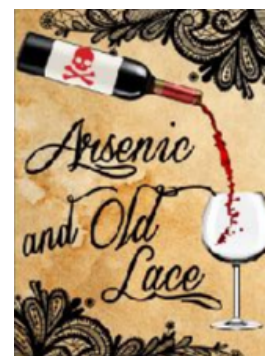


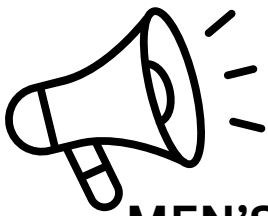
Wednesday, October 28 | Sidekick Theater "Arsenic and Old Lace"

Bus departs at 10:45AM, Lunch at 11:30,
Show at 1:00 PM.

Cost is \$70 which includes Lunch, Show,
and Transportation.

MUST SIGN UP by October 14.





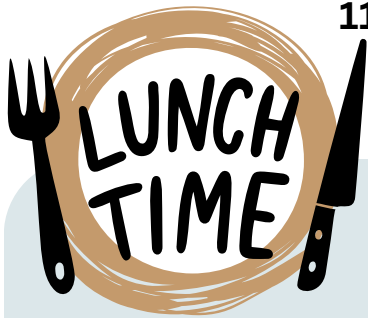
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S SHED DROP-IN

MEN'S SHED – THE PLACE WHERE MEN GO TO TINKER, BUILD, FIX, CHAT & LAUGH. COME TO EXPERIENCE MEN'S SHED, MEET MEMBERS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GROUP AT THE GILLESPIE CENTER:

THURSDAY JUNE 25th

11AM



**Join us for Lunch!
Wednesdays at 12:00 PM**

\$10

June 10 - Club sandwich, pickle, chips & dessert

June 17 - **COUNTRY JAM**: Tater tot hotdish, garlic bread & dessert

June 24 - Chicken rice casserole, side salad, croutons & dessert

***Please sign up the Tuesday before or earlier.**

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS: PLEASE DO NOT PARK UNDER THE AWNING IN FRONT OF THE GILLESPIE CENTER EXCEPT FOR PICK-UP/DROP OFF. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY / FIRE LANE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS IN MAY!

WEEK 18 WINNER – TERESA KOCH

WEEK 19 WINNER –ANDREW GASCA

WEEK 20 WINNER – PAT NELSON

WEEK 21 WINNER – HARRY EVERTH

WEEK 22 WINNER - SHELLY STEINBERG





OVER 50 & FIT | MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.

Wake up and stretch! Invigorating low impact exercise and stretching to a variety of music. Cost \$15 for a lifetime membership.

CARDS AND GAMES | MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Canasta - Mondays at 9 a.m.
Cribbage - Mondays at 1 p.m.
Bridge - Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
Mahjong - 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month at 10 a.m.
Rummikub - Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.
500 Cards - Tuesdays at 1 p.m. [New Time]

SQUARE DANCING FOR BEGINNERS | MONDAY AT 7:00 PM. [NO FEE]

ART GROUP | TUESDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

PHOTO CLUB | TUESDAY AT 10 A.M. - NO PHOTO CLUB IN JUNE. GROUP WILL RECONVENE 7/7/26

Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM to plan photo shoots, photography education, and speakers. Please contact Videll Pfiefer (612) 360-3965 if interested.

UKULELE CLUB | TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

If you would like more information, contact Margaret Holste at 612-201-6020.

BALANCE YOGA | TUESDAY AT 10 A.M.

FEE: \$35 for 4 classes or \$10 per class..

GENTLE YOGA | WEDNESDAY AT 10:30 A.M. [NEW]

Class begins with grounding postures seated or lying to help settle the mind and focus on gentle breathing, then easing into stretching, a few held postures & a touch of flowing movement. Expect increased focus, stability and strength. FEE: \$7 per class.

STRENGTH AND STABILITY: MIND AND MOTION | WEDNESDAY AT 11:45 A.M.

This class focuses on strength, balance, and mental sharpness. Sessions may involve body weight exercises, free weights, resistance tubes, or no equipment options. See instructor, Victoria for drop in or monthly fee options.

GILLESPIE CENTER MEN'S GROUP | THURSDAY AT 10 A.M.

Get out of the house and come spend time with the guys. Call Phil Johnson at 952-239-0965 for more information.

CURRENT EVENTS | THURSDAY AT 11:00 AM

Group decides on current event topics for discussion. It's a great forum to have an open discussion and get feedback on what's going on in the world.

WALKING CLUB | FRIDAY AT 10:00 AM

Buy a Gift Card and support the Gillespie!



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GILLESPIE CENTER HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8AM-4PM

FRIDAYS

8AM-12PM

SATURDAYS (BAKERY ONLY)

8:30AM-10:30AM

JUNE CALENDAR

Did you know that when you purchase a gift card through the Gillespie Center a portion of the sale goes back directly to the Gillespie Center? It's a fundraiser for the center that has very low administration. Gift cards are available for purchase at the Front Desk.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED
8 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 9:00am Canasta 1:00pm Cribbage 7:00pm Square Dancing	9 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 9-10am Coffee with the Director 9:30am Art Group 10:00am Ukelele 10:00am Balance Yoga	10 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 9:15am Sparkling Feet 10:30am Gentle Yoga 11:45am Strength & Stability 12:00pm Lunch 1:30pm Advanced Planning Seminar with Washburn-McReavy	11 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 10:00am Men's Shed 11:00am Current Events 1:30pm Rummikub	12 9:00am Coffee Club 10:00am Walking Club 12:00pm Center Closes
15 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 9:00am Canasta 1:00pm Cribbage 7:00pm Square Dancing	16 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 9:30am Art Group Studio & New Participant Activity 10:00am Ukelele 10:00am Balance Yoga	17 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 10:30am Gentle Yoga 11am Framed Reverie (Eyewear Service) 11:45am Strength & Stability 12:00pm Lunch & Country Jam	18 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 10:00am Mahjong 10:00am Men's Shed 11:00am Current Events 1:30pm Rummikub	19 9:00am Coffee Club 10:00am Walking Club 12:00pm Center Closes
22 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 8:30am Discount Driving Class 9:00am Canasta 1:00pm Cribbage 7:00pm Square Dancing Al & Alma Cruise Starts @ 11am	23 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 9:30am Art Group 10:00am Ukelele 10:00am Balance Yoga	24 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 8:30 Tech Support 10:30am Gentle Yoga 11:45am Strength 12:00pm Lunch 1:30pm Riverboat Tour Seminar with Island View Ventures	25 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 11:00am Men's Shed Drop-In! 11:00am Current Events 1:30pm Rummikub	26 9:00am Coffee Club 10:00am Walking Club 12:00pm Center Closes
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Did you know that you can get FREE Medicare Counseling?
The Gillespie Center offers in-person appointments on the
2nd Thursday of each month.

To make an in-person appointment go to
<https://trellisconnects.org> and select:

- “Get Help”
- “Help with Medicare”
- Scroll down until you see “Make an in-person appointment”
- Click on the drop down (down arrow) and Select: “Gillespie Center”



Or call the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433. The
Senior Linkage Line is an independent agency & not
affiliated with any insurance company.

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