



THE GILLESPIE GAZETTE

CONNECTING MEMBERS WITH THE COMMUNITY AND EACH OTHER

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello Gillespie Center Community,

My name is Brian Embrey, and I'm thrilled to be joining you as the new Center Director. From the moment I first learned about the Gillespie Center, I felt a genuine excitement about becoming part of a place rooted in connection, service, and community spirit. This is a center with so much opportunity, and I'm grateful for the chance to help shape its next chapter alongside all of you.

My career has taken me through some incredible experiences – from roles with the National Park Service, to community-focused work with YMCA's, to supporting individuals and families through Volunteers of America. Each step has strengthened my belief in the power of community spaces like this one: places where people come together, support one another, and build something meaningful.

I'm truly excited to get to know each of you, learn your stories, and work together to make the Gillespie Center an even more vibrant and welcoming place. Thank you for welcoming me into this wonderful community. I can't wait for what's ahead.

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

Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon

Join us for an afternoon of lunch, fashion, shopping!

Friday May 8 at 12:00 PM

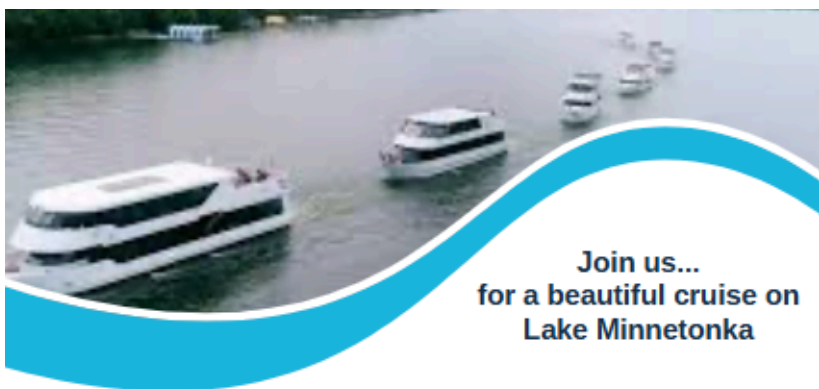
MENU

Spring Salad with Grilled
Chicken Breast, Roll &
Dessert

**Tickets
\$15**



Call 952-472-6501 or sign up at
the Front Desk



Join us...
for a beautiful cruise on
Lake Minnetonka

AL & ALMA'S CRUISES

\$25

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

**JOIN US FOR
LUNCH AT THE
GILLESPIE**



With
SCOTTY B

**SCOTTY B WILL BE MAKING HIS
FAMOUS ASIAN CHICKEN CRUNCH
SALAD, SERVED WITH ROLL AND
DESSERT**



**SILENT AUCTION
WEDNESDAY,
MAY 27
12 PM**

**Gillespie Center
2590 Commerce Blvd, Mound
(952) 472-6501**

NEWS

Interested in joining a Committee?

The Gillespie Center is forming a Marketing Committee intended to promote our programs, activities, and community events to help shape outreach efforts and boost engagement. If you are interested, please join us at:

Gillespie Center Conference Room
Thursday, May 7th at 10:00 AM



We need your help!

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

Please call 952-472-6502 or stop by the front desk if interested



Coffee with the Director

Please join me for Coffee with the Director
Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM

I would love to hear your ideas and feedback, or just enjoy a cup of coffee!

Walking Club!

Spring is here... and the Walking Club is back!
Every Friday at 10:00 AM
Please see Brian if interested!

Gillespie Center Day in the Mound True Value Garden Center!

Saturday, May 16th
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

10% of all live plant sales will be donated to the Gillespie Center



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.

See Victoria for Fees - Monthly sign up or drop in.

Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 AM
(Starting in June)

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 instructor- Victoria \$7.00/class

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. There are no tryouts. There are no practices in May, June, July and August. Practices will resume in September on Thursdays (dates tbd) from 1:30 to 3:30.

Intro to Square Dancing
for Beginners
is held on Mondays
at 7:00 p.m.
May 4, 11, 18



Free Seminars

150 Years of Minnesota: Presented by Doug Ohman
To be RESCHEDULED

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:
May 13, June 10, July 8



Buy a Gift Card and support the Gillespie!

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.

Get a Discount on your Auto Insurance!

Get 10% off your auto insurance for 3 years and take the 55+ Defensive Driving Course, offered at the Gillespie Center by St. Cloud State.

Classes are from 8:30 – 12:30 PM
June 22, Aug 17, Oct 19, Dec 28

Call To register 1-888-234-1294
or visit www.driverdiscountprogram.com



FREE TECH SUPPORT



FREE Eye Glass Services



Wednesday, May 20
8:30am-10:30am

Sign up by calling
952-472-6501

including cleanings, adjustments
and small repairs!

Offered the 3rd Wednesday of each month
Wednesday, May 20
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Offered by Brianna, Founding Optician
at Framed Reverie



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

Jim McCaul - 5/3
Lonnie Nelson - 5/5
Sandy Rauschendorfer - 5/6
Catherine Bailey - 5/8
Dee Wallace - 5/8
Francis Nelson - 5/8

Donna Hagen - 5/10
Shauna Kleinheksel - 5/11
William Warner - 5/11
Linda O'Neel - 5/12
Roger Allen - 5/13
Rick Rohrer - 5/14
Robert O'Neel - 5/17
Gary A. Peterson - 5/17
Gregory/Kathy Grey - 5/19

Judy McKeand - 5/19
Linda Cordes - 5/20
Karen Babb - 5/21
Gaynal Cross - 5/21
Colleen Gonior - 5/23
Deanna Rhode - 5/23
Pamela Mackenthun - 5/24
Jackie Piepkorn - 5/24
LuAnn Sing-Lynch - 5/27
Pamela Callinan - 5/30

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

Board Directors:

- Karen DeLorenzo
- 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!



LOOK for our Weekly sales flyer.

Your Grocery Store and a whole lot more!



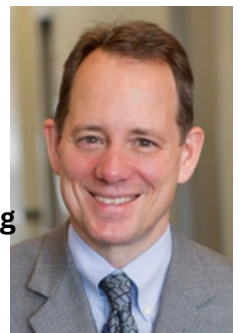
In the Mound
MarketPlace Center
Commerce & Lynwood,
downtown Mound

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

carry-out and drive-up service.



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





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 2026!

Welcome

Doug Sorensen
John & Wendy Applegate
Iillia Andrews
Jesse Pinney
Robin Grey
Daniel & Sharon Regan

Sue Kile
Ellen Forcier
Dave Spilseth
Warren & Dena Stanchfield
Scott & Kathleen Nielsen

Thank you to our donors in April!

- Gillespie Square Dancers
- Gillespie Bridge Club
- City of Mound
- Presbyterian Homes and Auburn Homes and Services, in honor of the Gillespie Singers
- Cindy Palm
- Lesley Dorfner, Robin Grey, Judy Burdic and Tom Renner, Susan Thurk, Beth Freeman and Don Furry in appreciation of AARP Tax Service
- Carolyn Evans, in memoriam for Joyce Jones
- Gregory Grey & Kathy Keoning, in memoriam for Joyce Jones
- Charles and Lucille Grosch
- Herb & Judy Olson
- Gillespie 500 Club

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, May 7 | Sidekick Theater “Birthday Candles”

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 April 27.



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.

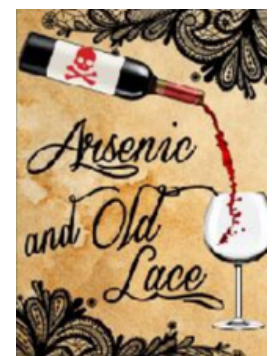


Wednesday, October 28 | Sidekick Theater “Arsenic and Old Lace”

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



New Hours

Beginning in May

Mondays - Thursdays 8 AM - 4 PM

Fridays 8 AM - 12 PM

Saturdays 8:30 - 10:30 (Bakery)

Gillespie Center

Board Meeting

Thursday, May 14

5:00 PM

All are Welcome!



Join us for Lunch!

Wednesdays at 12:00 PM

\$10

May 6 - Turkey Commercial Sandwich with Veggie, Roll & Dessert

May 13 - Chicken Wild Rice Soup with Half Sandwich & Dessert

May 20 - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie & Dessert

May 27 - Scotty B's Asian Chicken Crunch Salad, Roll & Dessert (\$15)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS IN APRIL!

WEEK 14 WINNER - LOIS MADER

WEEK 15 WINNER - JAMIE ARNOLD

WEEK 16 WINNER - MIKE PALM

WEEK 17 WINNER - MARK JORLAND

**Sweepstakes
Winners**



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, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY

Canasta - Mondays at 9 a.m.
 Cribbage - Mondays at 1 p.m.
 Bridge - Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
 Mahjong - Thursdays 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.

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. [NEW TIME]

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.

COFFEE CLUB | FRIDAY AT 9:00 AM

Due to mailing costs, we are trying something new this month and adding the monthly calendar in the back of the newsletter instead of as an insert. Please feel free to tear off and post on your refrigerator!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 9:00am Coffee Club 10:00am Walking Club 12:00pm Center	
4 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 9:00am Canasta 1:00pm Cribbage 7:00pm Square Dancing	5 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 9-10am Coffee with the Director 9:30am Art Group 10:00am Photo	6 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 11:45am Strength & Stability 12:00pm - Lunch	7 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 10:00am Mahjong 10:00am Men's Shed	8 9:00am Coffee Club 10:00am Walking Club 12:00pm Fashion Show & Luncheon	
11 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 9:00am Canasta 1:00pm Cribbage 7:00pm Square Dancing	12 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 9:30am Art Group 10:00am Ukelele 10:00am Balance Yoga	13 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 11:45am Strength & Stability 12:00pm - Lunch	14 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 10:00am Mahjong 10:00am Men's Shed	15 9:00am Coffee Club 10:00am Walking Club 12:00pm Center Closes	16 Gillespie Day in the Mound True Value Garden-Fundraiser
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25 CLOSED Happy Memorial Day	26 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor 9:30am Art Group 10:00am Ukelele 10:00am Balance Yoga	27 8:30am Over 50 & Fit 11:45am Strength & Stability 12:00pm - Scotty B Lunch & Silent Auction	28 9am-4pm Hearing Doctor	29 9:00am Coffee Club 12:00pm Center Closes	

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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