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Art projects with kids at the Lemonade Concert

The 48th annual Lemonade Concert and Art Fair is sponsored by St. Cloud State University. The event includes music groups, roving performers, a wide variety of foods and a children's art and entertainment area. The Paramount Arts Studio teams up with AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP to provide activities for the Children's Art area. The event is scheduled for June 24 at SCSU. They're seeking volunteers to assist children with art activities from 10:30 a.m. through 6 p.m. with several shifts to choose from. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Up to 15 volunteers are needed per shift. Responsibilities include assisting children with simple art-related projects, such as: clay sculpting, construction-paper flower project, watercolor painting or button-making. Contact Tauna, AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP, at 320-650-3195 or tauna.quimby@ci.stcloud.mn.us.

July 4th fireworks call for volunteers

Volunteers needed to help make St. Cloud July 4th happen! Volunteers needed for various activities and dates - primarily July 2, 3 and 4. Volunteer opportunities for two- and four-hour shifts. Contact Michelle Hommerding at finewhateveritsallgood@gmail.com or 320-980-4816. Visit stcloudfireworks.org for more information.

Do you need information about giving blood?

Blood that is donated through the American Red Cross helps patients of all ages including cancer and sickle cell patients, trauma and burn patients, and patients with chronic diseases. Minimum requirements for whole-blood donation include donation frequency of every 56 days, must be in good health and feeling well, at least age 16 and weigh at least 110 lbs. Visit redcross.org for more information. A one-time blood donation can save up to three lives! Schedule an appointment to give blood today! Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

Watering ban in effect

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The City of Sartell issued a watering ban June 9 due to extremely low water levels. No irrigation is allowed on public or private properties, and the Watab Park Splash Pad has been closed. Anyone found watering up until the ban is lifted may

receive a citation - \$100 for the first citation and each consecutive violation increases by \$100 increments.

Celebration Pool will remain open and is unaffected by the watering ban at this time.

Public works utility crews will be monitoring water levels and will communicate updates with residents and businesses.

Sartell seeks input for city 'branding'

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Sartell is overdue for new "branding," according to city officials. They want residents' and businesses' input to help achieve that goal.

A survey is available

for residents to take. Go to www.sartellmn.com and then view the blog post under "Recent News." The survey is also available by hitting the "like" button on the Sartell Facebook page.

Residents and business owners and staff can take

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Park upgrades a big hit
Marin Darling (left) and Harlow Hines, both 7 and of Sartell, beat the heat June 3 at the Watab Park splash pad.



(Above) Benjamin Mumme, 11 mos, of Sartell, smiles and laughs as his mother, Andrea, pushes him in a swing June 3 at the Watab Park playground. (At right) Eli Brands, 9, of St. Cloud, fills a water gun June 3 at the Watab Park splash pad in Sartell as Julia Nohner, 3, of Sauk Rapids, watches carefully.



Mobile-home park residents picket their grievances

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One afternoon last summer, John Wood of Sartell was driving back to his mobile home when he noticed the sky was quickly turning dark. This was followed by high winds, rain and the sound of pelting hail stones.

Back home, he looked up and saw a funnel cloud forming in the distance. He rushed over to the park's

maintenance shop, where its basement was then serving as a storm shelter. The building was locked.

Looking skyward again, Wood was relieved when he saw the funnel cloud dissipate. That storm scare stuck with Wood and made him more determined than ever to put pressure on the powers-that-be to fix park problems. He began to write a series of letters to senators and legislators, the Minne-

sota Attorney General and others - urging all of them to help park residents.

The name of that park, located at 106 Second St. S., is "Sartell MHP" - the MHP standing for "Manufactured-Home Park." For many years, starting in 1978, it was known as Hi-Vue Park. Its name was changed several years ago when a Colorado-based company, Impact Communities, purchased it.

Last summer - and long

before last summer - residents of that park have been clamoring for the park's owners to provide a strong, adequate, up-to-date storm shelter, and other long-deferred improvements and infrastructure issues, chief among them the park's aging and damaged water lines.

There are 163 home lots in the park and close to 400 residents. The park was originally designed for only

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