



Steppin' Up



Minnesota GreenStep Cities

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and partners designed a framework, the Green Step Cities program, to help municipalities achieve sustainability and quality-of-life goals. The program is designed around incorporating best practices from five categories: buildings and lighting, land use, transportation, environmental management and economic and community development. Since enrolling in the program a year ago, staff has worked with the Blue Zones Project and the Chamber of Commerce to enact measures that improve the quality of life in Albert Lea, create more awareness about environmental issues and save money by reducing energy consumption.

The MPCA tracks the progress cities make in implementing best practices by using steps. In just a year, Albert Lea ascended from a step 1 to a step 3. Staff will continue to work to be recognized as a step 5 city, the highest level.

As part of the celebration of this progress and in a collaboration with the City, the Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce has created the Environmental Leader award. If you work in or know of a business that goes the extra mile to help our environment or reduce energy consumption, let the Chamber know. Call the office at (507) 373-3938 or visit albertlea.org to submit a nomination.



The City of Albert Lea is committed to supporting active lifestyles and enhancing the city's green infrastructure.

Parks and Recreation Summer Fun



Summer Carnival

Carnival games,
face painting,
bouncies and more!

Wednesday, July 12

4-7 p.m.

Fountain Lake Park

\$2.00 (includes all games)
(children 2 & under Free)

Movies in the Park
Friday, July 21
Mighty Morphin Power Rangers

Saturday, July 22
Hulk Movie

Edgewater Park Bandshell
8:30 p.m.
FREE

Beach Luau

Contests, races, giant
volleyball, sand bowling,
sandcastle contest, bonfire,
s'mores and DJ! Bring your suits and
cool off in the lake. Lifeguards will
be on duty from 6-8 pm. Sandcastle
judging will begin at 8 pm.

Wednesday, July 26

6 pm-9 pm

City Beach

FREE

Albert Lea Public Library

211 E. Clark St. • www.alplonline.org • (507) 377-4350

Sun.: 1 to 5 p.m., Mon. - Thu.: 9 to 7 p.m. and Fri.: 1 to 6 p.m.



Writing Workshops for Kids & Adults!

Julie Seedorf & Friends Writer's Workshop

Mon., July 17 at 2 p.m., City Council Chambers

Join Julie Seedorf and Twin Cities Sisters in Crime to talk about their books, the writing process, and promotion of books using social media.



Julie will be joined by: Midge Bubany, Barbara Deese, Pat Dennis, Doug Dorow, Greg Gardner and Sherry Roberts.

Approx. 2 hrs long.

Nancy Loewen Writing Workshop



Mon., July 24, City Council Chambers

• 10:30 a.m. 3rd & 4th Graders

• 1 p.m. 5th, 6th & 7th Graders

Stop by the children's library or call
377-4356 to register.

July's Thursday Special Events

• 6th - BINGO: 2 p.m.

• 13th - Jim Jayes' Puppet Show: 2 & 3 p.m.

• 20th - Zoo Man: 2 & 3 p.m.

Reminder: The summer reading program ends July 20.

