



# City of Kindred

“Where Kindness is a Way of Life”

## Renaissance Zone Approves First Projects

In its first year of existence, Kindred Renaissance Zone has approved two projects - one residential and one commercial.

The first project, a residential remodel on Linden St., was a great fit for the new Renaissance Zone. Lance and Kari Nokleberg are extensively renovating a previously vacant house. Since they had already started their renovation when the RZ formed, they included the improvements that they hadn't yet begun - roofing, shingles, gutters - to name a few.

The first commercial project was approved just last month. Nate Opgrand, owner of Korner Holdings, is constructing a multi-use facility with fueling station. The project will revitalize a parcel of land with a dilapidated, vacant building and will be replacing it with a new structure. The project will also help to increase tax base, create jobs, and help to expand current businesses and/or create new ones.

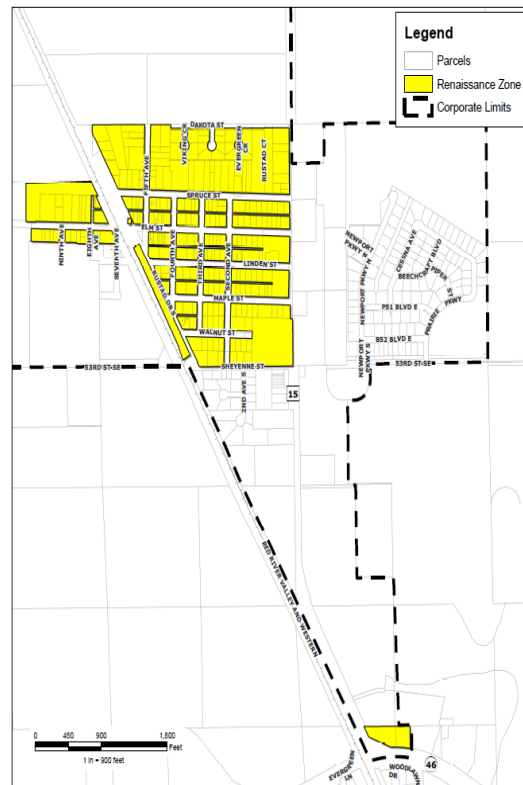
“The Renaissance Zone Program is great for residential or commercial

property owners who want to benefit from tax exemptions while investing in their property,” said Jamie R. Swenson, Renaissance Zone Committee President. “The program is perfect for small, rural communities where housing growth isn't as abundant. It can also help attract businesses and improve deteriorating properties to curtail a decline in tax base.

“The application process is straightforward and we can help walk property owners through the process,” said Kindred City Auditor, Tabitha Arnaud. She encourages anyone with questions to reach out to City Hall or to any RZ Committee Member.

Informational letters will be mailed out in April to property owners. If you have any questions

about the Renaissance Zone or if you are wondering if your home project might be a good candidate, you can call City Hall, visit the city's Renaissance Zone webpage at [KindredND.com/renaissance-zone](http://KindredND.com/renaissance-zone), or reach out directly to any RZ Committee member.



### CITY CALENDAR



- Apr. 5 6:30 PM Tax Equalization Meeting
- Apr. 5 7:00 PM City Council Meeting
- Apr. 10 12:00 PM Kindred Senior Citizens
- Apr. 10 7:00 PM Kindred Library Trustees
- Apr. 11 5:30 PM Renaissance Zone
- Apr. 12 6:30 PM Kindred Park Board
- Apr. 15 **CITY UTILITY BILLS DUE**
- Apr. 19 6:30 PM P&Z Meeting



- May 3 7:00 PM City Council Meeting
- May 8 12:00 PM Kindred Senior Citizens
- May 8 7:00 PM Kindred Library Trustees
- May 9 5:30 PM Renaissance Zone
- May 10 6:30 PM Kindred Park Board
- May 15 **CITY UTILITY BILLS DUE**
- May 17 6:30 PM P&Z Meeting

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# “Flush This, NOT That”: A Cautionary Tale

Although the things you flush down your toilet and pour down your drains MAY make it through your own home’s plumbing, that doesn’t always mean they aren’t causing trouble down the line for your neighbors or city’s sewer. The small “convenience” of you flushing garbage down the toilet or pouring grease down the kitchen sink could mean a HUGE headache for a neighbor or the community if costly repairs or cleanup are required.

A recent sewer backup in Kindred demonstrates just how important it is for everyone to practice responsible stewardship of the city’s sewer infrastructure. In this particular incident, there was a massive buildup of grease and extraneous debris that caused the floats in the lift station to become stuck, therefore unable to activate the pumps.

Once the pumps stopped running, the system filled to near capacity and began backing up into the lines. Once notified, the city was able to override the panel and set the pumps to manual operations. Luckily, a contractor was able to come on SuperBowl Sunday to clear the buildup and get the system operational that day.



## What Can I Flush? The 3 Ps

The list of what is OK to flush is short and easy to remember, so we’ll start with that:



That’s easy, right? These are the only things that should be headed out to the lagoon.

## What NOT to Send Down the Drain (basically, anything other than the 3 Ps)

### Wipes

“Flushable” wipes are anything **BUT**. No matter what’s on the label, “flushable” wipes (sani-wipes, baby, facial or makeup remover wipes, etc.) do not disintegrate in the water like toilet paper does and can clog sewer pipes.

### Grease/Fat/Oils

While it might be liquid when it enters the pipes, grease cools and solidifies quickly. Grease from melted bacon fat, meats and gravy, milk, cheese, lard/butter can clog your drains and produce horrific smells. Let it cool, then scrape it into the garbage.

### Eggshells, Coffee grounds, Food

These fragments may seem small, but they can seriously block your drain in no time! Food may be biodegradable, but it can lodge in the plumbing before it begins decomposing. It goes in the trash, or better yet - compost!

### Toilet Paper Rolls/Diapers/Paper Towels

These items absorb liquid, not break apart in it. Send them to their home...the trash can.

### Paint

Whether water-soluble or not, paint should NEVER be disposed of down any drain; do not wash brushes and other paint items in the sink.

### Cigarettes

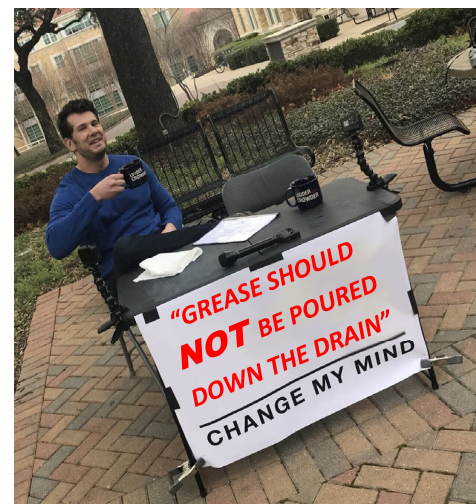
Quit smoking. It’s bad for your pipes- lung and sewer. But if you can’t quit, throw your extinguished butts in the trash.

### Chewing Gum

Chewing gum also never dissolves in water and can adhere to other items and clog pipes.

### Q-tips/Cotton balls/Band-aids

These items do not dissolve in water and can easily lodge and create a logjam in your pipes.



### Medication/Drugs

Toilet water cannot destroy the active ingredients in medicines or illegal drugs. Liquid medication and pills can have a very negative effect on the environment and water supply.

### Feminine Hygiene Products/Condoms

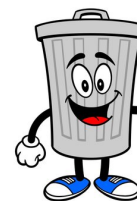
These products require no explanation, just don’t flush.

### Kitty Litter/Dried Poop from Litter box

Kitty litter and all it’s special friends in the box should be bagged up and disposed of in the garbage.

### Hair

Hair never dissolves in water. It can float and easily get snagged on debris in the pipes.



**Feed Trashy, he’s SO HUNGRY!**  
**Don’t let him starve!**



## Message from the Mayor By Darrell Kersting

These past snowstorms have made me wonder “when is spring going to get here?” A common lament of citizens that live in the northern states. I look forward to spring and enjoy seeing the lawns green up, the flowers blooming, and trees leafing out.

Spring is also when most homeowners look to clean up yards after the winter and put things back in order again. Yardwork in the spring is a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in our small-town atmosphere. Doing yardwork is also a great time to reacquaint yourself with your neighbors.

During the winter most of my interaction with my neighbors consists of a gloved hand waving “hello” during snow blowing. Not really the most conducive situation for a conversation to find out how your neighbors are doing.

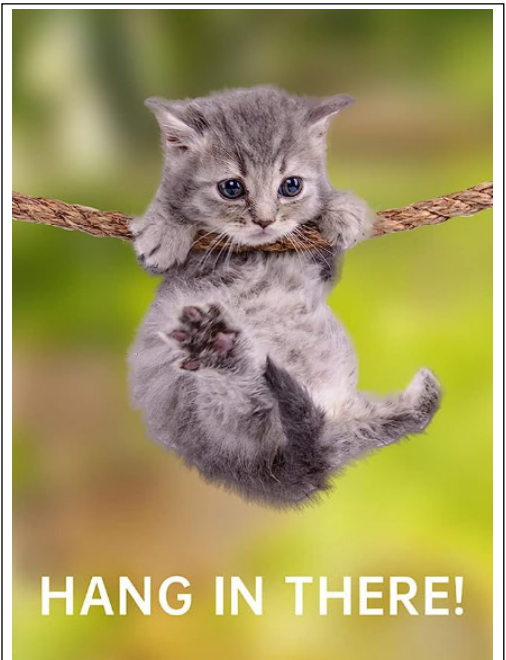
My advice to the fellow Kindredites, take a few minutes from your busy yardwork schedule and spend a little time being neighborly. You might discover that you and your neighbor have both been wondering how to broach the subject such as trimming a tree on a shared property line. Or you may end up discussing a bigger yard project where you might be

able to lend a helping hand to your neighbor. Sometimes one person helping another can make a world of difference.



And yes, all this white stuff will be gone soon!

~ Darrell



**THANK YOU** for your cooperation and patience with the excessive snow this year!

**PLEASE DIG OUT ANY FIRE HYDRANT** on your property that is currently buried under snow. Every second counts in a fire emergency!



## VOLUNTEERS: the of the small town

Volunteers are the heart of small town North Dakota. It is how a small town like Kindred thrives! It's not just the people who serve on boards and help keep churches, libraries, etc. running, but it is also neighbors helping neighbors.

**National Volunteer Week is April 17-21, 2023.** Whether you volunteer or not, you can take time to thank, support, and appreciate all those who sacrifice their own time for others. If you are looking for ways to get involved, take some time to reflect on what you are passionate about and the possible ways you can give back, if you aren't already.

Here are just a few ideas:

1. **Serve on a Board** - There are many unpaid board positions in the community. Check with your church, city, library, township, etc., to see how you can fill any vacancies. There are currently a few openings for Kindred's Special Assessment Committee, Planning & Zoning Board, and the Library Board.
2. **Clean Up!** - Offer spring clean up for a neighbor's yard or help them with snow removal in the winter. Clean up garbage in a park or along a bike path. Ask if your local Parks organize a

“Spring Clean Up” you can join. Help clean up flower or garden beds.

3. **Offer Your Skills** - Maybe you're a social media, graphic design, or website/technology wiz! Most small non-profits or clubs have a social media presence that you could assist with. Host a free technology skills class, chess club, yoga, or photography, sewing, cooking, or painting class for your community. It's also a great way to meet new people in the neighborhood.
4. **Donate** - Time is becoming a limited resource in today's fast-paced world. If you can't donate your time, there are other ways to help. In addition to money, you can donate supplies/materials to schools, collect/donate food for the local food pantry, donate books to a local library, or donate blood.

**Thank you  
VOLUNTEERS!**





The place to be in 23'  
Aug 11-13, 2023

Kindred Days grows bigger every year! The planning for the annual Kindred Days is already in full swing thanks to the hardworking volunteers at the Kindred Community Club (KCC). This year's event will be held August 11-13, 2023.

### GRAND MARSHAL

2022 was the first year a Grand Marshal was added to the parade line up and the KCC is again seeking the community's nominations for the 2023 Grand Marshal. Fill out the nomination

form inside this newsletter, or print additional nomination forms from the website at [KindredDays.com/forms](http://KindredDays.com/forms).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

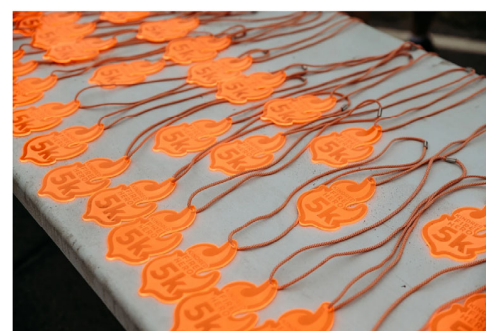
Looking to get involved? There are SEVERAL opportunities to volunteer to help run this amazing event. From planning and running events or helping the day of, it takes a village to make the magic happen! Reach out to a KCC member directly or fill out the Contact Us form on the Volunteer page of their website.

If you enjoy attending Kindred Days and love all the free events for you and the kids, be sure to thank the year-round efforts of the KCC: Lydia Ronningen - President; Tahnee Rudd - Vice President; Laura Lehmann - Secretary; Dona Schock -

Treasurer; Jamie R. Swenson - Volunteer Coordinator; Suzanne Wolf; and Katie Miller.

### KINDREDDAYS.COM

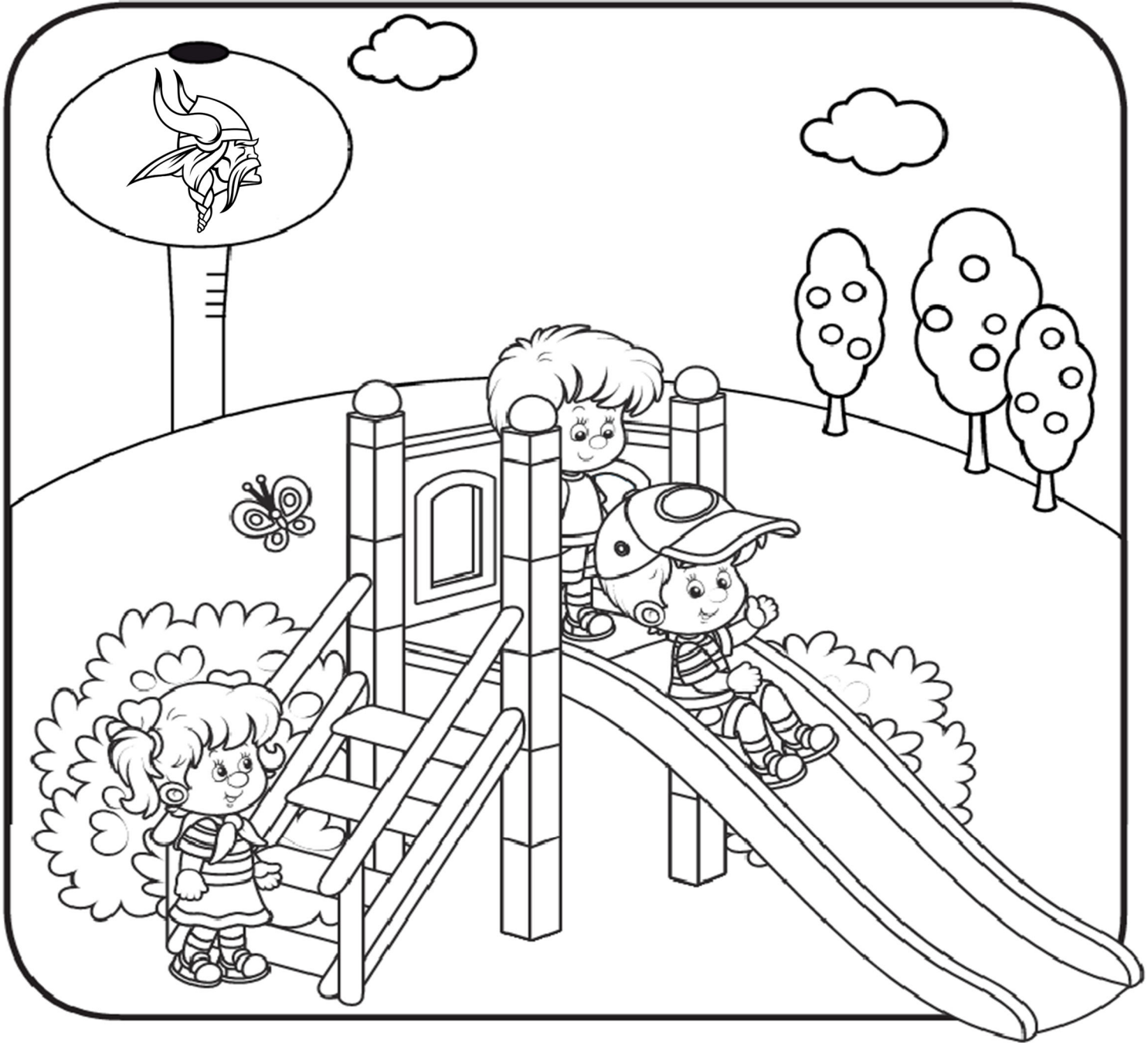
Visit [KindredDays.com](http://KindredDays.com) TODAY and check back often. You can also contact the KCC, sign up to volunteer, register for the 5k, car show, or parade, complete vendor registration, become a sponsor or donate to Kindred Days. Schedule of events and maps will be available later in the summer when those details are finalized.





# North Dakota "City Government Week" is April 3-7, 2023

Hey Kids! Color this fun page and answer the questions below and drop off at City Hall to be entered into a drawing to win a fun prize! (Ages 0 -12)



What is your favorite thing about Kindred? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is something you think would make Kindred even better? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_





Kindred Parks & Recreation has some fantastic events coming up, in addition to a jam-packed summer full of fun activities! Be sure to attend the inaugural Cocoa & Cider Crawl on March 24, the Easter Eggstravaganza on April 8, and the Cupcake Ball on April 29.

Also, **THANK YOU** for attending and helping to make the first ever Donut Ball a success! The boys and moms had a great time!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We also have volunteer opportunities for t-ball, softball, and soccer coaches. Volunteers must be 16 and older. Practice times will vary depending on volunteer schedules (typically 3 hours per week) and field availability.



If you are interested in working with your child or our school aged children, take a look at all the possibilities:

**T-Ball** (ages 5-8) June 1-30; **Softball (8U)** June 1-July 15; **Softball (10U, 12U)** June 1-July 15; **Soccer (ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-12)** July 10-August 11.

### LIFEGUARDS

We are always looking for top-notch employees to support operating the pool each summer. This year we are looking for lifeguards and swim instructors!

Employees must be 16 and older. Seasonal work will begin approximately the middle of May and ends in the middle of August.



Pay determined based on qualifications and years of experience. Interested applicants can head to our [website](#) to fill out our employment form.

If you are interested in volunteering to coach or employment as a lifeguard, contact Mike at [kindredparks@outlook.com](mailto:kindredparks@outlook.com) and book your practice times today!

### PITCH, HIT, & RUN

We are excited to host the MLB's Pitch, Hit, & Run Skill Competition for the third year in a row! The competition is FREE for all participants, ages 7-14, and will be held Tuesday, July 11 at 1:00 pm at the Progressive Ag Softball Field. All participants must have their parent or guardian pre-register online. Visit Kindred Parks & Rec Facebook page for more information and the online pre-registration link.



**T-BALL (AGES 5-7)**

**GIRLS' SOFTBALL (AGES 8-18)**

**SOCCER (GRADES PK-6)**

**FALL FOOTBALL (GRADES 5&6)**

**INDIVIDUAL POOL PASSES**

**FAMILY POOL PASSES**

**(SWIMMING LESSONS WILL OPEN ONCE STAFFING IS FINALIZED)**



[KINDREDPARKS.ORG](http://KINDREDPARKS.ORG)



**Thank you for the generous community support of the “Save the Library Building” fund. The Library is nearing the \$50,000 goal for the library’s portion of the building purchase.**

**Upcoming Kindred Public Library Events:**

**“Do-Nut Stop Reading” Cocoa & Cider Crawl**

Enjoy the Library’s free offerings of cider and homemade mini donuts as they participate in the Community Cocoa & Cider Crawl on March 24 from 5:00-7:30 pm.

**Breakfast with a Book @ 9:00 a.m.**

April 8: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

May 13: *The Clean Daughter* by Jill Kandel (ND Author)

**Children’s Storytime “Once Upon a Time” @ 10:00 a.m.**

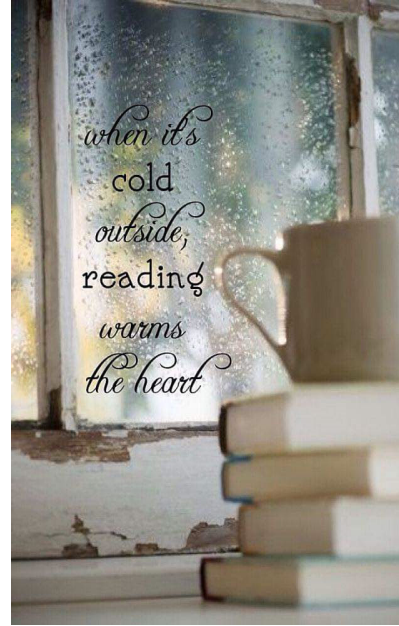
March 18 & 20: Worldwide Tales

April 15 & 17: Fairy Tales Retold

May 20 & 22: Magical Wonder



Additional information is posted at the Library, at KindredNDLibrary.org, and on Facebook at Kindred Public Library. Call 701-428-3456 or email kindredpubliclibrary@gmail.com.



**Visit the Library!**

Mon. 10:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Tues. 4:00 - 6:30 pm  
Wed. 4:00 - 6:30 pm  
Thurs. 4:00 - 6:30 pm  
Fri. 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

The Library continues to be a great place to visit and a great place to volunteer...**see you there!**

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