



Brooklyn Center's mission is to actively provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive community.

2024 Edition 239



City holiday closures

Veterans Day, November 11

Thanksgiving, November 28 & 29

Recognitions for October and November

September 15-October 15

Hispanic Heritage Month

October

Italian American Heritage Month

October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 5

World Teachers' Day

October 6

German-American Day

November

American Indigenous Heritage Month

November 2

Dia de los Muertos

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Halloween Party
Friday, October 18
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Centennial Park - 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway

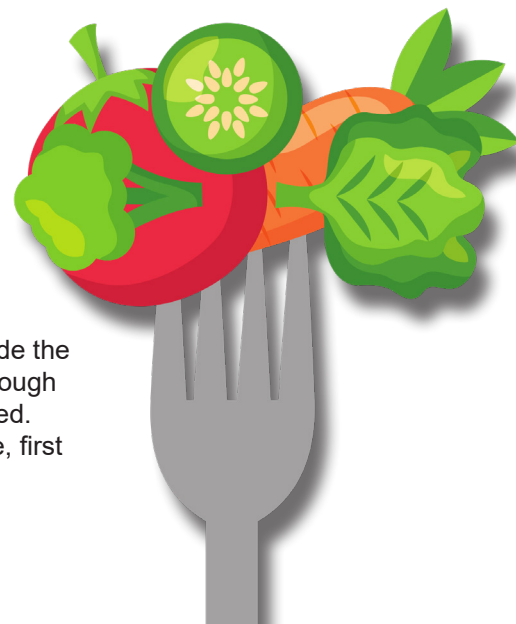
Trick or treat along the trail before doing a little BOOgie at the amphitheater and end the night with a special treat!

Must purchase tickets ahead by calling **763-569-3400**, online at webtrac.cityofbrooklyncenter.org or in person at the Brooklyn Center Community Center. **Maximum of 350 tickets will be sold.** In case of inclement weather, visit [Facebook.com/BrooklynCenterRec](https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynCenterRec) or call the weather line the day of the event **764-569-3442**.

Fresh Vegetables!

Brooklyn Center Local Farmers Grant in partnership with Hennepin County

Come get fresh, FREE vegetables from local farmers every **Tuesday and Thursday from 3 p.m. until close** inside the Brooklyn Center Community Center through the end of October. Bags will be provided. Vegetables will be given on a first come, first served basis.





General Election



Presidential General Election, Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Registering to Vote

You must register before you can vote. Registering is a way to prove you are eligible. You can pre-register up to 21 days before Election Day. You can also register with same-day registration when you vote early in person or on Election Day. Scan this QR Code to register now!



Ways to register

Online at mnvotes.org

- You will need an email address for this method

On Paper

- Print a registration application from mnvotes.org
- Mail or drop the application at city hall

In-Person

- You need to provide proof of **a)** who you are and **b)** where you live.
 - For example, a current and valid Minnesota ID or driver's license
 - A list of all proof of residence options is available at mnvotes.org

Sample Ballots

Ballots can be accessed online at the Voter Information Portal (<https://myballotmn.sos.mn.gov/>) or in paper form at city hall.

AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION was approved by the Minnesota Legislature and signed into law in 2023. It updates a policy that allows eligible Minnesotans to register to vote or update their voter registration when they apply for or renew their Minnesota driver's license, instruction permit, or state identification card.

Before this law, Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) applicants needed to check the "opting in" box for voter registration. Under the new law, eligible applicants will be registered without needing to affirmatively "opt-in." Applicants can still choose to opt out of voter registration.

For more information on automatic registration, go to mnvotes.org



Ways to vote

You have options on how you choose to vote. All voters are eligible to vote **ONE** of three ways:

- Early by mail
- Early in person
- On Election Day

Early by mail

Voting by mail is easy and convenient.
You don't have to leave the house; there's no waiting in line!

Steps:

1. Register to vote (if you are not already registered)
2. Apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you at mnvotes.org
 - Your ballot will be mailed to you by Hennepin County
3. Fill out your ballot
 - Make sure to read the instructions carefully
 - A witness signature is required from a registered voter or notary
 - You will get an additional registration form to fill out if you are not pre-registered
4. Return your ballot by mail or in person
 - Your ballot must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day
5. You can track your ballot every step of the way at mnvotes.org **track**. If you have any issues with your ballot, contact Hennepin County Elections at **612-348-5151** or hc.vote@hennepin.us



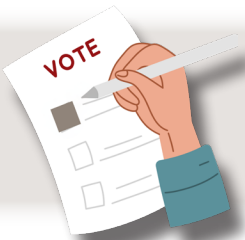
**City hall is open for voting
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Extended hours:

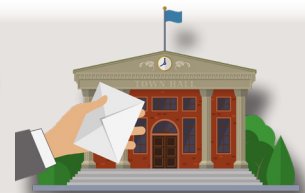
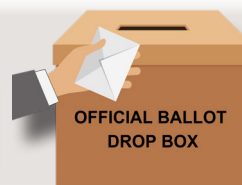
October 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
October 29, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
November 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
November 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
November 4, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Remember, wait times can vary!

Fill out
the ballot



Return
the ballot
options

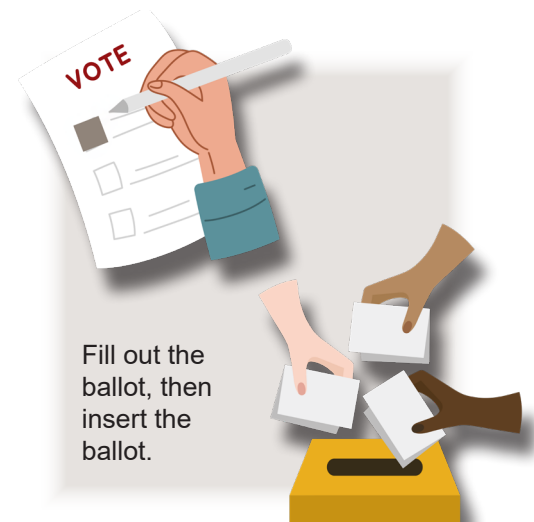


Absentee and early in-person voting

Brooklyn Center City Hall is currently open for absentee voting.

Steps:

1. Pre-register or register when you vote
 - If you are pre-registered, you don't need to bring an ID
 - If you're registering in person, bring proper proof of residency
2. You will complete an absentee ballot application before receiving a ballot
3. Vote!
 - You will vote in a private area
 - You can ask for help or get a new ballot if you make a mistake



Fill out the
ballot, then
insert the
ballot.





General Election

Steps:

1. Pre-register or register when you vote
 - If you are pre-registered, you don't need to bring an ID
 - If registering on Election Day, make sure you bring proper proof of residency
2. Find your polling place. (See map on opposite page)

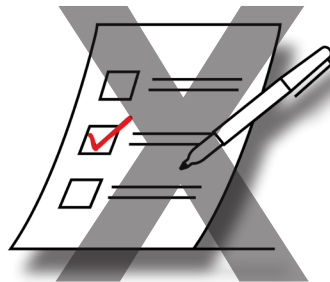
If you need help locating your polling place, contact city hall at **763-569-3300**.

 - Remember that wait times can vary on Election Day
3. Vote!
 - You will vote in a private area.
 - You can ask for help or get a new ballot if you make a mistake
 - If you are in line by 8 p.m., you can vote

If you have any questions about the election, contact the Office of the City Clerk at cityclerk@brooklyncenterMN.gov or call **763-569-3300**.

Marking your ballot

Whatever method you use to receive your ballot, remember to mark it properly with black ink, as demonstrated below.

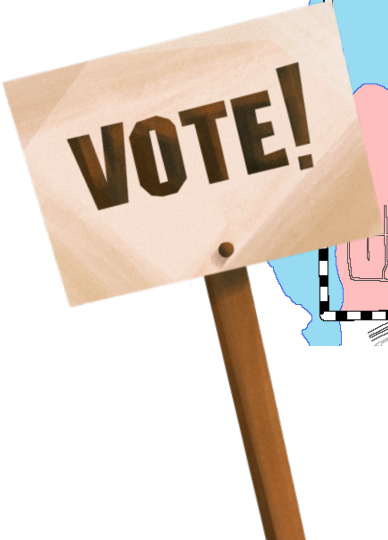
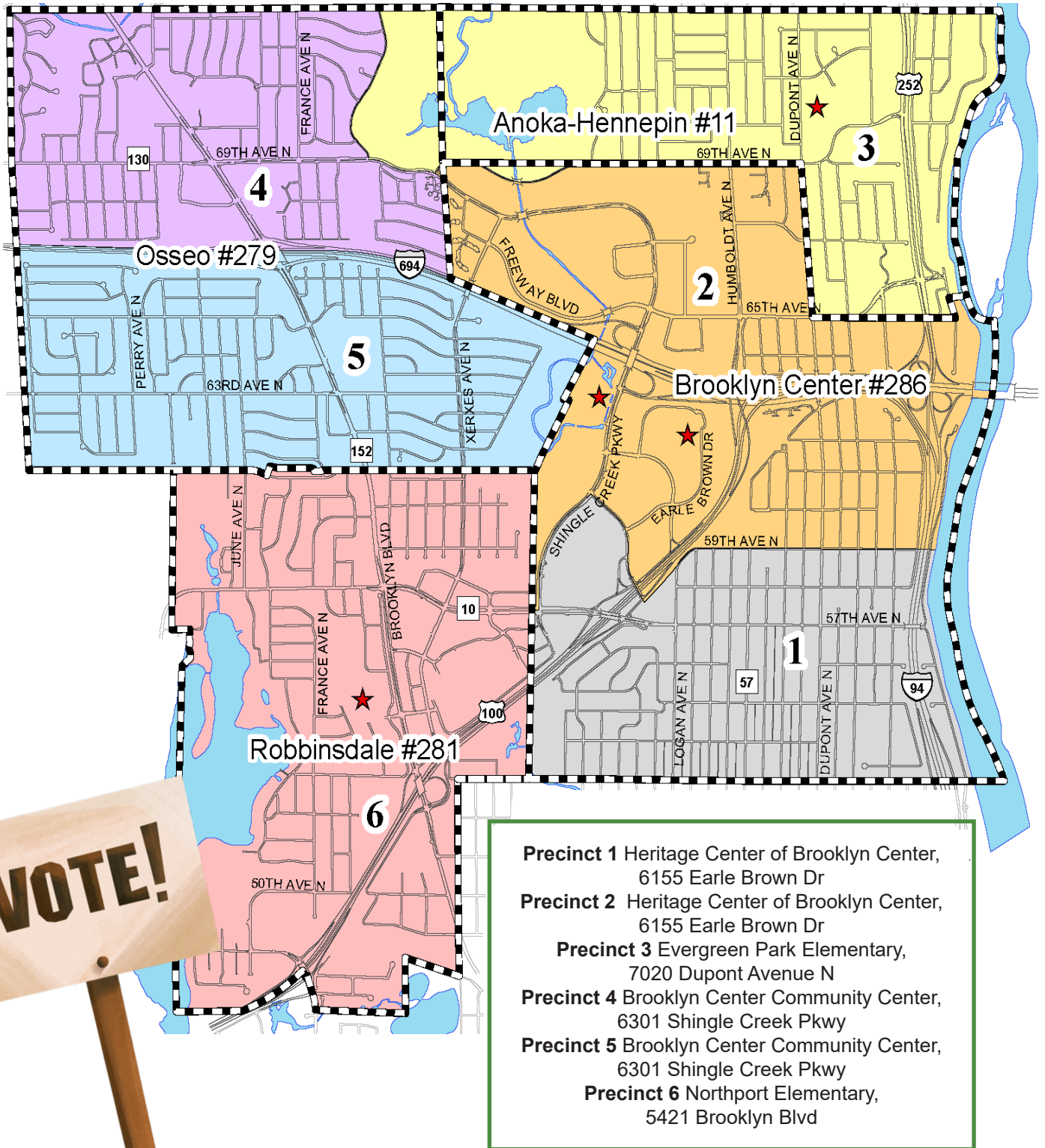


The League of Women Voter's is hosting a Candidate Forum on **Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m.** at Brooklyn Center City Hall, 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway, in the Council Chambers. Come and watch Brooklyn Center City Council candidates during the forum, or watch from home with a live broadcast on CCX.



On Election Day

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Election Day is an exciting time to vote. Here are Brooklyn Center's polling places.



- Precinct 1** Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center, 6155 Earle Brown Dr
- Precinct 2** Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center, 6155 Earle Brown Dr
- Precinct 3** Evergreen Park Elementary, 7020 Dupont Avenue N
- Precinct 4** Brooklyn Center Community Center, 6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy
- Precinct 5** Brooklyn Center Community Center, 6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy
- Precinct 6** Northport Elementary, 5421 Brooklyn Blvd





Community Development update

Under construction - Opening soon

6101 Brooklyn Boulevard – Wangstad Commons

Approvals were granted by City Council in 2023 for the construction of a four-story, 54-unit multi-family residential building. The City is working through final building inspections, and the developer, JO Companies, hopes to complete the project by December of this year. For more information, please visit: www.wangstadcommons.com/.

615 66th Avenue North – San Juditas Tadeo Grocery

An approximately 1,320-square-foot former chiropractor's space within the approximately 10,000-square-foot shopping center near Topgolf and situated next door to All Taco is being converted into a grocery store.

5501 Xerxes Avenue North – Former Big O Tires

A final certificate of occupancy was issued in early September for the former Big O Tires. The site received approval from the City Council in February to convert the former automotive repair shop into a State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) and Division of Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) inspection station. This location will provide vehicle re-certification inspections on prior salvage vehicles that have since been fully repaired and ensure all parts were obtained legally. As part of the building's reuse, the

building's exterior and interior were updated, all site lighting was replaced, and the parking lot was seal-coated. The Department of Public Safety is working through some remaining items but plans to move into the building over the coming weeks.

2200 Freeway Boulevard – Former Radisson Hotel

The former Radisson Hotel at 2200 Freeway Boulevard will soon reopen as the Best Western Brooklyn Center and Conference Center. Guest rooms and the indoor pool have been updated, and the parking lot was recently seal-coated. The owner intends to replace landscaping lost over the years due to disease. For more information: www.bestwestern.com/



1340 Shingle Creek Crossing – Pollo Campero

Construction has been underway for Minnesota's second Pollo Campero location. This 2,600-square-foot restaurant will feature a drive-thru and outdoor patio seating. As the exterior shell is primarily complete, contractors have shifted towards working on the interior of the building and plan to open by the end of this year. For more information: <https://us.campero.com/>

6940 Brooklyn Boulevard – Carol's

A building permit was approved for the renovation of a long vacant tenant space attached to Doherty Staffing and located in the Boulevard Market shopping center off 70th and Brooklyn Boulevard. As proposed, the approximately 1,700-square-foot space would be finished out as an African restaurant with a small dining area.

1450 Shingle Creek Crossing – Former Discount Tire

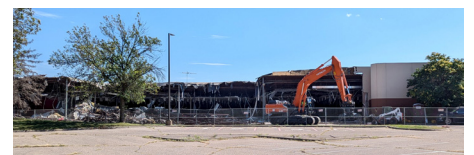
Construction plans have been submitted to the City to renovate the former Discount Tire, which closed in 2022, into an expanded Icon Beauty supply store. Icon Beauty has been a tenant within Shingle Creek Crossing for many years, and the owner has expressed interest in purchasing property within the shopping center. Following City Council approval of the proposed reuse in March 2024, business owner Brian Yi purchased the former Discount Tire property in July.

6160 Summit Drive – Regus

Work is wrapping up on an approximately 9,900-square-foot buildout within the 6160 Summit Drive office building, with plans to open by October. Regus provides flexible workspace, including dedicated office space, co-working, virtual offices, meeting rooms, business addressing, telephone answering, day offices, and hot desks with membership options. To learn more, or if you are interested in a Regus office membership, please visit: www.regus.com/en-us.

5139 Brooklyn Boulevard – Bright Future Child Care Center

Bright Future Child Care operates from owner Denise Fadina's Brooklyn Center home. Still, after five years as a family childcare operator, she wanted to expand her business into a larger space. In May, she received City Council approval of a conditional use permit to operate out of Brookdale Covenant Church at 5139 Brooklyn Boulevard. Bright Future Child Care Center plans to open in its new location before the end of the year. For more information, please visit: <https://brightfuture.care/>



6096 Shingle Creek Parkway – ACER Offices

Permits have been issued for an approximately 3,300-square-foot office for ACER (African Career, Education, and Resources Inc) in the Shingle Creek shopping center near John Martin Drive and Shingle Creek Parkway. ACER and the Ignite Business Women Investment Group in October 2023 purchased the two strip-mall buildings. ACER is a local non-profit that provides resources and programming related to voting and civic engagement, economic development, housing justice, and health equity for African immigrants in the Northwest Twin Cities suburbs. To learn more: www.acerinc.org/about.

Demolition | Future Redevelopment

6100 Shingle Creek Parkway – Former Target

Demolition has been underway at the former Target building, owned by the City's Economic Development Authority and located within the City's Opportunity Site. The property's 9 acres are envisioned as a future redevelopment site. For now, the parking lot will remain in place to provide additional parking at the neighboring Shingle Creek shopping center, and the building's footprint will be seeded to allow for potential use as a community event and programming space.



Special events permit

Special event organizers must obtain a special events permit from the City at least **45 days** before their planned event.

Event organizers can obtain a permit from the City of Brooklyn Center's Clerk's Office. The permit application will address information about the event and also what, if any city services are needed or requested for the event.

The permit applies to the following cases:

- Support services from the City
- Obstruct, delay or interfere with the free and normal use of right-of-way
- Attendance of 100 or more people
- Ancillary activities
- Use of sound amplification, public address system, loudspeaker, and/or other audio devices likely to result in noise levels that will unreasonably disturb others in the immediate area or that constitutes a nuisance; violation of Chapter 19

Permit exception: Events intended to allow for the expression of free speech, which do not impede roadways, and are on public property, do not require a permit.

The fee schedule for additional services can be found on the City's website, or obtained from the city clerk's office at cityclerk@BrooklynCenterMN.gov.



Meet the inspectors

The City's inspectors, often seen in their white vehicles, are a tech-savvy team. With four housing and code enforcement inspectors, three building inspectors, and a building official, they start their day in the office and then head out to the field. Their use of the latest technology, from managing their calendars to handling data entry and taking calls, ensures their work is efficient and effective. Their work extends beyond property inspections and educating residents on city codes and available programs.

Na Vang, Housing and Code Enforcement Inspector

Na was born in Thailand, grew up in North Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. He started doing code enforcement work as a tree inspector in 2012. Shortly after that, he became a lead hazard inspector and eventually moved into doing rental housing inspections with the City of Minneapolis. Na has been with Brooklyn Center since 2021 and is currently a Code Enforcement & Housing Inspector. His daily duties include rental housing inspections, vacant building follow up inspections, and nuisance code enforcement inspections. Na enjoys working for the City of Brooklyn Center.

Na is married with two kids, who keep him very busy. During his free time, Na enjoys playing volleyball and cornhole, reconnecting with friends and family, meeting new people, and catching up on shows and movies.





City News

BROOKLYN CENTER
Thursday Farmers Market
EVERY THURSDAY
3pm-7pm, July 11th-Oct 24th
7200 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center

Join CEAP in the season of sharing!

How CEAP helps:

CEAP has partnered with families through difficult times for over 50 years, and we know that every neighbor deserves to share the joy of the holiday season. CEAP will share 3,000-holiday meals through our Food Market this November and December and provide 3,000 toys and gift cards for children in our community while continuing to provide the safety net services our neighbors count on us for.



How you can help:

Please consider donating or volunteering to support CEAP's Season of Sharing. Here are more details about how you can do some good and support a safe, warm, and joyful winter for all community members!

- Make an in-kind donation of toys, gift cards, or holiday food items. Watch for most-needed items on CEAP's social media!
- Give the gifts of stability and joy this holiday season by making a financial contribution at www.ceap.org/donate!
- Volunteer to help CEAP sort donations, build holiday baking kits, and more! Interested?

You can support CEAP's Season of Sharing in many ways and help ensure a healthy and joyful winter for our entire community. More details about our holiday programs will be shared on social media and in our e-newsletter. Please contact Kathryn at kathryn.crandall@ceap.com or **763-450-3681** with any questions or to get involved!





The proposed **Our Center Our Future** plan aims to invest \$49.1 million to renovate and expand the Brooklyn Center Community Center.



Visit OurCenterOurFuture.org to learn about our challenges, the plan, the cost and tax impact, voting and more.



SCAN HERE

Our Center Our Future - planning for a brighter future at the Brooklyn Center Community Center

This election season, Brooklyn Center voters will consider a local half-percent sales tax to help fund the \$49.1 million Our Center Our Future investment plan for our community center. If approved by voters, the sales tax would generate up to \$44 million to finance the community center investment plan, with \$5.1 million in state bonds also supporting the project.

The investment plan includes addressing structural issues, critical repairs and renovating the building to meet the needs of our growing community. To learn more about the challenges our current building is facing, the plan to renovate, the cost and tax impact, and ways to vote visit OurCenterOurFuture.org.

Fire Prevention Week, October 6 to October 12, is just around the corner. During Fire Prevention Week the Brooklyn Center Fire Department will be visiting elementary schools throughout Brooklyn Center to educate children about fire safety. This year we expect to teach around 1,200 students, primarily kindergarteners and first graders about the importance of smoke alarms, emergency exit plans, how to call 911, and more.



SMOKE ALARMS

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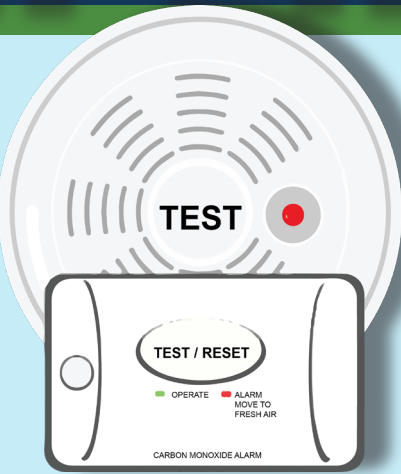
Social media

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Public Safety



Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms

- CO alarms should be installed within 10 feet, or inside each sleeping room
- Test CO alarms monthly
- If a CO alarm sounds and you feel ill, call 911 immediately. If you feel fine, open windows and doors and call your utility company
- Clear snow and debris from your furnace, dryer, fireplace or oven vents around your home to prevent a CO buildup

Did you know?

- Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless and invisible gas.
- Signs of CO poisoning include headache, nausea, fatigue, vomiting and disorientation
- Cooking and heating units that burn fuel and are not properly ventilated or malfunction can be a source of CO in the home

Portable heater and winter fire safety

- Keep portable heaters 3 feet from anything flammable
- Turn portable heaters off when leaving a room or going to sleep
- Never use your oven to heat your home
- Have your home heating system and chimney cleaned and inspected annually
- Make sure your wood stove is properly installed and ventilated
- Keep all doors and windows that could be used for an escape route clear of snow and ice
- Keep all vents, fireplaces, dryers, furnaces and ovens clear of snow, ice and debris
- Never use a blow torch to thaw frozen pipes
- Use a flashlight, not candles, if you lose power

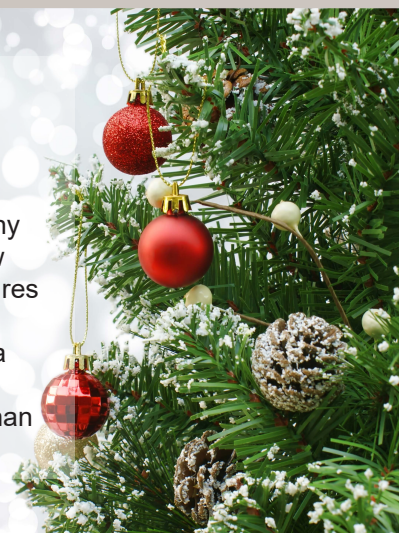


Other safety facts

- In 2020, 11.5% of home fires were caused by heating devices
- Most home fires occur in the winter and peak in January
- Most Minnesota heating fires occur in fireplaces and chimneys
- Each year in the United States there is more than \$2 billion in property loss due to winter home fires
- Over the last five years in Minnesota, 41% of fire deaths occurred in November, December and January

Christmas tree safety

- Never block an exit with a Christmas tree
- Only use non-flammable decorations
- Keep tree away from heat vents and other heat sources
- Remove the tree from your home when its needles are brittle or begin to fall off
- Pick a tree stand that can hold the tree securely. The stand should hold enough water for two days
- One of every three Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems
- You should throw out any holiday lights that show signs of fraying, bare wires or other wear
- If a home experiences a Christmas tree fire, it is more likely to be fatal than other types of fires





Help prevent sanitary sewer backups

Each year, staff members in the Utilities Division have been experiencing pump failures in the City's sanitary sewer system. Pump failures are due to clogs caused by items not meant for disposal, either by flushing or vein drains. In order to minimize the risk of a sewer backup affecting your home or local business, property owners need to be careful about items they flush and put down drains.



Property owners and managers must remember that just because it is possible to get an item down sinks or flushed down a toilet doesn't mean it should be put there. Please adhere to proper disposal methods. When excessive amounts of inappropriate waste are put into the sanitary sewer system, they can cause sewer lines to collapse and pumps to fail. This can lead to sanitary sewers backing up into homes and businesses and can cause serious property damage.

How Residents and Businesses Can Help

Property owners can help keep sanitary sewer lines clean by only disposing of appropriate waste in the sanitary sewer system. Some items that cause backups are diapers, shop towels, fats, oils, grease, cloth rags, baby wipes, cleaning wipes, bandages, feminine products, prophylactics, and stringy material such as floss or hair. Please dispose of these items in the trash so the system continues to flow properly. Although a product may be labeled as "flushable", it is not appropriate to flush them. If your sanitary sewer backs up, the Brooklyn Center Utility Division may be your initial source of help. If the problem is in the main sewer line, City employees will come out to solve it. This free service is available day or night, seven days a week (including holidays). The City is not responsible for problems in the house or the sewer line between the main sewer and the house. Problems in

these areas are the responsibility of the property owner. Before you call the City, try to determine where the problem lies. Check to see if the neighbor directly across the street is also having a problem. If water backs up when you use it, and your neighbor's system is fine, then the problem is likely in your system. To repair these problems, call a plumber or a sewer cleaning company. If a backup is occurring when no water is being used, the problem could be the City's main sewer line.



Preventing Sewer Backups

Many residential sewer problems can be avoided by having your sewer line cleaned periodically and taking care of what goes into your sewer system. The following are the most common causes of blocked sewers:

- **Grease and Oils** Store grease in a container and dispose of hardened grease in the trash. Use garbage disposal sparingly and flush with plenty of water
- **Paper Products** (tissues, paper towels, "flushable wipes", etc.) Put them in the trash, not the toilet. These items do not dissolve
- **Lint and Hair** Screen all bath/shower drains and wipe hair out of the bathroom sink. Use a lint trap on your laundry hose
- **Tree Roots** Avoid planting trees or shrubs over your sewer line. Roots are the number one problem in residential sanitary sewer systems



Please help us avoid secondary backups in the street by notifying us at **763-585-7100** between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday-Friday. After-hour emergencies can be reported by calling 911. The dispatcher will contact one of the City's Public Works employees to help resolve the problem. Thank you for helping us keep things moving in the right direction.





Upcoming Events



Snow Many Traditions

**Saturday, December 7
1-3 p.m.
Community Center
6301 Shingle Creek Parkway**

Free for all ages!

Celebrate and discover a world of winter cultural traditions as you stroll through the Brooklyn Center Community Center.

Capture memories with a family photo and visit Santa! Enjoy holiday crafts, entertainment, and a cup of hot cocoa with a treat!



Pumpkin disposal

After midnight, what does your pumpkin turn into? How about changing it into valuable compost? Pumpkins can be placed in your backyard compost bin. If you don't have a bin, use one of the free drop-offs at one of the following locations.

- New Hope Church, 4225 Gettysburg Ave., New Hope, available October 31 – November 7
- Central Park, across the street from Brooklyn Park's Operations & Maintenance facility, 8300 Noble Ave N., is available October 31 – November 11.
- Registered participants may use the free organics drop-off at the Crystal Cove Aquatics Center. Register at www.hrg-recycling.com/organics This site is open year-round.

Please remove all candles, candle wax and decorations before disposal. Pumpkins will be made into compost that will be used to make soil and landscapes healthy.

Spooky Splash

**October 12, 5 pm-7 pm
Residents \$3 PER CHILD
NON-residents \$4 per child
BCCC Pool
6301 Shingle Creek Parkway**



Play games and win prizes!

Purchase tickets by calling **763-569-3400**, online at www.BrooklynCenterMN.gov/recreation or in person at the Community Center.

Veterans Day breakfast

**Tuesday, November 12
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Community Center
6301 Shingle Creek Parkway**

Free - Registration required

Enjoy a delicious breakfast with a small presentation and acknowledgement of local veterans.

Register online at BrooklynCenterMN.gov/Recreation or call **763-569-3400**.





Keep chemicals out of our lakes, rivers and streams

Pollution in area streams and lakes can come from ordinary, everyday materials like household chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, used motor oil, and antifreeze. Contrary to what many people think, storm drains don't lead to wastewater treatment plants. The water enters a series of pipes that collect water from other neighborhoods, finally dumping it directly into a nearby lake, stream, river, or wetland.

While rainwater from our streets, yards, driveways, and parking lots washes many substances into storm drain inlets, there is a growing problem of illegally dumping such waste. Deliberate dumping of hazardous materials into storm sewers makes the pollution problem worse. Dumping oil and other hazardous substances is illegal in Minnesota.



What you can do...

- Keep your vehicle tuned up and clean up any oil leaks or spills from paved surfaces
- Dispose of automotive fluids, paint, and other hazardous materials properly
- Avoid using pesticides and other lawn chemicals or use them responsibly, and keep them off paved surfaces

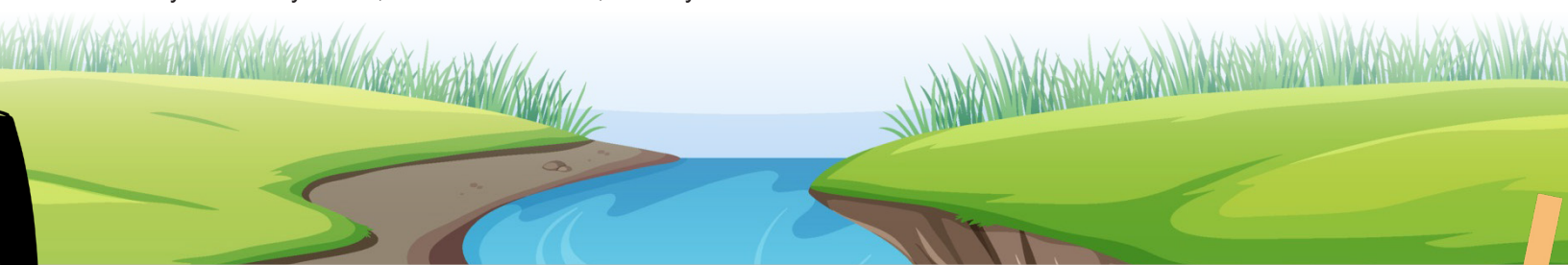
Drop Off Sites:

- Hennepin County Drop-Off Facility, 8100 Jefferson Hwy, Brooklyn Park, **612-348-3777**
 - Small appliances, batteries, light bulbs, mattresses, and many other items.
- Maple Grove Yard Waste Site, 10300 Maple Grove Parkway, Maple Grove, **763-420-4886**

The following places take used motor oil:

- AutoZone, 6300 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center **763-561-9287**
- Christy's Auto Service, 5300 Dupont Ave N, Brooklyn Center **763-560-9984**
- City of Brooklyn Park, 8300 Noble Ave N, Brooklyn Park **763-493-8007**

City staff relies on your assistance to find illicit discharges to the storm drain system. If you see a substance other than rain entering the stormwater system, please contact the Engineering office at **763-569-3340** or **publicworks@brooklyncentermn.gov**.



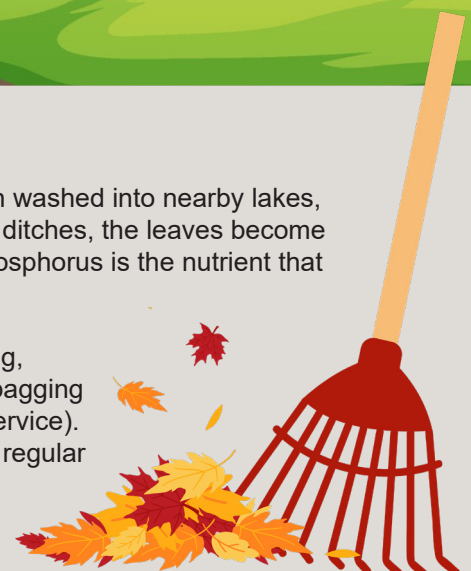
Leave the street clean

As beautiful as fall leaves are, they also require a lot of yard work for homeowners. One option for reducing your workload is to use a mulching lawn mower. It is less time-consuming than raking, and the shredded leaves act as natural fertilizer during the fall.

While tending to your yard, please take a moment to sweep or rake leaves, grass, and branches out of the street in front of your house. If left in the street, leaves may clog storm drains,

contributing to localized flooding. When washed into nearby lakes, rivers, and streams via storm drains or ditches, the leaves become a significant source of phosphorus. Phosphorus is the nutrient that allows algae to bloom in the summer.

Please dispose of leaves by composting, bringing them to a compost facility, or bagging for curbside pick-up (if you have that service). Keep leaves and yard waste out of the regular garbage, and never dump them in the wetlands or buffer areas, it's illegal.



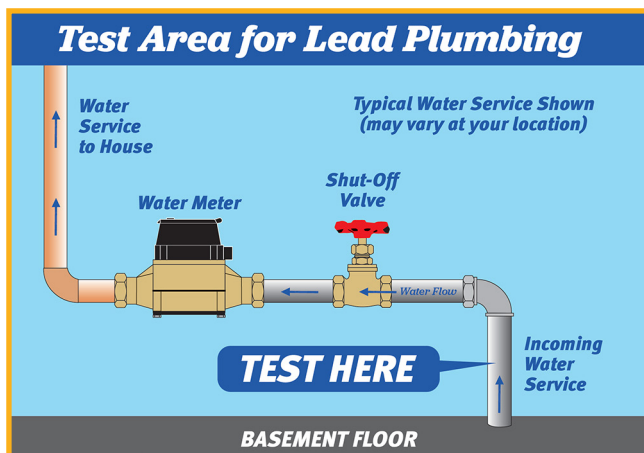
Brooklyn Center Public Works urges customers to 'get the lead out'

In November 2022, Brooklyn Center Public Works began a comprehensive inventory of our entire water distribution network using records from meter replacement, permits, and maintenance. Service lines are owned and maintained by property owners, not Brooklyn Center. And that's the challenge: We don't know which homes have service lines made of lead.

Lead service line facts:

- Congress banned the use of lead pipe starting June 19, 1986
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the new Lead and Copper Rule Revisions went into effect on December 16, 2021
- Brooklyn Center Water must submit to the EPA a complete inventory of all water service lines and their materials by October 16, 2024
- Approximately 6,890 buildings and homes in Brooklyn Center were built before the lead ban went into effect
- Brooklyn Center Public Works has more than 9,000 residential and commercial service line connections that need to be verified

We need your help to identify your service-lined material. There are ways to determine if your service line is made of lead.



Follow these steps to identify your water service material:

1. You will need a key/coin and a refrigerator magnet.
2. Locate your water meter. Look at the pipe that comes through the outside wall or floor of your home and connects to your meter.
3. Carefully scratch the pipe (like you would a lottery ticket) with the key or coin. If the scratch turns a shiny silver color, it could be lead.
4. Place the magnet on the pipe. If the magnet sticks, it's a steel pipe.

Ways to submit your service line information:

- Use the QR code to submit your information using a survey.
- If you need assistance submitting the survey or identifying your pipe material, contact our City Inspector at **763-569-3323**.

If you have questions about lead service lines, email us at publicworks@brooklyncentermn.gov or call Brooklyn Center Public Works at **763-585-7100**.



Street light outages

Over 1,600 street and park lights are located in Brooklyn Center. Some lights are city-owned and operated, but most are owned and operated by Xcel Energy.

To report that a street light is out, visit the City's Website at:

www.BrooklynCenterMN.gov and search Keywords: **outage**

You can also access Xcel's Website at <https://odl.xcelenergy.com/ODL/OUTAGEREPORT/>

Follow the link to the webpage, which has a map showing city-owned versus Xcel Energy-owned street light locations, or call the Public Works Department at **763-585-7100** for assistance.



Flick and Float

Community Center

6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy

Join us for movie night in the pool! **FREE!** Doors open at 6 pm, the movie will start at 6:30 pm. Bring your own tube or inflatable, limited number available. For movie titles call the community center at **763-569-3400**.

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Youth ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult in the water at all times.

Community Free Swim

Community Free Swim on Friday and Saturday evenings has been very successful. However, it has grown to a size that is no longer safe for our lifeguards or patrons. Moving forward, Community Free Swim will only be available for Brooklyn Center residents. Non-residents are still welcome to come at these times, but they must pay the daily fee or purchase a membership.

We also wanted to remind you of our pool rules regarding children and their adult supervision.

- Children aged 0-6 must have an adult (18+) in the water arms reach at all times at a ratio of no more than 3 children to 1 adult
- Children aged 7-12 must have an adult (18+) on the pool deck with them at all times
- Teens aged 13-17 may come to the pool on their own but cannot supervise anyone younger than 13

Check out our latest pool schedule and all of our pool rules:
www.brooklyncentermn.gov/government/departments/recreation/community-center



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City council meetings

City Council Regular Session meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7 p.m.

Informal Open Forum is held at 7 p.m. before council meetings for persons who wish to address the city council about issues not scheduled on the agenda.

City Council Work Sessions are held immediately following the Regular Session City Council meetings.

City Council Meetings are broadcast live on cable Channel 16. Replays shown Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 2:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. You may also watch city council meetings on-line, on demand at your convenience through a link on the city website. Call city hall to verify meeting dates or visit the city's website at www.BrooklynCenterMN.gov.

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Administration.....	(763) 569-3300
Community Development.....	(763) 569-3330
Inspections, Code Enforcement, Ownership Services	
Public Works/Engineering.....	(763) 569-3340
Parks, Streets, Utilities.....	(763) 585-7100
Finance.....	(763) 569-3320
Utility Billing.....	(763) 569-3390
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Activity Weather Line.....	(763) 569-3442
Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center.....	(763) 569-6300
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