

Mayor Graves



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Brooklyn Center Welcomes New Mayor and City Council Members

At the **Monday, January 9, 2023**, City Council meeting, in front of family, friends, residents, and colleagues, the City of Brooklyn Center held swearing-in ceremonies for Mayor Graves, Councilmember Jerzak, and Councilmember Kragness.

Mayor Graves was the first woman of color on the Brooklyn Center city council when she was first elected in 2014. In November 2022, she was elected the first woman of color Mayor of the City of Brooklyn Center.

Councilmember Dan Jerzak before being elected to the City Council has worked for the City of Brooklyn Center since 2006 in many different capacities.

Councilmember Teneshia Kragness before being elected to the City Council has served on the Brooklyn Center Financial Commission since 2010. Councilmember Kragness is the granddaughter of former Mayor Myrna Kragness.

The Mayor and two new council members who have a wealth of experience and knowledge have been busy growing in their new positions and making Brooklyn Center the best it can be.





2023 Utility Rates

On **January 9, 2023**, the council approved the 2023 utility rates. Below is a chart comparing the 2023 rates to the previous 2022 rates there is a \$9.66 base rate increase.



UTILITY RATES				
FUND	DESCRIPTION	2022 RATE	2023 RATE	CHANGE
Water	Base Charge-Residential (quarterly)	\$19.01	\$20.53	\$1.52/quarter
Consumption charge-Residential Meters	Tier I (0-30 gallons)	\$3.17	\$3.42	\$0.25/1000 gallons
	Tier II (31-60 gallons)	3.95	4.27	\$0.32/1000 gallons
	Tier III (61 and greater)	5.90	6.37	\$0.47/1000 gallons
Consumption charge-Non-Residential Meters	(Per 1,000 gallons)	\$4.18	\$4.51	\$0.33/1000 gallons
Sanitary Sewer	Base Charge (quarterly)	\$98.27	\$103.19	\$4.92
Consumption charge-Non-Residential Meters	(Per 1,000 gallons)	\$4.15	\$4.35	\$0.20/1000 gallons
Storm Sewer	Base Charge (quarterly)	\$17.10	\$18.30	\$1.20
Street Light	Base Charge (quarterly)	\$6.55	\$6.88	\$0.33
Recycling	Base Charge (quarterly)	\$11.98	\$12.10	\$0.12

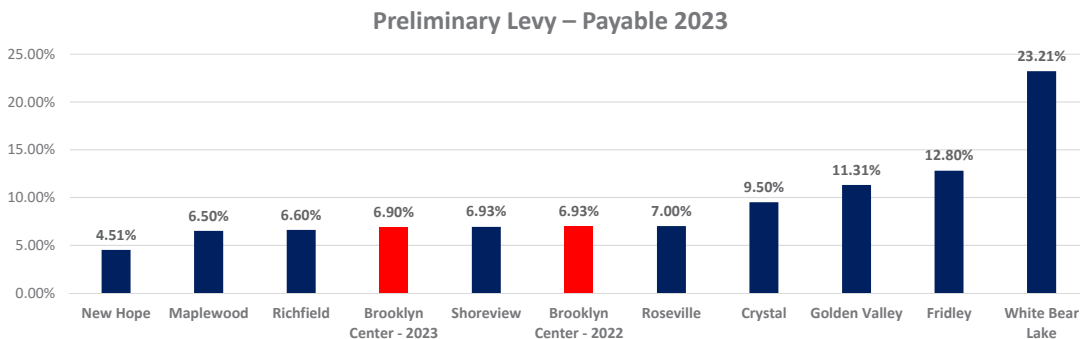
2023 Budget

On **December 5, 2022**, the City Council approved the 2023 Budget. The total city levy was \$22,795,382 which is a 6.9% levy increase from 2022.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY				
DESCRIPTION	2022 ADOPTED	2023 ADOPTED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
General Levy	\$19,532,263	\$20,984,843	\$1,452,580	7.44%
Debt Service Levy	1,791,762	1,810,539	18,777	1.05%
Total City Levy	\$21,324,025	\$22,795,383	\$1,471,357	6.90%
HRA Levy	\$482,206	\$508,633	\$26,427	5.48%

Note: A property tax levy increase/decrease of 1% is approximately \$200,000 in revenue.

COMPARABLE CITY LEVY RATES - 2023



Fridley and White Bear Lake levy increases include increased debt levies for new capital projects

Final Levy amounts not available at this time – preliminary levies cannot be increased but could be lowered



Fiscal & Support Services

The Fiscal and Support Services Department (more commonly referred to as the Finance Department) administers the City of Brooklyn Center’s finance activities, including the coordination and planning of all City financial information.

This Department provides cost-effective services to the City Council, City Departments, and other governmental units. Finance Department staff combine their broad range of professional skills with existing and new software and hardware technologies to provide continued support to both internal and external customers. The Finance team is thankful for the support we receive from the City Council, City Manager, and all City Departments.

Core Accounting Functions

Financial Reporting: Finance staff provides monthly General Fund financial statements and an Investment activity report to the City Council. The Finance Department is also responsible for reporting financial information to numerous outside agencies throughout the year, including but not limited to Federal, state, county, and other jurisdictions.

Utility Billing: The utility billing process includes the calculation of water and sewer charges as well as the management of quarterly billing statements and payment receipts. Staff prepares and sends out approximately 9,000 per billing cycle.

Insurance: Finance staff manages insurance activity (other than health and dental insurance) for the City. This includes property/motor vehicle insurance, liability insurance, and workers’ compensation insurance. Finance staff works with the City’s insurance representatives to determine rates and submit and resolve claims.

Grant Activity: Finance staff monitors the financial activity of Grants received by the City. This includes tracking and reporting on revenues and expenses. Grants can be received from local entities, or the county, state, and Federal government.

Annual Budget And Levy: Finance staff spends considerable time preparing the annual budget and working with the City Manager to minimize the annual tax levy. In 2023, staff recommended a property tax levy increase of 6.9%. This increase was accepted by the City Council.



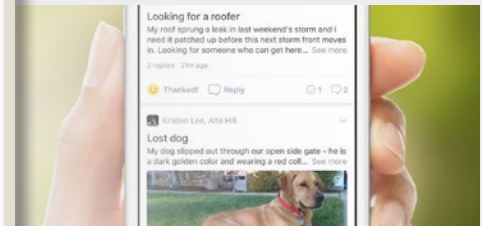
Senior Sewer Rate

Did you know that the city offers a Senior Sanitary Sewer Rate? The discount rate is for residents 62 years of age or older and a maximum of two people in the household. To apply for the reduced sewer rate by completing the application on the website (ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us) and search Senior Sewer Rate then return it to the city.



CodeRed Emergency Notification System

Text “BCMN” to 99411 or visit bit.ly/3kmyEYb and register for public safety alerts. Users can get reports in a variety of ways including voice, text, email, and mobile app. Don’t be left out!



Nextdoor App: Stay Connected

Looking for news and information from neighbors, businesses, and public agencies in real time? Need to instantly connect to the people, businesses, and happenings near your home? Well, you are in luck because you can now have the ability to do all of that with the Nextdoor app. Visit nextdoor.com to learn more about this service and how you can stay connected to your neighborhood.

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Community Engagement

Commission Openings

Housing Commission

The Housing Commission is seeking members of the community to serve on the commission. The activity of this commission is to advise the City Council and other Brooklyn Center advisory commissions regarding matters relevant to housing. The general purpose of the commission is to afford citizen input in the development of a housing program to supplement the activities of the City Council. Commissioners serve a three-year term. To qualify for membership, you must be a Brooklyn Center resident while serving on the commission and represent a broad range of interest in the housing function. The housing commission meets at city hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Charter Commission

The Charter Commission is seeking members of the community to serve on the commission. The commission reviews the existing charter, considers proposed changes and makes recommendations to the City Council, and safeguards the concept of Home Rule under the existing charter and Home Rule provisions in the state statutes. The commission meets quarterly; commissioners serve a four-year term and may serve unlimited successive terms.

The applicant must be a qualified voter in Brooklyn Center. Interested individuals can call City Clerk Barb Suciú at 763-569-3306 for information or visit the city's website at ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us. The chief judge of fourth judicial district court will make the final appointments.



The City is establishing a Cultural Arts Commission to guide further planning on the public art master plan and collaborate with the City on investments, opportunities, and projects as it relates to art in the Brooklyn Center community.

Interested residents can apply for this commission online at:

www.ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us/government/city-advisory-charter-commissions



Sister Cities Commission

In 2012, the city of Voinjama, Liberia was formally established by City Council as Sister City to the City of Brooklyn Center. The Sister Cities Commission serves as an advisory body on matters affecting sister cities relationships, programs, and activities. This Sister Cities Commission will review applications for sister city affiliations and forward recommendations to the City Council for the establishment of future Sister City agreements. Commissioners are expected to volunteer time to participate in Sister City event projects outside the regular meetings. Commissioners serve a five-year term. The Commission is composed of a chairperson and four members. Sister Cities Commission is recruiting new members.

Interested residents can apply for this commission online at ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us/government/city-advisory-charter-commissions.



Street Banner Project Celebration 2022

The City of Brooklyn Center continued its Street Banner initiative in 2022 by partnering with local schools, churches, non-profits, and businesses in Brooklyn Center to expand and update the street banners that currently hang along Bass Lake Road and Brooklyn Boulevard near Shingle Creek Crossing. The expansion of the banners will continue north along Brooklyn Boulevard to 194/694 and will feature new photos of our inclusive and diverse community. During the **December 15** celebration event, the city hosted 80 guests and community members whose photos were selected to be displayed on the new banners. Participants were invited to dine and mingle with city staff as well as take part in a raffle, photo ops, and to be recognized for their value as Brooklyn Center residents. Keep an eye out this spring as you may recognize one or two smiling faces as you drive around the city.



The City of Brooklyn Center would like to thank the following organizations for hosting photo op events which made this project a success:

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| CEAP | Northport Elementary |
| CAPI USA | Brooklyn Center Middle & High School |
| Brookdale Library | Sun Foods |
| Centerbrook Golf Course | Walmart |
| The Crest Apartments | Brookdale Covenant Church |
| Evergreen Elementary | Emerging BC |
| The Sanctuary | Noble Academy |

CEAP Community Challenge: March of a Million Meals

Did you know that CEAP shares about 500,000 meals with our community each month through their Food Market, Meals on Wheels, senior grocery delivery, and other food assistance programs?

The CEAP Community Challenge: March of a Million Meals is their way of putting a fun and competitive spin on March FoodShare, a tradition for food shelves throughout Minnesota. From **February 27 - April 9**, lend a hand of support to share those meals this month while funding them for the next!

Their goal is to raise \$200,000 and 150,000 pounds of food, which will support one month of CEAP food assistance programs.

You can take on the CEAP Community Challenge and help them share a million meals with their neighbors by volunteering, donating, collecting food or funds, and more! More details about March of a Million Meals will be shared on social media and in their e-newsletter. Please contact mark.zobel@ceap.com or 763-450-3664 with any questions or to get involved!





Special Events Permit



Effective **February 19, 2022**, Special Event organizers must obtain a Special Event 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.

What is a Special Event? It is a temporary, organized activity sponsored by an event organizer involving the gathering of people to attend, participate in, or observe an activity occurring entirely or partly outside on city property or private property.

The permit applies to the following cases:

- Support services from the city;
- Obstruct, delay, or interfere with the free and normal use of a right-of-way;
- Attendance of 50 or more people;
- Ancillary activities; or
- 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.

Recurring Event? Special events that are recurring, such as a farmer’s market, will only need to obtain a single permit annually for all of the scheduled events.

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

The fee schedule for the additional services can be found on the city’s website, or obtained from the city clerk’s office @ cityclerk@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us

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Empty Bowls Event

The 13th Annual Empty Bowls event is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 7**, 5-7:30 pm, at Cooper High School (Robbinsdale). Mark your calendars to help support PRISM and NEAR food shelves!

WHAT IS EMPTY BOWLS? A grass-roots effort to raise money for local food shelves. The event in March is open to the public and raises approximately \$20,000 through sponsorships and donations. At the event, we feature handmade ceramic bowls for our guests, created by the community and local artists. Entertainment by musical groups and a light soup dinner are enjoyed as we come together to raise awareness and funds for local hunger.

For information, or to donate visit ced.rdale.org/community/empty-bowls.

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS


TEENS & US


Tuesdays from 5 to 6 pm
Location: Zoom

FREE

March 21: Living in Color: A conversation for BIPOC parents / caregivers

Register here:



ANNEX TEEN CLINIC  **between us**

STEAM Event

In a collaborative partnership with the Brooklyn Center Community Schools, students, and the City of Brooklyn Center's Artist-in-Residence, Raquel Diaz-Goutierez presented a therapeutic and interactive art project to increase self-care and care for the environment during STEAM Night held on **January 19** from 5-7 pm.



The project involved painting ceramic letters to create empowering words to contribute to a 48" x 36" mixed media and textured sculptural painting using discarded materials. The message aimed to increase self-worth and assist in quieting automatic negative self-talk to instill kindness, empathy, and value in each other and the world around us.

This event had multiple activities for families and students to participate in and enjoy. Teachers and students worked on projects to showcase and sell students' artworks, stop motion animation, band, choir, and dance performances. Families also experienced other interactive activities that included: making ice cream, goggle obstacle course, fidget spinners, practicing building DNA models, trying out student-created video games, and blackout poetry.

Experience the next Brooklyn Center Community schools **STEAM Night Fest on May 18, 2023**.





NEW PLAYGROUND

Coming in 2023



Playgrounds to be replaced in 2023: East Palmer Park, Happy Hollow Park, Lions Park, Twin Lake Park, Wangstad Park, and Willow Lane Park. The work will be completed in the spring-summer months of 2023 (dependent on the weather). See the winning designs at ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us/recreation

2023 Neighborhood Meetings Save the Date



Neighborhood Meetings (Virtual)

Garden City Neighborhood

Thursday, March 9 from 6- 7:30 pm

Kylawn Neighborhood

Thursday, April 6 from 6- 7:30 pm

Neighborhood Meetings (In-Person)

Twin Lake Neighborhood

Thursday, May 25 from 6- 7:30 pm

Orchard Lane Neighborhood

Thursday, June 29 from 6- 7:30 pm

Centennial Neighborhood

Thursday, July 27 from 6-7:30 pm

Shingle Creek Neighborhood

Thursday, August 31 from 6-7:30 pm



Save the Date

Shingle Creek Clean-up

Saturday, April 22

Arbor Day

Friday, April 28

Juneteenth

Friday & Saturday, June 16 and 17

Community Health Fair

Saturday, August 12

Random Acts of Kindness

Deadline to submit: Thursday, October 5

City offices closed

Memorial Day **Monday, May 29, 2023**

Juneteenth **Monday, June 19, 2023**

Independence Day **Tuesday, July 4, 2023**



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Emerging BC traveled to Oakland and San Francisco CA, February 7 – 10 for its second Learning Journey

25 travelers (which included), 5 City Staff, 3 Youth, 15 Residents and 5 Community Partners

Sites that were visited during the Learning Journey. Look for community updates at City Council meetings in March.

Ahimsa Collective

The Ahimsa Collective works to address harm in ways that foster wholeness for everyone. Their north star goals are to replace systems of punishment with paradigms grounded in healing, relationship, and love. To get there, they engage with deep trauma healing and restorative approaches while being grounded in anti-oppression. They work in deep communities with people who have committed an act of violence, survivors of violence, and families impacted by harm. In all of their work, they center on agency, liberation, dignity, and transformation. Their work intersects with restorative justice, transformative justice, healing justice, and ending sexual violence movements.

Black Panther Legacy Tour

Honoring the original Black Panther Party, discover a deeply unique, educational experience in the birthplace of the Black Panther Party: Oakland, California. The official BPP Alumni Legacy Tour features a tour with Dr. Saturu Ned, an original Black Panther Party member providing direct access and true stories of the Panthers in the historical locations in Downtown Oakland. This tour will dismisses all of the historical fallacies & falsehoods about what the Black Panther Party was all about and gives you a personal glimpse into what really happened by the revolutionaries who were there.

Chinese Cultural Center

CCC's policies are driven by our deep commitment to racial justice rooted in the organization's and our peoples' experiences with xenophobia and racism, as well as our community's mobilizations against those forces. We were founded as a cultural anchor in Chinatown by Chinese American activists coming out of the civil rights movement in order to combat inequity by transforming dominant and regressive narratives about our community. Their immediate mission is focused on Chinese diasporic communities, and because of the activist history through which they were founded, they make connections between that immediate root and pan-ethnic Asian American communities and in solidarity with other communities of color. While one third of San Francisco is Asian American, because of funding inequities and culture, there are still relatively few artistic opportunities to tell Chinese community stories; which in turn means there are few narratives that connect Asian American experiences to struggles for justice and the stories of people of color more broadly.

San Francisco LGBT Center

The mission of the SF LGBT Center is to connect the diverse community to opportunities, resources, and each other to achieve the vision of a stronger, healthier, and more equitable world for LGBT people and allies.



RJOY Breakfast Discussion

Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth, RJOY, interrupts cycles of violence and incarceration by promoting RJ practices and policies in schools, communities, and the juvenile justice system. Since 2005, RJOY has been a national thought leader, pioneering race-conscious restorative justice (RJ). During the first 40 years of its existence, the restorative justice movement had no significant racial justice consciousness.

The next Emerging BC Community Dinner date has been changed to **May 19** to accommodate the Mother's Day weekend





BrookLynk's Get Ready! Training is Still Open and Paid Summer Internship is Underway.

Get Ready! opened on **January 2** for online self-paced training and went live for in-person training on **January 9**. Get Ready! is a free work readiness training for youth ages 14-24. The training focuses on key skills to help youth land a job. Topics include resume writing, networking, interview skills, and more!

You can complete your online training anywhere and at any time at your own pace, and they have scheduled in-person events in the Brooklyns at community sites and at schools in Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park. BrookLynk will also host an all-day Get Ready! training event on **March 18** at Hennepin Technical College. Their virtual training will be held on **March 25**. To participate you must live and or go to school in the cities of Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center. Get Ready! is a prerequisite for young people interested in applying for BrookLynk's paid internships. Internships are 6-10 weeks starting **June 20**. Complete your Get Ready! training early to receive additional news and training opportunities from BrookLynk. To get registered please visit their website at www.brooklynk.works.

BrookLynk coordinates a 6-10 week paid summer internship with local employers in Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, and the surrounding suburbs. BrookLynk's summer internships are more than just a summer job, they are an opportunity for young people to begin their pathway to college and career. BrookLynk internships provide young people an opportunity to grow their skills, gain valuable professional work experience, and build their professional network. **The deadline for applications is April 10 and you must complete BrookLynk's Get Ready! training prior to application.** They look forward to helping you on your pathway to achieving your professional goals.



FREE NURSING AND ASSISTANT TRAINING + CERTIFICATION

Free gas/bus cards, parking vouchers, and laptop!

Eligibility

- Target population: Southeast Asian
- At and above 7th grade Reading & Math assessment level
- Fall at or below 200% federal poverty guidelines
- Able to pass DHS background checks
- 18 years of age or older
- Legally authorized to work in the U.S
- Relevant health-related work experience will be considered

ORIENTATION/INTAKE:

Appointment only: Century College

Mar 6 - Mar 23: 4 pm-10 pm

Mar 13 - Apr 17: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Mar 27 - Apr 13: 4 pm- 10 pm

Assistance with resume, cover letter, interview and job placement @ M Health Fairview

For information, please contact:

Maidawn Yang, BSW, MSW

Direct: 651-295-8052

maidawn.yang@capiusa.org



Safety Swap Spot



The Brooklyn Center Police Department and Hennepin County Sheriff's Office have created swap spots - designated public places where residents can exchange items that they have bought and sold online.

You can use these swap spots for all legal meeting exchanges such as exchanging property or child visitation exchanges.

Swap spots are available at these local locations:

Hennepin County Sheriff's Office

9401 83rd Avenue N, Brooklyn Park MN
8 am - 4:30 pm
(Monday - Friday • except holidays)

Brooklyn Center Police Department

6645 Humboldt Ave N, Brooklyn Center MN
8 am - 4:30 pm (Monday - Friday)

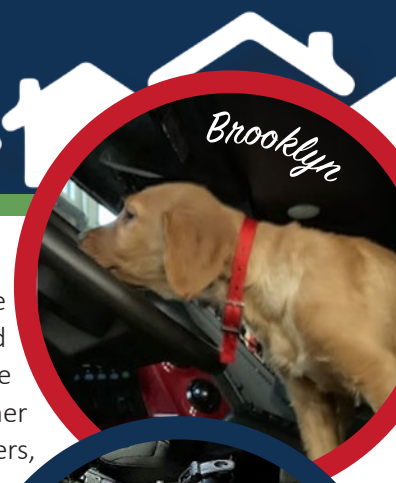
Take these precautions, to prevent those who use online transactions as a means to commit crimes:

- Tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you will return.
- If possible, have someone accompany you.
- Conduct exchanges during daylight hours, in a public place. If the item(s) have significant value, consider doing the exchange in a Bank parking lot which would also help you to verify the authenticity of the currency.
- Bring a cell phone and make sure it is turned on.
- Trust your instincts. Cancel plans for a transaction if you identify any red flags or have additional concerns for your safety.



Police and Fire Pups

We'd like to introduce you to the Police and Fire, service pups. They started coming to work in mid-January and have been adapting well. They are brother and sister, 15-week-old, golden retrievers, donated to us from a family in northern Minnesota who wanted to donate their puppies to our cause. The dogs are coming to work with their handlers daily and then back home with them after work. We will be working on potty training and general socialization for the next 6 weeks before transitioning to compassion/therapy training. Depending on how that goes we hope to be fully trained and operational with the two dogs by mid to late summer. You can follow their training progress on the fire and police department's Facebook pages. [Instagram.com/rex_bcpd](https://www.instagram.com/rex_bcpd) and [Instagram.com/Brooklyn_bcfid](https://www.instagram.com/Brooklyn_bcfid)



Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

CPR AED Training

You may have heard of the pro football player that suffered sudden cardiac arrest during a game.

Thanks to trained personnel he received immediate CPR and AED is expected to make a full recovery. Would you like to have the training to make a difference in someone's life that is in cardiac arrest? Brooklyn Center is a Heart Safe Community that offers FREE "Hands Only" CPR and AED classes to businesses, citizen groups, schools, and churches throughout the City. We want more people ready to "Be the Help, Instead of Wait for the Help!"

For more information or to set up a class (minimum of 10 people preferably)

Please contact Deputy Fire Marshal/Heart Safe Coordinator bgautsch@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us

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2023 Shingle Creek Clean Up

Join us for Brooklyn Center’s Earth Day tradition! The Shingle Creek Clean Up has been a staple in Brooklyn Center for more than 20 years. On **Saturday, April 22, 2023**, from 9 am to noon, stop by the Centennial Park Amphitheater at 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway for this family-friendly event. With everyone pitching in, Brooklyn Center can take part in keeping our creeks, lakes, ponds, and rivers clean, improving the water quality in the metro area and the entire Mississippi watershed all the way to the Gulf of Mexico.

We will provide volunteers with grabbers, safety vests, bags, and gloves. However, feel free to bring your own pair of gloves. Dress for the weather as the event continues, rain or shine. If April 22 doesn’t work in your schedule, contact Cynthia at 763-585-7100 to arrange for supply pick up on another date.

At the Clean Up event, you will also have the opportunity to learn more about the City’s Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). City staff will provide an overview of the City’s program and report on the status of implementing stormwater best management practices. The SWPPP documents are also available for public review and comment in the Engineering Division at City Hall between 8am and 4:30 pm.

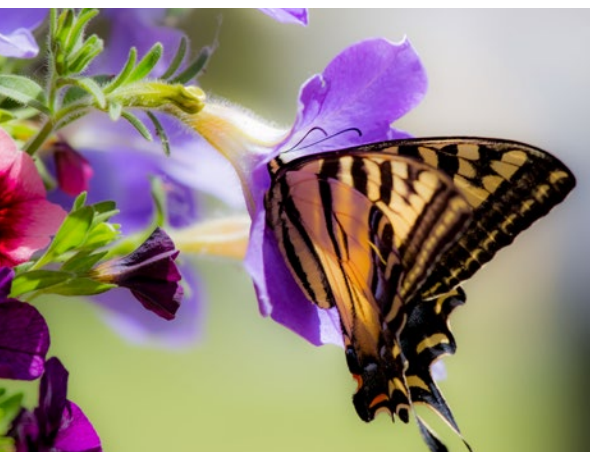
Bins and Barrels Sale

Help yourself, help your wallet and help your earth at the same time.

Purchase a rain barrel and/or a compost bin at a reduced price through the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM). Starting in March you can pre-order a bin or barrel on the RAM website recycleminnesota.org/work/compost-bins-rain-barrels.

Food scraps such as fruit and vegetable peels, stale bread, wilted lettuce, coffee grounds and filters, as well as weeds, faded flowers, and dead plants are among the things you can put into your compost bin. Finished compost can be used as mulch and plant food in your yard. Keeping organic waste out of your garbage reduces your trash volume so you could switch to a smaller garbage cart and save money.

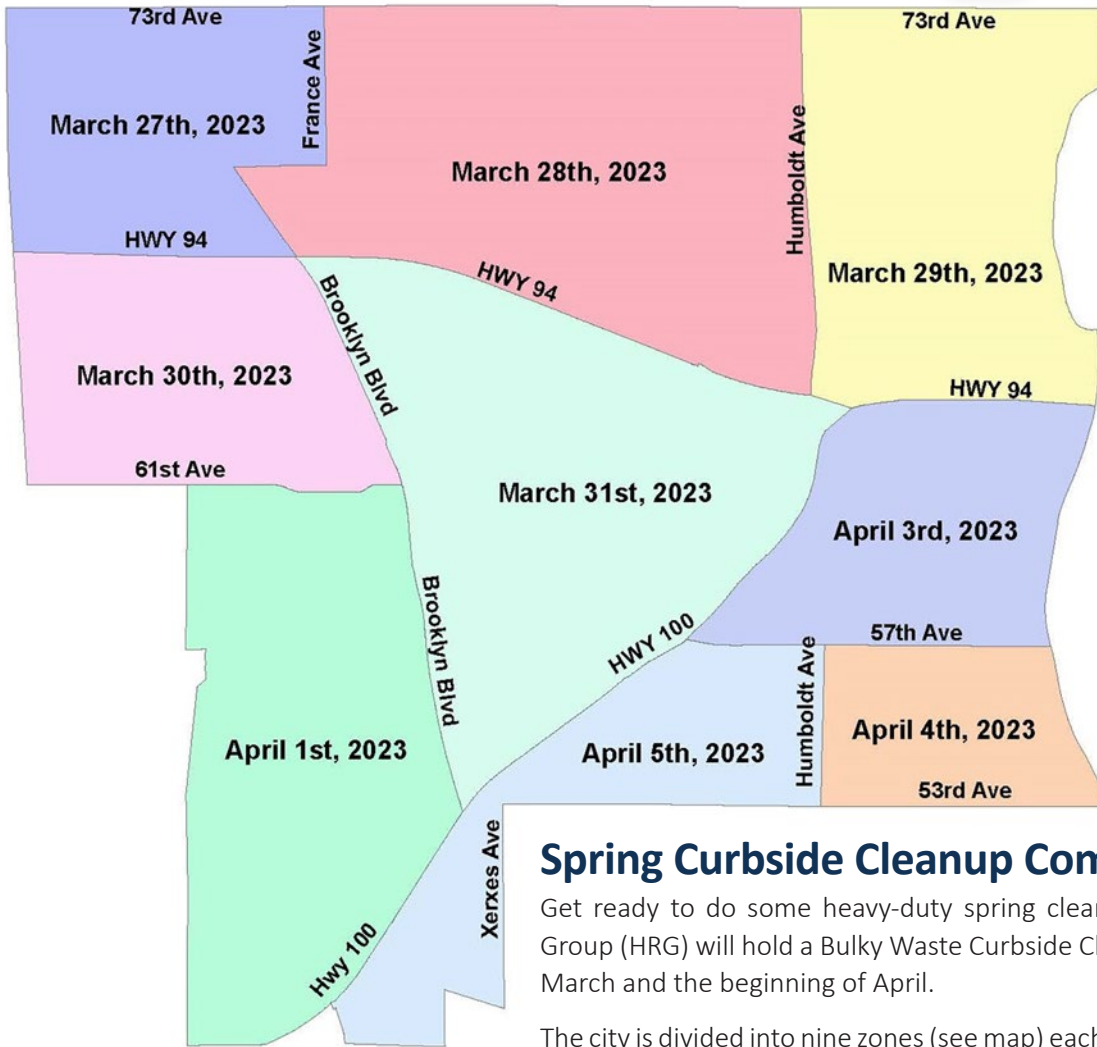
Capture rain in a rain barrel and have a free source of water for your garden. In addition to saving you money, rain barrels can keep moisture away from your foundation and prevent debris from washing into our storm sewers.



The National Wildlife Federation's Monarch Pledge

In 2022, the City of Brooklyn Center took a pledge to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic species whose eastern populations have declined by 90% and western populations by 99% in recent years. Through the National Wildlife Federation’s Monarch Pledge, U.S. cities, municipalities, and other communities are committing to creating habitats for the monarch butterfly and pollinators and educating residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community. Visit the city’s website and check out our newsletters for ways you can engage in these efforts.

Email cityclerk@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us to get involved.



Spring Curbside Cleanup Coming

Get ready to do some heavy-duty spring cleaning. The Hennepin Recycling Group (HRG) will hold a Bulky Waste Curbside Cleanup in the city at the end of March and the beginning of April.

The city is divided into nine zones (see map) each with its own day of collection. To find your day use the interactive map on the HRG website www.hrg-recycling.com on the Bulky Waste Curbside Cleanup page. A couple of weeks before the Cleanup you'll receive a postcard in the mail that has your date on it.

On the day of collection in your zone trucks will be going down your street to pick up your unwanted items. You will be able to get rid of up to two appliances, two unusable furniture items, two mattresses, and a pile of general junk equivalent to what fits in one level truck bed (generally 4' x 8' x 2'). Place the material at the curb and our crews will take it away. Please bag smaller items.

Items not accepted include TVs and computers, tires, railroad ties, paint, hazardous material, and any item more than 100 lbs. More details are on the HRG website. If you're not sure about an item, email BPOM@BrooklynPark.org or call 763-493-8006.

Set your items out before 7 am on collection day, but not more than two days before the pick-up day. There's no need to make an appointment, however, trucks will only go down the street once – no return trips.



This program is available to all residents in single-family homes, townhomes, and multiunit buildings up to 8 units that participate in the curbside recycling program. Residential waste only; no contractor or business-related materials.





Public Works

Doug Christopher Retires

Longtime City employee Doug Christopher finally hung up his boots for the last time for the City of Brooklyn Center in December of 2022. Doug grew up in Brooklyn Center attending high school at Park Center. Shortly after graduating, he started working for the City as a seasonal employee.

Doug began his employment with the Brooklyn Center Public Works Department Full-time on September 21, 1981. He spent the majority of his career in the Streets Maintenance division. He became the Streets Crew Leader in 1996, and he served in that role for several years. He moved on to operating a street sweeper in the mid-2000s, where he remained until retirement. December 16, 2022, was his final day after more than 41 years of dedicated service to the City of Brooklyn Center, which is the second-longest tenure in the City's history. Former Public Works employee Mark Reinking worked for the City for over 42 years. Doug has been an integral employee within the Public Works Department and has been a consistent thread that has made the department so successful. Doug was never shy about sharing his stories of hunting and fishing and was the resident news reporter at the Public Works Garage.

We wish Doug a successful and happy retirement.



Organics Recycling Drop-Off Open

Sign up to use the free organics recycling drop-off. The drop-off is in the northeast corner of the Crystal Cove Aquatics Center parking lot and is available year-round.

The number one item in our trash is food scraps and non-recyclable paper such as napkins, all of which are called organics.

There's more information on organics recycling and a sign-up form at the www.hrg-recycling.com website on the Organics Recycling page.

You can also sign up with your garbage hauler for curbside organics recycling service. It's an optional add-on service for which there is an additional fee. As an incentive, the Hennepin Recycling Group will pay 50% of the cost of the first year of service.

Yard Waste Site Opens April 1

No fooling – you can get rid of those leaves, brush, and other yard waste for free at the Maple Grove Yard Waste Site starting April 1. The site is located at 10300 Maple Grove Parkway. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 8 am to 7 pm, and Sunday noon to 7 pm. For more information visit www.mgyardwaste.com or call HRG at 763-493-8006.



Water Efficiency Rebate Program

To encourage water conservation, the City of Brooklyn Center has received a grant from the Metropolitan Council to establish a rebate program to reduce municipal water use in both residential and commercial properties within the city. The rebate is 75% of the cost of the item, up to a maximum of \$50 for WaterSense toilets, \$100 for Energy Star washing machines, and \$200 for WaterSense irrigation controls, sprinkler heads, and/or rain sensors. Payment will be made upon successful completion of work and submission of payment rebate request form accompanied by original receipts for expenses. Payment is only for equipment costs. Labor charges are not applicable for rebates. Reimbursements will be issued on a first come first served basis until **June 30, 2023**, or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first. To learn more visit www.ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us or call 763-569-3340.



Spring Special Materials Drop-Off Day

Spring cleaning may leave you with a pile of stuff to get rid of. Here's your chance to recycle those items that can be recycled but can't go in your recycling cart.

Drop off your mattresses, electronics, appliances, tires, scrap metal, bikes, batteries, and more at Brooklyn Park's Operations & Maintenance facility, 8300 Noble Ave N. on **Saturday, April 29** from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Fees may be charged for some items. There will also be free paper shredding.

The Special Materials Drop-Off Day is open to residents of Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Crystal, and New Hope. For more information including a complete list of what is accepted visit www.hrg-recycling.com or call 763-493-8006.

Thursday
{ FARMERS MARKET }
 2-7 pm
 7200 BROOKLYN BLVD

JUNE 29 - OCTOBER 26

EAT LOCAL

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

HEALTH in her HUE **CARE SQUAD:**
Self-care but with your girls

Health in Her HUE is a platform that connects Black women and women of color to culturally sensitive healthcare providers, evidence-based health content, and community support.

Sign up for the Health in Her HUE mental health and wellness virtual care squad and premium membership.

First 200 participants will be sponsored (at no cost to you)

To Register, scan the QR code

For more information visit healthinherhue.com or email us at caresquads@healthinherhue.com

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FLICK & Float

FAMILY SERIES

**MAR
18**

**APRIL
15**

Join us for a movie night in the pool!
FREE! Doors open at 7pm, the movie will start at 7:30pm.
Bring your own tube or inflatable.
Limited number of tubes provided.
For movie titles call the movie hotline at 763-569-3402.

Youth ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult in the pool.
For further details please visit ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us/communitycenter

Have you had your 3 to 5 year old child screened yet?

APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

- In Minnesota, all children complete Early Childhood Screening prior to entering kindergarten.
- Screening is a free service available to all Osseo Area Schools children age 3 to 5.
- Screening includes a check of hearing, vision and developmental progress. Appointments take about one hour.



Osseo Area Schools
Community Ed

Early Childhood & Family Education



To schedule an appointment:

Scan QR code or call 763-391-8777



COMING TO A PARK NEAR YOU!

Join us this Winter at one of our **FREE** Rec On The Go sites!
 The Rec On The Go (ROTG) van will be pulling in and bringing recreation to neighborhoods. Rec On The Go staff will set up activities and equipment for youth and teens. There will be games, sports, arts, crafts and more! **FREE MEALS** provided by District 279 for youth 18 and under. Drop in! No registration required. The ROTG van will arrive and leave at the designated time. Brooklyn Center staff are not responsible for any youth after the vehicle has exited the site.

JANUARY 10 – MAY 11

FIREHOUSE PARK	GARDEN CITY PARK	GRANDVIEW PARK	TWIN LAKE N APT.
6535 Bryant Ave N	3607 65th Ave N	1400 59th Ave N	4539 58th Ave N
TUESDAYS*	TUESDAYS*	THURSDAYS*	THURSDAYS*
3 - 4 PM	4:15 - 5:15 PM	3 - 4 PM	4:15 - 5:15 PM

NO PROGRAM ON MARCH 28 & 30

FAMILY SLEDDING SATURDAYS

LIONS PARK
 5501 Russell Ave N
 MARCH 11
 2- 3:30 PM

For weather updates and more follow us on Facebook [@brooklyncenterrec](https://www.facebook.com/brooklyncenterrec).
 For more information about Rec on the Go please call us at **763-569-3400**.





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6301 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

BECOME A MEMBER!

Make health, fitness and wellness a part of your life. Enjoy the perks of a community center membership:

Membership Benefits

- » Annual fitness center orientation
- » Insurance reimbursement programs

Unlimited use of:

- » Fitness center
- » Open and lap swim
- » Water slide
- » Wading pool
- » Sauna
- » Group fitness (specialty group fitness classes not included)
- » Youth fitness
- » SilverSneakers® classes
- » Locker Rooms: Mens, Womens, Family, All Gender

Membership Fees	Months			
	1	3	6	12
INDIVIDUAL	\$36	\$96	\$171	\$277
DUAL	\$45	\$121	\$215	\$349
SENIOR	\$29	\$78	\$138	\$260
SENIOR DUAL	\$38	\$102	\$180	\$339
HOUSEHOLD	\$51	\$138	\$246	\$400

Locker Rooms: Lockers available for 25¢.

Closures

The Community Center will be closed April 9, May 29, July 4 and September 4.



DAILY ADMISSION

AGES	FEE
0-14 & 62+	\$4
15-61	\$5

PUNCH CARDS

AGES	10	25	50	100
0-14 & 62+	\$38	\$90	\$170	\$320
15-61	\$47.50	\$112.50	\$212.50	\$400

Daily admission and punch cards provide daily access to all amenities included in a community center membership.

Definitions

INDIVIDUAL: Any individual ages 18+.

DUAL: Two people residing at the same address, one must be age 18+.

SENIOR: Ages 62+.

SENIOR DUAL: Two people residing at the same address ages 62+.

HOUSEHOLD: Two adults and up to three dependents ages 0-17 or full-time students ages 18-22. Additional dependents may be added for \$10 per month, per dependent.

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS:

Labor Day - Memorial Day
Monday–Friday: 8am–9pm
Saturday: 8am–8pm
Sunday: 1–8pm

Memorial Day - Labor Day
Monday–Friday: 6am–9pm
Saturday: 8am–8pm
Sunday: 1–8pm

FITNESS

Fitness Center

The fitness center features cardiovascular equipment, resistance training and free weights available to use by those ages 15+ (14 with supervision of a parent or guardian). All users of the fitness center are recommended to complete a fitness center orientation. Shirt and athletic shoes are required.

Group Fitness

Work out on land or in the water! Adult and youth group fitness are offered year round. All of our Fitness Classes are now FREE to members. Land fitness classes will now be hybrid where you have the option to attend in-person or access the class from your computer anywhere. Classes listed in the brochure are subject to change. Find a current schedule online at ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us/communitycenter or pick up a schedule at the front desk.

AQUATICS

Pools

Swim laps, float around, dive or slide into the 50-meter heated indoor swimming pool. Adult swim, open swim, aqua fitness and events are scheduled weekly. A zero depth entry wading pool is available to youth ages 0-5. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult (16+) providing active supervision of that child/children. Showering is required to enter the pool. Parents/guardians are required to be in the water with children under the age of 7 and to be within arm's reach at all times. U.S Coast Guard approved life jackets are allowed if there is an adult in the water within arm's reach. Find a current schedule online at ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us/communitycenter or pick up a schedule at the front desk.

Amenities

A 150' water slide (must be 52"), diving boards, all gender sauna (18+), and use of locker rooms are included in memberships, punch cards and daily admissions. Towel are available for purchase.





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City COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Informal Open Forum is held at 6:45pm 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 6:30pm and Wednesdays at 2:30am and 10:30am. 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.ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us.

City PHONE NUMBERS

- 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
- Recreation & Community Center(763) 569-3400
- Activity Weather Line(763) 569-3442
- Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center(763) 569-6300
- Centerbrook Golf Course(763) 549-3750
- Fire(763) 549-3600
- Police (General Info)(763) 569-3333
- Emergency & Non-Emergency Officer Assistance 911



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