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Construction Projects Soon to Take Center Stage

In 2023, the City of Brooklyn Center will be making the most of the spring and summer months to accomplish several projects. Included in the Public Works Department’s “to-do list” this year there is one neighborhood street and utility reconstruction project, two street rehabilitation projects, trails and parking lot rehabilitation project, and an annual roadway sealing project. The following is an overview of these major capital improvements planned for 2023.



Street Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Projects

For the past 27 years, the City’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) has included projects to reconstruct aging streets and maintain the public infrastructure throughout the community. The CIP is a planning document that presents a fifteen-year overview of potential capital improvement projects and is available for review on the City’s Website at www.brooklyncentermn.gov. The map on page 2 identifies the residential streets that are scheduled for improvements in 2023.

50th Avenue Street Reconstruction Project (2023):

The proposed roadway and utility improvements include street reconstruction of the street which includes full-depth pavement replacement, replacement of concrete curb, gutter, and driveway aprons, miscellaneous repairs of the sidewalk, sanitary sewer casting replacement, water main replacement including (hydrant and gate valves), miscellaneous storm sewer repairs and boulevard restoration. The bituminous trail on the north side of 50th Avenue will be replaced from France Avenue to Drew Avenue. Work is expected to begin in June 2023 and should be completed by fall 2023.

51st Avenue Street Rehabilitation:

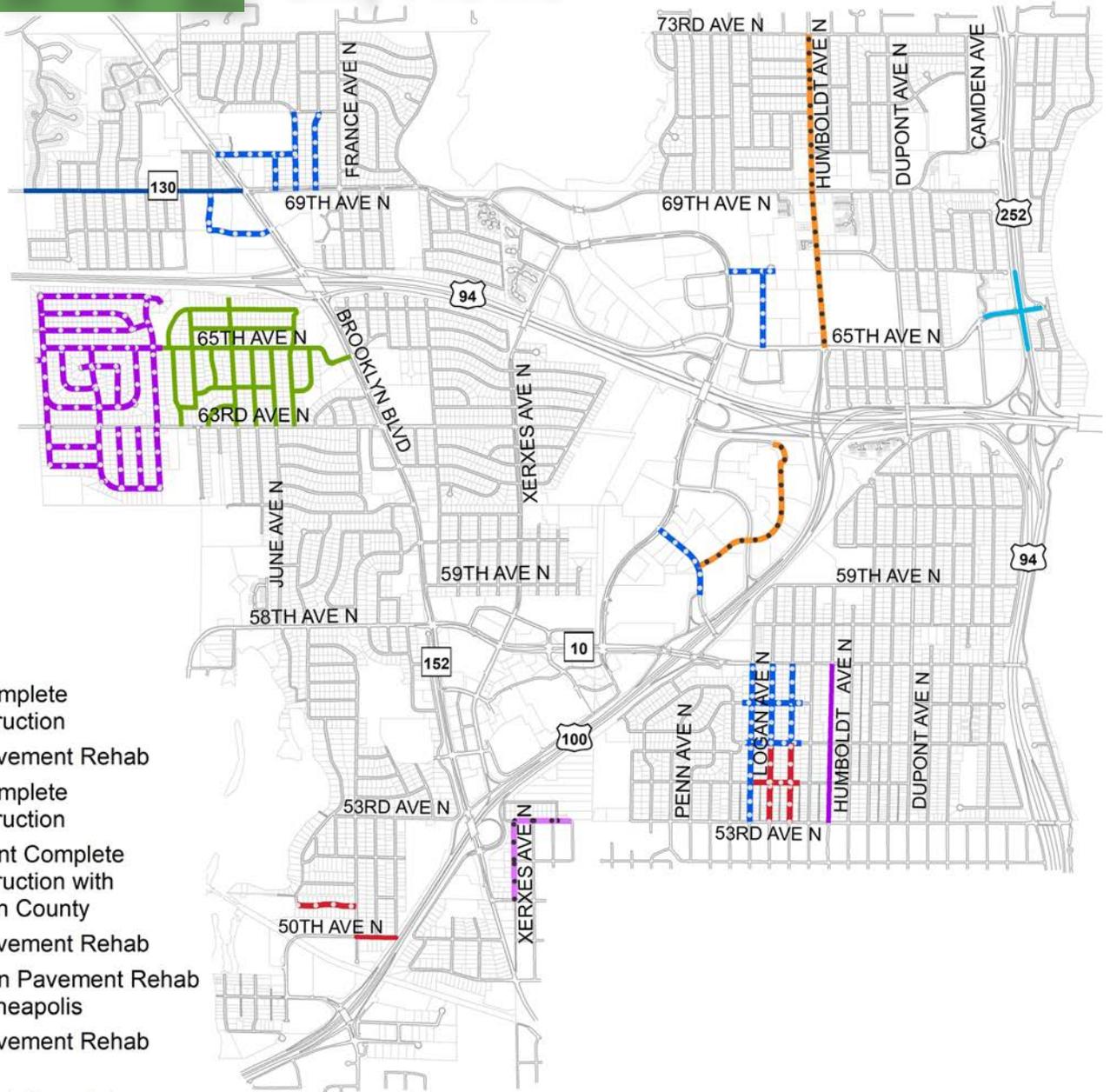
The proposed roadway improvements include street rehabilitation of 50th Avenue. This will include a full-depth pavement replacement, repairs of concrete curb and gutter, miscellaneous repairs of the sidewalk, miscellaneous storm sewer repairs and boulevard restoration, and water system replacement (hydrant and gate valves). The bituminous trail on the south side of 51st Avenue will be replaced. Work is expected to begin in the summer and should be completed by fall 2023.

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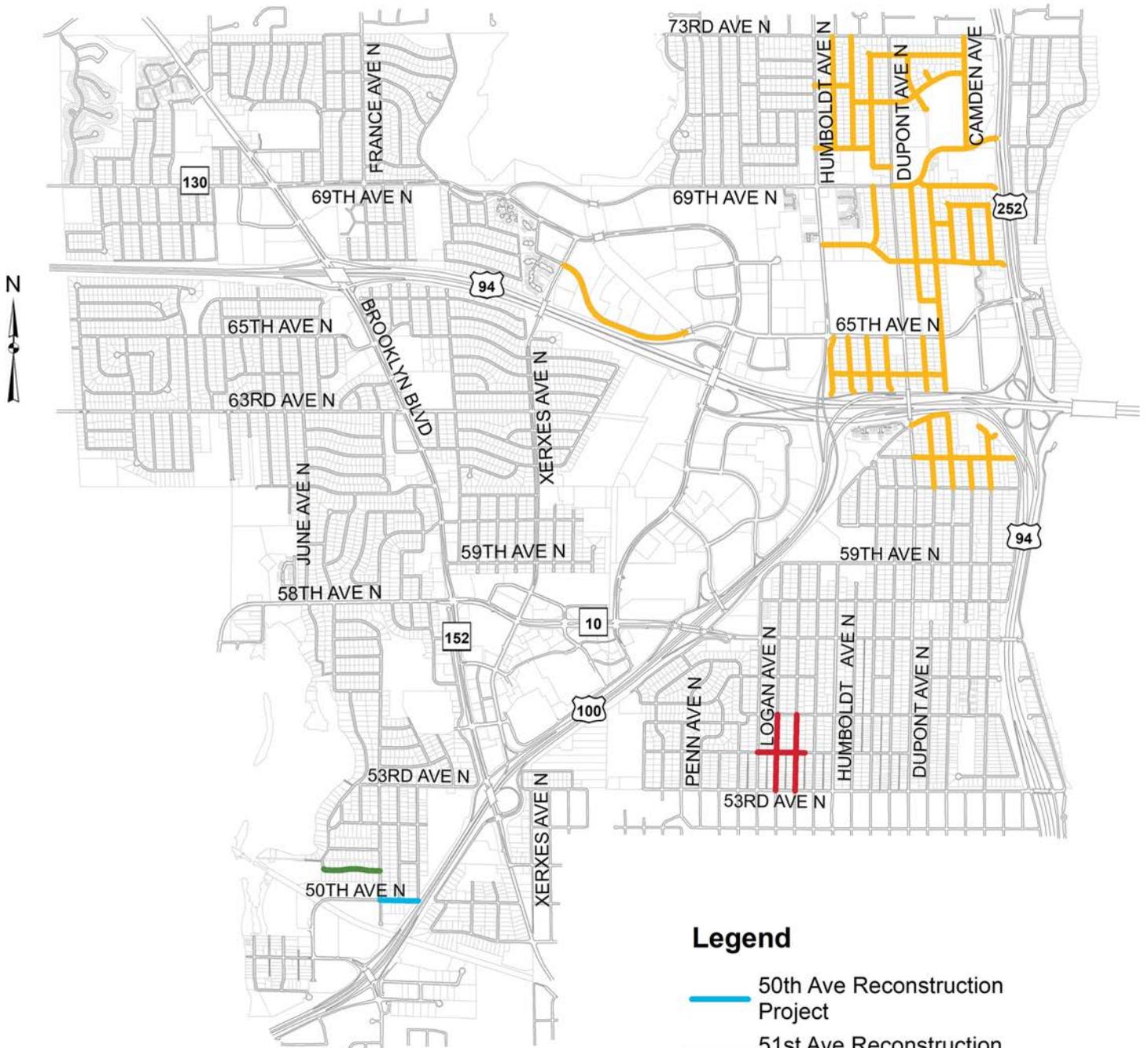
- 2023 Complete Reconstruction
- - - 2023 Pavement Rehab
- 2024 Complete Reconstruction
- 2025 Joint Complete Reconstruction with Hennepin County
- - - 2025 Pavement Rehab
- - - 2025 Joint Pavement Rehab with Minneapolis
- - - 2026 Pavement Rehab Project
- 2026 Joint Complete Reconstruction with Hennepin County
- 2026 Joint Complete Reconstruction with MnDOT
- - - 2027 Pavement Rehab Project

[Upcoming Projects continued from cover]

Knox, James, and 54th Avenue Street Rehabilitation

The proposed roadway improvements include street rehabilitation of Knox, James, and 54th Avenue.

This will include a full-depth pavement replacement, repairs of concrete curb and gutter, miscellaneous repairs of the sidewalk, miscellaneous storm sewer repairs, boulevard restoration, and water system replacement (hydrant and gate valves). Work is expected to begin in the summer and should be completed by fall 2023.



Roadway Sealing

Roadway sealing is scheduled to be completed along City streets identified in the Evergreen, Firehouse, and Interstate areas along with some other miscellaneous sections of the roadway as identified on the attached map. Roadway sealing is routinely completed to preserve pavement and extend the service life of roadways. Crews will complete crack sealing and pothole patching prior to applying a reclaimed seal to the road surface. Expect minor traffic delays and be aware of workers in the roadway during this project.

Legend

- 50th Ave Reconstruction Project
- 51st Ave Reconstruction Project
- Knox, James, and 54th Reconstruction Project
- Roadway Sealing Project



Reporting Soil Erosion at Construction Sites

When storm water drains off a construction site, it carries sediment and other pollutants that harm our local water resources. The State of Minnesota requires that contractors implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on construction sites to prevent polluted runoff and eroded soil from entering storm drains. Common BMPs used on construction sites include silt fences, storm drain inlet protection, stabilized construction exits, stockpile placement and protection, and temporary mulching and seeding.

Signs that BMPs are not working:

- Sediment tracking on the road
- Muddy water flowing off the construction site
- Dirt piled up around storm drains

Citizen reporting can be a highly effective tool for finding and stopping pollutant discharge. If you have any construction site or erosion control concerns, please contact the Engineering Division at 763-569-3340 or publicworks@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us.



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.

Celebrating Team CEAP!

Although CEAP believes in celebrating its amazing team of volunteers each and every day, this month is Volunteer Appreciation Month so there is extra cause for celebration!

Each year, over 800 volunteers commit over 16,000 hours of their time and talent to CEAP. This is the equivalent of 9 full-time staff members! Last year, Team CEAP embraced the "do and donate" mentality and gave nearly \$136,000 to support the community safety net.

CEAP's volunteers are essential workers. They are so thankful for the enthusiasm and grace as CEAP and the entire community has navigated the pandemic and economic challenges. Growing a stronger community would not be possible without their volunteers' willingness to be friendly faces for their neighbors and to adapt to changing circumstances at a moment's notice. To all members of Team CEAP, thank you!

To join Team CEAP, please visit www.ceap.org/volunteer to learn more about opportunities and to fill out their interest form. To stay up-to-date on what's going on at CEAP please follow them on Facebook @ [ceap.mn](https://www.facebook.com/ceap.mn) and on Instagram at @[ceap_mn](https://www.instagram.com/ceap_mn).



CEAP volunteers pack produce at Farm Fresh Fest event



Celebrity Reader Day at Evergreen Elementary

City staff was invited to participate in the Celebrity Reader Day event on **Thursday, March 2, 2023**, at Evergreen Elementary. The City of Brooklyn Center continues to discover what community means to adults and youth working, living, studying, and worshiping in Brooklyn Center. Celebrity Reader Day provided the perfect opportunity to kick start 2023 together in the community. A total of thirteen city staff volunteered to read with 9 of them placed in classrooms. Not all staff were able to read due to limited timeslots. A special thanks to the following city staff that participated:

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| Todd Berg and (service dog)
Brooklyn (Fire Department) | Rebecka Whetstine (Fire
Department) |
| Megan Braun (Police Department) | Na Vang (Community Development) |
| Kris Lawrence-Anderson (City
Council) | Armando Oster (Administration) |
| Vong Thao (Community
Development) | Randi Mayer (Administration) |
| | Brandon Gautsch (Fire Department) |



Community Partnership Events

Twin Cities World Refugee Day

Sunday, June 11

12 – 5 pm

Centennial Park- 6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy

Hosted by: CAPI USA and the City of Brooklyn Center

For more information on this event, please visit www.capiusa.org/world-refugee-day



Hmong Explore Your Parks

Saturday, July 15

1 – 4 pm

Centennial Park – 6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy

Planning Partners: CAPI USA, MN Zej Zog, City of Brooklyn Center, Hennepin County, (Active Living, Hennepin County Libraries, Asian Connections ERG, Engagement Service, Public Health), Three Rivers Parks District, and United Healthcare.



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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Dear Community Partner,

On behalf of the City of Brooklyn Center Health and Wellness team, we would like to extend an invitation to residents, schools, churches, civic groups/organizations and businesses to join us **Saturday, August 12** from 12 pm- 4 pm at the Brooklyn Center Community Center (6301 Shingle Creek Parkway) for a day focused on improving health and wellness in our community.

What Is The BC Community Health Fair?

It is an event exclusively for BC residents and those they care about most. Focusing on the health and wellness of our community. Our sponsors made it possible to include live entertainment, food, kid games and most importantly, our sponsors helped make events FREE and open to the public. With over 32,000 residents in Brooklyn Center, each sponsor has the unique opportunity to reach a wide audience while helping make this community event possible.



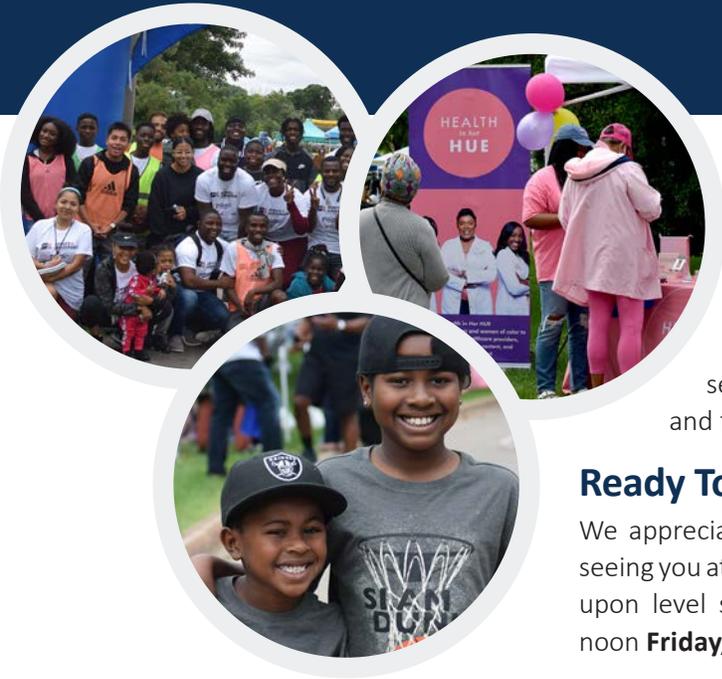
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Please complete sponsorship/event participation form

- TITLE** (\$5,000+)
- COMMUNITY** (\$200 Check or \$400 In-Kind)
- DIAMOND** (\$2,500 Check or \$5,000 In-Kind)
- VENDOR** (\$100 Check or \$200 In-Kind)
- WELLNESS** (\$1,000 Check or \$2,000 In-Kind)
- NON-PROFIT VENDOR** (\$50 Check or \$100 In-Kind)
- LIFESTYLE** (\$500 Check or \$1,000 In-Kind)
- CONTRIBUTOR** (In-Kind)- Call for more detail

SPONSOR LEVELS	HEALTH WEEK SIGNAGE	CHF TABLE	CHF SIGNAGE	PRE-APPROVED PROMOTIONAL ITEMS placed in CHF bags	PRINT MEDIA newspaper recognition	T-SHIRT	WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWSLETTER recognition	AT EVENT recognition
TITLE	ALL	"PREMIER" if desired	LOGO	LOGO ON BAG if permitted	LOGO	LOGO	LOGO/NAME*	"PREMIER"
DIAMOND	3 EVENTS	"PREMIER" if desired	LOGO	☑	LOGO	LOGO	LOGO/NAME*	☑
WELLNESS	1 EVENT	IF DESIRED	LOGO	☑	NAME	LOGO	LOGO/NAME	☑
LIFESTYLE		IF DESIRED	LOGO		NAME	NAME	LOGO/NAME	☑
COMMUNITY		IF DESIRED	LOGO			NAME	NAME	☑
VENDOR		☑	NAME			NAME	NAME	☑
NON-PROFIT VENDOR		☑	NAME			NAME	NAME	☑

CONTRIBUTOR (in-kind) Call for more information *Additional mention on social media



What Takes Place At The BC Community Health Fair?

The goal of the BC Community Health Fair is to attract and educate individuals who make major health, wellness, food and fitness decisions for their families. Through support of our community partners, we will offer speakers, workshops, demonstrations and service-based vendor booths that provide health screenings, services and fitness information.

Ready To Become A Sponsor?

We appreciate your consideration to support this initiative and look forward to seeing you at the event. Sponsorship/Event Participation Form and logos (depending upon level selected) due to healthfair@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us no later than noon **Friday, July 21, 2023**.

SPONSORSHIP | EVENT PARTICIPATION FORM

Please return completed form to:

City of Brooklyn Center, Attn: CHF Planning Committee
 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 -OR- Email: healthfair@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us

Name (Primary Contact): _____

Phone (Primary): _____ Email (Primary): _____

Name (Business/Organization): _____

Street Address (Business/Organization): _____

City: _____ State, Zip: _____

Please check appropriate box below:

- YES**, I wish to be part of the BC Community Health Fair.
- I WANT TO SPONSOR.** Check this box, then select one of the sponsorship levels below:
 - TITLE** - \$5,000+
 - COMMUNITY** - \$200 Check or \$400 In-Kind
 - DIAMOND** - \$2,500 Check or \$5,000 In-Kind
 - VENDOR** - \$100 Check or \$200 In-Kind
 - WELLNESS** - \$1,000 Check or \$2,000 In-Kind
 - NON-PROFIT VENDOR** - \$50 Check or \$100 In-Kind
 - LIFESTYLE** - \$500 Check or \$1,000 In-Kind
 - I would like to support and contribute In-Kind.

Please list item(s) and value of item(s) below:

Do you require:

Table Yes No

Chairs Yes No

Electricity Yes No

Yes, we can share your contact information with other community partners



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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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.

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.



Save the Date

Twin Cities World Refugee Day
Sunday, June 11

Juneteenth
Friday & Saturday, June 16 and 17

Hmong Explore Your Parks
Saturday, July 15

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



Community Mock Budget Exercise

Community members are invited to join city staff on **Wednesday, May 10** at 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Community Center Cohen Room for a Mock Budget. Participants will walk through a budget with city department leaders; gain insight into budget challenges and ways to overcome them.

Please rsvp to BCEvents@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us by noon on Friday, May 5. (limited seating available)

2023 Neighborhood Meetings Save the Date



Neighborhood Meetings (Virtual)
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, July 27 from 6-7:30 pm



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Community Safety



THUNDER



RAIN



STORMS



TORNADO



HEAVY RAIN



SEVERE



SUNNY

Severe Weather Awareness Week

April 17 – 21, 2023

Are you ready for severe weather? Each year, Homeland Security and Emergency Management in collaboration with the National Weather Service sponsors Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota. The week is designed to refresh, remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them. It's also a great time to make and practice your emergency plan and build or refresh your emergency preparedness kit.

Each day of the week will focus on a different topic:

- Monday – Alerts and Warnings
- Tuesday – Severe Weather, Lightning, and Hail
- Wednesday – Floods
- Thursday – Tornadoes (with statewide tornado drills)
- Friday – Extreme Heat

Statewide Tornado Drills

The most important event during Severe Weather Awareness Week are the two annual statewide tornado drills. On **Thursday, April 20** at 1:45 pm and 6:45 pm. They will provide an excellent opportunity for residents to prepare their homes, families, neighborhoods, and communities.

Prepare Your Family

- Create or update emergency plans with your entire family so everyone knows what to do in an emergency. Ensure everyone has up-to-date contact info and knows what to do.
- Practice your family plan during the tornado drills. Have everyone build a family emergency kit together.
- Check with places your family spends time, such as schools, workplaces, churches, markets, or sports facilities to learn what their emergency plans are.
- Share the plans for these areas with your entire family and talk about what you would do if your family was not together during a disaster.

For more information about emergency preparedness, go to the National Weather Service website (www.weather.gov)

Drop off your unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

Did you know that we installed a medicine drop box in our lobby?

The accepted medicines are prescription medicines, including controlled substances, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and supplements, and pet medicines. They can be disposed of in the box in the form of an aerosol, capsule, cream, gel, inhaler, liquid, patch, pill, or powder. Detailed information can be found on the city website and BCPD's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/BrooklynCenterPolice.

We cannot accept needles, sharps, syringes, glass containers, drug paraphernalia, bandages, glucose meters medical tape or other medical supplies, or medicines from businesses, including healthcare facilities, pharmacies, pharmaceutical representatives, doctors' offices, and veterinary clinics.

No cost to drop off unwanted medicines; no identification is required; no need to check with an officer or city staff member before disposing of unwanted medicines; if possible, bring the medicine in the original container; if the medicine is no longer in the original container, place the medicine in a quart-sized plastic bag. Please do not use larger plastic bags or plastic shopping bags.

Brooklyn Center Police Department | 6645 Humboldt Avenue N | Brooklyn Center, MN
The lobby is open 24 hours a day 365 days per year.



Public Works



Public Works

Residents may not realize the role Public Works plays in our lives. The fact is that we rely on Public Works for just about everything we do including water distribution, sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems, parks maintenance, equipment maintenance, and street systems maintenance year-round. Public Works is a first responder to disasters within our city: from windstorms and blizzards to water main breaks and public safety concerns. Public Works operations consist of six separate divisions, with 46 full-time staff. Staff at Brooklyn Center Public Works take pride in delivering quality service to the residents, visitors, and businesses of this great community and working collaboratively with all of the city departments.

Capital Maintenance Building Improvements

In 2007 the City approved an 18-year Capital Maintenance Building Plan that includes short and long-term building and facility improvements. Improvements are included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and adopted by the City Council as part of the Annual Budget. Public Works will be updating this plan in 2023.

Central Garage Maintenance

The primary function of the Central Garage is to provide ongoing maintenance to all the City's fleet vehicles including plows and dump

trucks, mowers, street sweepers and asphalt patch trucks, police squads, fire engines, and staff vehicles. The Central Garage also services minor equipment such as chainsaws, weed-whips, trailers, pumps, and generators.

The Central Garage acts as a central support hub and fueling station for all of the City's parks, trails, streets, and utility maintenance crews as well as working in conjunction with the Fiscal and Support Services Department to ensure all City departments are provided detailed billing each month, and that vehicles are retired and replaced on a consistent and cost-effective schedule.

Central Garage Goals:

- Perform routine and preventive maintenance for the City's vehicles and capital equipment.
- Complete an average of 1,700 maintenance and repair orders annually.
- Replacement of City vehicles and equipment as scheduled.
- Administration of Central Garage functions including replacement, repair, and maintenance.
- Continue to provide departments with monthly detailed billings and cost accounting for all operating costs.

Statistics

City of Brooklyn Center

- 8.52 square miles

Population

32,782 (2022 Census)

Parks

- 350 acres mowed weekly
- 4 baseball fields
- 16 softball fields
- 19 playgrounds
- 8 tennis courts
- 6 park shelters
- 13 picnic shelters
- 6 skating rinks
- 6 hockey rinks
- 5 soccer/football fields
- 17 basketball courts
- 1 archery range
- 18 irrigation systems
- Sanitary Sewer
- 10 lift stations
- 2,039 manholes
- 97.85 miles of sanitary sewer

Storm Sewer

- 37 stormwater ponds
- 90.14 miles of storm sewer
- 4,765 miles of storm drains

Sidewalks

- 45.7 miles owned by the City
- 1 mile owned by Three Rivers Park District

Streets

- 122.9 miles total
- 105.6 Municipal
- 10.8 miles State
- 6.5 miles County

Traffic Counts

- 1-94/694 130,000+ Vehicles per day
- Brooklyn Boulevard (at 69th Ave & 1-94) (40,000 Vehicles/day)

Traffic Signs

- 5,001 signs
- 51.7 miles striping

Trails

- 16.62 miles owned by the City
- 6.95 miles owned by Three Rivers Park

Water Main

- 119.57 miles
- 9 wells
- 3 million gallons of water stored in 3 towers
- 869 hydrants
- 2,100 valves
- 8,962 metered connections
- Average 1 billion gallons of water pumped a year





Engineering

The Engineering Division provides engineering support services for street reconstruction and other capital improvements, administration of the City's state aid street system, traffic engineering, mapping, review of proposed developments and plats, certification of special assessments, and general office and fieldwork services such as surveying, inspection, and public information. Current projects for 2023 are 50th Avenue Improvements, 51st Avenue Improvements, and Knox, James, and 54th Avenue Improvements. You can find more details about all three projects on the City's website.

Forestry

The Forestry Division provides the maintenance, trimming, and reforestation of trees in parks, boulevards, and other public areas as well as registration of tree contractors wishing to do business in the City. Forestry also operates programs that target residential properties such as the Diseased Tree Program and it is responsible for the administration of the City's noxious weed eradication program as well as grass and weed cutting on freeway access right-of-way.

Parks / Trails Maintenance

The Parks Division is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the city's park system including maintenance and repair of playground equipment, park shelters, picnic shelters, irrigation sprinklers, bleachers, benches, and restrooms to ensure safe, clean, and accessible park buildings and equipment. It also includes gas and electric service to shelters and park lights, collection of refuse, and rental/service charges for portable restroom facilities.

Public Utilities

The Public Utilities Division is responsible for sanitary sewer, storm drainage, street lighting, and water utilities.

Street Maintenance

The Street Maintenance Division is responsible for providing the maintenance of City streets, sidewalks, and trails. The activities include patching, seal coating, crack sealing, sweeping, minor sidewalk repair, and the cost of operating and maintaining the trail light system.



Are you looking for some seasonal work?

The City of Brooklyn Center is hiring seasonal public works maintenance crew members. These positions will perform various types of manual labor and operate light equipment in the maintenance of city streets, utilities, and landscaping. The minimum qualifications are you must be at least 16 years old and in possession of a valid driver's license with a good driving record. For more information about these positions, go to the city's website www.brooklyncentermn.gov



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 complete the application on the City website (brooklyncentermn.gov) by searching "Senior Sewer Rate" then return it to City Hall. (6301 Shingle Creek Parkway)



Hydrant Flushing

In order to limit the demand on the water treatment plant, the Brooklyn Center Utility Department will once again be scheduling hydrant flushing for overnights this year. Utility crews will be flushing water lines beginning **Sunday, April 23, 2023** (weather dependent) and running subsequent areas each night ending the morning of **Friday, April 28, 2023**. The process is scheduled to occur for five consecutive evenings beginning at 9:00 p.m. and continuing until approximately 7:00 am.

Due to the nature of hydrant-flushing, the number of hours per day or the number of consecutive days needed to complete the flush are subject to change. However, City staff will do their best to adhere to the schedule as posted.

Please note that flushing may loosen rust or manganese in pipes that could stain laundry. Residents are encouraged to check their water before doing laundry and to delay doing laundry, especially whites, until the process is completed in their area (see map).

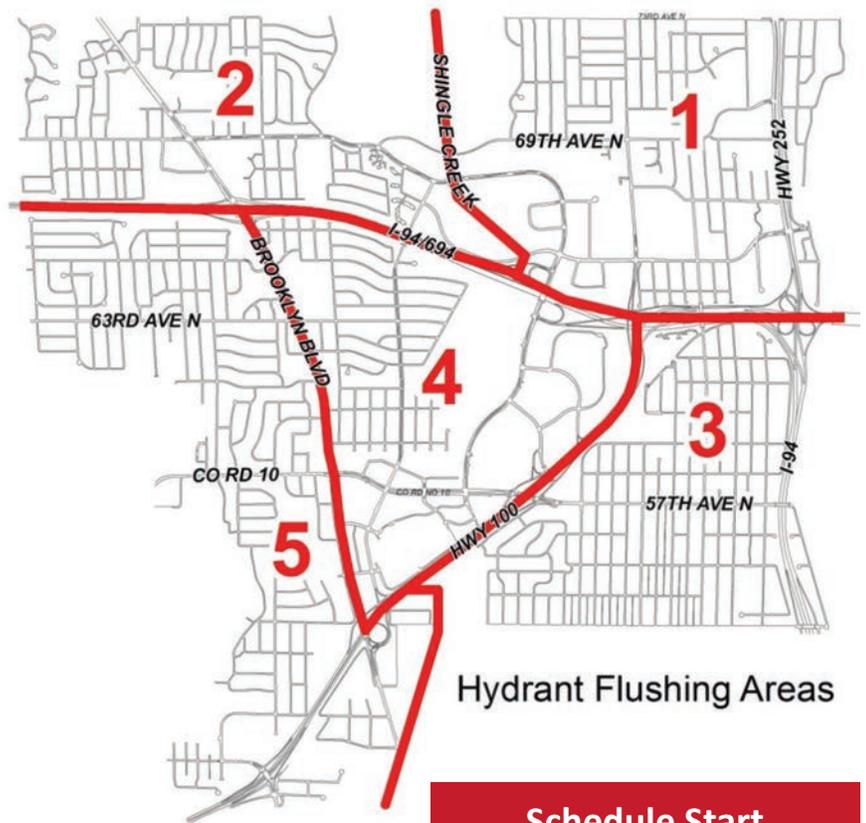
Please be aware when this work is in progress and help keep our workers safe. When you see City crews operating hydrants throughout the community, proceed with caution.

Water Line Flushing

In Your Own Home or Business

Because flushing out the City's main lines in the street can stir up sediment in homes, residents are encouraged to perform their own "annual maintenance" after the crews have left the neighborhood. Here are some tips for your own household or business flush:

- If you have a softener, put it on bypass for the duration of the flush.
- Remove aerators and mounted filters from faucets.
- Start by completely turning on both outside faucets (be sure to run hoses out away from the house to avoid any problems near the foundation) and follow with the laundry tub, kitchen sink and then bathtub.
- Run cold water only through each area on full for 15-20 minutes or until water runs clear of rust or manganese (grey or blackish sediment).
- Replace aerators on faucets and take softener off bypass.
- Other recommended routine maintenance: Perform a hot water heater flush. Check all water hoses leading to sinks, washing machines, or dishwashers for leaks, rust and corrosion and repair/replace as necessary. Remove toilet tank lids and check rubber flapper for leaks or damage.



Hydrant Flushing Areas

Schedule Start

AREA 1 –	APRIL 23
AREA 2 –	APRIL 24
AREA 3 –	APRIL 25
AREA 4 –	APRIL 26
AREA 5 –	APRIL 27



Green Community

Zoning

The City's zoning code has not been meaningfully updated since the 1960s. In 2019, the City adopted the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and embarked on a major overhaul of the City's current zoning (Chapter 35), sign (Chapter 34), and platting (Chapter 15) codes as these chapters present significant barriers, difficulties, and confusions in their ease of use and overall accessibility for not only City staff, but residents, business owners, and prospective developers as well. Further, these chapters were out of compliance with state law, opening the City up to legal risks. City staff have worked to merge the three chapters into one unified document, called the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) which was adopted by City Council in December 2022 and went into effect earlier this year, in January 2023.



Public and targeted stakeholder engagement around the updated UDO has been among the most significant engagement efforts the City has undertaken to date. Careful attention was given towards ensuring the public and impacted stakeholders were provided multiple opportunities and formats for education on the UDO, and in providing feedback that would help craft the UDO's formation. Community engagement included the creation of a Citizen Zoning Task Force working alongside staff to help inform and update residential and commercial standards, as well as public online open houses, recorded webinars, two surveys available online, and property owner mailers for any properties directly impacted by a proposed zoning district update.

Key changes to the updated UDO include: simplifying and consolidating zoning districts, clarifying and modernizing allowed uses within each zoning district (including home-based businesses), bringing environmental preservation policies into alignment with state law, and clarifying city land use approval policies to support effective and efficient administration of the UDO and its processes. More information can be found on the City website: www.brooklyncentermn.gov/government/departments/community-development/planning-zoning/-fsiteid-1

Watering Restrictions: Odd-Even Sprinkling Ban **May 1 through September 30**

Permanent water restrictions are in effect from **May 1 to September 30** every year according to regulations adopted by the City Council. This odd-even sprinkling ban does not apply to private wells—only to properties on City water supply. This ban is defined in Section 4-202 of the City Ordinances. If, after proper warning, any utility user uses City water and is in violation of the odd-even sprinkling/watering ordinance, a \$25 per day fee will be charged. This ban will be enforced.

Lawn And Garden Water Conservation Tips

- Morning is the best time to water most lawn areas. After about 10 am heat steals moisture from your lawn by evaporation. Water EARLY and you can water LESS because more of the water is absorbed into your lawn.
- Do not water out of habit. Water only when your lawn needs it. To test if your lawn needs a soaking, step on the grass. If it springs back up, you do not need to water it. If it stays flat, it is time to water.
- Let water sink in slowly. Lots of water is applied quickly and mostly runs off. Let water sink in to encourage deep roots. Lawns with deeper roots will not need watering as often.

Other Tips:

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to slow the evaporation of moisture and discourage weed growth.
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets, and couplings and adjust misaligned sprinkler heads that spray mostly on hard surfaces.
- Do not run the hose while washing your car. Use the hose just to rinse off your car.

From the American Water Works Association

If your street address is an **EVEN** number (for example, 5916 or 4500), you may water your lawn and garden on **EVEN** numbered days of the month (For example: July 10)

If your street address is an **ODD** number (for example, 5917 or 4501), you may water your lawn and garden on **ODD** numbered days of the month (For example: July 11)

Green Community



What is No Mow May?

No Mow May has spread rapidly across Minnesota. Nearly 30 cities are participating in 2023, including Brooklyn Center! In March the City Council passed a resolution that temporarily suspends the long grass and weed ordinance related to height for all registered single and two-family residential properties.

Refraining from mowing in the spring is crucial for pollinators because it allows them to emerge from hibernation and forage effectively and safely. Reduced lawn mowing also conserves natural resources, such as gas and water, and promotes bird reproduction.

How it works

- The City of Brooklyn Center will continue its efforts to become a pollinator-friendly city by ensuring the best management practices for vegetation.
- The time frame for No Mow May is **May 1 - May 31**.
- City inspectors will be out on June 1st and reminding residents to mow. Active enforcement of No Mow May begins on June 5th.
- Only single and two-family properties can participate.

For more information go to: www.bit.ly/bc-no-mow-may

The City has passed an ordinance allowing Native and Naturalistic Vegetation gardens to continue providing pollinating options for bees and other pollinators.

Registration for native and naturalistic gardens is required and the city will provide a sign indicating that it is a native and naturalistic garden.

For more information on native and naturalistic gardens go to: www.brooklyncentermn.gov/government/departments/community-development/housing-and-home-ownership/prairie-grass-and-native-lawns



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 newsletter for ways you can engage in these efforts. Email: cityclerk@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us.



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Free Wood Chips

Wood chips are available in the south parking lot at City Hall while supplies last. No limit-excellent for mulch! Bring your own shovel.

This is not a yard waste drop-off site. Please do not dump debris, wood chips, or other lawn waste at this location.



JUNE TEENTH

CELEBRATING FREEDOM DAY

GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

11AM - 8PM

Putting contest, shotgun starts, prizes, food and more!

CENTERBROOK GOLF
5500 LILAC WAY

FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

11AM - 7PM

Entertainment, food, vendors, activities for all ages!

CENTENNIAL PARK
6301 SHINGLE CREEK PKWY



Hosted by the Brooklyn Center Juneteenth Planning Committee

For further details visit www.ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us/juneteenth, follow us on Facebook @Brooklyn Center Rec, or call 763-569-3400

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JUNE 29 - OCTOBER 26



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Join us this summer 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 neighborhood parks. 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 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.



PARK LOCATIONS	DAYS	PROGRAM TIME
EVERGREEN 7112 BRYANT AVE N	Monday & Wednesday June 19 – August 9	10:30 am - Noon
GRANDVIEW 1600 59TH AVE N	Monday & Wednesday June 19 – August 9	12:30 - 2 pm
LIONS PARK 5501 RUSSELL AVE N	Monday & Wednesday June 19 – August 9	3 - 4:30 pm
NORTHPORT PARK 5600 FRANCE AVE N	Monday & Wednesday June 19 – August 9	5 - 6:30 pm
ORCHARD LANE PARK 4800 69TH AVE N	Tuesday & Thursday* June 20 – August 10	10:30 am - Noon
FIREHOUSE PARK 6535 BRYANT AVE N	Tuesday & Thursday* June 20 – August 10	12:30 - 2 pm
TWIN LAKE NORTH APT 4539 58TH AVE N	Tuesday & Thursday* June 20 – August 10	3 - 4:30 pm

*No ROTG on July 4



Follow Rec On The Go and more on Facebook @brooklyncenterrec. For more information call 763-569-3400.





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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.brooklyncentermn.gov.

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