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Brooklyn Center City-Wide Survey

Celebrating the news, events & cultures that connect us

The city has contracted with Leatherman and Associates to conduct

a city-wide survey. Leatherman solely conducts this survey and is conducted over the phone. The last survey was completed in 2017. The information obtained from the survey will assist the City Council and City staff in framing the city's future Strategic Priorities. The survey will take about five weeks to complete, and the results will be presented at a future city council meeting.

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City offices closed

Juneteenth: Monday, June 19, 2023
Independence Day: Tuesday, July 4, 2023



State of the City

Mayor April Graves delivered her first State of the City (SOTF). Mayor Graves outlines staff changes the city has endured, the two new positions of Office of Community Health, Prevention, and Safety, and the Office of Equity & Human Resources, public safety, city commissions and task forces, Emerging BC, Economic Development, as well new initiatives: Strategic Planning for the city, and outcome-based budgeting. Great work in Brooklyn Center will continue in the coming months. The last quote is, "Unity is Strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."



To watch the State of City, go to our website at www.brooklyncentermn.gov.



CELEBRATING FREEDOM DAY

ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, VENDORS AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

Friday
June 16

GOLF TOURNAMENT

12 pm - 7 pm

Saturday June 17

CELEBRATION 11 am – 7 pm

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City News

BC Liquor

After prohibition, many states wanted to continue a form of control over liquor in many different ways. Since 1949 the City of Brooklyn Center has owned and operated municipal liquor stores. In Minnesota, if a city is under 10,000 people, it can start its municipal liquor operation to include on and off-premise. Once a city reaches 10,000 people, it can decide to stay in business and continue operations.

In Minnesota currently, there are approximately 200 cities that exercise this option. Many of these belong to the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association (MMBA). This is a trade organization that assists with operations and helps members to succeed in their business.

The store below was located where Top Golf currently sits, and next year we will celebrate our 75th anniversary in business.

In Brooklyn Center, we have been as high as 7 Million in sales, bringing us to the 8th largest operation in the state. We have had three stores operating in the past, but today we only operate two. We usually go by BC Liquor, but there is a larger BC Liquor out there; Canada also owns and operates government liquor stores, and British Columbia goes by BC Liquor, and that's why our website is www.Brooklyncenterliquor.com.

Our stores employ a full staff of 35 people; eight are Full-Time staff. The staff is the backbone of our operation, with several long-term employees. We often refer to ourselves as BC Liquor Family and support each other through good and bad times. One of our staff, Ace, received worldwide attention this past







December as she gave the shoes off her feet to an unhoused man putting boxes on his feet in our entryway. We posted a thank you to Ace on our social media, and it went viral; she trended all over the United States and even in England and Spain. The Minnesota Vikings honored her during a game as their Hometown Hero. This caring spirit runs throughout many of our staff members here as they understand people's everyday struggles. I send a HUGE THANK YOU to all the staff here; keep up the excellent work!

Over the years, we have had the opportunity to do some enjoyable things at BC Liquor. We opened a third store near Surly Brewing in Brooklyn Center for nine years. We exclusively sold their

Surly Darkness, a Russian imperial stout only produced once a year in limited quantities. This event would draw up to 5,000 people looking to get their hands on this delicious nectar of the Gods while heavy metal music played in the background.

We also get involved with local fundraisers; this year, we collected funds for Soldier 6, an organization supporting our service dogs: Brooklyn for the Fire Department and Rex for the Police Department. We have also worked closely with CEAP on food fundraisers, Meal on Wheels, and this year we started Ace's Warmth Campaign to collect shoes, blankets, coats, and gloves for people in need. They are truly special to all staff and community members here in Brooklyn Center.

Last year we did a fundraiser for our Fire Department where we could outfit every firefighter with a bulletproof vest so we could keep those who keep us safe every day!

We have had the honor of being named one of the top 100 liquor stores in the nation by Beverage Dynamics, a national liquor publication.

In the future, we hope to have the very first project of our Art Initiative here in the city proudly displayed in one of our stores. More news to come!

We want to continue making money for the city and controlling the responsible sale of alcohol. We also want to continue to update our stores to give our customers the best experience possible.

I look forward to serving this community for many more years.

Tom Agnes – Liquor operations manager for 17 years



Beautify Brooklyn Center

Building Our Homes Together

The Arts are one of the most powerful means of communication and coping we have at our disposal today. We would like your input to generate the design for Public Art at the Brooklyn Center Liquor Store #1 (1350A Shingle Creek Crossing). Local Mural Artist Guillermo Valadez will begin creating



Public Art at this location as early as June 2023.

To take this please survey, scan the QR Code, or go to

surveymonkey.com/r/HQ9ZFWG

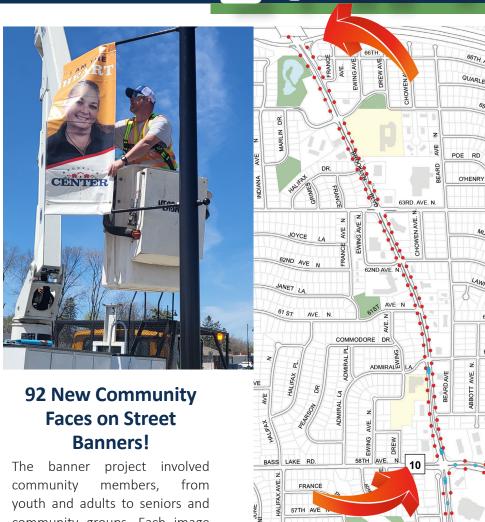
Survey closes on Sunday, June 18.

Thank you for your continued support and valued feedback.

Shingle Creek Clean Up

Thank you to the volunteers who participated in the Shingle Creek Clean Up in Brooklyn Center on Saturday, April 22, 2023, those who volunteered throughout the entire cleanup week!

This year people from around the community braved a rainy and cold Saturday to participate in the The City of Brooklyn Center proudly salutes you! Thanks making this community better place to live, work, and play.



community groups. Each image

on the banner also has text to read one of four phrases, "I am the HOPE, I am the HEART, I am the WISDOM, We are the COMMUNITY. "What this means is when we bring a sense of hope, when we bring our hearts, and when we bring our wisdom together, those things collectively allow us to be the type of community that we want to be and that Brooklyn Center is," said Dr. Reginald Edwards, City Manager.

This marks the second round of banners unveiled and follows the 2019 launch, a massive effort to exchange 230 banners due for replacement. Since then, community participation and support has grown. Last year photoshoots were held in partnership with various organizations and at the following community locations: 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 Dinner, The Sanctuary, and Noble Academy.

You may have noticed city staff along the roadside on Brooklyn Boulevard in May. The new banner locations start at the corner of Bass Lake Rd/Co. Rd. 10 and continue down both sides of Brooklyn Blvd until it intersects with I-94/694. Get out and look at the new smiling faces of your friends and neighbors, but please drive safely.





Get Ready! 2023 Highlight

BrookLynk's "**Get Ready!**" training, is a youth work readiness training designed to help youth and young adults age 14-24 that live and/or attend school in the Northwest Suburbs prepare for the workforce while also getting them excited about BrookLynk's paid summer work opportunities.

This year Get Ready offered four different methods for participation: in-person, online self-paced, community popup sessions, and a virtual facilitated session.

On March 18th more than eighty youths participated in a daylong in-person Get Ready! training event at Hennepin Technical College (HTC). The training was designed and delivered to meet young people at various levels of work experience: beginning job seekers, emerging young professionals, and experienced young professionals. The workshop covered topics including resume building, professional communication, applications, interviewing, and equity in the workplace and was facilitated

by community members, adult professionals, and BrookLynk alumni.

BrookLynk was launched in 2015 with a mission to coordinate partnerships that prepare employers to engage the next generation of workers and connect young people in the Brooklyns facing barriers to employment with the skills, experiences, and professional social networks needed to develop their pathway to college and career. BrookLynk is a joint partnership between the cities of Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center.

This year more than 300 youths completed Get Ready! and since its launch in 2015, BrookLynk's Get Ready! training has prepared more than 1,600 youth to enter the workforce.

To learn more about BrookLynk and the two cities' other workforce development programs, visit www.brooklynk. works.



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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Community Partnership Events

World Refugee Day

Sunday, June 11



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.

Public Art

The City of Brooklyn Center is expanding its Public Art initiatives around the community. Watch for our Artist-In-Residence at Marious events this summer as we continue to work towards our beautification goals in the coming months.

Beautification is the process of identifying and enhancing existing aesthetic conditions in the built environment, an area, or a city and creating visual improvements. Beautification can be framed as a public health issue that addresses mental and physical health, social well-being, economic health, environmental health, and community cultural health.

Public Art is vital to building a dynamic and equitable City for everyone; it encourages dialogues across differences, inspires viewers and participants to engage more fully in their communities, and fosters civic pride and stewardship.

> Public Art is more than Art in public places. It's increasingly about creating meaningful experiences for audiences of all typescreative activities that bridge differences

and build social cohesion.

CodeRED



CodeRed Emergency Notification System

Text 99411 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!

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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 Centennial Park (6301 Shingle Creek Parkway) for a day focused on improving health and wellness in our community.

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.

To apply to become a vendor go to www.brooklyncentermn.gov



Please complete sponsorship/event participation form

,	TITLE (\$5,000+)	COMMUNITY (\$200 Check or \$400 In-Kind)
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- 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	Ø
LIFESTYLE		IF DESIRED	LOGO		NAME	NAME	LOGO/NAME	⊘
COMMUNITY		IF DESIRED	LOGO			NAME	NAME	⊘
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CONTRIBUTOR (in-kind) Call for more information

*Additional mention on social media



Farm Fresh Fest is almost here!

How CEAP helps:

Summer is here, which means it's almost time for CEAP's beloved Farm Fresh Fest! Farm Fresh Fest is a celebration of the community and an opportunity for neighbors to receive fresh, in-season produce in a safe, inclusive, and welcoming atmosphere. This seasonal series includes produce stands, food samples, health and wellness education, games, and connections to community resources and businesses. Farm Fresh Fest will take place at CEAP every Wednesday from July 12 through August 30 from 3 pm-5 pm. Save the dates and stay tuned for more information about each event's theme!

How you can help:

- Sign up to volunteer and help CEAP create equity in how our neighbors of all ages get food! Produce packing shifts will take place from 1 pm-3 pm, and distribution shifts will be 2:30 pm-5:30 pm. Farm Fresh volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Groups are welcome and encouraged! Visit www.ceap.org/volunteer to sign up.
- Fund the Fest by contributing at www. ceap.org/donate! A \$25 donation provides fresh produce for 5 of our neighbors and \$50 purchases 1 pallet of produce.

Stay up to date about Farm Fresh Fest and all things CEAP by following CEAP on Facebook at @ceap.mn!



Trusted Loan Options for Brooklyn Center Homeowners

Brooklyn Center is helping homeowners invest in their homes by partnering with the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) to offer loans for home improvements. These loan programs are designed to fit the needs of Brooklyn Center homes, with flexible terms, and low rates. See all Brooklyn Center's options at mncee.org/brooklyncenter.

With these loan programs, you can make your home improvement dreams a reality. Whether you are looking to spruce up your kitchen to prepare for entertaining this summer, install new windows to brighten up the inside of your house or harness the power of the summer sun by installing solar panels, CEE and Brooklyn Center have you covered. Visit mncee.org/brooklyncenter for a full list of eligible improvements.

We are excited to help you tackle home improvements this summer! Apply for a loan at mncee.org/brooklyncenter or reach out to CEE's loan officers with any questions at 612-335-5884. Loan approval is subject to program guidelines. Review all loan terms before applying.

More Resources: About CEE's Loan Programs Sate-wide Home Improvement Loan Programs Brooklyn Center Loan mncee.org/brooklyncenter





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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BROOKLYN GENTRE 2022 Water report

As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the City of Brooklyn Center monitors its drinking water and is issuing the results for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2022. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

Brooklyn Center is proud to report that no contaminants were detected at levels that violated state and federal drinking water standards.

On our website, www.brooklyncentermn.org Public Works > Public Utilities > Water Utilities page review the City's annual water report, which includes information on the monitoring of Brooklyn Center drinking water in 2022.

Please review the report, and if you have any questions, contact Public Works at 763-585-7100 or email publicworks@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us.







Apply Online:

www.governmentjobs/careers/ brooklyncenter Full-time, Part-time and seasonal opportunities available.

For more information contact (763) 569-3304



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2023 Neighborhood Meetings Save the Date

Neighborhood Meetings (In-Person)

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



Brooklyn Center Hosts Night to Unite

Night to Unite takes place every year on the first Tuesday in August. Events are held in neighborhoods across the city. Every year, hundreds of residents take part in the festivities to enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Celebrate with us on **Tuesday, August 1, 2023**.

Holding a Night to Unite gathering gives you and your neighbors:

A reason to have a social gathering with your neighbors
A chance to get to know each other and your local
police officers

Time to build important relationships that keep your neighborhood safe

Each neighborhood plans its own event. Examples include:

Block parties Festivals Parades

Cookouts Youth activities Public information events

Make a plan for your neighborhood. Submit your application once the registration period opens in mid-June. Watch for a register link on our website and social media.

Enjoy your get-together and we will make the rounds to each registered party!

The Brooklyn Center Police Department encourages you to have a neighborhood block party on Night to Unite!



Community Safety

When you hear Outdoor Warning Sirens, it means that you should:

1. GET INSIDE

2. GET INFORMATION

GET INSIDE means to find a sturdy shelter immediately. Go to the lowest level. Find a small room far away from outside windows. Get into a bathtub or other protective place like under a sturdy workbench. Protect your head with a helmet if you can.

GET INFORMATION means having a battery-powered radio with you in your shelter. Special NOAA Weather Radios provide very accurate information. Commercial broadcast stations such as WCCO AM (830) and KNOW FM (91.1) and

local TV stations also provide vital information.

Basic Siren

A message from your City Emergency Manager: I wanted to share some basic knowledge and history of the outdoor emergency warning sirens as we enter severe storm season. As a city we visually observe our sirens for operability at least once a month and signal checks are performed daily. Hennepin County is in charge of sounding the sirens during imminent severe weather in our area. If you have any questions please contact the Fire Department at 763-549-3600 or fire@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us.

Siren Basics

Outdoor Warning Sirens exist to warn you to take immediate life-saving action. Sirens are often your LAST official warning, coming only minutes before a violent storm hits.

It would be best to understand that Outdoor Warning Sirens warn people outside that there is immediate danger. It would help if you used other ways to get a warning when you are inside structures. An excellent indoor alert system is NOAA Weather Radio.

Tests

At 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month many counties test the sirens with full sound. This is a good time to have a simple emergency drill at your work, school, or residence. When you hear a siren test, at least take a moment to think about what you would do in an actual emergency at that moment.

Siren Tones

There are two different tones used by Outdoor Warning Sirens:

- Attack: the signal for the enemy is rising and falling tones are heard for 3 minutes.
- Civil Emergency: The signal for civil emergency (such as extreme weather, or tornado) is a steady wail heard for at least 3 minutes.

Remember: Many sirens rotate when they sound. Do not confuse increasing and decreasing volume with rising and falling tones.

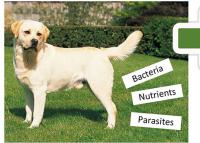
History

Many outdoor warning sirens were originally installed in the 1950s for warning of enemy attacks during the Cold War. The first civilian use of the sirens in the Twin Cities was during the 1965 Tornado Outbreak.

Help Keep Our Waters Clean

What comes out of here:

We do not want in here:





Please pick up after your dog.

Scoop it. Bag it. Trash it.

City code requires that animal owners clean up after their dogs.





Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips, and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

Safety Tips:

- Only use propane and charcoal BBQ grills outdoors.
- Grills should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

Charcoal Grills:

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use the starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- After grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills:

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the Fire Department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately leave the grill and contact the Fire Department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.

FACTS:

- July is the peak month for grill fires
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

www.nfpa.org/education



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



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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.