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Be Like Charity!

SHE KNOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING GOALS

Charity Duran is a nine-year-old Brooklyn Park resident who knows goals are important for success. At her young age, she's got plenty of them and has actually achieved some already! She recently won the League of Minnesota Cities Mayor for a Day essay contest, is a top violinist in the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies and last summer achieved junior park ranger status by studying national parks all over the United States.

The fourth grader knows these short-term goals are just stepping stones to her lifetime goals, which includes performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City and becoming a national park ranger.

In her award-winning essay for the League of Minnesota Cities, Charity wrote about the importance of participation in your local government. That's why Charity agreed to help the City promote its efforts to come up with a community plan. The process is called Brooklyn Park 2025.

The plan will outline the goals of the community and be guide for city staff, city leaders and the community as a whole. We want everyone who works and lives in Brooklyn Park to give us direction as to what the future of Brooklyn Park will be like in the year 2025.

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Spotlight on COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Giving Artists a Unique Voice

HOMEWARD BOUND SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY'S DISABLED ARTISTS

In the lobby of the Brooklyn Park City Hall, you might notice a series of paintings that line the doors to the City Council Chambers. These paintings are the work of disabled artists from Brooklyn Park who are supported by Homeward Bound, an organization that provides services and care to individuals with disabilities.

The art is the result of Homeward Bound's "Expression through Art Therapy" program. The program was made possible through a Community Engagement grant awarded by the Target Foundation. With the help of funding from the grant, Homeward Bound was able to hire an art instructor to come and teach a six-week program to the individuals the organization serves. The program was held at the organization's Brooklyn Park location, but residents from all 19 homes in the northwest metro area were invited.

Kristine Morin, Development Associate for Homeward Bound, talks of the individuals' positive reaction to the program, "It was really rewarding to see our artists enjoy what they were doing." She was unsure of how the individuals would engage with the art program and found it was a great way for them to connect with other people in a nonverbal way.

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April 16 is the City's **CLEAN UP THE PARK DAY!**

Would you like to help clean up our parks before the busy summer season? We're looking for groups, families and individuals to clean an area city park. Saturday, April 16, is the City's official Clean Up the Park Day.

Call 763-493-8333 now and help keep our parks looking great!

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Be Like **CHARITY**

Do you want more parks? Streets repaired more often? We need to know what you most value about this community and what goals the city should aspire to achieve.

It's also important we get everyone's input on how everyone can work together to achieve the city's vision of being a thriving community, inspiring pride where opportunities exist for all.

Studies have shown a clear plan and direction can lead to financial and political stability, which benefits everyone in the long run. Albert Einstein used to say, "logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere."

We want you to dream big!

Charity is a big dreamer and knows from personal experience that success doesn't happen overnight. You need a plan to achieve goals and in order for our community to be successful, we need input from you.

Over the next few months, we would like every Brooklyn Park resident to **attend one of a series of community cafes**, where you can tell city staff directly what you think the goals of the City should be. You're encouraged to attend the Community Cafe event for your part of the City so you can participate with your neighbors. If you can't make your own you are welcome to attend another.

For those that can't make it in-person, there will also be online opportunities via the city website to give your views. It's important that we hear what you

have to say so we can make sure we are a community for kids like Charity and everyone else!



We Need Your Input! **BROOKLYN PARK 2025**

Come to a Community Cafe!

Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Park Brook Elementary School
7400 Hampshire Ave. N.

Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Birch Grove Elementary School
4690 Brookdale Dr. N.

Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.
Monroe Elementary
901 Brookdale Dr. N.

For more information and to register go to:
www.brooklynpark.org/bp2025.

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Now You Can Opt In for Kids! **GIVE A LITTLE EXTRA FOR KIDS THROUGH YOUR UTILITY BILL**

The next time you receive your utility bill, you'll receive information about the city's new **Opt In for Kids program**, which raises support from Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park residents to give kids in their community access to more afterschool and activities. **Residents will be able to contribute \$1, \$2, \$5 or \$10 each quarter on their utility bills, which will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000 by United Way** in year one.

Opt In for Kids is coordinated by **Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth**, an inter-governmental organization that brings community resources together so young people will have more opportunities to succeed. A local youth grant-making team will be led by the Brooklyn Youth Council, which is part of Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth. This team of young people will direct funds to organizations in Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park that serve young people, ages 10 to 19.

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Homeward BOUND

Looking for a way to display the talents of these individual artists and give back to the community, Homeward Bound reached out to the City of Brooklyn Park to see if there was a place to display the art. Eventually, the works of art found their home in the lobby of the City Hall where they are on display for everyone to see.

Another important event for Homeward Bound is the ART-Abilities gallery at the Ridgedale library in Minnetonka. ART-Abilities is a significant program for Homeward Bound not just because of the recognition it brings to the organization, but because it provides an outlet where those they serve can express themselves. It is not just the work of individuals from Brooklyn Park that hangs in the gallery, but the work of disabled artists from the entire Hennepin County area. Individuals of all ages and abilities are encouraged to create pieces for the gallery. In total, forty-five pieces are submitted from nine organizations that serve persons with disabilities.

2014 was a milestone for the event as it was the 10-year anniversary of ART-Abilities. The event was even recognized by Governor Mark Dayton with a proclamation. Each year, the event gets support from Homeward Bound's community partners. It would not be possible without the support of the Hennepin County Library, The Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota, Dependable Inc., the Friends of Ridgedale Library and many other community resource partners. It is clear from the network of organizations and

community members that support these events and programs that they are supporting something truly special. The art that can be seen in the City Hall lobby and every year at the ART-Abilities gallery, is just one glimpse at how organizations like Homeward Bound enrich the lives of those with disabilities. By continuing to sponsor events and provide services like Art-Abilities and art therapy, Homeward Bound will enhance the lives of those they serve and touch the lives of those who have the pleasure of witnessing these services.

Monthly Community ENGAGEMENT GATHERINGS



Join us on the fourth Thursday of each month, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall (5200 85th Ave. N.) for these monthly gatherings! Connect with other residents and staff over dinner, learn about a new community topic, and give your input! All are welcome to attend. Contact Josie Shardlow, Community Engagement Coordinator, at josie.shardlow@brooklynpark.org or 763-493-8388 to RSVP, learn more, or to receive a reminder closer to the meeting date.



Join us Sunday, April 24!

BROOKLYN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, April 24, from noon to 4 p.m.
Free and open to the public!

Come and check out our newly remodeled police facility! We've increased our size substantially and it includes a new vehicle garage, increased capacity for property and evidence, expansion of locker rooms and reorganization of office space.

Join us for tours of our new space, our jail and meet officers and staff of BPPD. **K9 officers will be in attendance along with their dogs and they'll perform a demonstration for all to see!** We also share information about recruitment for police positions, volunteer opportunities (police reserves and explorers), DARE, Police Activity League (PAL), Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC), SWAT, and much more! Family-friendly event, come and see us! Free paper shredding will be available too.



City of Brooklyn Park Receives Local Government INNOVATION AWARD!

Geothermal Ice Arena One of the World's Most Energy Efficient

In 2010, the City of Brooklyn Park completed a redesign of the two ice rinks located in the Community Activity Center. Five years later, the City is being recognized for this project as the recipient of the 2015 Local Government Innovation Award from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

The award is based on innovation, impact, sustainability and potential for growth. The geothermal ice arenas at the Community Activity Center have excelled in each of these areas. The improvements include the two rinks use of geothermal heat from the city's water system to efficiently cool the rinks and heat portions of the building that houses them. This new system has made the ice facility one of the most efficient in the nation. Annually, it reduces 1.7 million pounds of CO₂, which is equivalent to taking 141 cars off of the road.

Not only does this project promote sustainable energy use, but it is also extremely cost-efficient. The rinks were a part of a \$6.3 million citywide energy-efficiency project, which is expected to pay for itself in just over 12 years. More than \$160,000 will be saved each year in utility and operational costs, \$60,000 of which goes directly to the Community Activity Center.

This is one of many awards the City has received for its unique geothermal ice rinks. The ice arenas have been recognized locally, nationally, and internationally, and have hosted groups such as the Korean Ocean Research and Development Institute from South Korea.



Franchise Fees **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

After much public input, the City Council approved franchise fees at the November 23, 2015 meeting. **So what exactly is a franchise fee?** It is a fee that cities charge utility (gas and electric) companies that use the public rights-of-way, or land owned by the city for roads. Utility companies then pass these fees on to their residential and commercial customers.

Starting this month, residents will be charged \$7 per month on their electric bill and \$7 per month on their gas bill. The fees have an ending date of December 31, 2028, and will be reviewed annually by the City Council. Some call it a tax, but it a funding source that more than 100 cities in Minnesota use to fund street infrastructure repairs.

More specifically, franchise fees will help to repair 212 miles of streets (over 80 percent of city streets) over the next 14 years. Some of these projects will include fixing premature street deterioration with a mill and overlay (grinding off the top two inches of asphalt and pave two inches of new asphalt) and fully reconstructing streets in the Bass Creek neighborhood.

These projects can be very costly, so instead of having residents pay more than \$11,000 per household for street reconstruction assessments up front and right away, the franchise fees provide a way for the city to fund the projects over time.

The city does recognize that some residents may not be able to afford their utility bill. The good news is that utility companies offer several energy assistance programs. For Xcel Energy assistance, please call 1-800-895-4999 or visit their website



at xcelenergy.com, and for CenterPoint Energy please call 1-800-245-2377 or visit centerpointenergy.com.

For more information, please contact the City of Brooklyn Park's Operations and Maintenance Department at 763-493-8007 or visit www.brooklynpark.org/franchisefee.

Apply for a Neighborhood **PROJECT GRANT!**

Do you have a fun project idea for your neighborhood?

Brooklyn Park is offering small grants to support and encourage our community members to get to know their fellow neighbors, build connections, and work together to make their neighborhoods safe, healthy and thriving. Use this opportunity to take on a fun a project or event for your neighborhood.

Visit www.brooklynpark.org/neighborhood-grant for more information or contact Lidiya Girma at Lidiya.Girma@brooklynpark.org.

Join a City Commission

DISCOVER HOW CITY GOVERNMENT WORKS!



Applications will be accepted through April 15

As a resident committed to a vibrant and progressive community, we need your passion and participation on city boards and commissions. Due to terms ending, the City is seeking applicants for the Charter Commission and the Budget Advisory Commission.

Charter Commission

No experience is necessary—only your commitment to building a strong, vibrant Brooklyn Park. All qualified voters who are residents of Brooklyn Park are eligible to participate. Brooklyn Park is governed by City Charter, which is the “constitution” of the city. This commission reviews the City Charter, proposes changes and makes recommendations to the City Council as needed. Appointments are made by the Chief Judge of Hennepin County District Court. This commission meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Budget Advisory Commission

Again, no experience is necessary—only your commitment to building a strong, vibrant Brooklyn Park. All residents of Brooklyn Park are eligible to participate. The Budget Advisory Commission is an on-going, citizen-led commission called to design and propose budgetary suggestions to the City Council, reflecting the input and priorities of the residents of Brooklyn Park. The Budget Advisory Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. except the months of June and July.

Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission and West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission—Alternate Commissioner

The City of Brooklyn Park is also seeking applicants for the position of Alternate Commissioner to the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission and the West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission. These positions are for three-year terms. Meetings are generally held the second Thursday of each month beginning at noon.

To apply for any of these positions, go to the city website at www.brooklynpark.org/commissions or call Marlene Kryder at 763-493-8001 for more information.





Summer sunshine is on the way...it's a great time to **GETUP&GO!**

The Spring/Summer GetUp&Go brochure is coming soon! The Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Department offers a wide variety of recreational activities for all ages. Youth scholarships are available for enrolling in children's programs. Call 763-493-8333 to inquire about classes or pick up a brochure at the Community Activity Center, Zanewood Recreation Center or City Hall. You can access the brochure online at www.brooklynpark.org/recreation to find out more about activities and to register. Spring/Summer GetUp&Go will be in homes mid-March.

Upcoming Events for **FAMILIES, TEENS & SENIORS!**

APR 13

2016 Senior Spring Forum FREE!
 Wednesday, April 13,
 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon
 Community Activity Center,
 5600 85th Ave. N.
 Pre-registration recommended—email
info@nwhhsc.org or call 763-503-2520.
 The Senior Forum will include local
 information on travel, music, dancing,
 community theatre, wellness
 assessments, vendors, fitness
 opportunities, door prizes and
 refreshments. Come and meet more
 than 70 vendors who provide services
 to help keep seniors active and
 engaged in their communities.

MAY 4

A Taste of Nordic Pole Walking FREE!
 Monday, May 4, from 10 to 11 a.m.
 Community Activity Center,
 5600 85th Ave. N.
 Sometimes, all you need is a new taste!
 Treat yourself to a taste of Nordic
 Walking and turn your vanilla walk into
 hot fudge sundaes! Discover for yourself,
 the fun and spirit—all while walking tall
 with poles. There will be a quick intro
 on the basic techniques and then you
 will walk the track. Please wear
 comfortable shoes; poles are available
 for use. There is no cost for this program,
 but pre-registration is requested.
 Register in the Senior Lounge, call
 763-493-8254 and leave your name
 and phone number or send an email to:
pat.busch@brooklynpark.org.

Family Open Gym FREE!
 Saturdays, now through May 21,
 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
 Zanewood Recreation Center,
 7100 Zane Ave. N.
 Get in a workout with your whole
 family. Enjoy quality time with a wide
 variety of activities. All youth must be
 accompanied by an adult (18+).



Teen Open Gym
 Mondays and Wednesdays,
 March 2 through June 9, 6-8:30 p.m.
 Zanewood Recreation Center,
 7100 Zane Ave. N.
 \$1 for entry or \$5 for a punch card
 good for 8 visits.

28th Annual Ice Show
 Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m. and
 Saturday, April 9, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
 Community Activity Center,
 5600 85th Ave. N.
 \$9/adults (ages 18-59), \$6 (ages 5-17
 and 60+). Tickets sold at door.

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 Want to save over \$500 in golf this
 season? Buy an Edinburgh USA Players
 Card for only \$49 and receive FREE
 rounds of golf and other great discounts.

Help Spud! Eat Pasta
 Friday, April 8,
 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Sweet Taste of Italy,
 (Brooklyn Park Location)
 9576 Noble Pkwy.
 Visit Sweet Taste of Italy for dine-in
 or take-out any time during the day and
 a portion of your order will go toward
 funding Brooklyn Park's
 biggest event of the
 year, Tater Daze!



MAR 2
JUN 9

**Donate Today and Keep
 Recreation Scholarships
 AVAILABLE FOR
 CITY YOUTH!**

**We are accepting donations for
 our youth scholarship program.**
 To donate, please stop by the
 Community Activity Center to
 receive your tax deductible receipt!

APR 8-9

Tater Daze Waffle Breakfast
 Saturday, May 21,
 from 7:30 to 11 a.m.
 Community Activity Center
 5600 85th Ave. N.

MAY 21

Join us for an all-you-can-eat waffle
 breakfast with eight different kinds of
 syrup, real whipped cream, sausage,
 coffee and orange juice. Tickets: \$8 for
 adults, \$4 for kids (5 & Under). Save
 \$1 if you buy your tickets early. Tickets
 will be available at the Community
 Activity Center.

Trinity Gardens Walk the Park 2016
 Saturday, June 4, from 9 to 11 a.m.
 Trinity Gardens Neighborhood—FREE!
 Come enjoy a one or two mile walk on a
 sidewalk or paved trail with
 your neighbors. Join in
 anywhere along the route
 anytime between 9 and
 11 a.m. Stop at one of the
 check-in tents before
 11 a.m. to sign up for a
 chance to win great prizes. If you
 drive, start your walk at the Community
 Activity Center at 5600 85th Ave. N.

JUN 4



**Sell Your Stuff at Brooklyn Park's
 CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE EVENT!**

In Minnesota, garage sales are one
 sure sign of spring and the warmer
 weather to come. Well...get those tags
 and labels ready because Brooklyn
 Park's Citywide Garage Sale event is
 right around the corner! To learn more
 or to register, visit the city's webpage
 at [www.brooklynpark.org/events/
 brooklyn-park-citywide-garage-sale/](http://www.brooklynpark.org/events/brooklyn-park-citywide-garage-sale/).

MAY 12-14



Get Energy-efficient Appliances & **GET SOME MONEY BACK!**



The City of Brooklyn Park is making it easier for residents to save money on their water bills. Simply replace an older, less efficient toilet, clothes washer or irrigation system controller with a new, more efficient model and you can earn a rebate of up to \$125.

Irrigation systems, toilets and clothes washers are the biggest water users at most homes. But they don't necessarily use water wisely. Newer, more efficient models do just as good a job, but use up to 40 percent less water to do it.

Replacements can pay for themselves in water and energy savings in as little as one year. Now that payback period is even shorter thanks to a rebate program from the City of Brooklyn Park. Residents who purchase and install a new **WaterSense** certified toilet can apply for a \$50 rebate. They can also get a \$50 rebate for

purchasing and installing an **Energy Star** certified clothes washer. Installing a WaterSense certified irrigation system controller earns a \$25 rebate. Townhome associations are eligible for up to three irrigation system controller rebates but new construction is not eligible.

For more information visit the City of Brooklyn Park's webpage: www.brooklynpark.org/rebate.

This program is funded by a grant from the **Metropolitan Council Environmental Services** using **Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment** funds appropriated by the Minnesota Legislature. There is a limited amount of rebate money available so get started on your project right away.



Other Recycling **NEWS & EVENTS**

Reduced-price Compost Bins and Rain Barrels!

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).** You can pre-order a bin, barrel or kitchen collector pail on the RAM website:

<http://recycleminnesota.org/work/compost-bins-rain-barrels/>.

Food scraps such as fruit and vegetable wastes, breads, pastas, grains, coffee grounds, egg shells, and tea bags as well as weeds, non-woody shrub trimmings, faded flowers, and vines are among the things you can put into your compost instead of your garbage. 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. 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.

Special Materials Drop-Off Day Saturday, April 30, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Operations and Maintenance Facility, 8300 Noble Avenue
For things that can't go into your recycling bin we hold two Special Materials Drop-Off Days each year. Some items such as household and vehicle batteries, bicycles (for reuse), scrap metal (remove nonmetal parts), antifreeze, small electronics (DVD players, stereos, etc.), motor oil, and oil filters are accepted at no charge. For a small fee, we'll accept large electronics such as TVs and computers (\$5), appliances (\$10), residential air conditioners (\$15), tires (\$2 to \$10 based on size), mattresses or box springs (\$15 each) and carpeting and padding (\$10/load). All items will be reused or recycled. If you can't attend or be part of any of this event, many usable household items can be disposed/exchanged for free through an online bulletin board at www.twincitiesfreemarket.org.



Tales from Tim's **RECYCLIN' BIN!**



Hey Brooklyn Park residents!

We're coming up on tax season, which has many of us thinking about records, forms and other papers. This year after I finish with my 2016 records I'll get rid of my tax related receipts for 2008—that's the recommended seven-year waiting period. I'll shred the items, but I won't put them in my curbside bin. I know it seems strange that the recycling manager won't put a highly recyclable item in his bin. However, not everything that's recyclable should be recycled curbside.

So why am I doing this? A bunch of my recycling peers and I have been working with staff at sorting facilities on ways to improve the recycling process. One of the things my peers and I learned is that shredded paper is difficult to recycle curbside. We used to say put your shredded paper in a sealed paper bag. Unfortunately those bags often break open. Shredded paper alone is too small and anything less than two inches in length and width falls through the machinery and ends up in the trash. If your shredded paper is in a plastic bag it is usually thrown in the trash at the sorting facility. Workers don't have the time to open bags to find out if what's inside is repugnant trash or recyclable treasure.

So what should you do? The best option is bring your items for shredding to a public facility or event. For instance, the **Police Department Open House** on April 24 or the **Special Materials Drop Off Day**, which is also coming up on April 30.

Until then, keep recycling!

Tim



Tim Pratt is the Recycling Coordinator for the City of Brooklyn Park



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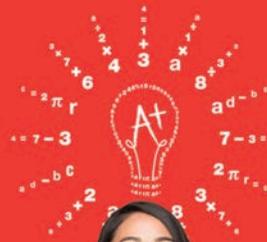


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Community Engagement **IN ACTION!**



Maintenance **NOTICE**

Citywide Fire Hydrant
FLUSHING BEGINS APRIL 25

April 25 Through May 4—Weather-permitting
 The Operations & Maintenance Department Utilities Division may begin flushing the fire hydrants as early as Monday, April 25 this year depending on the weather. Crews will be conducting this process throughout the City, as early as 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day (except weekends). The hydrant flushing process will continue until all areas of the City have been completed.

As in the past, residents are cautioned against doing laundry while the flushing process is underway in their neighborhood. If discolored water enters your plumbing system, please bypass your water softener and open the faucet in the laundry tub or in a sink in the lowest area of your home and let the water run until it clears. **We regret any inconvenience caused by this necessary maintenance operation and ask that parents make their children aware of the utility crews working during this time period.**

Please call Operations & Maintenance Department if you have further questions at 763-493-8007 or e-mail us at bpom@brooklynpark.org.



Adopt-a-Hydrant **COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED!**

In January the City held a fire hydrant costume contest to call attention to the need for residents and business owners to help the Fire Department make sure fire hydrants are always cleared after a snowfall. As a result of the campaign the number of residents adopting a hydrant to shovel doubled! But nine folks went above and beyond and participated in the dress-up-your-hydrant contest. **City employees voted for their favorites and a winner was chosen** (snapshot below)! **Michelle Grant** and 20 of her friends and family will receive lunch and a special tour of the Central Fire Station. But the other nine candidates were also awesome, so they will receive a Brooklyn Park swag bag, filled with goodies that celebrate our fun community. Congratulations to all!



2016 Adopt-a-Hydrant Costume Contest winner Michelle Grant and cohorts (above) **and additional participants** (l to r below): Zanewood Community School Afterschool Art Club, Broadway Rental Equipment, Nathan Nelson, Jana Worrall, CarlMax, Todd Erickson, Rebecca Wong and family, and Brooklyn Middle School

