Don't get towed when it snows

Beginning November 1

Winter weather brings snow showers. Which means parking restrictions. On-street parking is not allowed after two or more inches of snow has fallen or when a **snow emergency** is declared.

A **snow emergency** is declared when snow, sleet, ice, or snow drifts have created dangerous road and travel conditions.

When a **snow emergency** is in effect, vehicles may not park on city streets until the full width of the street has been plowed.

Vehicles need to be off city streets so crews can clear streets quickly allowing fire trucks, ambulances, school buses, and police vehicles to get to where they need to go safely.

Vehicles left on city streets after a **snow emergency** is called can get a ticket and be towed to an impound lot. The owner of the vehicle is responsible for all fees associated with a **snow emergency** citation, towing and storing operations.

Once a street is plowed from curb to curb, a car can park on the street.

Stay informed of snow emergencies

Email or text: www.brooklynpark.org/subscribe and subscribe to **snow emergency** notifications to get an email or text message when a snow emergency is called.

Online at the city's website: www.brooklynpark.org Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/brooklynparkmn</u>

Local TV and radio – local radio and TV stations will be notified when a **snow emergency** is declared in Brooklyn Park, but the stations do not guarantee the announcement will be broadcast.

Where to park

If you do not have access to off-street parking during a **snow emergency**, you may park your vehicle at an approved **snow emergency** parking lot for up to 24 hours after a **snow emergency** is called. Vehicles left at an approved **snow emergency** parking lot for more than 24 hours will be considered abandoned vehicles and may be ticketed and towed. Find a map of locations at www.brooklynpark.org/snow

Snow or no snow, overnight parking is not

Regardless of weather conditions, from November 1 to March 31 vehicles parked on city streets between 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. can be ticketed and

- Year-round, vehicles cannot park:
- On a sidewalk
- On the street for more than 24 hours
- Within 20 feet of a mailbox, Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant
- In front of a driveway
- Across the street from a driveway

Remember to keep your garbage and recycling carts out of the street as well.



Smart Salting

Winter is right around the corner and we all know that salt can be a good tool to melt ice on our driveways and sidewalks. But while salt can help prevent accidents on the road and around buildings, it comes at an environmental cost. When the snow melts, the de-icing salt, which contains chloride, runs into nearby lakes and can harm fish, ducks, and other aquatic wildlife.

How can you make a difference? Here are a few ideas to reduce your salt use this winter:

Shovel - Try to keep your driveway and walkways free from snow when it first falls

Check the temperature – is it too cold for salt? Most salts stop working around 15 degrees (F). When the temperatures drop, use sand for traction, but remember that sand doesn't melt

Use salt sparingly - Use no more than one pound of salt for 250 square feet. One heaping coffee mug is about one pound of salt and 250 square feet is roughly the size of two parking spaces.

Clean-up any extra/spilled salt - If you can see sand or salt on dry pavement, it's means that it is no longer working and could be washed away. Try to reuse salt or sand somewhere else or sweep it up and throw it away.

Tell a neighbor! They may be over-salting too.

Be sure the salt is properly stored on an impervious surface that is covered.

Source: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Photo credit: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Fast Start to Spring

What if you invested

Starting or finishing your college degree may seem out of reach, but it

doesn't have to be! What if you could attend part-time on the weekend through online, in-person, and hybrid courses? What if you could turn life,

work, industry or military experience into college credit? Through North Hennepin's Weekend College, you can! We offer a clear path for busy people like you to complete an associate degree on the weekends in

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring registration begins October 28

Spring semester starts January 9

• Spring application deadline is January 2

Business, Computer Science or Human Services. More info at

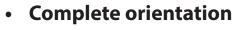
in your future?

nhcc.edu/weekendcollege

Attend a Fast Start event on a Thursday in November or December to complete your enrollment steps for spring semester in 1 day. Admissions, Testing, Advising, and Financial Aid staff will be here to assist you!







- Meet with an academic advisor
- Register for courses
- Submit financial aid

Learn more and register at **nhcc.edu/faststart**

It Starts with a Dream

What if...

you invested in

your future?

NORTH HENNEPIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Proud recipient of the 'HEED' National Diversity Award for our commitment to racial equity.

"I work as a Special Education Paraprofessional at an elementary school and I love it! As soon as I started working with the children, I knew that I had found what I was meant to do with my life." Jan, a mother of four boys, felt she could do more. "My dream is to become a special education teacher and this scholarship is helping me achieve my dream of making a positive difference in children's lives." Harriet Tubman said, "Every great dream begins with a dreamer." Thanks to the generosity of the community, those with dreams can achieve them at NHCC.



NORTH HENNEPIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION





What do you like most about the work? He was now Brooklyn Park's sixth Chief of Police and responsible for the As far back as I can remember into my childhood, I had a strong interest in safety of over 86,000 Brooklyn Park residents. "Chief Bruley has truly put in the work to engage with our community,"

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City of Brooklyn Park Newsletter

NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

August 22, 2022, Mark Bruley began his morning like most people: a

brief exercise, breakfast, and seeing off his family. But today was different:

said City Manager Jay Stroebel. "His human approach to law enforcement

City Council enthusiastically selected Chief Bruley to succeed Chief Craig

Challenges abound in Brooklyn Park, with spikes in crime and a growing

generously connected with us to answer a few questions about himself

the new gig, and his perspective on some of the issues facing policing

I was born and raised in the small town of Wyoming, Minnesota. I have

been married for 21 years to my wife and we have three boys. When I'm

population with more complex needs than ever before. Chief Bruley

has made all the difference for our city." Stroebel and the Brooklyn Park

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Enevoldsen, who retired in June.

in Brooklyn Park and beyond.

Q. Chief Bruley, Tell us about yourself!

not at work, I enjoy coaching baseball and fishing.

justice and "catching bad guys". I have always felt that people need to be held accountable for their actions. I feel equally compelled to defend people who lack power or who can't stand up for themselves. Doing this for victims of crimes is deeply important to me. My passion for stopping wrongdoers and protecting people from harm made me want to become an officer; that passion still drives me today.

Officer Bruley (in 2019) at the annual Brooklyn Park "Cops and Kids Fishing" event

Q. What inspired you to get into law enforcement 27 years ago?

Q. We've heard it's becoming more difficult to recruit police officers. What traits do you look for in recruiting officers to serve in Brooklyn Park?

I look for core character traits that will drive the individual to serve our community with honor, compassion, and commitment. All the technical skills of the job can be taught by the many great men and women instructors already here in this police department. What I can't teach new officers is how to have a desire to serve and cherish others. I need our new officers to have that when they show up to our door!

CENTRAL DISTRICT

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WEST DISTRICT

763-315-8496 voicemail

November / December 2022

Tales from Tim's Recycling Bin

Battling with Batteries

Winter's coming. It's dark when I get up in the morning. The other day I needed to check on the plants in my garden before heading to work so I pulled a flashlight out of my junk drawer. Pushed the on button, nothing happened, so I pushed it again, still nothing. Shook it a couple of times as if that would magically bring the flashlight back to work. Nope, dead batteries. Thank goodness it wasn't an emergency.

Now's the time lots of us will be discovering dead batteries. After you replace them how do you discard them? Batteries can be recycled. In fact, rechargeable batteries like the ones in our electronic devices and button batteries should be recycled because they contain hazardous materials. But you need to do it right, so something doesn't go wrong.

Unlike single-use batteries, rechargeable batteries

don't fully discharge. That means even though they won't power your cordless screwdriver anymore they still have a little juice left in them. That juice can create enough heat to start paper or even some plastics on fire. Throughout the country garbage and recycling facilities are catching on fire because of batteries. There was one in Blaine not too long ago.

Keep those dead batteries out of your trash and recycling carts. Instead bring them to the Hennepin County Drop-Off Facility, 8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park. We also accept them at the Special Materials Drop-Off Day. The next one will be April 29 at the Operations & Maintenance Facility, 8300 Noble

Until next time lets win the battle against battery fires my friends.

Tim Pratt, Recycling Manager Operations and Maintenance

Last Call for Leaves!

By law leaves and other yard waste cannot go in your trash or recycling containers.

Drop off leaves, grass, brush, and garden waste for free at the Maple Grove Yardwaste Site, 10300 Maple Grove <mark>Parkway N., Maple Grove, MN</mark> 55369. The site closes for the year after November 30; it will reopen on April 1, 2023.

For directions and hours: www.mgyardwaste.com

Free Walk Ups for Recycling

Winter will soon be here. That means potentially slippery driveways that could be difficult to traverse for those with mobility concerns. That's why we provide free walk-up service for your recycling cart.

Residents just need to get their cart outside their garage or by their stoop. The driver will walk up, bring the cart to the curb to empty, and then return the cart. Garbage companies may offer this service for a fee. Check with your hauler. To request temporary or permanent walk-up

service for recycling, call 763-493-8006 or email

BPOM@brooklynpark.org.

NORTH HENNEPIN



Racial Healing Circle

November 18, 3-4:30 p.m.

Choral & Vocal Concert

December 2





Orchestra Concert

Jazz Band Concert

December 5

December 6



Engaging Students, Changing Lives Equal Opportunity Educator and Employer. To receive this information in an alternative format, call 763-493-0555 (Voice) or via the Minnesota Relay at 1-800-627-3529.

Introducing the Racial Healing Action Center

As a direct result of participating in this year's Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT) Institute, NHCC's Diversity Department launched the Racial Healing Action Center (RhAC), a community learning hub designed in partnership with CCX Media and the City of Brooklyn Park. The RhAC's mission is to increase anti-racism awareness and provide guidance on action-able goals that lead to racial healing. Dr. Eda Watts, NHCC Chief Diversity Officer, led the first training opportunity in Septem-ber with NHCC's Executive Leadership team. Community leaders, organizations and students interested in participating in future RhAC opportunities should contact diversity@nhcc.edu to learn more.

UPCOMING DEI AND ARTS EVENTS

Visit nhcc.edu/diversity and nhcc.edu/finearts for more information.

Fantasy and Imagination Art: **Christine Mitzuk** Now-November 3

IN SOLIDARITY

Indigenous Heritage Month Celebration

November 13, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.







Big Band Concert

Theory of Relativity

November 16-19

December 7

EAST DISTRICT



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BOYD MORSON 763-493-8040 voicemail boyd.morson@brooklynpark.org (Elected through 2024)



763-493-8372 voicemail a.west-hafner@brooklynpark.org (Elected through 2022)

763-315-8442 voicemail nfred.russell@brooklynpark.org (Elected through 2022)

Chief Bruley (continued from page one)

Q. Police misconduct in other Minnesota cities has made national news in past years. What's your approach to addressing some of the bigger concerns around policing?

We must first and foremost create a culture in law enforcement that understands we are in the customer service industry. Every interaction an officer has with someone must communicate that we prioritize people's safety and that we're acting with their best interest in mind. For too long, law enforcement has encouraged a culture that suggests we exist to regulate and punish society. While we are empowered to hold people accountable, how we do that work matters! Respecting others and giving people a voice and an explanation goes a long way toward building trust. The community must not leave an enforcement interaction with an officer and have the idea that the officer had a motive or that it was personal.

Other critical ways to ensure police misconduct does not happen is to have good systems and policies in place that ensure that bad conduct is exposed early and that we hold people accountable.

Q. You've made it your mission to serve Brooklyn Park's residents in innovative ways - the Cops and Kids fishing program comes to mind. What's your secret to engaging the community?

It's simple...I love people! When your heart drives you to serve others, it's easy to engage people. Finding creative ways to build relationships with our community is one of my proudest accomplishments.

Q. We know every police department is different; what makes working



Officer Bruley on duty at BPPD in 1995

for the Brooklyn Park Police Department special?

The Brooklyn Park Police Department is special because we have a long history of fostering a culture that values exceptional police service to our community. We have accomplished this by selecting staff that inherently value serving others, we build relationships with our community at every opportunity, and we hold each other accountable for our actions.

Chief Bruley is now the leader of 107 licensed, full-time police officers and 52 full and part-time non-sworn staff. All members of the police department incorporate "Service, Justice and Courage" in all they do. Congratulations, Chief Bruley!

Follow BPPD on social media! Facebook: @BPPDMN Instagram: @BrooklynParkPoliceDept

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Coming in 2023: No Mow May

Brooklyn Park City Council voted in September to approve joining a growing list of other Minnesota cities in supporting the "No Mow May" conservation initiative.

Protect our pollinators!

Scientists at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources say several Minnesota insect pollinator species have been listed as "threatened," endangered, or species of concern". Allowing your grass and weeds to grow (and refraining from pesticide use) provides habitat and food for bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Protecting pollinators plays an important role in our fight against climate change.

Next year, consider making your first mow in June. Stay tuned for more information early next year!

"How are we going to pay for that?" **Budget talks in action**

How much should the city spend on road salt? What kinds of recreational programs do we need? How long will our police cars and fire trucks last? City officials are considering these questions and more in budget talks.

Things to know

On September 26, 2022, Council adopted a maximum levy of 12.4% for 2023. From the time the maximum levy is adopted until the final budget is adopted, Council works to decrease the levy from the maximum

Hennepin County delivers a parcel-specific notice of proposed property taxes to each taxpayer, November 11–24. This statement is also called a Truth-in-Taxation notice.

The statement includes proposed levies for the county, school districts, and other taxing authorities; it also includes the proposed maximum levy amount for the city. The final levy amount may be different from the amount in the proposed tax statement. It may be less, but will never be more than the proposed amount.

November 14: Council reviews 2023 budgets

November 21: The Economic Development Authority adopts a final budget and final levy

November 28: Council hears reports from the Budget Advisory Commission

December 5: Council holds a Truth-in-Taxation public hearing December 12: Council adopts a final budget and final levy

You can stay engaged and informed in the budget process by visiting the city's finance website at:

www.brooklynpark.org/city-finances/budget-process

Get involved!

Attend or watch a public meeting. (Scan code at right) www.brooklynpark.org/city-council/#watch-meeting:

Members of the public who desire to give input or testimony during the meeting may do so in person or by texting City Clerk Devin Montero at 763-439-1883 or email him at devin.montero@brooklynpark.org (subject line: "Council Testimony").

You will be asked to provide your name, address, email and phone number. You will then be registered to speak during the Public Comment period or on the agenda item and will be provided the call-in number to address the Council.

Hometown Hero award presented to Fire Chief

Brooklyn Park Fire Chief T. John Cunningham was honored with the Minnesota Vikings Hometown Hero award on September 11, 2022. At the time of the 2001 attacks, Cunningham was a volunteer firefighter in Greenwich, Connecticut and felt the call to help.

"We were just there to help whatever that need was," Cunningham said. "Whether it was actually doing rescue work or recovery work, or to bring supplies for firefighters that were finding themselves there from halfway across the country."

Chief Cunningham, joined by his fellow BP Fire colleagues stood on the Vikings field, the roar of well-wishers and supporters all around. Cunningham leads Brooklyn Park's Fire Department with an eye toward safety for all.

"Our game day is every day," Cunningham emphasized. "When someone calls 911, they're expecting the peak performance, the utmost professionalism and someone that can solve every problem that they have. As a chief, I'm that coach; I'm that CEO of the organization. I'm that mentor, I'm that leader, I'm the manager – and it's my job to make sure we have the best equipment, the best facilities, the best training and, most importantly, the best people on our team."

"It's the people that make the organization. That's why I love my job," he added. "We're not there to judge; we're there to serve. There are no second chances; we can't lose the game we're in. We have to win."

Follow the Brooklyn Park Fire Department on social media to see them in action!

Facebook: @BPFire

Your truth-

n-taxation

statement

indicates the

maximum

amount of

property tax

you will pay

the following

year if

Council

approves

the budget.

Council is

currently

working

to reduce

the levy.

Instagram: @BrooklynParkFireDept

TikTok: @BrooklynParkFireDept

Note: Includes excerpt from Lindsey Young, Minnesota Vikings Staff Writer

Property tax reduction programs

https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-programs

The programs listed below help reduce property taxes for various types of property and owners across Minnesota. The application process is through the Hennepin County Assessor's Office.

Market Value Exclusion for | This program provides an annual market

VETERANS	value exclusion of up to \$300,000 to help lower property taxes for qualifying disabled veterans, their caregivers, and their surviving spouses.
BLIND/DISABLED Homestead Classification	This classification provides a reduced classification rate on the first \$50,000 of taxable market value for qualifying blind or disabled persons.

SENIOR CITIZEN Property Tax Deferral

This program helps senior citizens who are having difficulty paying their property taxes. To qualify, you must be 65 or older and your household income must be less than \$60,000. Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Site

Form CR-SCD, Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Application Department of Revenue, 651-556-4803

HOMESTEAD Classification

The homestead classification applies to properties that are physically occupied by the owner(s) as the principal place of residence. Classification as a homestead may qualify a property for a reduced classification rate, a reduced taxable market value, a property tax refund, and/or other special programs.

If you have questions, contact: Hennepin County Assessor's Office at 612-348-3046 or email: ao.programs@hennepin.us



In 2023: Stories told your way

Is it a swoosh? A fan? A squiggly, wiggly piece of abstract art?

We've all seen the Brooklyn Park logo, but did you know it's a fingerprint? The fresh green core with a crisp blue outer edge is a nod to the Mississippi River and the many ways in which we're unique, united and undiscovered.

In 2023, get to know Brooklyn Park's unique people, hear the stories that unite us, and enjoy undiscovered delights across the city:

The Wood Podcast

Featuring the voices of Zanewood Recreation Center participants, this podcast will draw you into the world of Brooklyn Park's youth. In the face of a rapidly changing city and ongoing pandemic challenges, we ask, "How are the children?" The youth sound off!

A Day in the Life

Stay tuned for a behind-the-scenes social media series where we explore all it takes to run a city. Look for content covering how we provide city services to our over 86,000 residents, attract diverse and thriving businesses, manage land use, and more.

BP 2025 deep dive

In 2017, we asked the community, "What do you want Brooklyn Park to be like in the year 2025?" Keep an eye out for regular progress updates on our six goals: United Community, Beautiful Places, Thriving Economy, Healthy and Safe People, Increased Equity, and Effective, Engaging Government.

Brooklyn Park to regulate the sale of certain edibles containing THC

State lawmakers recently made it legal to sell certain edibles and beverages infused with tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the cannabis ingredient extracted from hemp. State law does not limit where products may be sold, excluding liquor stores.

Brooklyn Park officials are reaching out to the business community, particularly tobacco, alcohol, and retail food establishment owners to gather feedback on how best to regulate. The City Council plans to consider creating a new THC ordinance later this year.

Brooklyn Park Recreation & Parks

Programs, Facilities, and Equity Survey

looking to hear from all residents of Brooklyn Park to gather information on program interests, ideas for events, facility use, and to learn more about the racial and ethnic makeup of our customers. Our goal is to ensure that programs, facilities, events, and services are equitable, inclusive, relevant, and accessible for everyone that wants to use them.

The Recreation & Parks Department is



Scan code to access the survey.

Thank you!

The **GetUp&Go** has gotten up and GONE!

The days of waiting for the Winter, Spring and Summer Recreation and Parks catalogues are over. We're transitioning to a fun insert in Park Pages, launching in January. Get information about events, programs, services, and facilities delivered to your doorstep every other month!

Bonus: We've upgraded WebTrac, our online registration platform. The site is now active! Easily search for programs and activities for all ages. Need language translation? With one click, you can read WebTrac in any language.

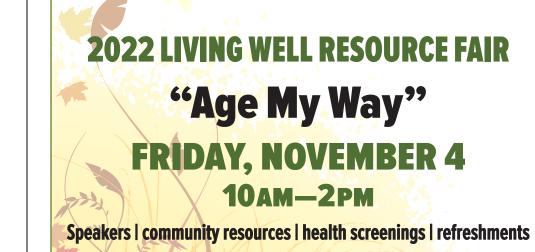
Removing barriers to Recreation and Parks Are you interested in taking a swim class, joining a family field trip, or flexing

your artsy side with a painting project? Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks can help! With hundreds of programs and dozens of events throughout the year, we have something for everyone. Even better, the Recreation and Parks Department no longer requires documentation for need-based subsidies. Don't let cost keep you or your family from participating in our programs and events. Scholarships can easily be requested in person, over the phone or online at the time of registration. Staff can help you with determining which discount amount you qualify for and answer any questions you have. Scholarships are available for Brooklyn Park residents of all ages. Recreation and Parks Director Brad Tullberg says, "We want to make it easier for Brooklyn Park residents to take part in what we have to offer. Our united, thriving community is bursting at the seams with unexpected opportunities. We've got something for everyone!"

Follow us on social media! Facebook: @BPRecreationandParks IG: @BPRecreationandParks

NEW TO ICE SKATING? Skating lessons are for you!

Skating lessons are offered year-round at the Brooklyn Park Ice Arena. Learn to Skate USA is a skating program whose mission is to provide a fun and positive experience that will instill a lifelong love of skating. The foundation of the program is based in a safe and solid skill progression that provides all skaters the necessary tools to reach their goal, be it recreational or competitive. The program is taught by Brooklyn Park USFS Professional Skating School instructors. Each class will consist of a 30-minute lesson and a 30-minute practice time. Skates are available at no charge for registered participants (youth size 8 through adults); rental for others is \$3 per time. Winter lessons, beginning January 7, are Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more information and to register, please visit www.brooklynpark.org/registration or call 763-493-8333.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER 5600 85th Avenue N | Brooklyn Park 763-493-8333

For any questions, please contact City Clerk Devin Montero, 763-493-8180 or <u>devin.montero@brooklynpark.org</u>

WYNFRED RUSSELL



HOLLIES WINSTON Candidate for Mayor

EAST DISTRICT

Candidates for the 2022 election to Brooklyn Park city offices



INDRED ALEXANDER East District Council Candidate



CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN East District Council Candidate



NICHOLE KLONOWSKI

Central District Council Candidate





TESHITE WAKO Central District Council Candidate



MARIA TRAN

West District Council Candidate

WEST DISTRICT

TONJA WEST-HAFNER West District Council Candidate



To find out more about the candidates visit: https://www.brooklynpark.org/elections/#candidates

- You can vote early, in person, through November 7, 2022 at Brooklyn Park City Hall, 5200 85th Ave N, Council Chambers, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 5, 2022, in-person voting will be available 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall
- Monday, November 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall • Tuesday, November 8, 2022, General Election Day; polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Know before you go! Due to redistricting following the 2020 Census, your polling place and precinct might have changed. To determine where to vote, go to the Secretary of State website: https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us

