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HALLOWEEN GRAND RE-OPENING SET FOR BURNSVILLE ICE CENTER

Ribbon Cutting and Festivities Planned to Signify Successful Redevelopment Project

It's time to cut the ribbon and celebrate the success of a six-month renovation project that will bring a new energy efficient refrigeration system to the Burnsville Ice Center. A Grand Re-Opening has been set for Sunday, October 31 from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Ice Center located at 251 Civic Center Parkway.

The Grand re-opening will also serve as the annual Halloween Party and Open Skate starting at Noon. The event will feature FREE open skating from Noon to 1:30 p.m. and rental skates are available for \$2. Mayor Elizabeth Kautz will lead a short dedication ceremony at 11:45 a.m. prior to the event.

The Burnsville Ice Center was closed for reconstruction for six months and underwent a major renovation that replaced the entire ice system, dasher boards, control systems and a large portion of the heating and air conditioning system (HVAC). The solution was to turn to the earth, constructing a geothermal-based system that was paid for in part with over \$365,000 in grants and rebates. The system is saving an estimated \$77,000 per year in energy costs along with lowering emissions in compliance with the City of Burnsville's Sustainability Guide Plan.

The Burnsville Ice Center is a versatile two-sheet facility that attracts over 350,000 visitors a year for various activities including high school hockey, figure skating, Learn to Skate Programs, youth hockey, adult hockey, and curling. They accepted the James Pagett Award as the top ice facility in the State in 2004 and 2007. The Ice Center is located at 251 Civic Center Parkway and on the internet at www.burnsvilleicecenter.org.

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