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Burnsville Bulletin

Comments and questions about this issue of the Burnsville Bulletin can be sent by mail to the Communications Department, by phone to 952-895-4402 or email to marty.doll@burnsvillemn.gov.

CITY HALL

Information on upcoming City Council and Commission meetings, as well as live and on-demand meeting videos can be found at www.burnsville.org/meetings.

Meetings are subject to change and cancelation. Unless noted, all meetings will be televised on Burnsville Civic Channel 16 and HD Channel 859, and streamed online at www.burnsville.tv/live.

City Meetings

City Council, Mayoral Seats Up for Election

Filing for Candidates Open May 17 – 31



Candidates interested in running for Burnsville City Council or Mayor can file an affidavit for candidacy beginning Tuesday, May 17 through Tuesday, May 31.

Affidavits are available through the City Clerk's Office at Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the filing period. (The City Clerk's Office will accept affidavits until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31.)

To file for City Council or Mayor, candidates must be eligible to vote in Minnesota, be at least 21 years old when assuming office and a resident of Burnsville. A \$20 filing fee will be assessed. Affidavits will not be accepted on Monday, May 30 when City offices are closed in observance of Memorial Day.

If necessary, a municipal primary election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 9, with the general election to follow on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

For more information contact the Office of the City Clerk at 952-895-4490, email macheal.collins@burnsvillemn.gov or visit www.burnsville.org/elections.

Election Judges Needed

The City of Burnsville needs election judges for the upcoming August Primary and November General Elections. Election judges are paid \$9.50 per hour (including training) and must meet the following qualifications:



- Eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota
- Able to speak, read and write the English language
- Cannot be a spouse, parent, child or sibling of an election judge serving in same precinct
- Cannot be a candidate or the spouse, parent, child, sibling or live in the same household as any candidate on the ballot in same precinct

With advance notice, employers are required by law to allow workers time off to serve as election judges.

For more information visit www.burnsville.org/elections.

Bryan Bye Named Burnsville 2015 Officer of the Year

Over the last 14 years, Detective Bryan Bye has demonstrated his commitment to the community in a variety of roles – including assignments as a community service officer, patrol officer, Crisis Intervention Team member, Emergency Action Group (EAG) tactical team member and most recently, detective.

Because of his exceptional service and dedication to the City of Burnsville, its residents and businesses, the Burnsville Police Department is proud to announce Detective Bye as their 2015 Officer of the Year.

“Detective Bye has an extremely positive attitude, a strong work ethic and is a proven leader,” said Burnsville Police Chief Eric Gieseke. “He is also highly respected by

his peers and the community. He exemplifies what we are looking for in an officer.”

Currently serving a dual role as detective and a nine-year member of Burnsville's EAG tactical team, Bye continues to be a valuable asset to the department, serving as a leader, trainer, operations planner and “first-through-the-door” responder.

As a detective, he has worked closely with the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to arrest multiple felony suspects. His tactical training and experience help him provide insight to Burnsville's Investigation Unit in instances requiring warrants, breaching doors/windows and safe team tactics.

“Detective Bye takes great pride in being an officer, and adheres

to our core values of Honor, Integrity, Courage, Excellence and Knowledge,” said Gieseke.

For more information visit www.burnsville.org/officer.



Detective Bryan Bye is Burnsville's 2015 Police Officer of the Year.

Burnsville City Council:

Elizabeth Kautz	Mayor
Bill Coughlin	Council Member
Dan Kealey	Council Member
Suzanne Nguyen	Council Member
Mary Sherry	Council Member

City Manager:
Heather Johnston

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The Rides

Main Stage • Monday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. • Ticket Information: \$79.50, \$59.50 & \$39.50 – VIP Tickets Available

Stephen Stills, the two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Famer; **Kenny Wayne Shepherd**, five-time Grammy nominated guitarist; and **Barry Goldberg**, Chicago rock/blues keyboardist, are back as *The Rides*. This high-energy performance will transcend individual star power to create a deep and rejuvenating chemistry. *“It’s a pretty impressive group of musicians having a genuinely good time making raw, heartfelt music together.”* –Shepherd



Twin Cities Ballet presents Cinderella 1944: A Love Story

Main Stage • Friday, May 6 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 7 at 2 & 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m.
Ticket Information: \$34, \$30 & \$18 – Discounts for Children (12 and under) and Seniors 65+

Set in England during WWII, *Cinderella 1944* is an original story inspired by the classic tale. Told through dance and music, the performance features an original musical compilation and all-new stage designs, sets, light, costumes and choreography. Blending tragedy, pathos, humor, hope and love, this unique reimagining of Cinderella’s struggles and journey of discovery will surprise and delight.



The Oak Ridge Boys

Main Stage • Sunday, July 10 at 3 p.m. • See Ames Center Website or Box Office for Ticket Information

The Oak Ridge Boys have a lot to celebrate, being named the newest members of the Country Music Hall of Fame. That’s in addition to their recent Dove Award win – bringing their total to nine – plus five Grammy Awards and too many ACM and CMA awards to list. With a rare knack for making audiences feel special, *The Oak Ridge Boys* are warm and comfortable – patriotic and spiritual – and filled with great energy!



Recreation Highlight:

Outdoor Concerts and Movies

Summer in Burnsville is full of programs and events that are fun for everyone. Free concerts and movies are held regularly and are open to all ages.

A complete list of concert performers and movies is available at www.burnsville.org/events, click “Summer Concerts/Movies.”

Follow the City of Burnsville on Facebook and Twitter for up-to-date information on event changes/cancelations.

Wednesday in the Park Concerts	Thursday Rockin’ Lunch Hour Concerts	Friday Night Flicks on the Bricks	New Spaces Heart of the City Sunday Music Festival
 <p>Dates: June 29 – Aug. 3 Time: 7 p.m. Where: Civic Center Park Civic Center Parkway</p>	<p>Dates: June 9 – Aug. 18 (no show July 7) Time: Readers: 11:15 a.m. Concerts: Noon Where: Nicollet Commons Park 12550 Nicollet Ave.</p>	<p>Dates: June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 12 & Aug. 26 Time: Seating at 7:30 p.m. Shows at dusk Where: Nicollet Commons Park 12550 Nicollet Ave.</p>	 <p>Dates: July 3 – Aug. 7 Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m. Where: Nicollet Commons Park 12550 Nicollet Ave.</p>

Upcoming Events for Adults 62+

Register online at www.burnsville.org/recreation and click “Online Registration,” by phone at 952-895-4500 or at the Recreation Office in City Hall.



Spring Aging & Wellness Expo

This event will showcase a comprehensive collection of services – available to older adults and caregivers. Sponsored by Elder Resource Association South of the River, dedicated to promoting area services for older adults and caregivers.



When: Thursday, April 28
2 – 5 p.m.
Where: Burnsville City Hall
100 Civic Center Parkway
Cost: FREE
No registration necessary



Aging in Place – Creating a Plan for a Lifetime

Learn how you or your loved ones can live the life you want as needs change. A panel will provide tips to help proactively plan for aging in place, and resources and tools on topics such as Financial/Legal, Livable Environments and Health/Wellness. Presented with the Burnsville Senior Center.

When: Wednesday, May 4
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Where: Burnsville City Hall
100 Civic Center Parkway
Cost: FREE
Registration deadline is Monday, May 2



Senior Health & Fitness Day

Join older adults across the country during *National Senior Health and Fitness Day*. The event will include education, activities, door prizes and much more.

Participants can select activities that match their interests – such as footwear choices, balance, yoga, sleep, resistance training and dance.

When: Wednesday, May 25
8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Where: Nicollet Commons Park
12550 Nicollet Ave.
Cost: \$5 (includes morning snacks and lunch)
Registration deadline is Friday, May 20
Limited to the first 150 registered



I Love Burnsville Week 2016 — June 2 - 10

Summer Love Begins in Burnsville

I Love Burnsville Week is an annual celebration of everything that makes Burnsville a great place to live, work and play! The week is full of events that help kick off summer in the city.

This year, one week just isn't enough time to share the love. I Love Burnsville Week will kick off two days early, on Thursday, June 2 with the unveiling of Nicollet Commons Park's newest public art piece, ASCENT (see sidebar). The week bookends back in Nicollet Commons Park with the ever-popular Friday Fest on June 10, which includes live music, food for purchase and an outdoor showing of the movie *Norm of the North*. Friday Fest is sponsored by the City of Burnsville and the Burnsville Convention & Visitors Bureau.

I Love Burnsville Week Calendar of Events

View event details at www.burnsville.org/love

Thursday, June 2	Friday, June 3	Saturday, June 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCENT sculpture unveiling ○ Live music in the park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I Love Burnsville Week Golf Tournament at Birnamwood Golf Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I Love Burnsville 5K Race • Fitness Walk with the Mayor • Appliance & Electronics Drop-Off • Curbside Collection begins
Sunday, June 5	Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host a BBQ with your neighbors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YMCA Senior Open House for ages 55+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Ready, Set, Rally!" adult tennis instruction kicks off • "Why I Love Burnsville" Essay Contest winners recognized at City Council meeting
Wednesday, June 8	Thursday, June 9	Friday, June 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnsville Community Television PSA Day • Intro to Pickleball at North River Hills Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature walk at Rudy Kraemer Nature Preserve for ages 62+ • Burnsville Senior Center Ice Cream Social • Mountain Bike Races at Buck Hill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Fest in Nicollet Commons Park ○ Movie: <i>Norm of the North</i> ○ Food for purchase ○ Entertainment

ASCENT Unveiling June 2

Nicollet Commons Park will soon be home to ASCENT, a 16-foot tall, stainless steel and bronze water feature boasting three soaring eagles. The statue, commissioned by the Burnsville Community Foundation, will represent "Giving Back" and "Community Service."

When: Thursday, June 2
 5:30 p.m. – Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
 5:45 – Statue dedication
 6-7 p.m. – Creation process with sculptor Foster Wiley
 7-9 p.m. – Live music by the Shalo Lee Band

Where: Nicollet Commons Park
 12550 Nicollet Ave.

Cost: FREE



Spring Appliance & Electronics Drop-Off

Recycle refrigerators, microwaves, TVs, computers and more at the annual Spring Appliance & Electronics Drop-Off during I Love Burnsville Week.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Appliances including air conditioners, ovens, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, humidifiers and water softeners (\$10)
- Appliances including washers, dryers, microwaves, dishwashers and water heaters (\$5)
- Scrap metal including lawn, garden and power tools; ALL FLUIDS MUST BE DRAINED (\$1-\$5 per carload depending on quantity)
- Computer monitors and televisions (\$15-\$25)
- Other residential electronic devices such as computers, stereos and DVD players (\$5)
- Bicycles in any condition; will be refurbished and donated (NO CHARGE)

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Hazardous waste (such as aerosols, household batteries, cleaners, paint, light bulbs, pesticides, etc.)
- Furniture, mattresses or box springs
- Construction/demolition materials or tires
- Vacuum cleaners

For a full list of accepted items visit www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org and search "Drop-Off."



When: Saturday, June 4
 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: Burnsville Maintenance Center
 13713 Frontier Court

Cost: FREE or a small, per-item fee
 Cash or check only

Curbside Collection



Kick those unwanted items to the curb during Burnsville's 2016 Curbside Collection Weeks. Burnsville residents will receive a discount on curbside pickup of bulky items, appliances and electronics.

Please contact Certified Recycling Monday through Friday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 952-894-1448 to schedule a pick-up. Mention the "I Love Burnsville Curbside Collection" to receive a reduced rate on items. Pickup will be on the same day as your weekly garbage collection.

For information on this year's hauler, pricing and a list of accepted items visit www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org and search "Curbside Collection."

When: June 4 – 18
Where: Your residence, at the curb
Cost: Per-item fee
 Cash, check or credit card

Can't make the drop-off or curbside collection? Use this coupon good for one pickup truck load of bulky items.

Bulky Item Landfill Coupon

Clip out and bring this I Love Burnsville disposal coupon to the Burnsville Sanitary Landfill to drop off one pickup truck load of bulky items for FREE!

When: During business hours from May 31, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Hours: Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 4:30 pm
 Saturday 8 a.m. - noon

Where: Burnsville Sanitary Landfill, 2650 West Cliff Road

Items Accepted: No charge to Burnsville residents for mattresses, furniture, carpeting, windows, doors and small amounts of lumber.

Burnsville Driver's License required. LIMITED TO ONE PICK-UP TRUCK LOAD.

Items NOT Accepted: No hazardous or yard waste at the landfill. No appliances or electronics accepted as a part of this promotion.



Expires 12/31/16. One per household. No copies or reproductions. Burnsville residents only. Businesses are not eligible for this promotion.

Questions? Call City of Burnsville Recycling at 952-895-4511.

Free Rain Garden Workshop April 12



Attend this introductory “Landscaping for Clean Water Workshop” to learn how rain gardens, native gardens and shoreline stabilization projects benefit local water quality and help wildlife.

The workshop will include many examples of colorful garden options and touch on financial incentives that are available for these projects.

For more information on rain gardens and protecting water quality visit www.burnsville.org/raingarden.

Who: Burnsville and Dakota County Residents
When: Tuesday, April 12 • 6:15 p.m.
Where: Burnsville City Hall
 100 Civic Center Parkway
Cost: FREE
Registration is required at www.dakotacountyswcd.org or by calling 651-480-7777

Fund Your Rain Garden with City Grant Program

The City of Burnsville offers grants of up to \$1,000 for residents willing to add a rain garden or perform shoreline restoration on their property. Application deadline is Monday, May 2. To download a grant application or for more information visit www.burnsville.org/WQGRANT.

Annual Arbor Day Tree Sale Saturday, April 30



Burnsville Forester Dave Grommesch (right) assists a resident during the 2015 City Tree Sale.

Planting a tree can reduce energy bills, help protect water quality and add beauty to a property. During Burnsville’s annual Arbor Day Tree Sale, residents can choose from a variety of bare-root trees ranging in price from \$25 to \$35.

Trees are locally grown and vary in size from 5 to 12 feet. Only cash and checks accepted – no credit cards. Arrive early for the best selection!

A maximum of two trees is allowed per household. Bare-root trees should be planted immediately. A permit is required before planting a tree in the City boulevard (see below).

For a complete list of available trees, pricing, tips and information on boulevard planting visit www.burnsville.org/treesale.

Who: Burnsville Residents
When: Saturday, April 30
 7 – 10 a.m.
 (or until all trees are sold)
Where: Across from City Hall
 (100 Civic Center Parkway)

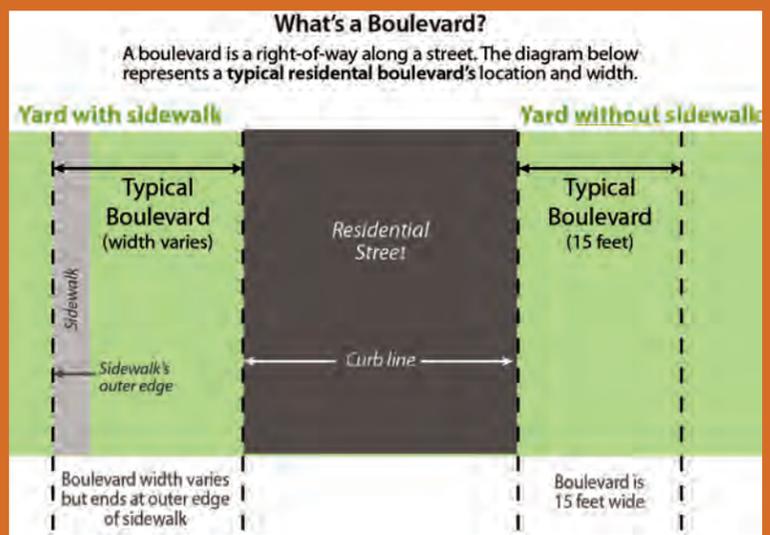
Tree Work Won’t Work Without a License/Permit

If planning to plant a tree in the boulevard along your property – whether planting on your own or hiring a contractor – be sure to get a permit. Trees planted in the boulevard/right-of-way (15 feet in from the curb) require a City permit prior to planting.

If hiring a contractor, be sure they have a Tree Contractor License from the City. Licensing is required and confirms that the contractor has the proper credentials.

Also, remember to always call Gopher State One Call at 1-800-252-1166 before digging.

For more information or a list of licensed tree contractors visit www.burnsville.org/forestry.



Native Plant Market Saturday, May 21

Help birds, butterflies and bees by growing native plants. Native wildflowers, ferns and grasses will be for sale from multiple vendors at this farmer’s market-style event. The sale will be held rain or shine. Only cash or checks are accepted – no credit cards. Arrive early for the best selection!

Other exhibitors will include Burnsville Natural Resources, Master Gardeners of Dakota County and the Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District.

For more information and a list of plant vendors visit www.burnsville.org/nativeplants.



More than 1,200 people participated in Burnsville’s first-annual Native Plant Market in 2015.

Who: Residents and Non-Residents
When: Saturday, May 21
 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Where: Across from City Hall
 (100 Civic Center Parkway)

Hydrant Flushing Begins April 11

Burnsville’s Utilities Department plans to begin flushing City-owned fire hydrants on Monday, April 11. Due to the warm weather, flushing may begin as early as Monday, April 4. City hydrants are flushed to ensure they are in working order, and to remove mineral deposits that may accumulate in water mains.



Hydrant flushing may stir up mineral deposits in City water mains. During this time, it is not unusual to periodically experience discolored water, pressure changes and/or an increased chlorine odor. These are not health issues, but may impact the aesthetic quality of the water.

Learn more about hydrant flushing at www.burnsville.org/hydrants.



Environmental Guide

Environmental Guide for Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan

DakotaValleyRecycling.org | twitter.com/DVRecycling | Apple Valley or Burnsville: 952.895.4559 | Eagan: 651.675.5011



Coming to a Park Near You

Sports tournaments, picnics, walks, playgrounds, nature: what else is in our parks? Recycling! The parks departments in Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan are rolling out new recycling containers in some parks in order to make public space recycling available and convenient.

With help from Dakota County, some parks in the three cities have been chosen to be the first to get the new bins. In Apple Valley, those parks are Johnny Cake East and West and Quarry Point Park. In Burnsville, recycling can be found at Cliff Fen Park and 'The Heart of the City' at Nicollet

Commons. And in Eagan, recycling is now available at Northview, Blackhawk and Lexington-Diffley Parks.

Just like at home, all bottles, cans and cardboard can go into the recycling bins in the parks. But if you forget, the new bins come with new picture-based labels which will show you exactly what should go in each bin. See for yourself on your next visit to the parks.

Just remember, with recycling now available, you don't have to 'trash' the parks. Relax, play, eat, enjoy yourself, then recycle. It's that easy.

Cut out and save.



RECYCLING AT HOME

These guidelines apply to residents in Burnsville, Eagan and Apple Valley



PAPER

- Office and school paper
- Mail and envelopes
- Newspapers, inserts, magazines and catalogs
- Phone books
- Shredded paper (in closed paper bag)
- Boxes from cereal, crackers, pasta and other dry foods
- Boxes from toothpaste, medications and other toiletries
- Cardboard from empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Boxes from refrigerated food and beverage, including beer and pop cases
- Cardboard boxes (flattened)



PLASTIC

Leave caps & lids on for recycling

- ALL plastic bottles
- ALL gallon and ½ gallon milk, juice and water jugs
- Margarine, cream cheese and other tubs
- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups



METAL

- Metal food and beverage cans



CARTONS

- Milk and juice cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soup, broth and wine cartons



GLASS

- Glass beverage bottles and food jars

Maybe: Depends on your Hauler

Some recycling haulers are collecting more materials. For an up-to-date list of what items are accepted in your curbside bin, visit DakotaValleyRecycling.org/curbside. Click on your hauler's logo to see if you can recycle:

Paper: • Pizza boxes (NO food residue or grease) • Boxes from frozen food

Metal: • Aluminum foil • Aluminum trays or pie tins • Empty aerosol cans • Scrap metal items

Plastic: • Plastic deli, fruit and take-out containers

Business Recycling



2016 Recycling Mandate

Commercial building owners operating or leasing a business with a North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code between 42-81 and contracting disposal of at least four cubic yards of solid waste each week, must collect a minimum of three recyclable materials:

- Paper: Office paper, cardboard, newspaper etc.
- Glass: Container glass
- Plastic: Depends on hauler
- Metal: Aluminum, tin-coated steel, ferrous, non-ferrous
- Other recyclable material that may require separate or specialized collection, such as organics (food waste and soiled paper), plastic film and textiles

Single-sort (collecting multiple recyclable material types in one container) meets the requirement as long as three or more materials (paper, glass, plastic, metal) are regularly collected.

VSQG Program for Hazardous Waste

If your business or organization generates small amounts (less than 220lbs/month) of hazardous waste you qualify to participate in Dakota County's Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) program. The VSQG program is a cost-effective, convenient way for qualified business to dispose of hazardous waste. Common waste accepted from businesses includes paint, oil and fluorescent tubes.

Interested businesses and organizations should visit www.dakotacounty.us and search "VSQG." Contact Dakota County Environmental Resources at 952-891-7548 for more information.

ARROW: Awards for Reduction and Recycling of Waste

The ARROW program, which is completely FREE for participants, is a way for Eagan, Burnsville, and Apple Valley businesses and organizations to be recognized for their environmentally-conscious practices such as recycling. Members receive mention in annual newspaper ads, newsletters with resources and recycling updates, and complimentary certificates and window stickers to display one's initiatives to the public.

Visit DakotaValleyRecycling.org/business/ARROW for more information and to apply today.



Cut out and save.

The Recycling Zone



651-905-4520
3365 Dodd Road
Eagan, MN 55121

www.dakotacounty.us
Search: *Recycling Zone*

Hours:

Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday: Noon – 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Services Offered at The Recycling Zone

The Recycling Zone, run by Dakota County, is your place to get rid of the household stuff you can't throw in the trash. A valid driver's license is required to bring items to The Recycling Zone.

Household Chemicals & Hazardous Waste Area

Items like paint, cleaners, chemicals, batteries, gasoline, automotive fluids and fluorescent bulbs are accepted for free from households ONLY.

Recycling

Bring in items such as glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles/jugs/tubs, metal cans, paper, cardboard, plastic bags, packing peanuts, scrap metal and cooking oil to be recycled for free. Separate recyclables by material type.

Home Sharps

Bring home sharps (needles, syringes, lancets) in a rigid, sealed container with the label "Do not recycle: household sharps." Accepted from residents only.

Electronics Recycling

Items such as computers, laptops, monitors, computer accessories, TVs, VCRs, DVD players and game systems are accepted for free from households ONLY. Small household electronics such as toasters, blenders, coffee makers, hair dryers and vacuum cleaners are also accepted. Remove batteries.

Not accepted: major appliances, microwaves, exercise equipment, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, water heaters, medical waste.

Reuse Area

Products brought in for disposal—such as paint, cleaners, fertilizers and solvents—are available for free to visitors if they are still useable.



Check out these other services:

- Compost Bin Sales
- Lead Sinker Exchange
- Mercury Thermometer Exchange
- Aluminum Can Redemption
- For a full list of items that can be disposed of at The Recycling Zone, go to www.dakotacounty.us and search "materials accepted."

Top Five Things You Can Do to Protect Ponds



Adopt a Storm Drain

Keep leaves, grass clippings and other debris off the street and storm drain in front of your house. Debris can clog storm drains or end up as pollution in your neighborhood pond.



Stop the Drops

Increase the number of raindrops that soak into the ground by installing a rain barrel (and using the water for your garden) or by directing downspouts onto your lawn or into a rain garden.



Walk Your Dog, Bring a Bag

Clean up your dog's droppings so they don't wash down a storm drain. Not only is it gross to step in, but your dog's waste harbors harmful bacteria and boosts algae growth in ponds.



Don't Feed the Storm Drain

Only rain down the storm drain! Don't dump yard waste, motor oil, or paint down the storm drain. Also, wash your car on the lawn, so soapy water doesn't run into the street.



Fertilize Your Lawn... Not the Street

Fertilizer that ends up on hard surfaces will likely be washed into a storm drain and sent to your neighborhood pond. In a pond, fertilizer causes an explosion of algae growth.

Join the Wetland Team

Volunteers Needed to Monitor Burnsville Ponds

Volunteers are needed to get hip-deep in nature to help the City monitor wetlands. Participants who take part in the Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP) don't need any experience – all training and equipment is provided.

Lead by an experienced team leader, volunteers will visit several wetlands to take measurements, collect insects and identify plants. The average total time commitment is 10 to 30 hours from May through August.

Registration deadline is Sunday, May 1. To learn more or to register visit www.mnwhep.org or call the Dakota County Water Resources Department at 952-891-7000.



WHEP Volunteers get hip-deep in nature to help the City monitor wetlands.

Be a Water Quality Watchdog

Report Illegal Dumping, Erosion or Other Water Quality Issues

Dumping into storm drains, ponds and lakes is illegal and can cause big water quality problems. Some past examples of illegal dumping include paint, used motor oil and grass clippings.

Eroded soil can also harm the water quality of local ponds and lakes. Construction sites are at especially high risk because of soil disturbance. Site managers are required to prevent soil from washing offsite or tracking onto roads.

City staff monitor for illegal dumping and erosion, but residents can help by keeping an eye out too. If caught early, many issues can be fixed before they turn into big problems.

If you see illegal dumping, erosion or other water quality issues, please report it to Burnsville Public Works at 952-895-4550.

Dumping of any kind into a storm drain or pond



Torn or unsecured silt fences



Excessive dirt on roads near construction sites



Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Update

Although Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has not yet been found in Burnsville, the City continues to prepare for its arrival. This year, the City will treat nearly 1,300 ash trees in boulevards and City parks and remove an additional 270 poor quality trees. Residents will be notified by mail if a boulevard ash tree within their yard will be affected.

Residents interested in treating private ash trees can take advantage of City contract pricing. More information will be available in May at www.burnsville.org/EAB.



BURNSVILLE BUSINESS CORNER

Business Development Update

Burnsville means business! Here are some upcoming projects taking shape around town.



Parkway Place — Vacant since 2012, the office building located at the corner of Burnsville Parkway and Nicollet Avenue was recently purchased by CG Holdings, who plans to renovate and remodel the building as they begin leasing space.

Town & Country Shopping Center — Vacant space is being remodeled to accommodate **Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches**, which is relocating within the center.

A number of businesses are building out new space in Burnsville, including **Healthpro Chiropractic** on Travelers Trail; **R&D Vaportech** on Rupp Drive; and **State Farm Insurance** and **Bank of America** on County Road 42.

Welcome to These New Burnsville Businesses

- At Home
- JL Beers
- Lakes Dermatology
- Nutmeg Brewhouse
- Straight Line Custom Autos
- The Geneva Suites
- Wiegand Law Firm

If you have a new business in Burnsville contact Economic Development Coordinator Skip Nienhaus at skip.nienhaus@burnsvillemn.gov or 952-895-4454 to schedule a welcome visit.

Open To Business Initiative Remains Strong



Burnsville is in the midst of its fourth year participating in the “Open To Business” program, which assists entrepreneurs seeking to start or grow their business. Since its kickoff in 2013, Burnsville’s Open to Business consultant has

provided free consulting to 100 clients, assisted four business start-ups and helped a number of others secure financing.

The “Open to Business” program is made possible through a cost-saving partnership between Dakota County and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD).

While many cities are taking advantage of the program, Burnsville continues to lead Dakota County in the number of businesses assisted.

Aspiring entrepreneurs and existing small businesses can receive free assistance in areas such as accounting, record keeping, business acquisition, business start-up, business plan development, cash flow financial analysis, business analysis, loan packaging, networking, operations, strategic planning and commercial real estate analysis.

For more information on Burnsville Open to Business contact Laurie Crow at 952-484-3107 or lcrow@mccdmn.org.

Keep Burnsville Looking Great by Spring Cleaning Yards, Property

While spring-cleaning fever is in the air, residents are encouraged to get their yards and properties into tip-top shape for the coming summer months.

Burnsville’s Licensing & Code Enforcement division works hard with residents every day to help ensure clean, safe and healthy neighborhoods. This is accomplished by both proactive and reactive inspections. Burnsville inspectors respond to neighborhood complaints, as well as periodically canvass neighborhoods to help identify basic building and property maintenance code problems. It’s then their goal to work with residents to bring these issues into compliance.

Here are ten things residents can do to help keep their yards and homes up to code:

1. Mow Lawns – Residents and business owners must make sure lawns don’t grow beyond eight inches in height.

- 2. Don’t Make Driveways/Yards Parking Lots** – Vehicles parked in residential driveways must be licensed, operable and parked on approved surfaces such as concrete, asphalt or pavers.
- 3. Don’t Camp Out in the Driveway** – Recreational Vehicles, such as motorhomes, boats, trailers and campers, can be stored on properties, but must meet certain criteria.
- 4. Clean up the Rubbish** – Make sure brush and yard clippings don’t accumulate on a property, and keep them off the street.
- 5. Hide Trash Cans** – Trash and recycling containers should be screened from view.
- 6. If It’s Broke, Fix It!** – Make sure that roofs, fences, doors, windows, decks, stairs, sheds and retaining walls are in good condition. Remove peeling paint and repaint surfaces.
- 7. Keep the Clutter Away** – Exterior storage is not allowed.
- 8. Clean Up After Pets** – Make sure pet waste is cleaned up – especially after the long winter.

- 9. Address Your Address** – Check that house numbers are reflective and visible from the street to ensure homes can be located by responders in case of emergency.
- 10. Keep Cars Off the Street** – Burnsville does not allow on-street parking between 2 and 6 a.m.

By working with residents to keep property clean and safe, the City hopes to maintain property values, keep neighbors happy and assure the preservation of the City’s existing housing supply.

For more information about City of Burnsville property codes visit www.burnsville.org/property.



City Council Clarifies Position on Short-Term Vacation Rentals

Renting Out Home for Less than 30 days Prohibited Under City Code



In February, the Burnsville City Council adopted an ordinance that clarifies the City’s restriction on short-term/weekend vacation rentals of Burnsville residences.

While the City has always interpreted this type of rental as prohibited under City Code, the increased popularity of short-term rental websites (such as Airbnb.com) spurred the Council to seek a more clearly defined ordinance that spoke specifically to this type of use.

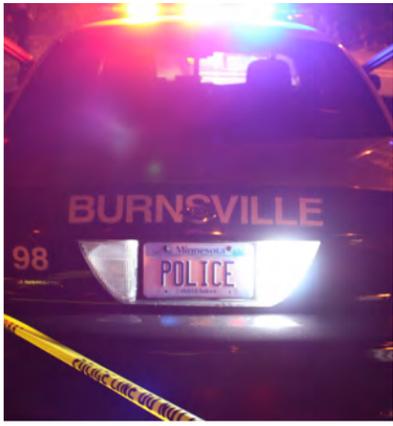
Short-term rentals are defined as the lease of a residential dwelling for 30 days or less. The Council believes that these types of rentals impact the character and stability of neighborhoods and are often undertaken without adequate on-site management,

compliance with state and local codes for commercial lodging establishments, and other safeguards for those renting the home.

This new ordinance does not impact State licensed hotels, motels and lodging establishments. However, it does prohibit residential homes from being listed on short-term vacation sites such as Airbnb.

With questions on the ordinance contact Community Development Director Jenni Faulkner at 952-895-4467 or jenni.faulkner@burnsvillemn.gov.

Burnsville Police Department Introduces New Way to Help Domestic Violence Victims



In 2015, 22 women in Minnesota were killed by a current or former intimate partner. In fact, more than 80 percent of female

homicide victims between 2010 and 2015 resulted from domestic situations. The Burnsville Police Department believes those lives can be saved.

“We wanted to start looking for risk factors that would tell us if a victim of domestic violence is at a high risk for homicide,” said Burnsville Police Investigator Andrea Newton. “We want to encourage all women to seek services, but we wanted to do something more to target these high-risk women.”

The Call

When officers are called to the scene of a domestic violence incident, they take statements from the victim, the accused and witnesses to determine if an arrest is warranted.

Officers then give victims contact information for support services, but that’s generally where an officer’s involvement ends. Later in their shift, officers notify a support service organization, which attempts to follow up with the victim the next day.

“It’s not a bad process,” said Newton. “However, we wanted to do a better job of looking at the big picture of a victim’s experiences and potential violent history between the couple.”

The Assessment

The desire to prevent domestic violence

homicides lead the Burnsville Police Department, along with several other agencies in Dakota County, to implement a Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) in December 2015. The program is designed to identify female domestic violence victims that are at high-risk for becoming a victim of homicide.

Under LAP, responding officers still take statements and determine if an arrest is needed, but now they also ask victims a short series of questions to determine if the accused has previously harmed or threatened the victim or their children.

“Just because it’s the first time officers have been called to the scene, doesn’t mean it’s the first time something has happened,” said Newton. “The assessment tool gives us a look at the history of violence in the home.”

The Connections

If the victim answers “yes” to a predetermined number of questions – or if an officer believes the victim may be in more danger based on observations – a series of referrals take place. As part of the process, the officer calls support advocates while still on-site, giving the victim the option to speak to an advocate right away.

“The victim doesn’t have to speak to an advocate and the officer doesn’t have to stay with the victim if she’s not comfortable with that,” said Newton. “But hopefully the officers making the first connection will encourage the victim to get help right away.”

The Benefits

The assessment form is then sent to a local support organization, 360 Communities, which continues to follow up with the victim. The form is also sent to Dakota County Corrections and Dakota County District Court, giving judges and others in the judicial or probate system information on domestic violence incidents that

may have previously been unreported. Knowing this history can also help the officers who are assigned to the neighborhood.

LAP is also meant to give victims a better understanding that their lives are at risk in certain situations. The tool is designed to factor in people who may not have been the victim of an extreme situation in the past, but are nevertheless at a high risk in the future.

“Think of it like a heart attack,” said Newton. “We’re generally familiar with the warning signs of a heart attack – like chest pain and shortness of breath. While those signs don’t mean that a heart attack is definitely going to happen, we know those are signals that we should seek help. LAP can show victims, officers and support services the warning signs that indicate more severe violence may happen in the future.”

Learn more about the Burnsville Police Department at www.burnsville.org/police.

Help is Available

If you or someone you know are the victim of domestic violence, you can find support and assistance through the Burnsville Police Department and 360 Communities.

Burnsville Police Department
Dial 9-1-1 for any police, fire or medical response. In Dakota County, 9-1-1 dispatchers handle emergency and non-emergency calls and route them appropriately.

360 Communities
360 Communities offers shelter and support services. For confidential help 24 hours a day call 360 Communities’ Lewis House in Eagan (651-452-7288) or Hastings (651-437-1291).

Don Stenger Promoted to Burnsville Police Captain

From Humble Beginnings to Patrol Captain



Don Stenger was promoted to Patrol Captain in February.

When Don Stenger headed off to college, he had no idea he wanted to go into law enforcement. That realization came when he took a job working dorm security.

“I liked the unpredictability of the job,” Stenger said.

“You never knew what each shift would bring.”

According to Stenger, dorm security did not have any “real” authority, so he had to rely on communication and negotiation to convince visitors and students to abide by University rules. Those humble beginnings kicked off a 22-year law enforcement career, which recently culminated in his promotion to Patrol Captain in February.

Throughout his career with the Burnsville Police Department, Stenger has worked a variety of positions – and took every learning opportunity that arose along the way. He has worked as a patrol officer, a retail crime officer at Burnsville Center, a detective and as a member of the Emergency Action Group (EAG). In 2003, Stenger was promoted to Patrol Sergeant.

In 2010, Stenger switched gears and became the City’s Emergency Management Coordinator, which took him out of the patrol car and into the office. His focus was on training, planning and responding to disasters. It was in this position where Stenger saw the “big picture” of emergency response. Unlike police patrols, large-scale emergency incidents involve more than just officers. Stenger realized that it takes members of the fire department, Emergency Medical Service (EMS), finance, communications, public works and many more to safely handle an emergency.

“It takes a much bigger village than what I’d seen in previous positions,” Stenger said.

Stenger returned to patrol in September 2015, as part of a five-year rotation schedule. He was amazed how much technology and community relationships had changed for patrol officers in the field.

“The great part is how technology is providing better processes and opportunities to be efficient,” Stenger said.

That re-entry into on-the-street policing and having the opportunity to learn new systems allowed him to be perfectly positioned for the Patrol Captain opening, which became available when the police department restructured to accommodate the growing needs of the community.

Stenger holds a master’s degree in Public and Non-profit Administration from Metro State University, a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from Iowa State University, and a law enforcement certification from the Kansas State Police Academy. Prior to joining Burnsville, Stenger worked as a police officer for Garden City, Kansas.

Take an Active Role in Local Government

Serve on a City Advisory Commission

Burnsville's City government can't work without people like you! The City Council is once again looking for residents interested in serving on its City advisory commissions. Openings are available on:

Economic Development Commission:

Two Regular Members (three-year term)

Advises on economic development and business development issues.

Ames Center Advisory Commission:

Two Regular Members (three-year term);

One Alternate Member (three-year term)

Reviews, researches and makes recommendations on issues related to the operation of the Ames Center.

Planning Commission:

Two Regular Members (three-year term)

Reviews, researches and makes recommendations on issues related to land use and development.

Parks and Natural Resources Commission:

Two Regular Members (three-year term); One Alternate Member (three-year term); Two Youth Members (one-year term)

Reviews and makes recommendations on issues related to park, recreation, open space and natural resources needs.

Terms begin July 1, and are open to Burnsville residents 18 and older. Youth commission appointments are open to any Burnsville resident that will be a high school junior or senior in the fall of 2016. Membership on certain commissions is allowed to non-residents who own a business or property in Burnsville.



Members of Burnsville's Planning Commission discuss an item during a February commission meeting.

The application deadline is **Monday, May 2, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.** The City Council will conduct interviews for appointments in May.

For more information or to apply online visit www.burnsville.org/commissions or contact the Office of the City Clerk at macheal.collins@burnsvillemn.gov or 952-895-4490.

BCTV Expands Audience with Roku and Online Streaming



In addition to cable and online, BCTV viewers can now stream live and on-demand content on Roku's PEG.TV app.

Burnsville Community Television (BCTV) has been a staple of public, education, community and government information to local cable subscribers for years. However, from the start, BCTV has wanted to reach more people.

"We've always wanted to expand our reach so more people could enjoy the quality local programming we produce," explains Tina Wilson, Community Television Operations Specialist. "As programming and technology advanced, options to broadcast to all of Burnsville – and beyond – became a reality."

In February, BCTV joined dozens of local Public, Education and Government (PEG) television stations across the country on Roku's PEG.TV app. Roku is a popular web streaming device that allows users to watch television shows over the internet.

To access BCTV programming, Roku users can download the free app, and then search for Burnsville Community Television under the "Government" section. Options will include live channel playback and

on-demand programming such as sports and community event coverage.

The Roku addition is the latest expansion in audience outreach. In December 2015, BCTV added a high definition channel – Ch. 859 (government programming) – on the cable system and began web streaming three PEG channels 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week at www.burnsville.tv/live.

"BCTV's reach within Burnsville has essentially doubled with the addition of Roku and online streaming," says Marty Doll, Communications Coordinator. "It provides a whole new audience for our programming that we were unable to reach before."

BCTV Channels Available Online and on Roku

BCTV Ch. 14 – local/public programming
Sports, community event coverage, news/information about Burnsville and public access programming

BCTV Ch. 16 – government programming
Public meetings, news and election information

District 191 Ch. 18 – Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District programming
Videos created by the school district, member schools and/or its students

Community-Wide Garage Sale May 20-21



Burnsville's Community-Wide Garage Sale provides an opportunity for sellers and buyers to connect for one full weekend of garage sale fun.

Homeowners may choose to hold a sale on Friday and/or Saturday, and will get a registration number to place in their yard to identify the sale. The City will provide a

map listing all registered sales. Printed maps will be available at City Hall and the Burnsville Maintenance Center. Maps can also be downloaded online later this spring.

Register your sale and download a sale map at www.burnsville.org/garagesale. The event will be held rain or shine.

Register Your Sale

Sale Dates: Friday and Saturday, May 20 – 21
Cost: \$20
Registration Deadline is Friday, April 29



You never know what you'll find during the Community-Wide Garage Sale.

Tell Us What You Think About Burnsville!

Telephone Survey of City Residents, Businesses Underway

The City of Burnsville wants to know what residents and businesses think about the current state of Burnsville, City services and a variety of other topics.

This spring, market and research firm *The Morris Leatherman Company* will be contacting Burnsville community members by cell phone and landline to conduct a short survey. If you receive a call from a local area code and the caller ID says "Morris Leatherman," please answer the call! Your feedback is extremely valuable.

For more information visit www.burnsville.org/survey.

