

New Brighton

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REAL ID



EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS:

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Meet Our Editor!

THE CITY appreciated receiving your feedback after the release of the first edition of our new magazine-style city newsletter. We will be taking your comments into consideration as we release future editions, starting with the most popular question we received: “Who put this all together?” While staff members from all service areas contributed articles, photos and ideas, our Deputy City Clerk, Sandra Daniloff, conceptualized the new look and serves as the Managing Editor. She is responsible for creating the layout for each edition, coordinating the content, editing and writing articles, taking photos, and working with the printer to get it to your home.



Northern Sweden where she covered crime, politics, and community events. She also worked as a copy editor for Expressen – the most read Swedish newspaper. If you were in Sweden, you may have caught her on live TV reporting the news of Prince’s passing on location at Paisley Park.

SANDRA BEGAN her employment with the City of New Brighton in the fall of 2016 as an Administrative Assistant but within months she was promoted to Deputy City Clerk. “It’s been a great experience. My coworkers and the residents have been so nice to me,” she said.

Sandra also issues business licenses, assists with election preparation, and performs other administrative duties.

SHE GREW up in Porjus, Sweden and studied Journalism at Kalix Folkhögskola. She worked as a reporter, copy editor, and city editor for NSD – the leading regional newspaper in

SANDRA RECEIVED her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Minnesota and is currently working on her Masters of Science degree in Technical Communication from Metropolitan State University. She is a member of the MN Association of Government Communicators and The Pack, the Animal Humane Society’s Young Professionals Group.

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Our Mission

"The New Brighton Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the community, is dedicated to protect, serve and educate. We promote a respect for human dignity by ensuring a common goal of a safe community."



OUR PRIORITY: THE COMMUNITY

It has always been an emphasis of the New Brighton Department of Public Safety to be part of the community. "A prime example of the dedication to partner with the community has been the success of National Night Out," said Community Engagement Officer Brad Krebsbach. Dating back to 2000, the City has been in the top five nationally for cities of its size in community engagement related to National Night Out.

RECENTLY, THE Department of Public Safety has restructured a police officer position to have a focus on working with the community to build stronger relationships. The Community Engagement Officer focuses on the importance of inclusivity of all residents and works with other city departments to try and bridge any gaps that may be out there, not only with police and fire

personnel, but city government as a whole. In August of 2017, the Public Safety and Parks and Recreation Departments teamed together to host a fishing event with youth called Cops and Bobbers. "This was the first annual event and it was a successful one," said Officer Krebsbach. Police officers, firefighters, Volunteers in Public Safety and Parks and Recreation personnel teamed with volunteers from several local groups to provide fishing equipment and instruction for youth. The next event will be July 19th at 5:30 pm at Long Lake Regional Park.

SOME OTHER recent community activities include barbeques, "Coffee with a Cop," donut visits with senior citizens, partnering with local boy and girl scouts to collect food shelf donations, attending a community bonfire, skating with children, and demonstrations with a kitchen fire trailer.



The Fire division rang the bell for the Salvation Army at Cub.



The first Cops and Bobbers at Long Lake was a success.

MN LIFE JACKET REQUIREMENTS

- State law requires children under 10 years old to wear a properly fitted life jacket while a boat is underway.
- A readily accessible and wearable life jacket is required for each person onboard a boat, this includes canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, paddleboats and waterfowl boats.
- Personal watercraft operators and passengers must each wear a life jacket.



When flash flooding occurs, firefighters wear specialized rescue suits and are tethered with a rope to another member operating from dry land.

WATER SAFETY

When you think about water safety it is easy to immediately think about large bodies of water such as lakes and rivers. We often forget that even the small streams, holding ponds and even your bath tub can be dangerous. It is very important that infants, toddlers and vulnerable children and adults are supervised while near any body of water.

Currents in certain areas of lakes, streams and rivers can be very dangerous and unexpected. During flash flooding, these areas can get even worse. Flash flooding can also cause areas that are not usually under water to be very unsafe. Do not ever walk or drive into an area of water that you are not familiar with following a flash flood event.

Also, do not attempt to find storm drains that may be plugged as they are

also very dangerous during large rain events. The New Brighton Department of Public Safety is equipped to respond to water related emergencies. They have two boats to choose from depending on the circumstances involved. One of the boats is a 2005 Sea-Doo jet boat. This boat has several floatation devices including PFD's. This boat is also equipped with side scanning sonar and GPS in the event responders would need to search underneath the water. This boat is used on Long Lake for patrol purposes on weekends and holidays between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

THE SECOND BOAT is a 1982 Alumacraft that is equipped with floatation devices and equipment that can be used in the event an underwater recovery is needed. This boat was donated by Cub Scout Troop 299.

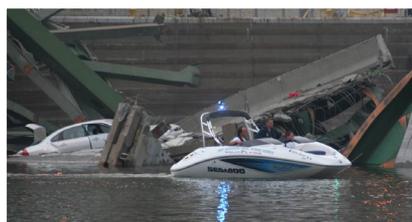
Additional water and ice rescue equipment is kept on fire engines. Any time the fire division responds to a water related incident they need a water rescue suit. These suits are waterproof and buoyant. Other equipment that rescuers may use include the rescue alive, slings, sleds, poles and ropes.

THE RESCUE ALIVE is a piece of apparatus that is made of two pontoon style floats with bars and straps attached to it. This is used in the event that somebody is needed to be rescued from very thin ice. The rescuer utilizes an oar to paddle to the victim.

Any time New Brighton Public Safety responds to a water event, the Ramsey County Water Patrol also responds. They bring along additional boats and rescue equipment. Ramsey County would also be the agency to do any underwater recoveries.



Here's some of the equipment New Brighton has for water rescue, such as a waterproof and buoyant rescue suit.



Public Safety used the Sea-Doo jet boat in the rescue work after the I-35W bridge collapse in 2007.



The Rescue Alive is used for saving people on thin ice. The rescuer uses an oar to paddle to the victim.



Photos from
when the City of
New Brighton was
hit by a tornado in
1984.

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Severe Weather Awareness week is recognized in early April across the State of Minnesota. “The event is a reminder for us on how to respond and react to severe weather in the State of MN and in the City of New Brighton,” Trevor Hamdorf, Deputy Director of Public Safety, said.

THE CITY OF New Brighton and Ramsey County have an Emergency Operations Plan on how to respond to all hazards, including severe weather such as tornados and severe thunderstorms. New Brighton also has five severe weather outdoor warning sirens located at various locations. If residents are outside when the sirens are activated, you should seek shelter immediately

and turn on a TV to a local channel, local radio, or NOAA All-Hazard Weather Radio to be informed of the emergency. Activation of those sirens indicates an imminent danger to life and property from severe weather. Severe weather, such as flash flooding, lightning, and, tornadoes, cause nearly 300 fatalities each year in the United States. Please be aware, heed media reports on watches and warnings, and stay safe.

IN ADDITION to the outdoor warning sirens, the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) delivers a message to a cellular phone that is located within an area affected by imminent severe weather. The severe

weather IPAWS alert is issued for Tornado Warnings by the National Weather Service. When your phone receives an IPAWS Tornado Warning alert, immediately seek shelter and turn on a television or radio for more information.

“ALL FAMILIES should be prepared for severe weather and other emergencies,” said Deputy Director Hamdorf. A family disaster plan should include having a three day supply of water, prescription medications, food that will not spoil as well as items such as flashlights, a weather radio, and extra batteries. For more information on preparedness plans, visit www.ready.gov.



- A bike helmet should fit snug and there should be no spaces between the foam of the helmet and the rider's head.
- The strap of the helmet should also be adjusted to fit snug under the rider's chin, and no more than one finger should fit under the strap.
- Be sure that the front of the helmet sits about one or two fingers above the rider's eyebrows.

BICYCLE HELMETS

WEARING A helmet while biking is a very important. The Department of Public Safety promotes this by offering helmets to the public at a very reasonable price of \$13.00. They can be purchased at the New Brighton Public Safety Center. It is very important to wear a helmet that

fits properly so that it can do its job. Also take good care of your helmets by checking them regularly for damage and maintaining cleanliness. Children who are wearing helmets while biking may receive a reward from Public Safety if they are caught in the act!

WHY DO WE HAVE CURFEWS?

CURFEWS ARE designed to protect children and teens because statistics show that a significant amount of crimes involving children under 18 – both as victims and as offenders – happens late at night.

The Department of Public Safety enforces a curfew ordinance that prohibits juveniles from being in a public place or establishment during certain nighttime hours. A public place is any place that the public or a substantial portion of the public has access to. This includes streets, highways, parks, schools, etc. An establishment is a privately-owned place or business to which the public is invited. Examples are movie theaters, restaurants, and bowling alleys.

Hours and Exceptions

It is unlawful for a juvenile to be in a public place in New Brighton without a parent or guardian on all days:

- 15 years and younger: 10:00 pm to 5:00 am
- 16 and 17 years old: midnight to 5:00 am



The curfew ordinance contains a number of exceptions. It does not apply if the juvenile is:

- With a parent, guardian or other responsible adult;
- At work or in the process of going to or coming from home or work;
- Involved in an emergency;
- Going to, attending, or coming home from a supervised school, church, or recreational activity.

New Brighton Drug Drop-Off



SAFELY DISPOSE unwanted, expired and unused medicines for free at the Public Safety Center 24hrs a day. Medicines from households are accepted in any form, including prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, supplements and pet medicines.

Items NOT accepted: needles, lancets, empty syringes, or used epinephrine pens. These items are accepted for free at Ramsey County's household hazardous waste collection site. No medicines from businesses.

Instructions

STEP 1: Keep medicines in their original container for legal transport. Put loose medicines in a clear plastic bag and label it.

STEP 2: Seal all containers in clear plastic bags, ideally one-gallon or smaller.

STEP 3: Place bag with medicine into drop box.

LICENSE BUREAU



We Can Help With Translations

Since November, the License Bureau staff has overcome many obstacles with grace and dedication to service their community. The transition to their new location in the lower level of City Hall, and the implementation of driver's license renewals was met with a stamp of approval from the community. Staff reports resident comments of "nice new digs" and "I'm so glad you can renew licenses now." With better equipped space and services we are proud to be able to help all residents and others in surrounding cities with the best

licensing services out there today. With that being said, did you know New Brighton also has in-house translators! Two of our very own can help Hmong and Spanish speaking residents with transactions without having to worry about where to go.

UNFORTUNATELY, Minnesota's Driver Vehicle Services (DVS) does not provide many motor vehicle or driver's license forms in other languages which can make it difficult to complete transactions at local Deputy Registrar offices. Therefore, it can be

helpful to have staff members who can assist with the background knowledge of DVS transactions without residents feeling lost, or unsure about the transactions they just completed. DVS does however have a few documents online in Spanish, such as the Class D manual and the identification requirements to obtain either a first-time identification card or a driver's license. Knowledge tests for driver's license are offered at exam stations in a variety of languages, but please call ahead for road exams for translation services at 651-284-1234.

WHAT KIND OF ID WILL YOU NEED AFTER OCTOBER 10, 2018?

| | Standard Driver's License or ID Card | REAL ID Compliant Driver's License or ID Card | Enhanced Driver's License or ID Card |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| General Identification Purposes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lawful Driving Privileges | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Domestic Air Travel | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Access to Federal Facilities, incl. Military Bases | | ✓ | ✓ |
| International Border Crossings by land or sea | | | ✓ |

GET A REAL ID IN NEW BRIGHTON



THE NEW BRIGHTON License Bureau will begin accepting applications for REAL ID's and Enhanced Driver's Licenses beginning October 1, 2018. This will be made possible with the State's launch of its new driver's license system, FastDS. License Bureau staff will be training and testing throughout the summer to ensure a smooth transition this fall. Traditional driver's

licenses will continue to be accepted for domestic air travel and access to federal facilities until October 10, 2018. After that, an EDL/EID, Real ID or valid U.S passport will be required. U.S. passports will also still be required for international travel. Please contact the New Brighton License Bureau or visit dps.mn.gov for more information on your different ID options.

HOW TO DETECT WATER LEAKS IN YOUR HOME

The City of New Brighton reads your water meter on a quarterly basis, but a lot can happen in 3 months! If you are concerned about your water usage and suspect that a water leak may be the problem, here are some DIY tips.

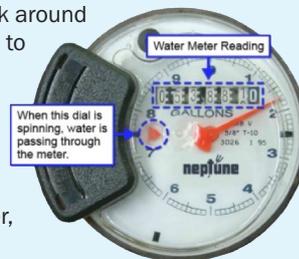
TEST YOUR TOILETS

Remove the toilet lid and drop several drops of food coloring (or one dye tablet) into the tank. Replace the lid, and wait about 30 minutes, making sure that the toilet is not flushed during that time. Once the 30 minutes is up, if there is colored water in the toilet bowl, there is a leak. This is most likely due to a flapper that needs to be replaced.



READ YOUR WATER METER

First, check around your home to make sure all water is off: faucets, showers, dishwasher, washing machine, water heater, etc. Then, locate your water meter in the basement and watch the small triangle located on the face of the meter. If the triangle is continuously spinning, even if it is a slow spin, you probably have a leak. The triangle only spins when water is being used. You can also check for a leak by writing down the meter reading. Check back after 1-2 hours and if the reading has gone up, then you know that something is drawing water.



CHECK YOUR OUTDOOR FAUCETS

Most homes typically have one outdoor spigot in the front and one in the back. Don't forget to check these spigots periodically for damage. An outdoor water leak could go undetected for quite some time, especially if not used regularly.

BUY A FISHING LICENSE!

The MN Walleye and Northern Fishing Opener is on **May 12, 2018** – stop in at the New Brighton License Bureau to get your fishing license today!



Even-Year Elections: Engaging, Efficient and Cost-Effective

BY CITY MANAGER DEAN R. LOTTER

By now you have received a direct mailing regarding the Council's decision to move city elections to an even-year cycle. Before you read on, I ask you to ponder three simple yet impactful questions. Should your local government try to connect with as many voters as possible? Should your local government operate as efficiently as possible? Finally, should your local government spend more or should it try to save money when possible?

New Brighton City Councils from 2015, 2017 and the current one have and do say “yes” to all three of these questions. They believe that most residents would agree.

For several years now, the City Council has had a set of Strategic Priorities for New Brighton. One of those priorities is Community Engagement. The description of this priority reads as follows:

Our Strategic intent for community engagement is to provide a broad range of opportunities for citizens and stakeholders to participate in improving the quality of life in the City of New Brighton and to express their opinions and

expectations of the City. Additionally, we (council and staff) will be transparent regarding our business, and we will regularly and consistently convey information to our stakeholders regarding City deliberations.

The City launched a website over a year ago, that can be translated in over 90 languages. You are now reading the second edition of our revamped city newsletter that is intended to be more thorough and inviting than ever before. Council and staff participate in activities like the Open House annual events, neighborhood meetings, community-wide surveys, and National Night Out block parties. All of these efforts are done to enrich our community through

engagement. Moving elections to the even-year cycle is just another move by the City Council to operate in a fashion that is consistent with the City's stated priorities.

As City Manager, I have had many conversations with Mayor Johnson about this topic. She has shared some of her thoughts for this article. “Yes, that's right, your local government is actually doing what it told you it will do or following through on a promise if you will,” said Mayor Val Johnson. Mayor Johnson continues, “This promise was made by former Mayor Jacobsen and two other versions of the City Council, now that I am Mayor I agree with this promise and intend on caring it out.”

NEW BRIGHTON voters have spoken through their participation levels at the polls. In even-year elections, up to 13,000 plus registered voters participate in elections. In odd-year elections, as few as 3,000 voters participate. “Those who oppose moving our local elections to the even years seem to prefer engaging a few voters as possible? That doesn't seem very healthy for our democracy,” states Mayor Val Johnson.

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The City of New Brighton hires up to 150 election judges every election. At the beginning of Election Day, they gather to swear the

Engaging as many voters as

“It almost seems too obvious to say, but when more voters are involved, our democracy is healthier,” continues Mayor Johnson.

As the City Manager, I want to share some insight with all of you that may not be apparent to the outside observer. Elections take a lot of work and effort. The stress on city staff and election judges is immense. In even-year elections, work related to elections occurs throughout the majority of the year. Recruitment of elections judges,

prepping training materials and training of the election judges (training on proper practices, legal compliance, operation of equipment, staying current on any law changes, verifying all equipment works and is certified correctly) are all activities that a city’s clerk staff are engaged in through an election year. Now, local clerk staff are going to also be saddled with running presidential primaries, which only extends the time dedicated to elections in a given year. Moving local elections

to the even year reduces costs to the City and economizes on staff resources because the City is all geared up to conduct presidential and gubernatorial elections in the even years. Simply put, in even years, City staff is working on elections in some form or fashion for about nine of the twelve months. Having odd-year local elections means another five months of staff time is dedicated to another election. There is no good reason for this duplication of effort. By moving local elections to



election judge oath.



In even years, work related to elections occurs throughout the majority of the year.



City Clerk Terri Spangrud.

possible is priceless

the even year to coincide with all other elections, literally gives me as the City Manager five months of staff time to reallocate to other projects and city work. The staff efficiencies created by even year elections are profound.

FINALLY, IF you know that the City could stop spending \$55,000 to \$75,000 on odd-year local elections wouldn't you say yes to that? These dollars could be cut from odd-year tax levies or these dollars could be reallocated towards

areas of service the residents and Council find important, like public safety or parks. While saving money and staff time are important, engaging as many voters as possible is priceless.

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Apply Now to Become an Election Judge

The City of New Brighton is seeking citizens to serve as election judges and trainees to staff polling places on Election Day and for in-person absentee voting at the Community Center. This year, the Primary Election is August 14th and the General Election is November 6th.

Requirements:

- Must be eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota (16 and 17 year olds may serve as election judge trainees)
- Must be able to read, write, and speak in English
- Cannot be the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of another election judge serving in the same precinct
- Cannot be a candidate or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any candidate on the ballot at that precinct

The City of New Brighton provides comprehensive training for election judges that lasts approximately 3 1/2 to 4 hours. To apply, visit our website or pick up an application at City Hall.

New Location for Absentee Voting

Starting this year, absentee voting will be held at the New Brighton Community Center.

SPRING IN NEW BRIGHTON



SANITARY SEWER BACK-UPS

If you experience a sewer back-up, call 911 as soon as possible. The City has personnel on call 24-hours a day. If you have had your private sewer service cleaned or cleared of roots, call 651-638-2111 or email kim.otis@newbrightmn.gov.

NUISANCE CONCERNS

It is important that all residents take responsibility for the care and maintenance of their property. The most common nuisances include:

- Weeds or grass greater than eight inches.
- Abandoned, junk, wrecked, or inoperable vehicles being stored outside.
- Vehicles, boats, trailers, or recreational vehicles being stored on unimproved surfaces.
- Firewood not cut or stacked neatly in the backyard.

To report concerns, please call Code Compliance Inspector Scott Gigrich at 651-638-2061.



SPRING / SUMMER YARD PROJECTS

The City street right-of-way typically extends to an area ten to fifteen feet beyond the curb. This area is called the boulevard and is intended to provide for snow storage, utilities, sidewalks, and other public uses. Residents are requested NOT to put landscape materials such as; fences, rocks, wood chips, ornamental lighting, posts, retaining walls, decorative type gardens, shrubs, trees, or basketball hoops within the boulevard area. The City urges residents to keep any landscaping behind the boulevard.

STREET REPAIRS

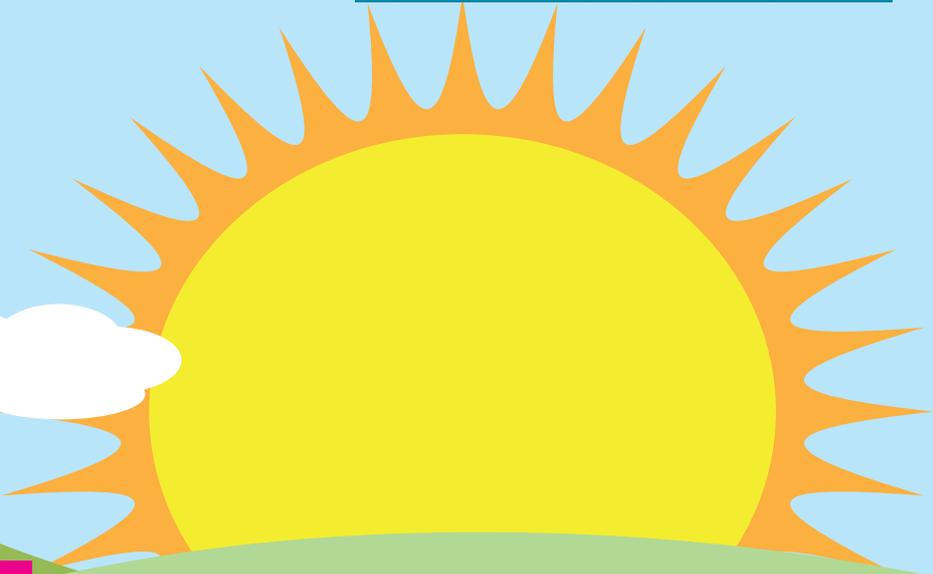
Winter excavations will be repaired in the spring of the year when the frost has come out of the ground. Generally you can expect these repairs to be complete by June 1st each year.





CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The Annual Water Quality Report will be available by July 1 and can be viewed at: newbrightonmn.gov/ccr. However, if you do not have access or wish to have a printed copy, a report can be mailed to you by calling 651-638-2114 or email jesse.hartman@newbrightonmn.gov.



MAIL BOX DAMAGED?

Any mail box damage caused by our snow plows actually hitting the mail box will be repaired in the spring. If a mailbox is damaged due to indirect contact, including the force of snow generated by the snow plow equipment, the City will not assume any responsibility. Mail boxes and posts should be sturdy enough to withstand the force of the discharged snow from the plow. Report mail box damage at 651-638-2111 or email kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov.



SPRING SWEEPING

Spring sweeping typically begins in April or as soon as streets are free of snow. The streets are swept from the north to south or south to north, rotating every year. Alleys and City parking lots are swept last. Throughout the season, the City will sweep areas as needed to remove dirt from the streets and keep leaves and debris clear from catch basins with gutter passes only.



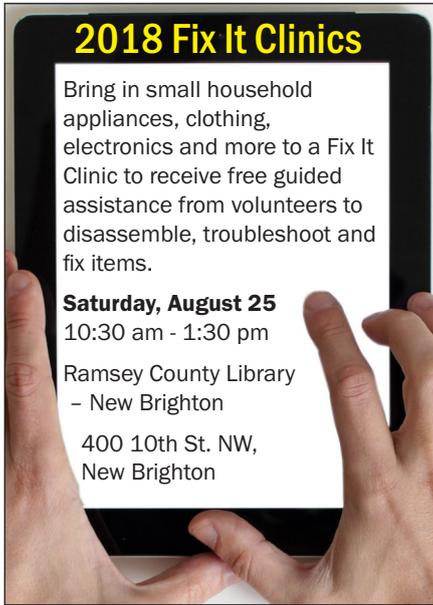
SIDEWALKS

The City sidewalk system is inspected annually by the Public Works Department. The purpose of the inspection is to locate and correct any hazards or potentially hazardous situations for pedestrians. The City requests your help in keeping branches and shrubs clear of the sidewalks and boulevard areas along your property. Call 651-638-2111 with any sidewalk concerns.



DCAD UPDATES

Department of Community Assets and Development



Need a free business counselor? New Brighton offers Open To Business for all existing and prospective business owners. It provides assistance in such areas as start-up and expansion financing, business plan development, licensing, zoning and regulatory issues, and financial management. Open To Business can respond to requests for business assistance when those requests are beyond the range of the services normally provided by your municipal agencies.

For more information, please contact Rob Smolund at 612-789-7337, ext. 260, or by email at info@opentobusinessmn.org. You can also meet with Rob one-on-one at New Brighton's City Hall every other first Thursday of the month from 9:30 am-11:30 am.

Geven Rabe is Retiring...

GEVEN RABE, Building Official, will be officially retiring on May 4th, 2018 after 18 years of faithful service in the community. Not only has Geven been heavily involved in many city projects in New Brighton, he also serves as Building Official to the City of St. Anthony. Geven has achieved prestige in the DCAD department for being an experienced building code authority who is always accessible and eager to provide guidance. He has also been a dedicated public servant,



focusing on advocacy and education of homeowners, contractors and city personnel. Aside from his professional accomplishments, he is perceived by his peers and colleagues as having a great sense of humor, an amazing memory recall for funny stories and anecdotes, and for being a wealth of interesting historical information. Geven will be missed both for his incredible in-depth institutional knowledge and for being a wonderful co-worker and friend. Best of luck!

...and Jeremy Wells is Taking Over

JEREMY WELLS will take over as Building Official to New Brighton and Saint Anthony upon Geven Rabe's departure on May 4th. Jeremy brings many talents and abilities to the table, including an incredible working and practical knowledge from his many years in the construction industry, and an additional 5 years of experience as a Building Inspector in the community. To highlight a few major achievements, he managed all of the building components of The



Enclave development in New Brighton Exchange, and tackled all of the plan review and inspections for TUV's new facility. In addition to his accomplishments in building code enforcement, Jeremy is welcoming and inclusive, and always ready to provide information and instruction to homeowners, contractors and peers. The next time you have an inspection in your home or on a project, be sure to say "hi" to Jeremy because on top of everything else, he's a super great guy.

The I-35W North MnPASS Project

Project purpose, benefits

The purpose is to provide a long-term, sustainable option for all highway users (transit and non-transit) that improves pavement conditions, increases mobility, improves travel time reliability, and maintains or improves transit advantages on I-35W between TH 36 in the City of Roseville and Sunset Avenue (CSAH 53) in the City of Lino Lakes.

Project Scope

- Add a lane to I-35W, which will be a MnPASS lane, from County Road C in Roseville to Lexington Ave (County Road 17) in Blaine.
- Repave I-35W and ramps with an unbonded concrete overlay from

County Road C in Roseville to 0.1 mile north of Sunset Ave (County Road 53) in Lino Lakes.

- Project length is about 12 miles.
- Replace the four I35W bridges at CR C and adjacent RR, replace the I35W bridge at CR I, and do bridge rehabilitation to the bridge from northbound I35W to westbound US 10.
- Install 7 separate noise walls with a total length of about 4.1 miles (2 of which will be located in New Brighton).

The project is scheduled to start in 2019 and last 3–4 years. Temporary traffic mitigation improvements will be installed in the summer of 2018.

Approximate cost: \$200 million.

TIPS – HOME PROJECTS

Remodeling or repair work in your home can be a daunting task, so check over these tips for protecting yourself whether you hire a professional or plan to DIY.

■ **HIRE A PROFESSIONAL:** The New Brighton Building Department recommends working with a Minnesota State licensed contractor if you do hire a professional. State licensing adds consumer protection and ensures minimum qualification standards. You can access the MN Dept. of Labor & Industry at <http://www.dli.mn.gov>.

■ **DO IT YOURSELF:** Tackling the project yourself can help cut costs, and you have the right as a homeowner, but life safety is the first priority. Home inspections by either a building inspector or official are included in permit fees.

■ **APPLY FOR PERMITS ONLINE:** For homeowners wishing to go through the proper channels, municipal permits provide documentation of code compliance for home alterations. With online permitting, it has never been easier to obtain one or require one from your contractor. Apply online at www.accessmygov.com.

Get in touch:
651-638-2050 or
email permits@newbrightonmn.gov

Inspections of Rental Buildings

IT IS THE purpose of the City's Housing Chapter of the City Code to assure that rental housing in the City is decent, safe and sanitary. The City's Code Compliance Inspector and Fire Marshal perform annual inspections on all rental buildings of more than three units. The inspections consists of looking for any health and safety violation. The exteriors of the buildings and grounds are also inspected to ensure proper maintenance is being performed.

Beyond annual inspections, City staff answers and investigates all rental property complaints year-round.

IF YOU HAVE any questions, concerns or complaints with your rental property please contact Scott Gigrich at 651-638-2061.

Replacement of Water Meters

STARTING IN the summer of 2018, the City will replace 1/3 of its residential water meters and all of the commercial meters. By 2020 the City will replace all of the 5,500 old meters that have been in service for more than 25 years and have reached the end of their expected life. If you have a water meter that needs to be replaced in 2018, you will receive a letter.





MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE

You asked for flexibility in making reservations for Neighborhood Centers, and we listened! With a busy spring and summer season ahead, all Neighborhood Center locations (Hansen, Freedom, Totem Pole, and Sunny Square) will have the ability to be booked online starting April 1st. Transitioning this process online will

give customers more flexibility as they can view availability, reserve, and pay for the rental at a time convenient for them. Rentals can be made up to one year in advance and the online reservation portal can be accessed from the City's website. For those that still want to speak directly to our friendly Meeting and Event Coordinator, Liz – you can still call or email her. She

loves to hear from you! Community Use groups will still need to make rental arrangements with Liz as it is a part of the verification process. Reservations can be made by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/NBReservations>

LOOK FOR EAGLES Nest Birthday Party Reservations coming sometime this summer!

PLAY WITH US THIS SUMMER!

DID YOU KNOW that New Brighton has a summer playground program? This once popular program has returned! Located at Totem Pole, Sunny Square, and Hansen Parks, this program is a way for children who are 5 or older to experience a few hours of summer fun in their neighborhood park! Supervised and structured outdoor activities are focused on fun, physical fitness and socialization. Each week (2-4 days per

week depending on location) has a theme with games, art and activities. This drop-in program allows children to come and go without supervision. Parks and Recreation staff encourage parents and guardians to set boundaries and communicate limits with their children before attending the program. Costs vary by location (\$30-60 for the entire summer). To register visit us online at <http://newbrightonmn.maxgalaxy.net>



TREE TRIMMING

The Park Maintenance Worker-Forester, Jim Veiman, and city contractors will be trimming trees throughout the City. This year they will concentrate their efforts on city alleyways and around the neighborhoods along Rice Creek Road to 14th Street NW.



Jim Veiman.

The reasons why the City trims its boulevard trees:

- To remove dead limbs (typically limbs greater than 3" in diameter) that could fall and cause damage or injuries.
- To remove limbs that obstruct vehicle traffic, traffic signs and signals, street lighting, pedestrian walkways, buildings, and power lines.
- To provide street clearance for maintenance, delivery, and emergency vehicles (usually 14 - 16' above street level).
- To fix growth defects and to establish good structure.

Xcel Energy is responsible for pruning trees along powerlines. For information, call 1-800-895-4999.

Contact Jim Veiman 651-638-2065 with boulevard/alley pruning requests.

SPRING TREE SALE 2018

The City of New Brighton continues the partnership with the Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County for the annual tree sale. Residents interested in purchasing a tree for their own use or to donate to a park in New Brighton should contact Friends of the Park and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County. Several tree varieties and shrubs are available.



ORDER DEADLINE: Friday, April 20.

PICKUP DATE: Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

PICKUP SITE: Ramsey County Parks Garage, 2015 Van Dyke, Maplewood.

See friendsoftheparks.org/tree-sales/ or visit City Hall or the NBCC for the order form. For more information, contact Shirley Erstad at 612-703-9044 or info@friendsoftheparks.org.

FORESTRY INFO

TREATING EAB

For the benefit of the residents, the City has taken preventive steps to establish criteria for contractors treating emerald ash borer to make sure you receive services from a competent contractor at a fair price. Each contractor has been in business a minimum of 5 years and has agreed to charge no more than \$7 per diameter inch, with a \$100 minimum charge.

CONTRACTORS:

Precision Tree Care 651-401-1123
 YTS Companies 612-331-1133



Tree damage caused by EAB.

ARBOR DAY

Celebrate National Arbor Day Friday, April 27. The City will host a tree planting in the new Lions Park. The public is welcome. Please arrive by 9:30 am. Meet in the park.

Requirement to be a Tree City USA:

- Tree care ordinance
- Tree board or department
- Community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita
- Arbor Day observance and proclamation





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CALENDAR



MAY 5, NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

- New Brighton Community Center 8:30 am–12:00 pm

June 29, Absentee Voting Begins (State Primary Election)

- Community Center, Room 209

April 27, National Arbor Day

- The City will host a tree planting in the new Lions Park at 9:30 am

May 26

- License Bureau Closed

May 19, Spring Clean-Up Day

- Drop off items at 700 5th Street NW 7:30 am –2:00 pm
- Paper/Document Shredding: 785 Old Highway 8 NW 7:30 am–2:00 pm

May 28, Memorial Day

- City Offices, License Bureau, Community Center, and Eagles Nest Closed

July 4, Independence Day

- City Offices, License Bureau, Community Center, and Eagles Nest Closed

June 8, Private Event at the Community Center

- Community Center Closes at 9 pm
- Eagles Nest Closes at 3 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

- August 5–13, Stockyard Days
- August 7, National Night Out
- August 14, Primary Election Day
- September 4–7, Annual Community Center Maintenance Shutdown

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