

New Brighton

SUMMER 2018

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Meet Our
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Election Judges Wanted!

The City of New Brighton still needs more Election Judges for the General Election on November 6th, 2018. Election Judges staff polling places and assist citizens on Election Day. All positions are paid.

The requirements are:

- 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 about 4 hours.



How to apply: Pick up an application at City Hall or download it on our website.

VOTING INFORMATION

PRIMARY ELECTION: August 14, 2018. Polls open 7:00 AM–8:00 PM.

GENERAL ELECTION: November 6, 2018. Polls open 7:00 AM–8:00 PM.

■ Are you unsure of where your polling place is? Visit www.mnvotes.org to look up your address.

■ Absentee voting will take place at the New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th St NW, in room 209. Absentee voting for the Primary Election started June 29th and starts September 21st for the General Election. If you want to vote by mail, you can visit www.mnvotes.org to fill out an application.

Mayor

Val Johnson

Council Members

Graeme Allen

Mary Burg

Emily Dunsworth

Paul Jacobsen

City Manager

Dean Lotter

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LETTER FROM THE CITY MANAGER

THE EFFICIENCY OF CIVILITY

Manners and treating others with respect appears to be at an all-time low lately.

Disagreement almost takes a perceived sense of destruction. It almost seems like one of the characteristics that is uniquely American is the ability to disagree with another and do so in a way that creates as opposed to destroys. There is a cost to incivility. Our republic works best when citizens, elected officials and others feel welcome to share their thoughts and express their opinions. Incivility has a chilling effect on any kind of dialogue. Who wants to be attacked or publicly chastised for expressing a differing point of view?

There is a place where civility has been improved and it's due to you, the voters of New Brighton. Now having time to get familiar with new Councilmembers Emily Dunsworth and Graeme Allen and working with returning members of the Council, Mary Burg, Paul Jacobsen and Mayor Val Johnson, I am reminded and rejuvenated by how well opposing views can lead to better decisions when those differing views are handled professionally.

IN THE RECENT past, it was necessary to have multiple meetings on the same topic, because the amount of acrimony present in the council chambers and worksession room was distracting and negative. I read an article published by NBC News called, "Why Rudness is so Toxic – and How to Stop It". Dr. Christine Porath at the McDonough School at Georgetown University has determined that when people are subjected to rudeness or incivility, "they become less motivated and actually cut back on the amount of effort they put into a certain task. People are far more less likely to leave

an organization when the work environment is civil and professional."

Productivity, professionalism and civility are descriptors of the work environment desired by our current Council. Mayor Johnson and the current Council want to be effective by having fewer meetings but accomplishing more in the meetings that are scheduled; that is called efficiency. Additionally, the current Council conveyed to me a desire to have more discussions and presentations in the regular Council meetings as opposed to worksessions. The reason.... transparency. More residents indicate that they pay attention to the regular Council meetings as opposed to the worksessions. Therefore, this Council has decided that regular meetings should be conducted. Worksessions will always be needed, but our current Council believes those meetings should be reserved for more policy-based discussions when at all possible.

OUR CURRENT cover story is a piece written by Director Paetznick about our paid on-call volunteer fire department. Many cities offer fire service, but New Brighton's model is unique. Hopefully after reading the cover story you will have a better understanding about the commitment of the men and women of the New Brighton Fire Division; and how this affordably designed service model saves taxpayer money while providing a first-rate service. The current Council truly appreciates and supports our firefighters. Previous Council rhetoric was often critical of our Public Safety Department and specifically our fire division. It almost seems preposterous to think that was the case, but for many years, it was. In the past, when firefighter pay and

benefits or budgets would be presented to past versions of our City Council, this topic would have to be discussed multiple times because caustic, unhealthy political rhetoric would be used to achieve short-term political goals of cutting the city budget. Keep in mind New Brighton's tax levy has typically been the second lowest of its comparable ten cities in the Metro.

Mayor Johnson and the rest of the current City Council have breathed a new air into the Council and staff relationship. Mayor Johnson and the City Council still ask probing questions and hold staff accountable, but they do so professionally. As a result, staff feels comfortable offering creative solutions to service or budget issues that often-times improve things and save money. This restored sense of civility means the City is not having meeting after meeting on the same topics repeatedly for the sake of a narrow political agenda. As a result, employee morale is higher than ever. My staff can more fully focus on putting out real fires instead of political ones or other projects like getting our water treatment plant back up and running or engaging in the astute financial management and future planning. Civil public discourse results in real efficiency. Thank you for doing your part last November as voters. I promise my staff and I will continue to do our part to support the Council you elected and together we will continue to build tomorrow today in New Brighton.



DEAN R. LOTTER

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STOCKYARD DAYS

AUGUST 5-13, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 5

■ **Corral Open Golf Tournament:**
8 AM Brightwood Hills Golf Course

AUGUST 9

■ **Grand Parade: 6 PM**
Olde Town New Brighton

AUGUST 11

■ **Antique Car Run: 3:00 PM**
Long Lake Regional Park
■ **Fireworks: 9:30 PM**
Long Lake Regional Park

AUGUST 12

■ **Car Show – Swap Meet: 8 AM-4 PM**
Long Lake Regional Park
■ **Duck Race: Noon**
Rice Creek – Between Silver Lake Rd and Thorndale



www.stockyarddays.org

HELP US PICK OUT A NEW CITY LOGO



THE CITY COUNCIL directed staff to begin looking at alternatives to the current City logo. As a part of that process, the staff evaluated over 300 designs for creativity and alignment with City direction. Now we need your help! At the time of printing, Council is choosing a select few for you to provide input on. A link will be placed on Facebook and the home page of the City website. We hope that you are as

excited as we are about the chance to refresh the brand that has represented New Brighton for many years.

Once a new logo is chosen by the City Council, it will be implemented in a phased approach, so as to not incur large costs (i.e. water towers will not be painted ahead of schedule, and public safety vehicles and uniforms will not have new emblems or patches created right away.)

REGISTER FOR NNO ON OUR WEBSITE

- National Night Out this year will be held on: Tuesday, August 7th. Register at www.newbrightonmn.gov/national-night-out/
- Questions can be directed to Community Engagement Officer Brad Krebsbach at 651-288-4161.



Register for NNO 2018!

National Night Out is an annual event held on the first Tuesday of August. This year is the 35th anniversary. National Night Out is structured to build relationships between Public Safety and the community as well as to build neighborhood camaraderie. Neighborhoods are asked to participate by registering a

block party, cookout or some sort of get together. Every year New Brighton competes nationally against communities that are similar in size. We have finished in the top five nationally dating back to the year 2000, with four first-place finishes. Register a party this year and help us earn another 1st place finish!

As part of NNO, Public Safety Departments are asked to have one area of focus to either work on a problem or enhance relationships. This is called "Project 365" and this year's focus in New Brighton will be Juvenile Engagement. Police and Fire will focus extra efforts to connect with the youth within our community.



STORY TIME WITH PUBLIC SAFETY

New Brighton Public Safety has partnered with the Ramsey County Library for the past several years to host story time.

Representatives from the Police and Fire Divisions of Public Safety as well as the Ramsey County Library will be on hand

to read several stories to children. Along with the stories come a safety message and police and fire badge stickers for children. This year's event will take place on Friday, August 3rd at 10:45am, at the New Brighton Public Safety Center, 785 Old Highway 8 NW. Please join us!





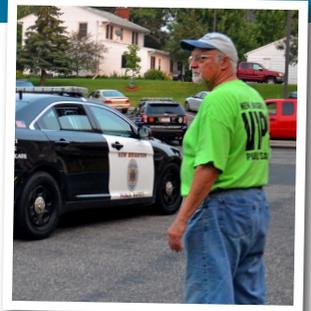
PUBLIC SAFETY

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY (VIPS)

Volunteers in Public Safety (VIPS) donate hundreds of hours assisting the Police and Fire Divisions in a variety of community oriented, prevention-based programs. VIPS members serve in a non-uniformed, non-enforcement role working with police officers, firefighters, and civilian public safety staff. VIPS help out the community in a variety of different ways, for example: park patrols, graffiti abatement, assist with New Brighton Stockyard Days parade and

festival, host blood drives, provide fingerprinting, assist with traffic control for events and multiple other areas. VIPS is a nationally recognized program of Citizen Corps, an initiative coordinated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). We are actively seeking volunteers to be part of this program. Contact Community Engagement Officer Brad Krebsbach at 651-288-4161 for more information.



CERT

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our area. Volunteers are trained in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist

others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in New Brighton. Contact Community Engagement Officer Brad Krebsbach at 651-288-4161 for more information.

POLICE EXPLORERS

The Police Explorer program is a youth/young adult program structured for participants to be able to learn and experience what the field of Law Enforce-

ment is all about. Members are given training in basic areas of police work and can even compete against other Explorer posts from other agencies. This program is

designed to allow the participant to gauge whether a career in Law Enforcement is interesting to them. Contact Officer Aaron Slack at 651-288-4124 for more info.



POLICE RESERVES

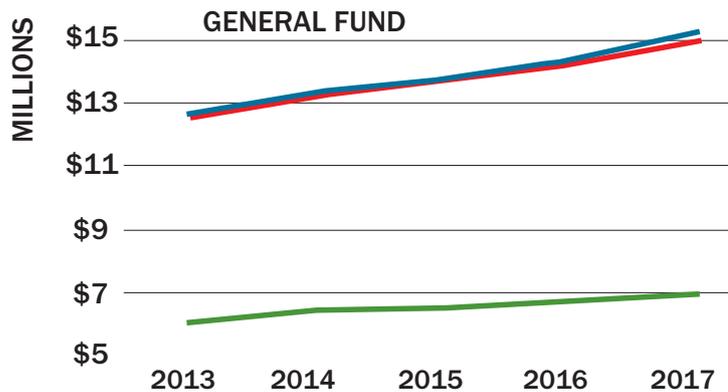
The Police Reserve Unit consists of volunteers from the community and various organizations with a desire to help improve the community. Each member of the Reserve Unit receives training in defensive tactics, aerosol subject restraints, impact weapons, radio use, patrol tactics, and traffic direction. They

also receive uniforms and all required equipment is provided free of charge by the department. Reserve Officers who satisfactorily complete the required training are entrusted with a marked patrol vehicle to assist licensed Police Officers. Contact Officer Matt Farmer at 651-288-4159 for more information.

2017 General Fund Recap

THE GENERAL FUND

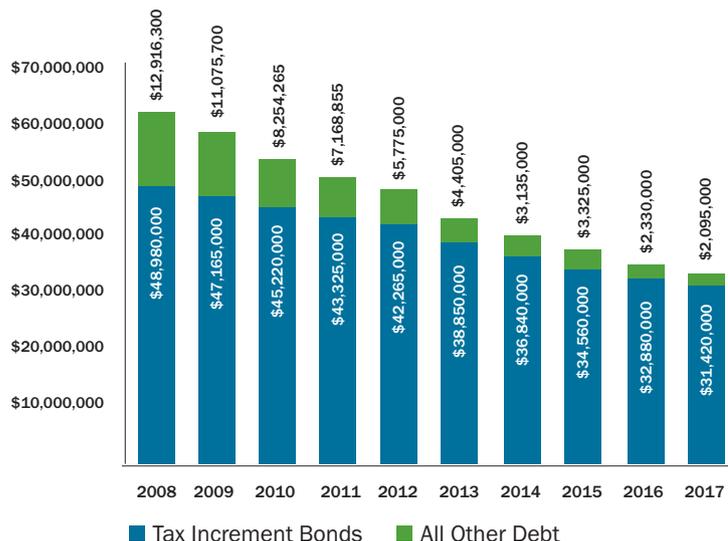
The General Fund, which accounts for a majority of the City's core services, is New Brighton's primary operating fund. It uses current revenues to fulfill current expense and transfer obligations. Below is a graph of actual revenues, expenditures, and transfers over the last five years.



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Revenue	\$12,621,152	\$13,329,361	\$13,763,083	\$14,373,451	\$15,203,548
Expenditures & Transfers	\$12,577,791	\$13,186,609	\$13,677,550	\$14,153,130	\$14,931,264
Fund Balance	\$6,079,081	\$6,442,801	\$6,528,334	\$6,748,655	\$7,020,939

OUTSTANDING DEBT

The chart below presents outstanding external debt, net of refunding bonds for each of the last ten years. While the City has issued new debt during this timeframe, it has been able to reduce total external outstanding principal each year.



	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Revenue			
Property taxes	\$7,900,100	\$7,865,718	\$(34,382)
Franchise fees	1,275,800	1,230,636	(45,164)
Licenses & permits	632,600	924,381	291,781
Intergovernmental	1,507,300	1,593,916	86,616
Charges for service	3,323,400	3,154,172	(169,228)
Fines & forfeits	60,000	73,272	13,272
Investment Income	-	-	-
Interest on investments	83,000	104,956	21,956
Change in fair value	-	(114,559)	(114,559)
Rents	300,800	279,491	(21,309)
Misc Revenue	23,600	62,407	38,807
Donations	-	29,158	29,158
Total Revenue	15,106,600	15,203,548	96,948
Expenditures			
General government	2,115,900	2,138,597	22,697
Community development	1,041,900	1,075,239	33,339
Parks & recreation	3,601,200	3,477,004	(124,196)
Public safety	5,725,800	5,642,856	(82,944)
Public works	1,310,100	1,156,239	(153,861)
Total Expenditures	13,794,900	13,489,935	(304,965)
Transfers & sale of assets	1,405,200	1,441,329	36,129
Net increase (decrease)	(93,500)	272,284	365,784
Fund balance - January 1			\$6,748,655
Fund balance - December 31			\$7,020,939

Major positive impacts to fund balance include:

- License & permits – \$291,781 from Pulte homes and TUV SUD development in the Exchange.
- Police state aid – \$58,300 more received than budgeted.
- Building inspection Joint Powers Agreement with St. Anthony – \$36,500 more received than budgeted due to increased activity in St. Anthony.
- Personnel Savings – \$181,248 due from position vacancies.

Major negative impacts to fund balance include:

- Charges for service – \$200,000 of engineering fees kept in Street Reconstruction Fund and not transferred to the General Fund.
- Fair value of investments – Loss of \$114,559 due to a non-cash adjustment on the current value of investments caused by rising interest rates.
- Xcel franchise fees – \$69,978 not collected due to 2017 warmer winter months and cooler summers.



For more information about the General Fund or other City funds, visit our website and search for "2017 CAFR" or call Brenda Davitt, Finance Director at 651-638-2102.



REAL ID UPDATE

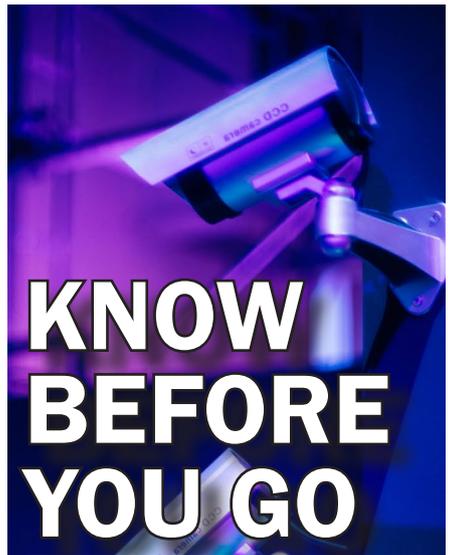
THE US Department of Homeland Security recently granted a 2 year extension for Minnesota regarding REAL ID Compliance. Minnesotans can continue to use their current licenses and ID cards for federal purposes until October 1, 2020. Even though the federal requirements have changed, the State of Minnesota is still on track to begin issuing REAL ID-compliant licenses and ID cards by October 1, 2018. This will allow Minnesotans more time to

upgrade their licenses rather than creating a rush at the DMV this fall. Minnesotans whose licenses expire before REAL ID is available will still need to apply for a replacement. There will be early renewal fees, in addition to the standard cost of the card, for anyone who wishes to apply for a REAL ID-compliant card before their current card expires. You're not required to apply for a REAL ID; the standard non-compliant cards will still be available.

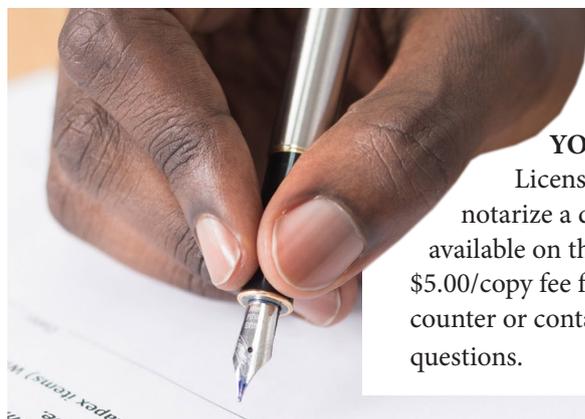
FEES

TIMING OF RENEWAL

	FEE
17 months before expiration	\$2
18-29 months before expiration	\$4
More than 29 months before expiration.....	\$6

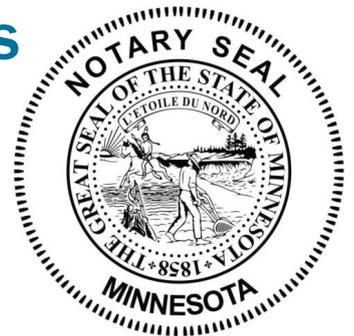


NOBODY LIKES waiting in line. A live camera feed of the New Brighton License Bureau lobby is available on our website during business hours so that you can plan your visit accordingly. To minimize your waiting time, try to visit mid-month between the hours of 8:00–11:00am or 2:00–4:00pm.



Notary Services

YOU DON'T have to wait in line at the License Bureau if you are only looking to notarize a document. Notary services are now available on the main level of City Hall. There is a \$5.00/copy fee for all notarizations. Stop by the service counter or contact the Finance Department with any questions.





NEW BRIGHTON'S
ON-CALL

They back their vehicles into driveways and parking spaces, always prepared to leave at a moment's notice. Neighbors witness them coming and going from their houses at all hours of the day and night. Earning about \$16 per hour, they act contrary to common sense, willingly running into burning buildings and moving toward the sights and sounds of disaster

or emergency while the general public flees and evacuates. Coming from different walks of life and varying backgrounds, they join together with a collective mission to protect, serve, and educate the New Brighton community. They are your volunteer firefighters from the New Brighton Department of Public Safety. **CONTINUED >>>**



HEROES

THE “VOLUNTEER” LABEL DOESN'T

For over seventy years, neighbors have been serving neighbors in the New Brighton community as members of the volunteer fire department. While technically paid-on-call employees of the City, meaning that they only get paid for actual time spent responding to emergency incidents or participating in training activities, the culture of the organization very much remains one based on community volunteerism. Missing sleep, birthday parties, holiday celebrations, family functions, school programs, and sporting or recreational events are just some of the sacrifices made by volunteer firefighters. Whenever their radio-activated voice pagers alarm, they quickly rush to their vehicles and get to the station to don their firefighting gear and respond with a fellow crew of public safety servants to the reported emergency. Given the uncertainty of who is responding to the station based on availability, members train to perform all operational functions, whether driving the apparatus or deploying a hoseline to extinguish a fire.

BUT DON'T THINK that the “volunteer” label means that residents are getting a lesser service. The



Fire Chief Dan Olson comes from generations of New Brighton firefighters.

certification and licensure requirements that apply to fulltime, career fire-fighters in large organizations like the fire departments of Minneapolis and St. Paul are the same requirements that New Brighton firefighters are required to achieve and maintain. Recruit firefighters participate in almost 280 hours of initial training during their first year on the job. While some of the members are life-long residents of New Brighton, and others are second or even third-generation firefighters in the department with their fathers and even grandfathers serving the community in previous generations, the modern organization boasts a diverse membership that includes

firefighters born in other countries and whose native language is other than English.

Fire Chief Dan Olson, whose dad Roger was a New Brighton firefighter and grandfather Ed Krist also served as Fire Chief, describes the department: “Our volunteer firefighting model continues to be successful in New Brighton because of the sacrifice and commitment of members, a tradition that has existed from the beginning of the organization and has been handed down to subsequent generations through leadership and mentoring of new firefighters.”

THE DIVERSITY of New Brighton firefighters is most evident in their vocational pursuits. College students, small business owners, teachers, hydrogeologist, plumber, electrician, mechanic, nurse, and marketing professional, are a sampling of the careers represented on the department. Some also serve as fulltime employees of the City of New Brighton, whether in Public Works, Engineering, Parks & Recreation, or



A car fire on I-694 was quickly extinguished by NBFD. No one was hurt.

MEAN LESSER SERVICE

as police officers. While fire response is a primary focus, the all-hazards approach of the agency requires firefighters to prepare for a wide-variety of emergencies. Members train in water and ice rescue using specialized suits and equipment, to navigate the different bodies of water in New Brighton. With the number of motor vehicles on area roadways, firefighters also provide vehicle extrication and specialized rescue. The amount of hazardous materials transported through New Brighton also requires firefighters to have knowledge of mitigating these incidents.

Time spent preparing for emergency response is an important foundation of the department. Each Monday evening, New Brighton firefighters gather for their weekly training drill. Residents might witness them practicing throughout the community.

PUBLIC EDUCATION and community engagement are important firefighter functions as well. During Fire Prevention Month in October, the department hosts an annual community open house to allow residents the opportunity to explore firefighting equipment and apparatus, while also learning valuable lessons about home fire safety. Firefighters also visit schools each year to share these life-saving messages, whether speaking in classrooms or conducting fire drills at all education sites in New Brighton.

Throughout the year, firefighters also participate in a number of community events, including the New Brighton Farmers Market, National Night Out, the VFW Memorial Day

parade, Stockyard Days, neighborhood gatherings, school events, and church festivals. Like their commitment to training and response, these voluntary activities are supported by the willingness of firefighters to give of their time for the benefit of the community.

NEW BRIGHTON firefighters give back to the community in other ways through their participation in the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Fill the Boot days during the summertime and the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign in the winter. They also support Public Safety's decades-old Santa Cop program during the holiday season, shopping for residents in-need who are identified during calls for service and hosting a party for families each year.

At any given time, about 40 residents serve the department, representing a wide spectrum of ages

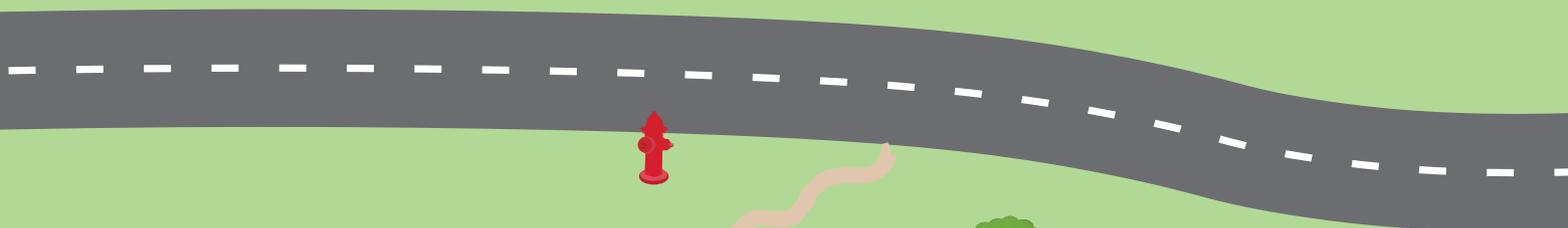
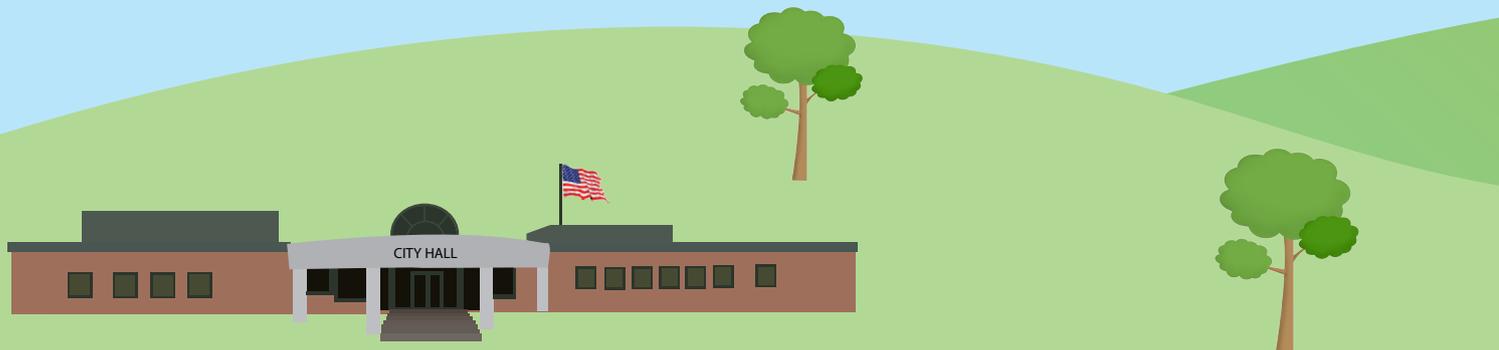


No task is too big or too small for the New Brighton Fire Department.

from some just 18 years-old and recent high school graduates to those nearing the mandatory retirement age of 65. Unlike many other volunteer or paid-on-call fire departments that struggle to recruit and retain firefighters, New Brighton has a strong reputation for effectively hiring and keeping these public safety servants. The department generally hires a new group of recruit firefighters every three years but always welcome interested residents to inquire about employment opportunities.



SUMMER IN NEW BRIGHTON



STREETS & SIDEWALKS

The City may trim branches and shrubs to maintain sight lines at intersections. The City requests your help in keeping branches and shrubs clear of the sidewalks and boulevard areas along your property.

SEWER PRIVATE SEWER CLEANING

If you have had your private sewer service cleaned or cleared of roots, call 651-638-2111 or email kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov.



NUISANCE CONCERNS

The following are considered nuisances and are subject to corrective orders:

- Weeds or grass growing to a height greater than eight (8) inches and branch piles
- Junk and debris stored outside
- Abandoned, junk, wrecked, or inoperable vehicles stored outside
- Parking on the grass – all vehicles (including boats, trailers, ATV's, etc. must be stored on a fully paved surface)
- Uncut firewood - firewood may only be stored outside if it is cut and stacked neatly in the side or rear yard

To report concerns, please contact Code Compliance Inspector Scott Gigrich at 651-638-2061 or scott.gigrich@newbrightonmn.gov.



RIGHT-OF-WAY

When completing summer yard projects; remember, 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 in the right-of-way.

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. The City has adopted a Sewer Backup and Watermain Cleanup Assistance Policy and this policy will help cover cleanup costs incurred from a sewer backup or watermain break from the City main.



DCAD UPDATES

Department of Community Assets and Development

New 2040 Brighton

Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan Available for Comment

AFTER OVER A year and a half, on May 22, 2018 the City Council authorized release of the City of New Brighton's Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan for public comment. The Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning document that covers the areas of land use, transportation, housing, parks & trails, environmental protection, and community facilities. It also outlines the City's vision and goals over the next 20 years.

The updated Plan incorporates the feedback received from numerous community engagement events throughout 2017. The Plan will be available for review and comment until November 30, 2018. View the Plan on the City's website at www.new-brightonmn.gov, by searching "Comprehensive Plan". Submit comments via email to Janice. Gundlach@NewBrightonMN.gov.

Home Improvement Forgivable Financing

FOR MANY homeowners expensive utility bills and heating system repairs can be a difficult financial burden. To help, the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) has partnered with Ramsey County

to offer a Energy Conservation Deferred Loan. The loan is 0% interest, has no monthly payments, and is forgiven if the homeowner stays in their home for 10 years. Income limits apply.

Eligible projects include:

- Furnace/boiler replacement
- Water heater replacement
- Attic and/or wall insulation

To learn more or to get started call CEE's residential loan specialists at 651-789-5706. In addition to this program, CEE offers a wide variety of financing options for your home improvement needs. To learn more visit mnlendingcenter.org. The Center for Energy and Environment is a Minnesota nonprofit that has been helping homeowners for over 40 years.





New Brighton is a GreenStep City

GREENSTEP CITIES is a voluntary program municipalities can utilize to provide information and a framework to engage in sustainable behaviors. Being a GreenStep City provides direct access to free technical assistance and/or advisors that can help guide New Brighton to achieve sustainability through the implementation of best practices, which focus on cost savings, energy use reduction and innovation. New Brighton was recognized at the June 21 League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference for reaching Step 3 of this program.



New Billboard

CLEAR CHANNEL plans to construct a 75-foot high billboard structure with two 14'x48' digital displays at the New Brighton Community Center yet this year. The agreement with Clear Channel will allow for:

- Public service announcements minimum of 5 hours/month/face (including City and Community Events)
- Amber alerts, FBI alerts, severe weather warnings, emergency management requests
- Architectural column with City logo

Fall Clean-Up Day

THE FALL Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2018. As the event date gets closer, watch your mailbox for detailed information on what is accepted, what is free, and the costs to dispose of various other items.

Redevelopment of the Old New Brighton Elementary School

THE CITY IS in the process of redeveloping the former New Brighton Elementary School, also known as the Korean Church, at 701 8th Avenue NW. City staff has met with 12 developers, nine of whom expressed further interest in the site by submitted concept re-development proposals. The Economic Development Commission (EDC) reviewed these concepts during two meetings in May, ultimately making a recommendation to the City Council. That recommendation included redeveloping the site with a mix of owner-occupied townhomes and

affordable family and senior/55+ apartments. The City Council reviewed this recommendation during a work session on June 5 and directed staff to continue efforts in support of the EDC's recommendation.

A major step still forthcoming is engaging with the neighborhood on the future redevelopment, which will occur by the end of summer/early fall. The nearly 11 acre redevelopment site is a unique and rare opportunity to add housing options in the community, while also trying to calm traffic in the area and add trail and place making amenities.



Annual Shutdown – Why?

The New Brighton Community Center works hard to be open when members and residents most need it! However, in doing that, there are a number of things that do impact our ability to get bigger projects done. To accommodate those projects and deep cleans, the Community Center typically shuts down to members the week of Labor Day. Projects that have been performed in the past would include the refinishing of the gym floor, deconstruction of the old Eagles Nest Structure, and HVAC upgrades. All

items that would interrupt the regular flow of traffic and business.

THIS YEAR the list of projects, and while not complete, staff hopes will include new carpeting in all upper-level meeting rooms and parks and recreation offices, a remodel of the cabinets and flooring in the copy room area of the office to better accommodate storage and materials as well as the yearly deep cleaning items that staff are always looking forward to – such as moving equipment, cleaning vents,

lights, and those hard to reach areas! We understand that it isn't convenient for you to miss your workouts. So this year, we are hoping to lead some group walks, Yoga in the Park and a few other creative alternatives so that you can get your workout groove on! We will be hard at work cleaning, moving furniture, boxes and equipment so that when you return it will be better than ever!

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we work to improve the facility!

Eagles Nest Online Birthday Party Reservations

STARTING THIS summer, the New Brighton Parks and Recreation Department has made it easier to schedule a birthday party at the Eagles Nest! No Frills and Exclusive Use weekend parties can be reserved online by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/EaglesNestParties>. Reservations can be made up to five months in advance online.

Because we offer more flexibility on times during the week, at least over the summer, staff will continue to make those reservations in house when you call our reservations coordinator. However, plans are in the works to move all reservations online by fall. “We have had such a tremendous response to our new structure that our coordinator has

been swamped! This is the perfect time to roll this out!” said Mayor Val Johnson.

No Frills parties are \$120+ tax for up to 8 children and Exclusive use parties are \$230 for up to 25 children (Sundays from 9-11 am or 5:30-7:30 pm only). Visit the Parks and Recreation page on the City website for more info.



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PARKS AND RECREATION

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NRPA'S PARK AND RECREATION MONTH • JULY 2018

Thursday, July 26
6:00pm-8:00pm
Hansen Park
500 16th Ave NW

This July, explore everything New Brighton Parks and Recreation has to offer! Playgrounds, rec centers, sports leagues, summer camps — these are just a few of the things that come to mind when we think of parks and rec. But, parks and recreation is so much more than that. During Park and Recreation Month, we challenge you to explore the “undiscovered” roles of local parks and rec, like science, technology, engineering and math programming; senior programs; innovative health and wellness opportunities; community celebrations; outdoor education; maintenance; and more!



Cops & Bobbers



Summer is underway, so what better way to get outdoors for family fun than a community fishing clinic! Join us for this FREE event hosted by New Brighton Park & Recreation, Public Safety and Ramsey County.

Bring the family to learn how to fish, water/boat safety, get your hands dirty handling bait, have an opportunity to reel in the “catch of the day” (catch and release only) and gain knowledge through hands-on science learning educational activities.



THURSDAY, JULY 19 • 5:30 PM-8:00 PM
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July 19, Cops and Bobbers

- Long Lake Regional Park
5:30–8:00 pm

July 26, National Parks and Recreation Month Event

- Hansen Park 6:00–8:00 pm

August 3, Ramsey County Library Story Time

- Public Safety Center
10:45 am

August 5–13, Stockyard Days

August 7, National Night Out

August 14, Primary Election Day

- Polls open 7:00 am–8:00 pm

September 1, License Bureau Closed

September 3, Labor Day

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

September 4–7, Annual Community Center Maintenance Shutdown

September 15, Fall Clean-Up Day

- Drop off items at 700 5th Street NW 7:30 am–2:00 pm

September 21, Absentee Voting Begins (General Election)

- Community Center, Room 209

NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET

June 20–September 12:
3 PM–7 PM

September 19–October 3:
3 PM–6 PM

Location: 3000 5th St. NW

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