

# *New Brighton*

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**POLICING  
NEW BRIGHTON**  
— THE PUBLIC SAFETY MODEL

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# National Night Out

## October 6, 2020

National Night Out is usually held the first Tuesday in August. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, New Brighton is following the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association and National Association of Town Watch recommendation to celebrate it on Tuesday, October 6 this year. The registration will open in the middle of August.

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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

# A Chance for Conversation and Meaningful Action

The death of George Floyd has shown in a most painful way the need for our society to address and work to improve race relations in America, including New Brighton.

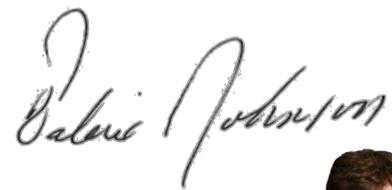
As a City, we have been intentional in our efforts to be a more inclusive community, but it is obvious to myself and our Council that we can do even better in those efforts. Although difficult during this time of physical distancing, we are going to create ways to ensure there are opportunities to have your voices heard. Initially, we are going to try a series of Zoom meetings designed so New Brighton residents and business leaders can share with their community their experiences and reality, their concerns and any actionable suggestions

for improvement. This is deeper than just a chance for Council and staff to hear your remarks but is meant for our entire community to join in the conversation and listen to each other. We need support from individuals but also the entire community's participation in taking meaningful action regarding racial equity and inclusion.

Our Public Safety Department is featured in this newsletter to educate our residents on how our Department operates. We have already begun having difficult, but important conversations about policing in New Brighton. Our Public Safety Department has created a webpage where residents can review information and data

about our Department. Please visit [newbrightonmn.gov/listen](http://newbrightonmn.gov/listen) to learn more and submit your comments or questions.

I am proud of the work our City has done to foster meaningful relationships within our community and look forward to continuing the conversation on how we can better serve all members of our community.



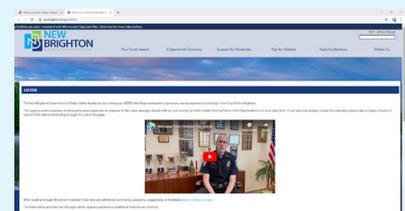
**VALERIE JOHNSON**  
Mayor of New Brighton



## NEW WEBPAGE – LISTEN

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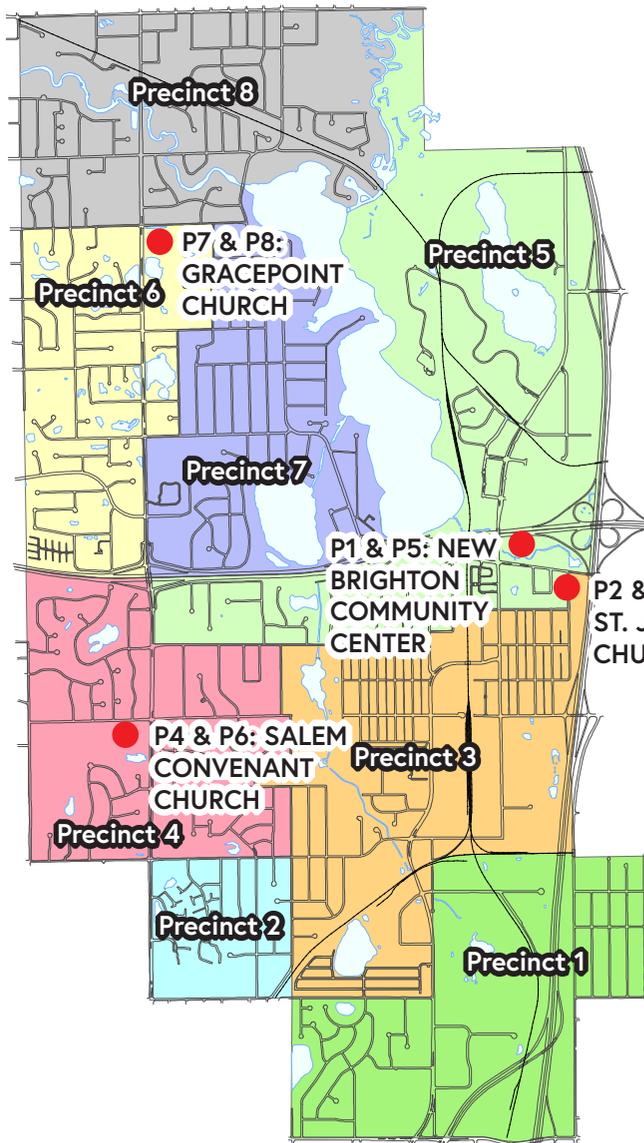


# POLLING PLACE CHANGES

Some facilities that have served as long-time polling places are unavailable for this year's elections due to the pandemic. As such, the City Council has designated new polling places for the August 11 State Primary and November 3 Presidential Election.

Registered voters affected by the changes will receive a postcard from Ramsey County Elections listing their new polling place. Please visit [MNVotes.org](http://MNVotes.org) to confirm your polling location and watch the City Website and social media accounts for updated information.

- **Precinct 1:** New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th Street NW  
Voters in Precinct 1 will continue to vote at the New Brighton Community Center.
- **Precinct 2:** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave NW  
Voters in Precinct 2 will now vote at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.



- **Precinct 3:** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave NW  
Voters in Precinct 3 will continue to vote at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.
- **Precinct 4:** Salem Covenant Church, 2655 5th St NW  
Voters in Precinct 4 will continue to vote at Salem Covenant Church.
- **Precinct 5:** New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th St NW  
Voters who reside in Precinct 5 will now vote at the New Brighton Community Center.
- **Precinct 6:** Salem Covenant Church, 2655 5th St NW  
Voters who reside in Precinct 6 will now vote at Salem Covenant Church.
- **Precinct 7:** GracePoint Church, 2351 Rice Creek Rd NW  
Voters in Precinct 7 will continue to vote at GracePoint Church.
- **Precinct 8:** GracePoint Church, 2351 Rice Creek Rd NW  
Precinct 8 will now vote at GracePoint Church.

## ABSENTEE VOTING AVAILABLE NOW



Absentee voting for the August 11 State Primary started June 26 at the New Brighton Community Center. It's open from 10 am – 4 pm, Monday–Friday. If you want to vote by mail, you can apply for an absentee ballot at [mnavotes.org](http://mnavotes.org) or call 651-266-2171. Due to COVID-19, there is no witness requirement for *registered* voters for the State Primary.

## APPLY TO BECOME AN ELECTION JUDGE

The City of New Brighton is seeking citizens to serve as paid election judges for the State Primary and Presidential Election. State law requires employers to give election judges time off work to serve without financial penalty. Apply to become an election judge on the City website.



## COVID-19: VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

Voters who cast a ballot on Election Day are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines and maintain six feet of distance between voters and wear a face mask (although not required). Curbside voting is available for anyone who cannot enter the polling place for any reason, including concerns for their health. City staff has implemented several safety measures to limit the spread. Read more on the City website.



## Plan Your License Bureau Visit in Advance

The New Brighton License Bureau has made many changes to its operations to continue serving the public while also mitigating the potential transmission of COVID-19 in our office. Before visiting our office, please first visit our

website at [www.newbrightonmn.gov/departments/LicenseBureau](http://www.newbrightonmn.gov/departments/LicenseBureau) for the most up to date information about how we are providing our services. Most transactions now require an appointment. Other transactions are

completed outside through the exterior windows by the parking lot.

Note: Although it is not required, we encourage you to wear a mask during your visit.

### New Driver's License and Motor Vehicle System goes Live in November

MNDRIVE is the new system currently being developed to replace the State's driver's license and motor vehicle systems. It is scheduled to go live in Deputy Registrar offices across the state on November 16, 2020. With MNDRIVE, the state anticipates it will make

transactions more efficient so that the turnaround time for customers to receive their documents is faster.

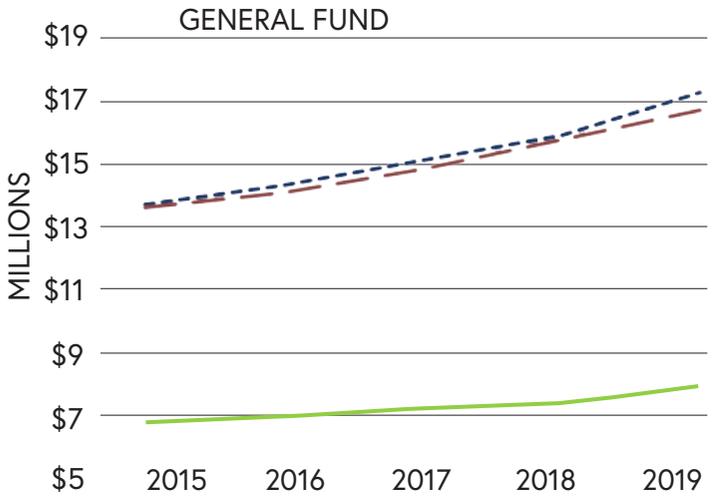
This new system will provide more ports of access and transparency for Deputy Registrars at the front counter rather

than relying on the state for processing assistance. Overall MNDRIVE is expected to lessen complications that MNLARS has, and to create a more functional system that incorporates driver's license and motor vehicle services to better serve our customers.

# 2019 FINANCIAL 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 fund balance over the last five years.



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Revenue</b>	\$13,763,083	\$14,373,451	\$15,203,548	\$16,050,970	\$17,449,213
<b>Expenditures &amp; Transfers</b>	\$13,677,550	\$14,153,130	\$14,931,264	\$15,883,784	\$16,869,785
<b>Fund Balance</b>	\$6,528,334	\$6,748,655	\$7,020,939	\$7,188,125	\$7,767,553

REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Property taxes	\$9,513,110	\$9,222,362	\$(290,748)
Franchise fees	1,283,600	1,242,260	(41,340)
Licenses & permits	648,900	1,029,894	380,994
Intergovernmental	1,012,600	1,076,591	63,991
Charges for service	4,241,600	4,129,833	(111,767)
Special Assessments	-	208	208
Fines & forfeits	90,000	81,974	(8,026)
Investment Income			
Interest on investments	100,000	136,347	36,347
Change in fair value	-	140,573	140,573
Rents	296,200	303,565	7,365
Misc Revenue	43,100	58,963	15,863
Donations	13,800	26,643	12,843
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>17,242,910</b>	<b>17,449,213</b>	<b>206,303</b>

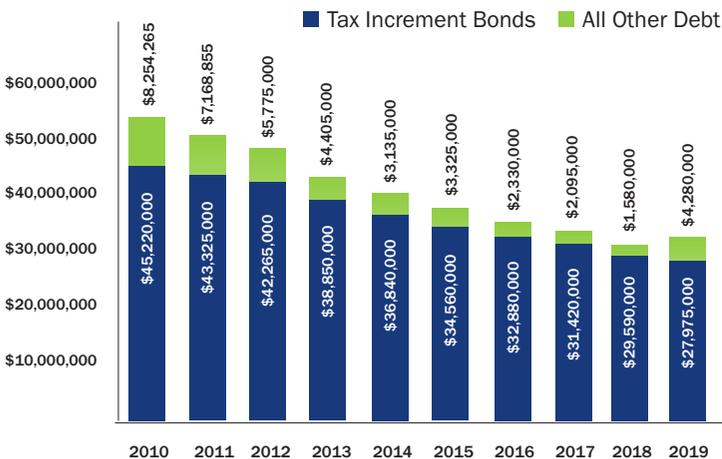
EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
General government	2,663,590	2,576,691	(86,899)
Community development	1,095,350	1,031,234	(64,116)
Parks & recreation	4,473,080	4,192,606	(280,474)
Public safety	6,277,520	6,276,993	(527)
Public works	1,387,000	1,362,959	(24,041)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>15,896,540</b>	<b>15,440,483</b>	<b>(456,057)</b>
Transfers & sale of assets	(1,427,800)	(1,429,302)	(1,502)
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<b>(81,430)</b>	<b>579,428</b>	<b>660,858</b>

**Fund balance-Jan 1** ..... \$7,188,125  
**Fund balance-Dec 31**.....\$7,767,553



## OUTSTANDING DEBT

The chart below presents outstanding external debt, net of refunding bonds for each of the last ten years. The amount of outstanding debt increased slightly in 2019 due to new issuances that were offset by current year principal payments.



### Major increases to fund balance include:

- Permit Revenue: \$386,000 over budget (Midtown Village development activity)
- Investment Income: \$177,000 over budget (market value increases)
- Personnel cost savings: \$435,000 (staff turnover and delayed hiring of budgeted personnel)

### Major decreases to fund balance include:

- Property Tax Revenue: \$(200,000) withheld from tax settlements for pending petitions (estimates of property tax appeals that had not been settled by the end of 2019)



# Detecting Water Leaks

With the help of the City's new Smart Meter Technology, possible water leaks can now be detected more quickly than ever before. If you receive a letter from the City notifying you of a possible leak at your property, here are some DIY tips to check your home for water leaks before calling a plumber.

## ■ 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. If there is colored water in the toilet bowl by the time the 30 minutes is up: you have 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 write down the meter reading; you may have to lift the cover to see the reading. Check back after 1-2 hours and if the reading has gone up, 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.



## UTILITY BILLING CONSERVATION EFFORTS

As a GreenStep City, the City of New Brighton has implemented paperless billing, electronic payment options and ecoEnvelopes for utility billing in an effort to conserve valuable natural resources. These ecoEnvelopes are 2-way reusable envelopes made of recyclable materials, eliminating the need for a second return envelope. The original envelope that the bill arrives in is used as the return envelope to send a payment in.

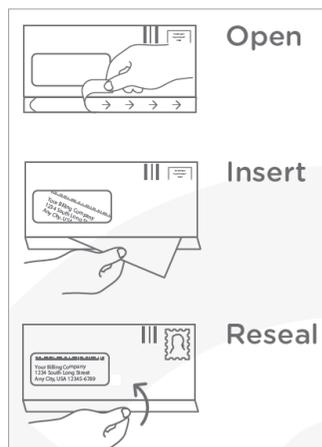
Since implementing the ecoEnvelopes in May 2016 the City has conserved over 90,000

envelopes which equates to:

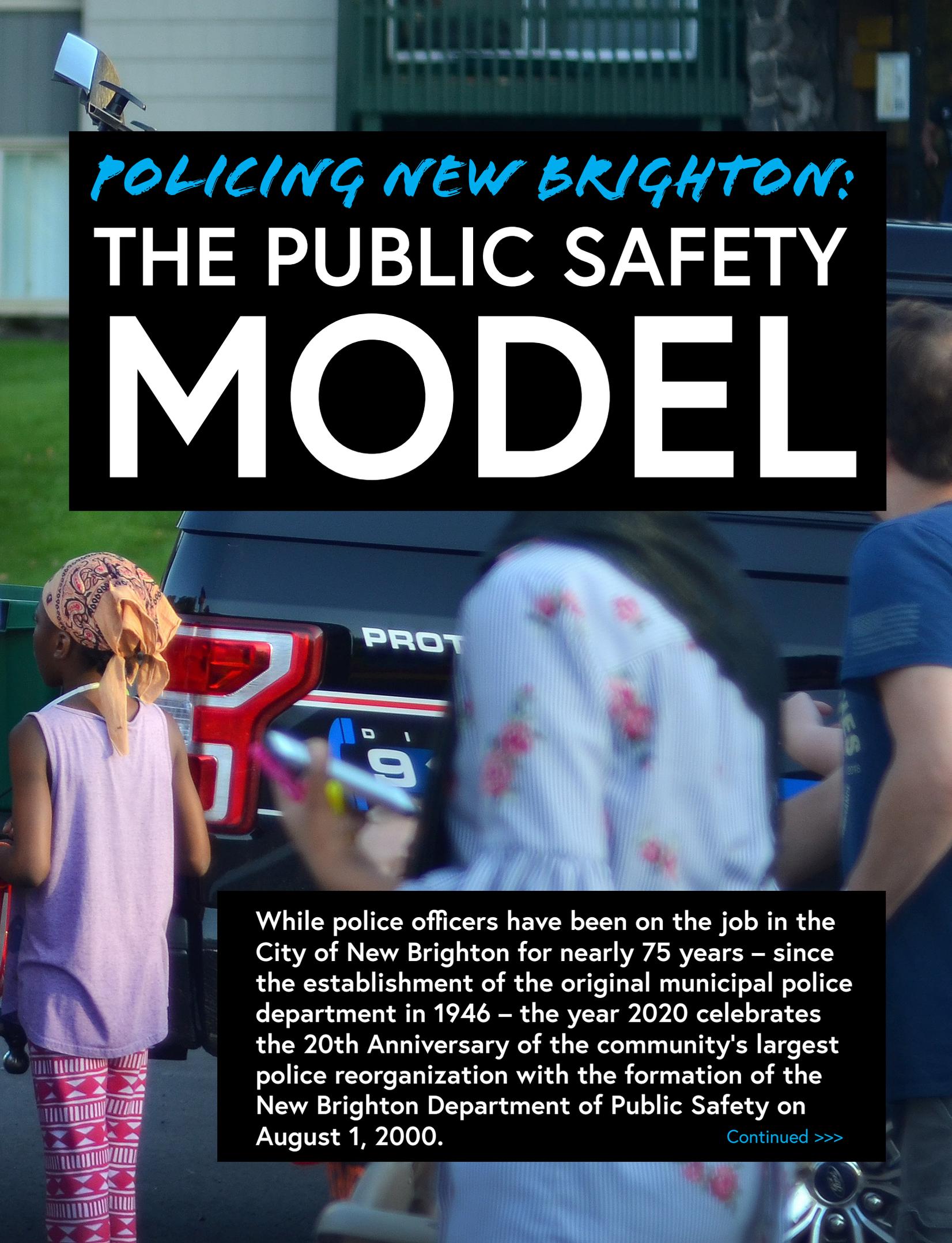
- 783 pounds of wood saved
- 9,680 gallons of wastewater avoided
- 11.5 million BTU's of energy conserved
- 501 pounds of waste averted

To make a utility bill payment online or sign up for paperless billing, please visit [www.newbrightonmn.gov/departments/UtilityBilling](http://www.newbrightonmn.gov/departments/UtilityBilling) or call Utility Billing at 651-638-2129 for more information.

*Environmental impact estimates were made using the Environmental Paper Network Paper Calculator Version 4.0. For more information visit [www.papercalculator.org](http://www.papercalculator.org).*







# *POLICING NEW BRIGHTON:* THE PUBLIC SAFETY MODEL

While police officers have been on the job in the City of New Brighton for nearly 75 years – since the establishment of the original municipal police department in 1946 – the year 2020 celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the community's largest police reorganization with the formation of the New Brighton Department of Public Safety on August 1, 2000.

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Story Time.

# "WITHOUT THE PUBLIC'S SUPPORT, KEEPING

A group of agency and community stakeholders created the new department's mission statement that continues to serve as the guiding principle for the organization today: *The New Brighton Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the community, is dedicated to protect, serve, and educate. We value and promote a respect for human dignity by ensuring a common goal of a safe community.*

During the past 20 years, the New Brighton Department of Public Safety has received numerous state, national, and international awards for its community policing efforts. Twice the department has been awarded the prestigious Community Policing Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), once for the department's crime reduction and community building efforts in multi-family properties, and again for the agency's Neighborhood Oriented Policing (NOP).

In addition, New Brighton has been named the top city nationwide four times for National Night Out (NNO)

participation and has placed in the top-five ranking for communities of similar size for the past 20 years.

"The co-production of public safety, in partnership with the community, is a hallmark of modern-day policing in this city," says Public Safety Director Tony Paetznick. "Without the public's support for and involvement with our agency, keeping New Brighton safe would be impossible."

Neighborhood-based policing and volunteer programs offer resident engagement opportunities through Law Enforcement Exploring, Police Reserve Auxiliary, Volunteers in Public Safety (VIPS) and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Watch Captains, and NNO block party hosts. Volunteerism also serves as a recruitment tool: one-third of current employees are local graduates of Irondale or Mounds View High Schools.

Despite its documented success, the department is always raising the bar

for New Brighton law enforcement. In 2016, the agency adopted the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) curriculum for Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT). Focused on de-escalation techniques, ICAT is woven throughout the department's training and operations.

Patrol officers also attend the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training that promotes the use of verbal de-escalation skills before using force when confronting a person experiencing a mental health crisis. Local professionals from Regions Hospital, Nystrom & Associates, and Hazelden Betty Ford provide continuing education for officers. Earlier this year, New Brighton police officers received updated ICAT training with PERF's newest protocol guide for responding to "suicide by cop" scenarios that included table-top exercises to discuss the agency's response to these incidents.

For over 40 years, Northeast Youth and Family Services (NYFS) has



Cops and Bobbers.



Coffee with a Cop.

Patrol Officers.

# NEW BRIGHTON SAFE WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE"

partnered with suburban Ramsey County communities to provide juvenile delinquency diversion services, providing an alternative for youth other than the traditional criminal justice system route. In 2019, New Brighton joined NYFS in funding a Community Case Manager position to address repeat mental health calls for service, recognizing that many persons in crisis need services beyond the capacity of local police departments. New Brighton continues to expand its community engagement efforts, from establishing the Faith Community Partnership, to outreach in diverse neighborhoods, and creating the Squad Car Bakery with the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf.

Public Safety continuously strives to better engage with the evolving racial and ethnic diversity of the local population. It also increased involvement at Community Partners with Youth (CPY) that provides a safe

and educational environment after school and during the summer.

Public Safety partners internally with municipal peers to broaden resident engagement. Parks & Recreation supports the annual Cops & Bobbers fishing event on Long Lake and last

year's inaugural Safety Camp. The Community Engagement Officer works with the Department of Community Assets and Development (DCAD) on safe housing, serving as a liaison with

apartment owners & managers and tenants. Most recently, a multi-disciplinary municipal team formed a Complete Count Committee in the City of New Brighton for the 2020 Census.

Developing positive relationships with the 5000+ K-12 students who attend public schools in New Brighton while promoting a safe learning environment is a primary focus of the department's three, full-time

School Resource Officers (SROs). The school based policing partnership has existed for 25 years with Mounds View Schools, and provides coverage at Irondale High School, Highview Middle School, and the three elementary schools.

The department's threefold mission to protect, serve, and educate uses proactive strategies and prevention measures to reduce crime and increase safety. "With only three patrol officers on-duty in a city of 23,000 residents spread across 7.2 square miles, we greatly rely on the help of citizens to report suspicious persons, vehicles, and activities in the City of New Brighton by calling 911 immediately," says Community Engagement Officer Brad Krebsbach.

Compared to communities of similar composition in the Twin Cities area, New Brighton has one of the lowest police officer per capita rates and also enjoys a low crime rate, especially for violent crimes against persons. Three years ago, New Brighton rebranded its award-winning



Law Enforcement Explorers.

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Safety Camp.

## LISTEN

For residents to become better informed about local law enforcement, the City of New Brighton has developed a webpage dedicated to openness and transparency of policing: [newbrightonmn.gov/listen](http://newbrightonmn.gov/listen). There is also an online feedback form to ask further questions and provide additional suggestions to public safety.

## THE DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTED BODY WORN CAMERAS IN 2019

Neighborhood Oriented Policing program into NOP 2.0 for enhanced accountability and responsiveness of community concerns. NOP officers work with residents and business owners on problem solving while also building relationships. Typical issues involve residential speeding, traffic concerns, parking violations, neighbor disputes, code enforcement, and other quality of life matters. Patrol supervisors also have geographic division assignments with oversight for the NOP activities in each quadrant of the city.

Mandatory use of force written reports have been required by the agency for over 20 years. In addition to officer reporting and supervisory oversight of initial responses, civilian review of these incidents triggers an internal audit of each force application for compliance with department policy. First-line supervisors follow-up on any identified deficiencies with appropriate corrective measures.

From an average 16,000 police contacts annually, officers use force in less than one-half of one-percent of all

incidents, or about 80 times each year. The majority of these involve an officer using their hands to gain compliance or displaying their firearm due to the high-risk nature of the encounter. Actual police deployments of force options including firearms, Taser, expandable baton, chemical irritant, or other less-than-lethal devices remain rare in the City of New Brighton.

Rewarding positive behaviors reinforces the department's organizational value of promoting human dignity. Officers receive recognition for preserving the sanctity of life in successfully resolved encounters that had the potential for deadly force outcomes. "Our healthy policing culture in New Brighton believes that all human life has value and our officers work hard to make sure that everyone is safe on these scenes – the public, the police, and even criminal suspects," states Director Paetznick.

The department's police body worn camera (BWC) program implemented in May 2019 requires monthly supervisory review of each officer's

use of the recording devices to ensure compliance with the BWC policy. Officers routinely use BWC footage to critique their own responses to calls for service and discuss with their policing peers how to better themselves.

Established in December 1994, the Public Safety Commission serves as a citizen oversight and advisory group appointed by the City Council to guide strategic planning for law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency management. Each month, the Commission receives detailed statistics about department's activities, and also considers resident input on public safety operations.

The New Brighton Department of Public Safety is at a pivotal moment in American policing while it celebrates its 20th anniversary. As law enforcement is uniquely local in this country, the City of New Brighton is well-positioned with its public safety delivery model to continue advancing community-based policing and adjusting methods to maintain its mission of ensuring a common goal of a safe community.

# PUBLIC SAFETY FAQ



## ■ What is a PSO?

Public Safety Officers (PSOs) provide animal control services, parking enforcement, traffic direction, administrative details, prisoner transport, property/evidence transfer, motorist assists, speed cart deployment, and fleet/equipment support. PSOs support patrol personnel, relieving sworn peace officers of duties not requiring statutory powers.

## ■ Is there still a police chief?

Yes, the Public Safety Director also serves as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) for the agency.



## ■ Is everyone trained as both a police officer and firefighter?

No, New Brighton's model of cross-training fulltime municipal staff, including police officers, to serve as paid-on-call firefighters is voluntary. Currently, half of the department's 40 firefighters serve elsewhere in municipal operations, with 13 performing police officer duties.



## ■ Are Public Safety Departments common?

No, in the State of Minnesota, out of the more than 400 law enforcement agencies and 720 fire departments, less than a dozen are organized as public safety.

## ■ Who responds to emergency medical calls (EMS) for service?

New Brighton police officers are all trained to the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification level and respond to all EMS incidents, about 2,200 calls annually. Police officers carry a variety of EMS equipment in their squads, including oxygen, AEDs (automated external defibrillators), advanced oral airways, naloxone, tourniquets, and other lifesaving devices. Allina Health EMS provides advanced and basic life support transport ambulance service for the city.



# 2020 PROJECTS



## 1) 2020 Street Project

**JULY 2020 - OCTOBER 2020**

- Rehabilitation of 0.86 miles of residential streets
- Replacement of 9 storm sewer catch basins
- Replacement of 10 fire hydrants
- 2,000 feet of spot curb and gutter replacement
- Railroad quiet zone improvements

## 2) Pedestrian Crossing Project

**COMPLETE**

- Widening Silver Lake Road at Rice Creek Regional Trail crossing
- Installation of median island with pedestrian refuge
- Installation of flashing pedestrian crossing beacons
- Improved trail crossing lighting
- Installation of railroad crossing arms

## 3) Pavement Management Program

**SUMMER 2020**

- Rehabilitation of 2 tennis courts at Hidden Oaks Park and 1 tennis court at Silver Oaks Park

## 4) LED Streetlight Upgrades

**SUMMER/FALL 2020**

- Transition all remaining High Pressure Sodium streetlights to LED
- LED streetlights are more efficient and have longer lifespans than HPS
- Improved visibility at night

## 9) County Road H Resurfacing

**SUMMER 2020**

- Replacement of pavement surface between Silver Lake Road and Old Highway 8 NW
- Replacement of all pedestrian curb ramps throughout project corridor

## 10) Lift Station Replacement

**FALL 2020**

- Increase wet well size and storage capacity to prevent sewer backups
- Relocation of existing power poles to create improved site access

## 11) 2019 Street Rehabilitation

**COMPLETE JULY 2020**

- Two year phased construction of 2.81 miles of residential streets
- Replacement of 12,000 feet of watermain
- Replacement of 232 water services
- Replacement of 1,700 feet of sanitary sewer
- Replacement of 31 storm sewer catch basins
- Sediment removal from Imperial Pond

## 12) STOR

**OCTOBER 2020**

- Interior improvements to the former Printcraft building are now complete, and exterior storage units are currently under construction. We anticipate this new storage facility will open its doors in October of 2020.

### 5) 2020 Reclamite Pavement

**JULY 2020**

- Application on 0.81 miles of streets (Windsor Lane, Windsor Court, and Windsor Way)
- Similar to traditional seal coat without application of loose rock
- Extends pavement life by improving durability, flexibility, and viscosity

### 6) Rice Creek Road Sidewalk Extension

**JULY 2020**

- Installation of a new sidewalk segment from Nystrom and Associates to Rice Creek Road on the west side of Silver Lake Road
- Sidewalk will improve pedestrian access to public transportation at Rice Creek Road and Silver Lake Road

### 7) Eagle Scout Stormwater Project

**SUMMER 2020**

- Coordination with local Eagle Scouts to install "No Dumping Only Rain Down the Drain" stickers on catch basins located throughout the community

### 8) Sewer Capacity Improvements

**FALL 2020 – SUMMER 2021**

- Rehabilitation 0.5 miles of sanitary sewer main to better support current and future needs of the community
- Will create increased system capacity and prevent potential sewer backups
- Previously constructed in 1951

### 13) Midtown Village

**ONGOING – SPRING 2021**

- **Pulte:** The first of 9 buildings is now complete and units are being sold! The second townhouse building is set to begin construction in the coming weeks.
- **Family:** Construction on the Dominion Affordable Family building, to be known as Brighton Oaks, is well underway and is expected to be complete around April 2021.
- **Senior:** Construction of the Dominion Affordable Senior building, to be known as Oaks Landing, is expected build-out over 16 months beginning in early 2021.

### 14) Silver Smiles

**JULY 2020**

- Required landscaping is now in place, and the remaining architectural components will be constructed by the end of July 2020

### 15) Schools

**END OF 2021**

- Improvements to all of our area schools are either complete or will be complete by the end of 2021

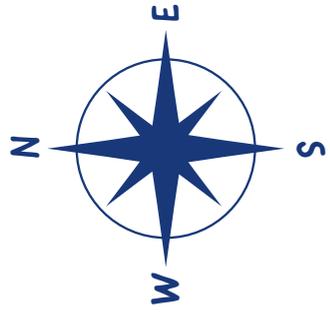
### 16) Benedictine Expansion

**LATE 2020**

- An expansion of the Benedictine Health Center to create a continuum-of-care facility was approved in early 2020, and construction is anticipated to begin in late 2020 or early 2021

### 17) MICOM

- The former home of MICOM is set to be cleaned up and transformed into a new hub of high-paying jobs over the course of the coming year





# COVID-19: How the City

**W**e're clearly not in normal times. The data from The Metropolitan Council's Department of Employment and Economic Development is staggering as we learn and feel the impacts of the COVID crisis. Per their numbers, the unemployment rate in New Brighton as of April sat at 8.3%. Certainly not ideal, but better than many of our surrounding neighbors (Fridley at 10.3%, Brooklyn Center at 11.3%, Brooklyn Park at 9.3%, Maplewood at 10.3%, etc). Between March 16 and

April 16, just under 50,000 applications were filed for unemployment in Ramsey County representing approximately 17% of the County's labor pool. In short, we are all looking forward to the day we can move back towards normal, and the City is already taking action to make that happen.

DCAD's primary focus during this difficult time has been on maintaining essential services and ensuring the business of the City doesn't miss a beat. To that end, the building department

is still operating at full capacity, and local building projects have continued unabated.

New inspection procedures are in place to protect on-site workers and our employees, and we conduct remote inspections when appropriate. These innovations are not only helping the City during the current health crisis, but will continue to pay dividends post-pandemic by offering greater efficiencies in our standard operating procedure. Code enforcement continues unabated.

## Sewer Back-Ups

If you experience a sewer back-up, call 911 as soon as possible. If you have had your private sewer service cleaned or cleared of roots, call 651-638-2111 or email [kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov](mailto:kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov). You can also visit the City's website at [www.newbrightonmn.gov](http://www.newbrightonmn.gov) for more information.

## Sidewalk Inspections

The City sidewalk system is inspected annually by the Public Works Department. The City requests your help in keeping branches and shrubs clear of the sidewalks and boulevard areas along your property. Call 651-638-2111 or email [kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov](mailto:kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov) with any sidewalk concerns.



## Yard Projects

Remember, the City street right-of-way typically extends to an area ten to fifteen feet beyond the curb. The City urges residents to keep any landscaping behind the boulevard.



# is Supporting Businesses

Work for our Code Compliance Officer has not dropped off, and we are fielding and inspecting all calls as they come in. Illegally parked cars, burning permits, and chicken permits have been amongst the most active complaints & requests since the onset of the pandemic.

The importance of receiving public input on major projects has not changed because of the pandemic, but the methodology to get input had to go virtual! To date, your Planning Commission has held three very

successful on-line public hearings at which members of the public provided feedback on various local proposals. While we definitely look forward to in-person meetings again, we are proud to have found a temporary solution that ensures the safety of our citizens, officials, staff, and applicants.

For our residents and businesses, the City continually updates the website to highlight available assistance programs and grants at the County, State, and Federal levels. We've recently adopted

a new Temporary Use Permit process to eliminate local red-tape and allow us to respond to business needs quickly. A map highlighting local restaurants is also continually updated and distributed in an effort to support our local eateries. In summary, we highly encourage all business owners to frequently visit the City's website for the latest information, and to inform us of ways we can help. Together we can help our community emerge from this pandemic stronger than before.

## Water Quality Report

The Annual Water Quality Report will be available by July 1 and can be viewed at: <http://newbrightonmn.gov/ccr>. If you wish to have a printed copy, a report can be mailed to you by calling 651-638-2111 or email [kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov](mailto:kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov).



## Sprinkling Policy: Water on Odd or Even Days?

New Brighton has a continuous odd/even sprinkling policy in place. The policy is an odd/even policy which means that houses with odd addresses water on odd days, and even addresses water on even days. Also, do not water during the hottest times of the day,



and during the evening hours which are the highest demand times. If you have further questions about the lawn sprinkling policy please go to <https://www.newbrightonmn.gov/tap-water>, call 651-638-2114, or email [jesse.hartman@newbrightonmn.gov](mailto:jesse.hartman@newbrightonmn.gov).



# COVID-19 Update: Parks and Recreation

The New Brighton Community Center has reopened on a limited basis for members only (sorry, no daily passes!). If you are interested in joining the Community Center, please contact Lori Hokenson at [lori.hokenson@newbrightonmn.gov](mailto:lori.hokenson@newbrightonmn.gov)

The Eagles Nest, Gymnasium and other Community Center functions will remain closed. Members are asked to have their temperature checked before working out when they check in. Masks are encouraged when entering and exiting the NBCC for the safety of

staff and participants of the Summer Ed-Ventures Childcare. We encourage residents to visit our website for the most up to date information. This is where we will post any updates to our service level.

### Where do I go to find updated parks and recreation program information?

Parks and Recreation staff is working to put together programs for this fall that allow for social distancing and virtual participation. We will also be adding new programs this summer as we are able. The most up to date

program information will be available at [newbrightonmn.maxgalaxy.net](http://newbrightonmn.maxgalaxy.net)

If you have suggestions for programs or opportunities within the City of New Brighton, please email us at [city@newbrightonmn.gov](mailto:city@newbrightonmn.gov).

### NBCC HOURS OF OPERATION

In response to demand and member feedback, the Community Center hours have changed.

**Monday – Friday:** 6 am – 7 pm

**Saturday and Sunday:** 9 am – 5 pm

## The Farmers Market Open Every Wednesday – Follow these Guidelines

The New Brighton Farmers Market continues to operate at the New Brighton Community Center, each Wednesday, 3-7 pm. The Market looks different than previous years, as they have instituted many protocols that follow Department of Health and CDC guidelines to keep visitors safe.

- No onsite dining
- Only food or essential product vendors (No music or entertainment)
- Handwashing stations at our entrance and both exits
- Hand sanitizer readily available
- Masks are highly encouraged for

- the safety of visitors and vendors
  - Six foot distance marks at each vendor
  - Only vendors handle the foods before being purchased
- For more information, please visit their Facebook Page - [facebook.com/NewBrightonFarmersMarket](https://facebook.com/NewBrightonFarmersMarket)

# Complimentary Boulevard Tree

As a City, there is interest in diversifying and maintaining green boulevards which increases neighborhood property values, improves air quality, reduces impacts from stormwater runoff, provides wildlife habitat and helps to keep New Brighton a healthy, “green” community. The City ordered and planted 75 trees into the City gravel bed for later replanting this fall on City boulevards for residents who are interested and have adequate space. A boulevard tree is typically planted 10 to 13 feet from the curb of the road and does not require a sidewalk.

There are several requirements in order to be approved for receiving a boulevard tree, most importantly:

- Any requested boulevard tree

location must pass inspection by the City Forester to ensure there is adequate space.

- Watering and minor pruning are to be done by the underlying property owner (the City will provide a 20 gallon Treegator® watering bag).
- Unless approved by the City Forester, boulevard trees are currently limited to one per household.

Planting trees from the city gravelbed will start on or around October 12th, depending on the weather conditions. If hot or dry weather persists beyond this date, planting may be delayed.

A list of the available trees along with the policies regarding this program can

be found on the City’s web page under the forestry heading. Residents who are interested should contact Jim Veiman at 651-638-2065 by no later than Monday, October 5th. There are a limited number of trees available and they are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

## TREE TRIMMING

The City Forester and City contractors will be trimming trees throughout the city.

This year the City will concentrate its efforts on city alleyways and in the neighborhoods between Rice Creek Road to 14th Street NW.

# Prevent Emerald Ash Borer

Contractors have agreed to a lowered price for treating the ash trees for the residents of New Brighton.

For the benefit of the residents, the City has taken preventive steps to establish criteria for contractors treating EAB. The criteria will make sure residents will receive services from a competent contractor at a fair price. For example, each contractor has been in business a minimum of 5 years and has agreed to a per-tree charge of no more than \$6.25 per diameter inch, with a \$100 minimum charge.

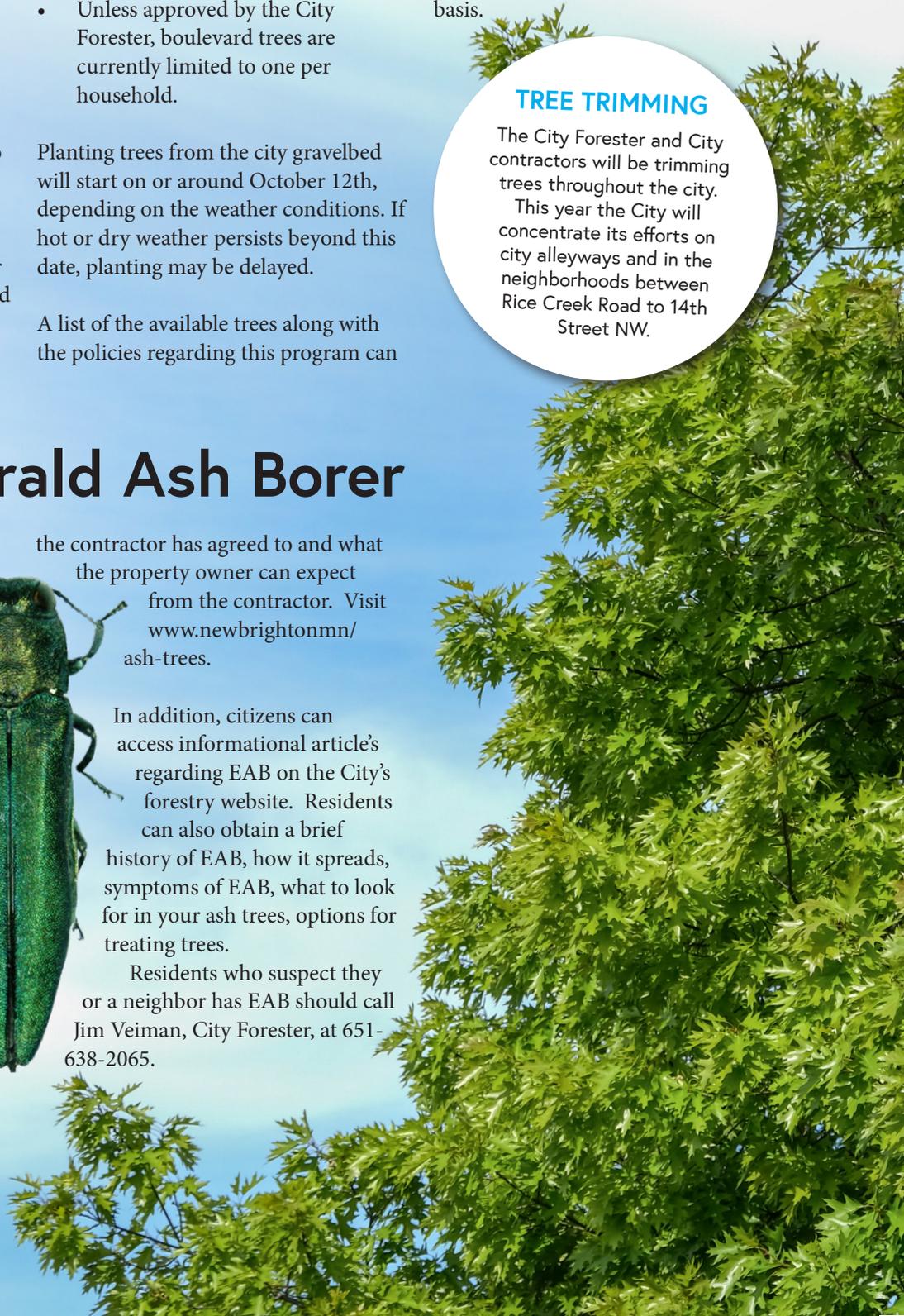
The City’s forestry website provides specific information on what services

the contractor has agreed to and what the property owner can expect from the contractor. Visit [www.newbrightonmn/ash-trees](http://www.newbrightonmn/ash-trees).



In addition, citizens can access informational article’s regarding EAB on the City’s forestry website. Residents can also obtain a brief history of EAB, how it spreads, symptoms of EAB, what to look for in your ash trees, options for treating trees.

Residents who suspect they or a neighbor has EAB should call Jim Veiman, City Forester, at 651-638-2065.





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## CALENDAR

### June 26, Absentee Voting for the State Primary Election Started

- New Brighton Community Center 10:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday, until August 10.

### July 28, Candidate Filing Begins

- To run for office (Mayor or Councilmember), file an Affidavit of Candidacy with the City Clerk's Office before 5:00 pm on August 11. More info on the City website.

### August 11, Election Day

- State Primary Election. Polls open 7:00 am–8:00 pm.

### September 5, Labor Day Weekend

- License Bureau and Passport Office closed.

### September 7, Labor Day

- City Offices closed.

### September 18, Absentee Voting for the Presidential Election Begins

- New Brighton Community Center. Visit [ramseycounty.us/elections](http://ramseycounty.us/elections) for hours.

### September 19, Fall Clean-Up Day

- City of New Brighton, Public Works Building (700 5th Street NW). Visit the City website or call 651-638-2061 for more information.

### October 6, National Night Out

- Register: [newbrightonmn.gov/national-night-out](http://newbrightonmn.gov/national-night-out). Registration opens in mid August.

## FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

### FACEBOOK

City of New Brighton

[facebook.com/cityofnewbrighton](https://facebook.com/cityofnewbrighton)

Public Safety

[facebook.com/NBDPS](https://facebook.com/NBDPS)

Parks and Recreation

[facebook.com/newbrightonparks](https://facebook.com/newbrightonparks)

Eagles Nest

[facebook.com/eaglesnestplayground](https://facebook.com/eaglesnestplayground)

### TWITTER

City of New Brighton

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### NEXTDOOR

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