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# Serve on a Commission

The City of New Brighton is seeking volunteers who are interested in becoming more involved in their community by serving on one of the City's four Municipal Advisory Commissions:

- Public Safety Commission
- Parks, Recreation, and Environmental Commission
- Economic Development Commission
- Planning Commission

New Brighton's commissions bring community issues to the attention of local government officials, help solicit citizen input and bring a diverse body of citizens together to study issues and make recommendations to the City Council. Typically, commissioners can expect to participate in monthly meetings.

Generally, Commission applicants must be residents of New Brighton. However, membership of the Economic Development Commission is open to anyone affiliated with a New Brighton business. People of all occupations and experiences are highly encouraged to apply.

Individuals interested in volunteering to serve on a city commission should submit a cover letter, resume and application, indicating which commission(s) most interest them.

To be considered for appointment, application materials should be submitted to City Clerk Terri Spangrud by February 4, 2020. New terms begin April 1, 2020. Additional information and applications are available on the City website or by stopping by or calling City Hall.

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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

# A Good Year for New Brighton

Dear Fellow New Brightonites, Happy New Year! The turn of a new year, and new decade, gives me an opportunity to look back at 2019 and reflect on some of the accomplishments our dynamic city enjoyed. It was a busy year with lots of success. I would like to share some of them with you.

### **Water**

As Mayor, it has always been my number one goal and priority to make sure the residents of New Brighton have safe and reliable drinking water. In October of 2019, we held a ribbon cutting ceremony at our Water Treatment Plant facility to unveil our new, state-of-the-art water treatment technology. Our City Council continues to be successful stewards of the original litigation holding the Federal Government responsible for the expenses that guarantee clean and safe water now and into the future.

### **Hansen Park**

After a longer than anticipated build due to weather conditions, we finally held a rededication ceremony at Hansen Park in celebration of the improvements to storm water management, trails and natural habitats. In partnership with Rice Creek Watershed District and an investment of \$4,800,000 funded by a grant through the Clean Water Fund, the Hansen Park pond was dredged and reconstructed. By increasing the pond size and removing contaminated sediment, we alleviated downstream flooding and improved water quality flowing into our lakes.

### **Midtown Village**

Construction has started on the townhomes and family apartments located at the site of the former New Brighton Elementary School. The Senior 50+ building will start to take shape in 2020. These new homes will attract new residents to our community and allow many senior residents to stay in our community in a maintenance free, affordable environment.

### **Parks Comprehensive Plan**

My thanks to the hundreds of citizens who attended meetings and gave us their insight regarding the future look and feel of our parks. The Parks Comprehensive Plan is nearing completion and upon approval it will help guide us into the future to make sure our parks are meeting the ever-evolving desires of our community. Some initiatives will be immediate and others may take a couple of decades or more to implement. I'm excited to see the vision and get to work on making it become a reality!

### **Financial Stability**

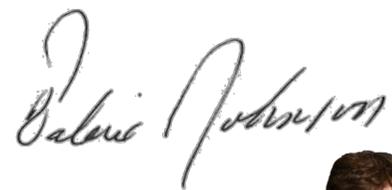
The City of New Brighton successfully improved our bond rating from AA to AA+. Should the city need to borrow money in the future, we can do so at a lower interest rate along with a host of other financial advantages. I am proud to say that the bond rating was increased because the rating agencies found that the City is in a strong financial position, with strong financial policies and strong department leaders at all levels, who safeguard our investments.

### **Public Safety**

Our Police Officers are now equipped with body worn cameras. This was not an easy process. It required extensive input from our resident volunteers on the Public Safety Commission in conjunction with Public Safety and IT staff to create a policy that effectively governs the use of the cameras. The cameras now allow our police officers to be more effective in their day-to-day duties that results in keeping all of us safe.

The year 2019 was a good year for the City of New Brighton and at this time of year it is good to report, reflect and celebrate our accomplishments. Progress, however, does not allow me, the Council or City staff the luxury of contemplation. We have work to do! Foremost on our list of initiatives is the quest to hire a new city manager. Your Council is committed to finding the best candidate who will lead city staff in their endeavors to successfully serve the citizens of New Brighton. I'm excited for the challenges of 2020!

Sincerely,



**VALERIE JOHNSON**  
Mayor of New Brighton



## Let Us Pay You to Take a Day Off Work!

The City of New Brighton is seeking citizens to serve as paid election judges in 2020. To learn how you can help voters and make our polls run smoothly, visit the elections page of our website or contact our election staff at 651-638-2100.

State law requires employers to give election judges time off work to serve without financial penalty.

Download an application from the Elections page of our website or pick up one at City Hall to apply!

I  
Voted

# How to Vote in the Presidential Nomination Primary Election

Did you know that in 2016, the MN legislature passed a law establishing a presidential nomination primary election beginning in 2020?

**When will the presidential nomination primary take place?**

March 3, 2020.

**Will all parties participate in the presidential nomination primary?**

No, only major parties can participate and each major party will have a separate ballot.

**Will any other offices be on the ballot?**

No, only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the presidential primary ballot.

**How will I be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary?**

Registered voters will be able

to vote by absentee ballot starting January 17, 2020 or at their polling location on Election Day (March 3, 2020). A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary.

**Will other people know which party's ballot I request?**

A voter's choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party. How a voter voted on the ballot will be secret.

**Who will pay for the presidential nomination primary?**

County and municipalities will be reimbursed by the state for the primary costs.

**Will there still be precinct caucuses?**

Yes, precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions will still take place to conduct other party business. Contact your party directly for more information about precinct caucuses being held February 25, 2020.

## Absentee Voting

The City of New Brighton and Ramsey County Elections are working together to make absentee and early voting easier for all Ramsey County voters in 2020! All voters who reside in Ramsey County will now be able to cast an absentee ballot in person at the New Brighton Community Center in the 46 days before all elections. Visit the Election page of our website for voting hours and information!





# New, Lifesaving Technology

Every year, over 500,000 people in the US suffer a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), and the survival rates are dismal, with only 10.8 percent survival when SCA occurs outside of the hospital. Through the implementation of cutting edge technology including the Pulse Point CPR Notification App, the EleGARD Patient Positioning System, the ResQPod, ResQPump, and high quality CPR combined with high quality training, the City of New Brighton continues to experience save rates much higher than the national average.

The newest addition to the cardiac arrest bundle of care is the EleGARD Patient Positioning System. The

EleGARD is a technologically advanced device to assist with performing device-assisted head up CPR that incorporates lifting the head, heart, and thorax in a multi-level elevation, in a timed sequence, in conjunction with best practice resuscitation protocols. Preclinical studies exploring the ElevatedCPR method as part of a bundle of care including high quality CPR and an impedance threshold device have shown a strong potential to improve resuscitation and survival from sudden cardiac arrest.

The EleGard system is deployed with police officers who are the first to arrive when a sudden cardiac arrest occurs.

As the only police department in the nation with this lifesaving device, we have seen positive outcomes as a result of its use.

Despite all of the advanced techniques and equipment available to the New Brighton DPS, early CPR intervention plays the most important part in the outcome of a sudden cardiac arrest. With the use of hands only CPR, everyone can save a life. If you witness a person collapse and stop breathing, immediately call 911 and begin chest compressions to the tune of the Bee Gees classic “Stayin Alive” and continue until the arrival of emergency responders.



# “Stay and Look When You Cook”

The 2018 “Fire in Minnesota” report was recently released by the Minnesota State Fire Marshal’s Office. As expected, cooking is still the leading cause of fires. In 2018, 44.7 percent of the 6,130 reported were caused by cooking. That equals 2,720 cooking fires in 2018 or approximately 7 cooking fires each day in Minnesota. These cooking fires caused over \$3.5 million dollars in damages, 22 firefighter and civilian injuries and three civilian fatalities.

So what actions attributed to these fires and what could have been done differently?

## ■ “Stay and Look When You Cook.”

The largest reason for these fires was people leaving their cooking unattended. According to fire reports, approximately 25 percent of all cooking fires were a result of people leaving their cooking unattended.

## ■ “Unplug Cooking Equipment When it is Not in Use.”

14 percent of all cooking fires for 2018 were a result of people forgetting to turn off cooking equipment or the equipment being accidentally turned on. Keep cooking appliances unplugged when they are not in use; this helps to prevent them from accidentally being turned on and starting a fire.

## ■ “Keep it 3 Feet from the Heat.”

In 12 percent of the reported cooking fires, investigators were able to determine that cause of the fire was because there were combustibles stored too close to the stove. Experts recommend keeping all combustible materials such as towels, boxes, and potholders at least 3 feet from the stove.

While education and suppression are critical components to reduce



Live Burn Demo Trailer

the impact of cooking fires on our community, they are not the only tools in our tool box. Inspections can identify deficiencies such as grease accumulation and damaged electrical components preventing fires before they start. Technology such as heat limiting technology can reduce the frequency and severity of fires.



## 2020 Meter Replacement Plan

The Water Meter Replacement Project that began in 2018 is still underway. At this time, all properties in the City have received notification to schedule installation appointments with HydroCorp. Unfortunately, there are several hundred meters that still need to be replaced.

The City's meter reading technology used to read the old meters is no longer supported and cannot be repaired. Staff are currently using borrowed equipment from the City of St. Paul, but these devices are also old and require minor repairs each month.

Given these technology issues, a higher priority will be placed on replacing the old meters. At the December 10, 2019 Council meeting, City Council adopted the following plan to achieve 100% replacement of all meters by the end of 2020:

- Notification of the proposed process and fees sent to all remaining non-

compliant properties by December 20, 2019.

- Starting with those properties included in the February billing cycle, a \$125 Refundable No-Read fee placed on the account along with current usage charges.

- If no meter change out occurs by the second billing cycle, a \$200 Non-Refundable Non-Compliance fee placed on the account along with current usage charges.

- Water Shut-Off with notification using a door tag placed at the property if no change out occurs by the third utility billing cycle.

Property owners will now need to schedule an appointment with City staff as HydroCorp services are no longer being used. To schedule your appointment and avoid these fees, please call Utility Billing at 651-638-2101 or submit an appointment request at <https://www.newbrightonmn.gov/departments/UtilityBilling>.

## NB Passport Office Opened in January

The City of New Brighton has been trying to receive the designation of becoming a passport acceptance agency since 2014. In December, this finally became a reality for the City as we received approval from the Minneapolis Passport Agency.

The passport office opened on January 7, 2020. The office is located on the lower level of City Hall across from the License Bureau. Office hours are Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. accepting applications by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call City Hall at 651-638-2101



and follow the prompts to the passport office or schedule an appointment online at [www.newbrightonmn.gov/passports](http://www.newbrightonmn.gov/passports). This will direct you to an appointment form that will allow you to choose two dates and times you are available. Someone from the Passport Office will contact you to confirm your appointment.

Passport photos are also available from the City for new and renewal applications. If needing a photo only, no appointment is needed. Our plan is to open the passport office in the near future on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on a first come first served basis.

## Property Tax Relief Programs



### Homestead Credit Programs

1. The regular property tax refund is based on your household income (less than \$110,650 in 2017) and the amount of property tax. It requires that you owned and lived in your home on January 2, 2018.
2. The special or property tax refund requires you owned and lived in the same home on January 2, 2017, and on January 2, 2018; your net property tax increased more than 12% and at least \$100; the increase was not due to improvements made to the property.

For more information, call 651-296-3781.

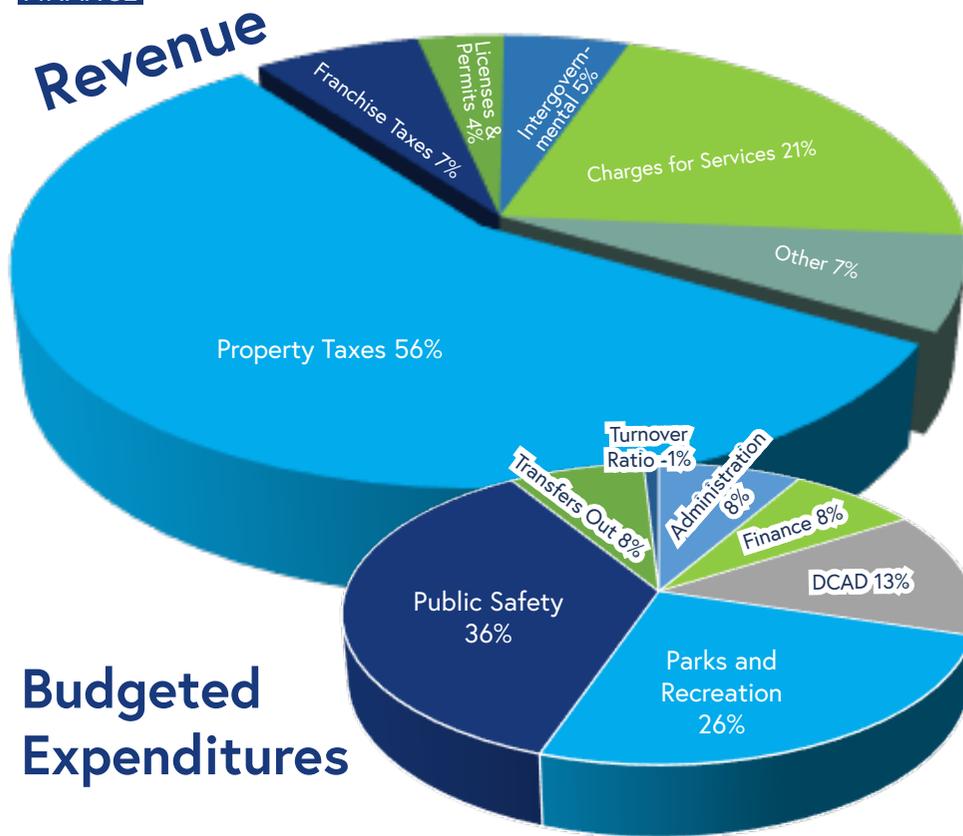
### Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Program

The State of Minnesota offers a property tax deferral program for senior citizens. This is not a tax forgiveness program, but rather a low-interest loan from the State to help senior citizens who have difficulty paying their property taxes.

In order to qualify for this program, the property must be owned by a person 65 years of age or older; the total household income cannot be more than \$60,000; one of the homeowners must have owned and lived in the home for at least 15 years; there can be no tax liens or judgement liens on the property; and the total unpaid mortgage debt for the property cannot be more than 75% of the estimated market value.

More information, call 651-556-4803.

[www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us)



### Key Budget Items

- Passport license bureau personnel
- 2020 Street Reconstruction Debt Payment
- Continued Reallocation of Local Government Aid
- Retention and Recruitment of Personnel
- Capital Replacement Funding for Lions Park & Public Safety Building Components
- Capital Replacement & Operation Funding for Information Technology
- Reallocation of Billboard Revenue
- Presidential Election Funding
- Increase in Turnover Ratio Allocation

# General Fund Budget 2020

The 2020 General Fund Budget was adopted on December 10, 2019, with total revenues and expenditures of \$18,393,500 a 6.79% increase over 2019. This budget represents the City's vision using indicators from the Community Survey and Comprehensive Plan Neighborhood meetings and Council

directives such as funding towards debt free streets and reducing the City's operating budget reliance on Local Government Aid.

City spending for all purposes includes operations such as administration, police, fire, public works, community development, parks

and recreation as well as debt payments and capital replacement. With the adoption of the 2020 budget, the City Council reconfirmed its commitment to maintaining the services, programs and facilities in a fiscally responsible manner and creates a budget that positions the City in "building tomorrow today".

## Taxes

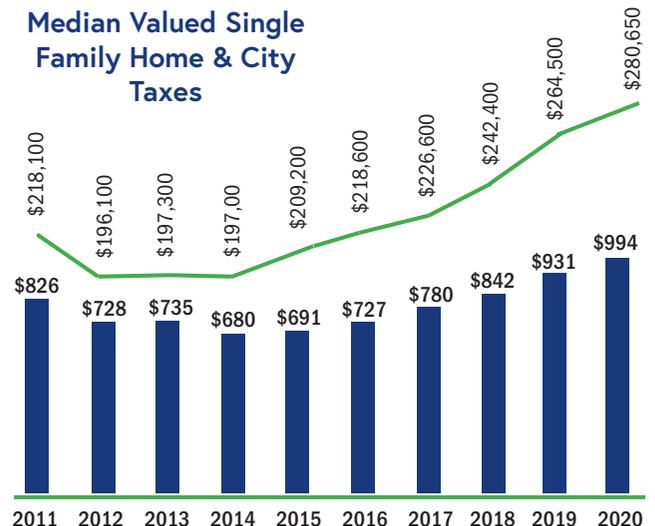
The City Council adopted a 2020 City tax levy of \$10,384,400. This represents an additional investment of \$871,290 from payable 2019. The median valued home in New Brighton increased 7% from last year's median value to \$280,650 and will pay an estimated \$994 in city property taxes in 2020. The monthly cost of \$83 for the median valued home for city services continues to be good value as compared to other common household monthly costs.

## How is My Property Tax Dollar Spent?

- 9 cents Administration
- 3 cents Finance
- 24 cents Parks and Recreation
- 7 cents Community Assets and Development
- 47 cents Public Safety
- 10 cents Debt Service



## Median Valued Single Family Home & City Taxes



# 2020 Utility Rates

To maintain and improve utility services delivered to New Brighton residents, the City Council has adjusted the rates for water, sewer, storm-water, and street light services.

previously assessed and collected through the Ramsey County property tax system. This change was made to save operating costs associated with managing these assessments with Ramsey County.

New for 2020, utility bills will include a residential recycling charge of \$9 per quarter. This is not a new charge; the City has contracted for residential recycling services for many years. The cost for this service was

The City Council's meeting on December 10, 2019 included a presentation explaining the changes. The presentation is viewable on the City Council page of the City's website at [www.newbrightonmn.gov](http://www.newbrightonmn.gov).

## WATER

Single, Two-Family, Townhome Residential	\$3.48 per 1,000 gallons
All Other	\$4.48 per 1,000 gallons

## SEWER

Single, Two-Family, Townhome Residential	\$5.13 per 1,000 gallons
All Other	\$6.92 per 1,000 gallons

## STORM WATER PER QUARTER

Single, Two-Family, Townhome Residential	\$17.40
Park, Cemetery, Golf Course	\$4.77 per acre
School	\$51.94 per acre
Mobile Home Park	\$70.63 per acre
Church	\$96.77 per acre
Apartment, Condominium, Senior Housing, & Nursing Home	\$115.30 per acre
Commercial, Industrial, & Warehouse	\$216.11 per acre
Unimproved, Vacant Land	\$0

## STREET LIGHTS PER QUARTER

Single, Two-Family, Townhome Residential	\$10.73
All Other	\$32.16

## RECYCLING PER QUARTER

Single Family Only	\$9.00
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The average water & sewer consumption in New Brighton is 13,000 gallons of water and 10,000 gallons of sewer per property. Average quarterly utility cost is \$124.67 per property.

## DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF?

The City of New Brighton provides limited financial relief to low-income single family homeowners. You have to be enrolled in the SNAP, MFIP, or GA Ramsey County financial assistance programs, be at or below 165% of the federal poverty threshold guidelines, and provide annual written proof of participation. This financial assistance equals 50% of the quarterly flat rate amounts of the water and sewer charges. Please mail in, or drop off at City Hall, your proof of participation in the County financial assistance program.



We  
Count.  
2020 CENSUS  
#WeCountMN #2020Census



# New Brighton Counts

This spring, all people living in the United States have to get counted in the 2020 Census. Did you know that for every missed person who doesn't respond, Minnesota could forfeit almost \$28,000 in funding? Money isn't the only reason the Census is important and that's why City staff has formed a Complete Count Committee (CCC). "With your help, we can increase the response rate which will benefit New Brighton in the long run," said Brad Krebsbach, Community Engagement Officer and CCC member.

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Governor Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan.  
Photo: Department of Administration, Vic Thorstenson



On April 1, 2019, New Brighton CCC members participated in a Census rally at the State Capitol.

Photo: Department of Administration, Vic Thorstenson



# Minnesota Could Lose One

In March 2020, you will receive an invitation to respond to the census. You can complete it online, by phone, or over the mail. If you don't respond by April 1, Census Day, you'll get a reminder letter and a paper questionnaire. After that, census takers will begin going door to door to collect information from residents who didn't complete the form.

If Minnesota has a low census response rate, the state could lose one of its eight congressional seats as other states are increasing their population. It could also lose one of its ten electoral votes, which would give Minnesota less power in presidential elections. The census data is also used to guide approximately \$589 billion federal spending, including more than \$15 billion distributed to

New Brighton and other communities in Minnesota. For every missed person, the state is at risk of losing \$28,000 in funding for the next ten years. The census data is also important for decision makers to plan roads, schools, and emergency services.

New Brighton staff is collaborating with the Census Bureau and has formed a



# Congressional Seat

Complete Count Committee (CCC) with the goal of informing residents of the importance of responding to the 2020 Census. The committee is especially targeting areas that are projected to have low response rates.

Historically, the census has missed certain groups – including young children, people of color, indigenous

people, immigrants, urban and rural low-income households – at disproportionately high rates. “As an immigrant myself, I was surprised to find out that anyone living in the United States has to respond to the census, even if you aren’t a permanent resident or a citizen,” said Communications Coordinator and CCC member Sandra Daniloff.

## 2020 Census

### Who Has to Respond?

If you are filling out the census for your home, you should count everyone who is living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes anyone who is living and sleeping there most of the time. If someone is staying in your home on April 1, and has no usual home elsewhere, you should count them in your response to the 2020 Census.

### It's Confidential



Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics – they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.

### Become a Census Taker

Could you use extra income? Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly. The pay rate in Ramsey County is \$22/hour. Temporary positions for the 2020 Census feature flexible hours – a perfect fit if you are looking to earn extra money, even if you already have other commitments. Apply online: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs).

### Verify Their Identity

If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity:



- First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- If you still have questions about their identity, you can contact the Chicago Regional Census Center at 312-579-1500.

# WINTER TIME IN

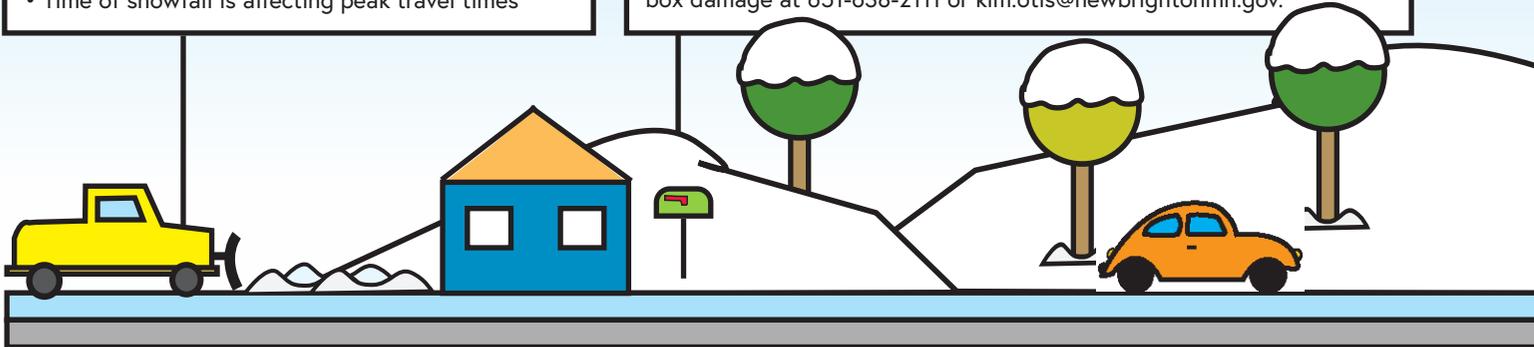
## SNOW PLOWING

The City commences snow and ice control operations when any of the following conditions are met:

- Snow accumulation of 2" and if it is still snowing or more snow is being forecasted
- Drifting snow is causing hazardous travel conditions
- Icy conditions are adversely affecting travel
- Time of snowfall is affecting peak travel times

## MAIL BOXES

You are responsible for clearing the snow away so that the mail carrier can deliver your mail. If a mailbox is damaged due to indirect contact, such as the force of snow generated by the snow plow equipment, the City will assume no responsibility. If a mailbox is hit by a City snow plow, temporary repairs will be made to avoid interruption in mail service. Permanent repairs will be made in the spring. The City will replace mailboxes as prescribed by the U.S. Post Office. Report mail box damage at 651-638-2111 or [kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov](mailto:kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov).



## BOULEVARD DAMAGE

Snow plows may cause damage to turf in the boulevard area. Turf that has been damaged and reported will be repaired in the spring. The City shall not be responsible for damage to the boulevard areas as a result of the use of sand or de-icing chemicals or for the damage to lawn sprinkler systems, fences, ornamental or decorative plantings, light posts, retaining walls, wood chips, decorative rock gardens or any other items in the City Right-of-Way when plowing or pushing snow back. Report boulevard damage at 651-638-2111 or [kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov](mailto:kim.otis@newbrightonmn.gov).

## WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Do NOT pull up behind snow plows. They frequently back up and have large blind spots. Remember, if you cannot see the drivers in their mirrors, they cannot see you. Never try to pass a moving snow plow. The blowing snow around a plow may block the view of the plow blades, oncoming traffic, and/or other obstacles. Maintenance crews will regularly wing back snowbanks to increase visibility. Do NOT allow children to build snow forts at driveway corners or in the snow berms along the curb and street. Serious injury or death can occur to children if the snowplow is clearing banks while children are inside the snow fort playing.

# NEW BRIGHTON

## STREET LIGHTS

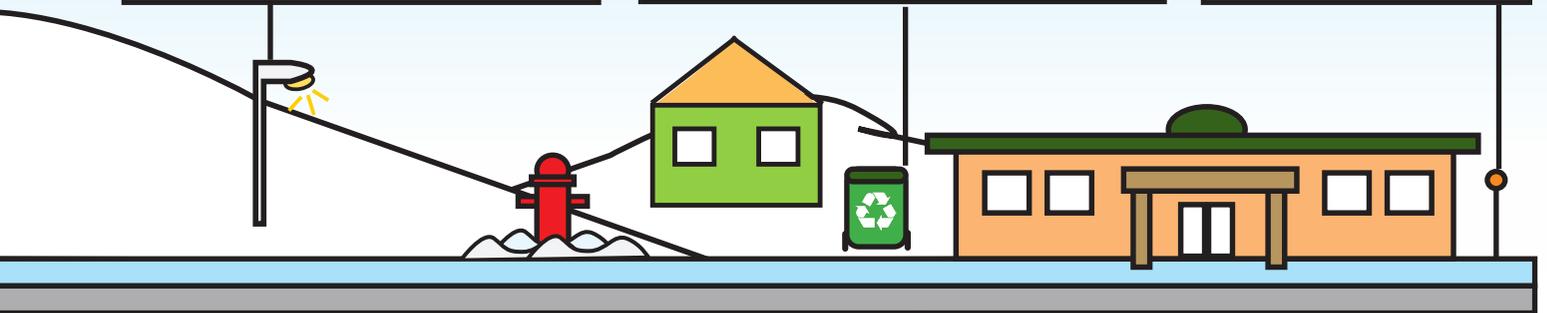
Street lights that are burned out or malfunctioning can be reported directly to Xcel at 1-800-960-6235 or on the residential section of the Xcel website at [www.excelenergy.com](http://www.excelenergy.com). Please have specific information ready; including, an address / house # / directional corner or side of the street.

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

The City is asking for a cooperative effort from its residents on garbage day. Place garbage and recycling containers in the driveway at least 2-4 feet back from the curb. The City has confirmed the arms of the garbage trucks can extend over 4 feet from the curb line. This will help in our plowing efforts to clear the streets curb-to-curb.

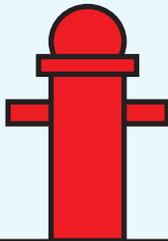
## STREET REPAIRS

Any sites that are marked with a flasher and needs permanent road repair will be worked on in the spring, after road restrictions are removed. This work will generally be completed by June 1st.



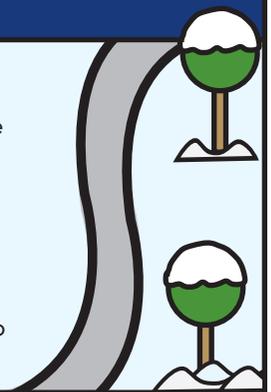
## HELP CLEAR FIRE HYDRANTS

The City encourages residents to clear the snow from any fire hydrant near your home. Snow should be clear from the hydrant to the street and three feet around the hydrant, so hoses can be connected from the fire trucks. Keeping the fire hydrants clear could mean the difference between losing an entire home and containing the fire. The City has over 850 fire hydrants and cannot clear them all after every snow event.



## SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

Sidewalks and trails are cleared thoroughly, but not necessarily to bare pavement. The City does NOT use de-icing chemicals for ice control on sidewalks or trails. Plowing of the skeletal sidewalk system begins at the same time the plowing of the City streets begins. The intent is to get the sidewalks in school areas cleared before the opening of school, but not before the adjacent streets are cleared. City park paths and walkways are to be plowed after sidewalks are cleared.



# 2020 Clean-Up Days

- **May 16**  
7 am – 2:30 pm
- **September 16**  
7 am – 2:30 pm

## Location:

City of New Brighton Public  
Works Building  
700 5th Street NW

Visit [newbrightonmn.gov](http://newbrightonmn.gov)  
or call 651-638-2061 for  
additional information.

Bring large items including appliances, brush, building materials, carpet, electronics, furniture, lawn movers (fluid drained), mattresses, scrap metal, televisions and tires. You will be charged a small fee (look for the new rates in future publications, website and Facebook) for us to dispose of these items for you. We also accept all household hazardous waste, as well as paper documents for shredding for free (spring only).



## Get Started with Organics Recycling

Get started by collecting organics recycling:

1. Visit a Ramsey County yard waste site or New Brighton City Hall to pick up a free starter kit (while supplies last).
2. Fill up your compostable bags with organics recycling.
3. Bring it back to a drop-off site for

free disposal and get more compostable bags. There's now a drop-off site in New Brighton at 700 5th Street NW. You can receive a free t-shirt when you drop off your organics recycling five times.

Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/OR](http://RamseyRecycles.com/OR) for more information.





## Outdoor Skating Rinks

Weather permitting, New Brighton Parks and Recreation maintains outdoor ice skating facilities at Freedom, Hansen and Sunny Square Park. The rinks will be open December 21 through February 17 (with cooperation from nature.)

The Neighborhood Centers are open as warming facilities during the following times:

**Monday – Friday:**

4:30-8:30 pm

**Saturday and Sunday:**

Noon – 8:30 pm

## 2020 Boulevard Tree Trimming: Here are the Target Areas

The Park Maintenance Worker-Forester and city contractors will be trimming trees throughout the city. This year the city will concentrate its efforts on city alleyways and around the neighborhoods along Rice Creek Road to Interstate Highway 694. 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 walk ways, 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. Please call Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999. Contact Jim Veiman 651-638-2065 with boulevard/alley pruning requests.



# Parks and Recreation Comp Master Plan Update

The 15 month process of creating and drafting a new Comprehensive Parks Master Plan is nearing its end. WSB, Inc., the city’s consultant on the project, has assembled draft recommendations for review by three separate groups and committees. They will take the input and comments from that process and create a final draft. This draft will be presented to the public at an open house in March or April. Once changes from

that process are incorporated, a final product will be presented to the City Council for adoption.

This process has allowed the opportunity for public involvement and engagement in a variety of ways:

- Online engagement
- Neighborhood Meetings
- Community Open house
- Stockyard Days

- Commission Meetings
- Farmers Market Booth
- Engagement at the Eagles Nest
- Neighborhood Outreach
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Sports Association Outreach
- And More!

We are excited to see what the vision for the City’s Parks and Recreation for the next 10-20 years will be!

## Summer Jobs in the Parks

New Brighton Parks and Recreation is looking for highly motivated and team-oriented individuals who have a desire to make a difference in New Brighton. We are looking for people from 15 to 115 and are an age friendly workforce! If you have a passion for kids, recreation, the outdoors or service to your community – we want you!

- Sports Officials
- Playground Program Staff
- Ed-Ventures Program Staff
- Maintenance and Grounds
- Umpires
- Lifeguards and Swimming Instructors

Parks and recreation often is the first job many have, but it also a great job after retirement. For more information, please visit [www.newbrightonmn.gov/jobs](http://www.newbrightonmn.gov/jobs)

# Help Wanted!





# Community Bonfire

Saturday, January 25  
Freedom Park  
6:00–8:00 pm

New Brighton welcomes residents of all ages for an evening of winter fun. Bring your skates and sleds for some winter fun, then warm up with your neighbors while roasting S'mores and enjoying a cup of cocoa around a roaring fire. Supplies provided. There will be something for everyone!



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## CALENDAR

### January 7, Passport Office Opens

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### January 17, Absentee Voting Begins for Presidential Primary

- NBCC 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday

### January 20, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- City Offices and License Bureau Closed

### January 25, Community Bonfire

- Freedom Park 6:00 – 8:00 pm

### February 17, Presidents Day

- City Offices and License Bureau Closed

### February 20, Neighborhood Meeting

- Hansen Park 6:00 pm

### March 3, Presidential Primary Election Day

- Polls open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

### April 9, Neighborhood Meeting

- Freedom Park 6:00 pm

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