



# City of Burnsville

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## International Festival of Burnsville Embraces Cultural Diversity

### Annual Celebration Set for Saturday, July 11

The International Festival of Burnsville (IFB) provides an opportunity to become a part of a variety of cultures throughout the day.

This year, event-goers can celebrate Irish heritage with folk music; travel to the Middle East to enjoy the great art of belly dancing; and witness African, American Indian, Asian, Balkan, Central American, Hawaiian and Mongolian traditions, dance and music.

#### 2015 IFB Performers

- Hounds of Finn (*Irish band*)
- Sahar School of Middle Eastern Dance (*Turkish dance*)
- School of India for Language & Culture (*Indian dance*)
- Iny Dance Theatre (*Asian dance*)
- Mongolian Circus (*Mongolian performance*)
- Ballroom and Latin Dance Club (*Latin dance*)
- Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli (*Central American performance*)
- Universal Dance Destiny (*African dance*)
- Orkestar Bez Ime (*Balkan band*)
- Hawaiian Islanders (*Hawaiian/Pacific Islander band*)
- Roving Artist – Stand-up Stilts

In addition to music and dance performances, the festival will highlight ethnic food; cultural exhibits; and a family activity area with henna tattoos, face painting and more. The "Cultural Perspectives" art exhibit will also be on display in the Ames Center Gallery. An artist's reception is scheduled for Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Raffle tickets are on sale for \$10 each at Burnsville City Hall (100 Civic Center Parkway) and during the International Festival to support the event. Participants need not be present to win. The grand prize is a pair of round-trip airline tickets to any of the 48 continental states.

The International Festival of Burnsville Platinum and Platinum Plus sponsors are the Burnsville Lions Club, Comcast, Frontier Communications, Kraus-Anderson Insurance, Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment, the Minnesota Regional Arts Council and the City of Burnsville.

To find out more about the 2015 International Festival of Burnsville visit [www.intlfestburnsville.org](http://www.intlfestburnsville.org).



**When:** Saturday, July 11  
3 – 9 p.m.

**Where:** Nicollet Commons Park  
12250 Nicollet Ave.

**Cost:** FREE admission



Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli, representing Central America, performs at the International Festival.

## Burnsville Drinking Water Report Available Online



The City of Burnsville's annual Drinking Water Report is available online. The results from 2014 testing once again show that Burnsville is providing clean and safe drinking water from each of its water sources.

**View the full report at [www.burnsville.org/waterreport](http://www.burnsville.org/waterreport).**

Individuals may request a paper copy by calling 952-895-4550.

### Water Odd or Water Even?

To make sure residents have enough water during the hot summer months, the City of Burnsville uses an odd-even lawn and garden watering policy.

- Odd address? Water on odd-numbered days (July 1, 3, 5, 7, etc.)
- Even address? Water on even-numbered days (July 2, 4, 6, 8, etc.)
- Both addresses can water on the 31st of the month
- No watering (except hand watering) is allowed during 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. ANY DAY

Visit [www.burnsville.org/watering](http://www.burnsville.org/watering) for more details.

#### Burnsville City Council:

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Burnsville Community Television  
[www.burnsville.tv](http://www.burnsville.tv)

#### Social Media:

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[youtube.com/cityofburnsvillemn](https://youtube.com/cityofburnsvillemn)



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### CITY HALL

Information on upcoming City Council and Commission meetings can be found at [www.burnsville.org/meetings](http://www.burnsville.org/meetings).

Meetings are subject to change and cancellation. Unless noted, all meetings will be televised on Burnsville Civic Channel 16 and streamed live at [www.burnsville.org/meetings](http://www.burnsville.org/meetings).

City Meetings

# AMES CENTER

For ticket information visit [www.ames-center.com](http://www.ames-center.com) or call 952-895-4680

## Justin Hayward (of The Moody Blues)

Main Stage • Friday, Sept. 4 at 8 p.m. • Ticket Information: \$78, \$53 & \$40

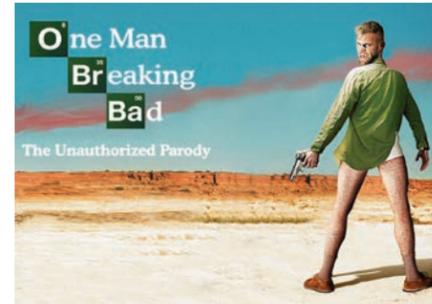
Justin Hayward, esteemed vocalist, lead guitarist and composer of *The Moody Blues*, has spent nearly 50 years at the peak of the music and entertainment industry. *The Moody Blues* has sold more than 55 million albums and received numerous awards. Performing and recording with *The Moody Blues*, Hayward wrote such beloved songs as “Nights In White Satin,” “Tuesday Afternoon,” “Question,” “The Voice” and “Your Wildest Dreams.”



## One Man Breaking Bad: The Unauthorized Parody

Main Stage • Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. • Ticket Information: \$30

With more than one million hits on YouTube – and sell-out runs at comedy festivals in Melbourne, Australia and the United Kingdom – Los Angeles actor Miles Allen is bringing his solo show *One Man Breaking Bad: The Unauthorized Parody* back home to the U.S. Allen smacks the senses with his super-charged, hilarious take on all the iconic characters, including Walter White, Jesse, Saul, Skyler, Hank, Walt Junior, Mike and Gus Fring. Allen’s incredible impersonations break all five seasons down into one exhilarating and uproarious tour-de-force parody.



**Disclaimer: This show will feature adult language and content. Parental guidance is advised for audience members under the age of 16.**

## Twintastic

Black Box • Oct. 22 – 25 & Oct. 29 – 31 | Main Hall • Sunday, Nov. 1

Thursday & Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. • Ticket Information: \$29

Described as the most unique show in the world, twin brothers Anthony and Eddie Edwards take audiences on a journey of the most incredible reproductions of major stars – in complete costume and with live singing. No gimmicks, just plain talent. The brothers fully embody such stars as Barbra Streisand, Cher, Bette Midler, Billy Joel, Ray Charles, Neil Diamond, Elton John and many more. It is hard to believe that two gentlemen could be this talented. You have to see it for yourself.



## Recreation Highlight:

# Serving Up Fun with Youth and Adult Tennis



Youth practice racquet and ball control during a “pass-the-ball” game.

For Burnsville residents young and old, there is a special place where all athletic abilities are welcome, and socializing with neighbors and friends is encouraged – the local tennis court! Tennis is known as the “sport for a lifetime” because everyone can learn how to play or improve their game at any age.

Last year, Burnsville’s Recreation Department began a partnership with the United States Tennis Association (USTA). This partnership provides youth and adult tennis participants the opportunity to

work with skilled USTA instructors through an innovative curriculum. Through USTA, more people can experience the joys of tennis while learning from trained professionals with a passion for the sport.

“We hope our new programs encourage people to pick up the game and continue to play – whether they want to join a competitive league or stick to recreational matches,” said Kelly Hansen, Recreation Supervisor.

To ensure the best experience possible, Burnsville’s tennis

programs are designed with participants in mind. Youth lessons are offered in the “QuickStart” format, which uses a smaller court and racquet, larger tennis balls and a lower net so that children can learn and enjoy the game quickly.

Adult lessons teach some basic skills, but also provide skill-building opportunities for people who may have played tennis in the past and are returning to the game.

Learn more at [www.burnsville.org/recreation](http://www.burnsville.org/recreation).

# Upcoming Activities for Seniors 62+

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

## S.O.R.R. Grandparents, Grandkids & Seniors Day at Holz Farm

Seniors, grandparents and their grandkids are invited to experience the nostalgia of days gone by at the 1940’s-era Holz Farm in Eagan. Activities will include a tractor hay ride, entertainment, family games and a picnic complete with roasted corn. The “Friends of The Farm” will offer walking tours of the farm and farmhouse while sharing education and cultural perspectives that appeal to a wide range of interests and ages. Sponsored by the South of the River Recreators (S.O.R.R.).



Photo credit: Al Keicker

**Who:** Grandparents, grandkids and seniors  
**When:** Friday, Aug. 21 • 1 – 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Holz Farm  
 4667 Manor Drive, Eagan, Minn.  
**Cost:** \$7 per person  
**Registration deadline is Monday, Aug. 10**

## Eco Day 2015

Dakota Valley Recycling, the City of Burnsville and the City of Eagan have partnered to present an array of eco-friendly programs. Attendees will learn about “green cleaning,” decluttering, water resources and more. Participants can also take part in bird watching, nature walks and s’mores-making in the beautiful Dakota County Regional Park of Lebanon Hills. Lunch and snacks are included. Limited space available.



**Who:** Ages 62+  
**When:** Thursday, Sept. 3 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Lebanon Hills Visitor Center  
 860 Cliff Road, Eagan, Minn.  
**Cost:** \$6 per person  
**Registration deadline is Monday, Aug. 24**

## Meet the Neighbors at Night to Unite Aug. 4

Night to Unite is an annual event designed to give neighbors a chance to enjoy some good food, good company, and get to know each other – as well as staff from the City of Burnsville. Relationships built at these block parties can strengthen the community and bring awareness to the prevention of crime, drugs and violence.



Assistant Fire Chief Terry Ritchie describes Heart Restart CPR techniques at a neighborhood Night to Unite party.

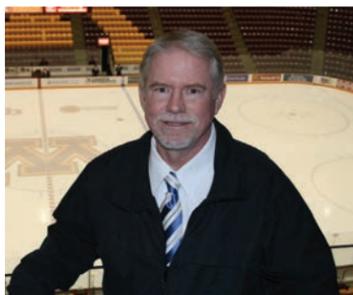
“It’s easier to know if something is wrong or out of place in your neighborhood if you know your neighbors,” said Amber Jacobson, Burnsville Community Services Specialist and Night to Unite Coordinator. “Similarly, meeting police officers, firefighters and other City staff in a casual environment can help people feel more comfortable contacting the City or calling 9-1-1 if they ever have concerns.”

Burnsville hosts approximately 120 Night to Unite parties each year, though Jacobson said there is always an opportunity for more neighborhoods to participate. Parties that sign up through the City can request visits from City representatives, a free Heart Restart CPR training for their neighborhood, party handouts and street barricade tape.

Register your neighborhood Night to Unite party at [www.burnsville.org/ntu](http://www.burnsville.org/ntu).

**What:** Night to Unite  
**When:** Tuesday, Aug. 4  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Registration due Monday, July 27**

## Volunteer Spotlight: John Mara, BCTV



John Mara, Burnsville Community Television volunteer

John Mara says that if it weren’t for his two daughters, he likely would have never discovered his interest in television production. Mara – a Burnsville resident, proud graduate of Burnsville High School Class of ‘74 and Burnsville Community Television (BCTV) volunteer – now classifies himself as a “karaoke broadcaster.” However, he says his involvement with BCTV is rooted in being the parent of two former Burnsville High School hockey players.

“As a supporter of the team – when I found out I could volunteer as a camera operator during games – that sounded like more fun than the fundraising!” said Mara.

While Mara started as a BCTV parent-volunteer, his passion for television has now evolved into six years of dedicating extra time to community television. Today, he most enjoys the opportunity to indulge in his developing skill of color-commentator broadcasting.

With several years of volunteer experience behind him, Mara says he still feels grateful to be part of the BCTV crew.

“BCTV team members make it easy to volunteer. It reflects well on the community,” he said. “Both volunteers and crew strive to do a really good job. I’ve had the great pleasure of working with great broadcasters, and it’s taught me how to better prepare for events.”

Mara continues to volunteer with BCTV as both a camera operator and color-commentator announcer for varsity hockey.

For more information on volunteering with the City visit [www.burnsville.org/volunteer](http://www.burnsville.org/volunteer).

## Do You Know a Community Builder?

### Nominations for Annual Award Open Through Sept. 4

Do you know someone who works hard to make Burnsville a better place to live, work and play? Someone who selflessly puts others before themselves? Someone who knows that the seeds planted today will grow into a brighter tomorrow?

The Burnsville City Council is seeking nominations for its **2015 Community Builder Award**. Each year, the award is presented to individuals, community groups and businesses that – through their volunteer or work life – do their best to “build a brighter future for Burnsville.”

The size and scope of the work doesn’t matter. Community building could include helping the environment, volunteering, working with youth, coaching or contributing to events and projects that build community pride. The award has no age limit, and has been presented to individuals from youth to senior citizens. Burnsville residency is not required.

To submit a nomination visit [www.burnsville.org/communitybuilder](http://www.burnsville.org/communitybuilder) or send a typed or printed letter, including the name of the nominee, your contact information and reason for the nomination to:

Community Builder Award  
 City of Burnsville  
 100 Civic Center Parkway  
 Burnsville, MN 55337

For more information contact the City Clerk’s Office at 952-895-4490 or [macheal.collins@burnsvillemn.gov](mailto:macheal.collins@burnsvillemn.gov).



**Who:** All ages – individuals, community groups or businesses

**When:** Nominations close Friday, Sept. 4 at 4:30 p.m.

Awards presented during Burnsville City Council Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

## It’s Budget Time... 2016 Process Underway

Burnsville’s City Council and City officials are once again in budget mode, working to develop a 2016 budget that ensures the City won’t spend more money than it brings in, and places the highest priority on the most important services.

The City will hold a number of public meetings at City Hall. All meetings are also cablecast live and replayed on Burnsville Civic Television Channel 16 (for cable subscribers) and streamed online at [www.burnsville.org/meetings](http://www.burnsville.org/meetings).

For more budget information visit [www.burnsville.org/budget](http://www.burnsville.org/budget).



### Meetings on the 2016 Budget

(Dates are subject to change)

- Tuesday, July 14 Revenue diversification/Fees & charges discussion
- Tuesday, Aug. 11 Discuss possible level for the maximum property tax levy
- Tuesday, Sept. 8 Adoption of the maximum property tax levy
- Mid-October Video “Budget Open House” available online
- Tuesday, Oct. 27 Department presentations
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 General Fund & Property Tax Fund discussion
- Tuesday, Nov. 24 Capital & Enterprise Fund discussion
- Tuesday, Dec. 8 Consider adoption of the budget

## Jameson Ritter is 2014 Burnsville Police Officer of the Year



For more than eight years, Burnsville Police Officer Jameson Ritter has patrolled Burnsville's streets, served on the department's tactical team – and most recently – excelled at his work as a Dakota County Drug Task Force agent.

As a result of the high respect he commands from his peers and his dedication to the City of Burnsville, Officer Ritter was chosen as Burnsville's 2014 Officer of the Year.

"Whether he's on patrol, responding to emergency calls or providing tactical training, Officer Ritter is a professional," said Burnsville Police Chief Eric Gieseke. "He has developed strong partnerships with our residents and businesses, which are only solidified by his ability to always treat people with respect, honesty, integrity and dignity."

### Work on the Drug Task Force

Throughout 2014, Officer Ritter served as a lead agent on the Dakota County Drug Task Force. According to Gieseke, this is where he "hit his stride" as a narcotics investigator.

"Fellow agents have described him as a 'consummate team player' who is always willing to take time from his investigations to help his partners," said Gieseke. "He provides a courageous calm during high-risk drug warrants."

A recent example of his success involved the alleged sale of illicit steroids by an area chiropractor. During a heroin investigation, Ritter discovered that the chiropractor's father was in possession of a large quantity of anabolic steroids – believed to have been obtained/sold through the chiropractic office.

As a result of his work on the case, multiple cars and a firearm were seized – and a federal case against the suspect is pending. Officer Ritter's

efforts have resulted in a significant "dent" being made in the Twin Cities illicit steroid market.

In 2014 alone, Officer Ritter executed multiple drug-related search warrants and helped seize 20 illegal firearms, more than \$130,000 in cash and \$40,000 worth of property earned from the sale of narcotics.

Officer Ritter's devotion to law enforcement and the community he serves are well in line with the Burnsville Police Department's high standards and core values of honor, integrity, courage, excellence and knowledge. For these reasons, the department is proud to announce Officer Jameson M. Ritter as Burnsville's 2014 Police Officer of the Year.

For more information on the Burnsville Police Department visit [www.burnsville.org/police](http://www.burnsville.org/police).

## New Badge a Symbol of Pride for Burnsville Police Department

For the Burnsville Police Department, a uniform badge is a sign of integrity, professionalism and an oath of commitment to the people of Burnsville. Far from decoration, a badge is the single most important possession of every officer.

"Your badge is pinned on you the day you're sworn in as an officer," explained Burnsville Sgt. Jeff Witte. "It's an honor, and a symbol of your dedication."

Burnsville's police officers have worn the same badge since 1964, when the City's former Public Safety Department split to become separate Police and Fire Departments. In recent years, the department has been looking to update their badge to reflect a modern and professional image.

"We recently celebrated the department's 50th anniversary," said Sgt. Witte. "In honor of that milestone, we wanted to create a badge that was new and fresh; something that we could be proud to wear for the next 50 years."

Thanks to a generous donation from *First Wheels Leasing* in Burnsville, the department was able to make that desire a reality. In 2014, an internal committee developed a new badge design that is meant to serve as a symbol of the department's innovation, progress and professional leadership for years to come.

The new badge is made from gunmetal – something that is unique to law enforcement badges – and includes polished panels and the Minnesota State seal. The words "Burnsville," "Police" and the officer's title have been rearranged and presented in a simple design. The department hopes these changes will also make the badge easier for people to read.

"We really feel humbled to have received this donation from *First Wheels*," said Sgt. Witte.

"Usually we're the ones who are called to help. It was nice to get help from a member of the community. We're very thankful for the support we receive from the entire Burnsville community day-in and day-out."



Burnsville Police Department's former badge (left) was worn from 1964-2014. The new badge (right) was recently issued to all officers.

## Citizens Academy Offers Behind-the-Scenes Look at Police Work

Burnsville residents looking for the real police experience (from the outside of the metal bars, of course) are invited to participate in the Burnsville Police Department's annual Citizens Academy. This 11-week program is designed to offer residents a hands-on opportunity to see what it's like to be a police officer.



Participants of Burnsville's annual Citizens Academy learn about nearly every area of the Police Department's work.

Participants will have the opportunity to handcuff classmates, be behind the wheel for emergency vehicle operations, participate in police response scenarios, test their skills at the indoor shooting range and take part in a Taser demonstration.

Topics covered will include:

- History/tour of Burnsville Police Department
- Common police calls, laws of arrest, handcuffing procedures, use of force and officer survival
- Functions of patrol, investigations, SWAT, physical evidence team, domestic abuse response team, negotiators, bike patrol, traffic and K-9 units
- Traffic stops and DWI demonstration

Academy classes are taught by Burnsville police officers. After successful completion of this program, participants will have an opportunity to ride-along with an officer for four hours during his or her shift.

For more information or to register visit [www.burnsville.org/citizensacademy](http://www.burnsville.org/citizensacademy).

The academy class is limited to 24 participants.

**Who:** Adults 18+ who live or work in Burnsville  
**When:** Thursday nights  
 Sept. 10 – Nov. 19  
**Where:** Burnsville City Hall  
 100 Civic Center Parkway  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Registration deadline is Aug. 11 or when class is full**

# Sgt. Wicklund Graduates from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, Recognized with Franklin Kreml Award

The Burnsville Police Department is proud to announce that Sgt. Chris Wicklund recently graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. In early May, Sgt. Wicklund was among more than 20 law enforcement officials to complete the 10-week course, held in Anoka, Minn.

Known as one of the most challenging and rewarding law enforcement management programs in the nation, the course is intended to prepare law enforcement officials for senior positions within their organizations. According to Police Chief Eric Gieseke, this is part of Burnsville's succession planning to internally develop leaders for future opportunities.

"Sgt. Wicklund's willingness to complete this program speaks a lot about his character. It is such a commitment," explains Gieseke. "The course focuses on the administrative component of police work as well as the leadership role, which is obviously different than the front-line tactical or operational side we're accustomed to. It forces people to stretch themselves out of their comfort zone."

Sgt. Wicklund was elected the class's Vice President, and as a part of those duties, coordinated a legacy gift from the class.

"It is a tradition that each class give something back to the law enforcement community," Wicklund explained.

Under Wicklund's lead, the class raised \$13,000 in seven weeks through online fundraising and raffles. The money raised went to two different law enforcement families that are dealing with cancer.

Wicklund was also honored by his peers as the class Franklin Kreml Award recipient. The Franklin Kreml Award is presented to a single individual in each class to recognize a student who clearly demonstrates dedication, devotion, ethics, leadership and justice in the area of law enforcement.

"It was well deserved," said University of Minnesota Lt. Dave Wilske, a classmate and one of Wicklund's former field training officers. "He brought the class together since day one. It was evident that he put in a lot of extra outside-of-work time."

Wicklund says his biggest take-away from the course was the vast array of knowledge he was able to gather from his peers.

"We all deal with the same problems. Being able to network with classmates and bounce ideas off each other was incredible. I enjoyed learning from their experiences," he said.



Sgt. Wicklund receives the prestigious Franklin Kreml Award for his outstanding leadership at the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command program. Pictured (from left to right) Eric Gieseke, Chief of Police; Chris Wicklund, Police Sergeant; and Tanya Schwartz, Police Captain.

Sgt. Wicklund has been a member of the Burnsville Police Department since 2000. He has served as a Police Sergeant since 2006.

The School of Police Staff and Command program was launched in 1983, and has received enthusiastic response from executives and participants throughout the country. In order to provide flexibility for departments, the course is offered annually at locations throughout the U.S. and around the world.

## Fire Muster Festivities to Entertain Burnsville Residents

Four-Day Fire Muster Community Celebration is Sept. 9 – 12

For 36 years, the Burnsville Fire Muster has entertained multiple generations with music, carnival rides, activities for kids and adults, local food and drink, public safety demonstrations, and of course – the fire truck parade that started it all!

This year, participants are invited to put on their white t-shirts and jeans or their bobby socks and poodle skirts for a "Back to the 50s"-themed block party that kicks off the celebration. The *Walser Fire Muster Block Party and Family Day* – held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9 – includes music from *The "Fabulous" Del Counts*, food trucks, refreshments and activities. Since the party starts earlier this year, party-goers can come right after work and start having fun.

The party continues for three more days chocked full of activities and entertainment, including the Heart of the City 10K/5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Sept. 12.

"This year, the Fire Muster Board has put a greater emphasis on music," said Tom



The fire truck parade is a highlight of the Burnsville Fire Muster festivities each year.

Taylor, Burnsville resident and Fire Muster board chair. "We added bands to Saturday afternoon and took our time finding bands we feel everyone will enjoy."

Because of an overwhelming positive response from last year, the fire truck and community parades will be back-to-back on Saturday again in 2015.

"We had the biggest parade crowds and saw the largest Saturday attendance in Fire Muster history last year," Taylor exclaimed. "We had nothing but compliments. So once again this year, the fire truck parade starts at 11 a.m. with the community parade following at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12."

Attendance has more than doubled over the last five years, and Taylor says he hopes that momentum continues.

For a complete list of events, times and parade routes visit [www.burnsvillefiremuster.com](http://www.burnsvillefiremuster.com).



The Burnsville Fire Muster has fun for the whole family, including live music, a carnival and more!

### Highlights of the 2015 Burnsville Fire Muster

**Tuesday, Sept. 8**  
(Pre-Fire Muster Activities)

- Medallion Hunt

**Wednesday, Sept. 9**

- Walser Block Party featuring live music by *The "Fabulous" Del Counts*

**Thursday, Sept. 10**

- Car Show
- Beer Tasting

**Friday, Sept. 11**

- Fire Truck Water Display
- Business Expo
- Carnival
- Live Music

**Saturday, Sept. 12**

- Fire Truck Parade
- Community Parade
- Heart of the City Run/Walk
- Fire & Public Safety Demonstrations
- Business Expo
- Carnival
- Live Music
- Fireworks



**When:** Sept. 9 – 12  
**Where:** Most events at Civic Center Park  
 Civic Center Parkway  
**Cost:** Many events are FREE  
 Fire Muster buttons can be purchased for \$5

## BURNSVILLE BUSINESS CORNER

### New Businesses Springing Up on County Road 42

The former Champps Americana restaurant on County Road 42 has recently come down to make room for two new restaurants.



**Chick-fil-A** is currently under construction, and is expected to open this fall. The Burnsville location will join more than 1,900 Chick-fil-A restaurants in 42 states. Chick-fil-A is one of the fastest growing quick-dining facilities in the country, and the company is noted for its community involvement and support.

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**Starbucks** is returning to Burnsville with a stand-alone facility on the site. Starbucks has more than 20,000 stores in 60 countries, and is noted for its sustainability efforts.

Both new stores will have drive-thru options.



**India Palace** is adding a new brew pub at its current location on County Road 5 and 42. Under the same ownership as India Palace, the brew pub will feature a different menu and fresh-brewed beer. Both restaurants will be connected.

### Commercial Real Estate Brokers Visit Burnsville

On May 20, 38 commercial real estate brokers took part in a bus tour of Burnsville to learn more about the City and available commercial space. The event was coordinated by the Burnsville Commercial Real Estate Council (BCREC). BCREC has been assisting the City in marketing its available properties for more than 20 years, and is a prime reason that Burnsville continues to attract new businesses.



### Welcome to These New Burnsville Businesses

- Borofka's Furniture
- Clive's Roadhouse
- Fuji Sushi
- Goodies
- Melts and Cheese
- Ragstock
- Rogers & Hollands Jewelers
- Tech Smoking

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

## 'Splashy' Addition at Lions Playground to Open in July



An artist's rendering of the splash pad at Burnsville Lions Playground.

Originally planned to open earlier this spring, the new splash pad at Burnsville Lions Playground will hold its grand opening celebration later in July. The splash pad will arrive just in time for residents and visitors to cool down during the dog... or in this case "cat" days of summer.

The splash pad will cover approximately 2,000 square feet, with 12 to 15 water features meant to spray, soak, sprinkle and splash those who step within its reach.

The splash pad is just the most recent addition to the Burnsville Lions Playground provided by a generous donation of \$70,000 from the Burnsville Lions Club. The Club had previously donated \$50,000 to add the finishing touches to the new playground, which opened in 2013.

Burnsville Lions Playground is located in Cliff Fen Park, 120 E. Cliff Road. Watch for information on the grand opening celebration at [www.burnsville.org/lionsplayground](http://www.burnsville.org/lionsplayground).

## Improvements Underway at Fischer Fields in Lac Lavon Park

Burnsville's Fischer Fields at Lac Lavon park are in the midst of a two-phase project providing some much needed improvements.

### Phase One – Irrigation

Completion goal date – early fall

Phase One, which is currently underway, includes replacing failing water lines and adding an irrigation central control system. The new control system will gather information on sunlight, heat, humidity, wind and precipitation to determine how much watering is needed at the field.

"The best part of the system," explains Jeff Radick, Burnsville Assistant Public Works Director, "is the 30 to 50 percent water savings we will see each year."

According to Radick, this state-of-the art system works with standard water lines and irrigation equipment, and can be expanded to other facilities and parks in the future.

### Phase Two – Site Improvements

Anticipated start date – Oct. 1

Completion goal date – mid-November

After fall softball leagues conclude, Phase Two of the project will address other parts of the facility that will enhance safety and user experience.

Crews will replace trail and sidewalk pavement, along with the pads underneath the field dugouts. They will also add lighting to the paved walkways within the complex. This new lighting will allow the field lights to be shut off – saving energy while still maintaining a lit pathway for players and fans to exit the facility safely at night.

The project also calls for new dugouts and fencing on the backstops and around the six fields. New scoreboards will be installed for all of the fields, and grading work will be done to help with rain run-off.

According to Garrett Beck, Burnsville Recreation Supervisor, Fischer Fields are considered among the best in the state, with more than 100,000 individual visits each year from players and upwards of 150,000 when including fans.

"The improvements will definitely be recognized and appreciated," said Beck.

For more information on Fischer Fields and Lac Lavon park visit [www.burnsville.org/facilities](http://www.burnsville.org/facilities) and search "Lac Lavon."



Crews begin installation of the new irrigation system.

## City Compost Site Open for Buckthorn Disposal Select Weekends



The Burnsville compost site will be open select weekends for buckthorn disposal.

Buckthorn is an invasive plant species that can wreak havoc on the environment. In an effort to assist Burnsville's dedicated buckthorn busters, the City will open its compost site during the last weekend of each month, June through September. The compost site will also be open for buckthorn every weekend in October.

The compost site, normally closed to the public, will be open to Burnsville residents for the disposal of buckthorn brush ONLY.

For a map to the compost site, images of buckthorn, removal tips and more information visit [www.burnsville.org/buckthorn](http://www.burnsville.org/buckthorn).

- Who:** Burnsville residents ONLY
- When:**
- June 27 – 28
  - July 25 – 26
  - Aug. 29 – 30
  - Sept. 26 – 27
  - Oct. 3 – 4
  - Oct. 10 – 11
  - Oct. 17 – 18
  - Oct. 24 – 25
  - Oct. 31 – Nov. 1
- Time:** 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Where:** Behind the businesses at 121st Street and Pleasant Avenue, next to the City archery range
- Cost:** FREE

### Take Back Your Woods

How to Win the Buckthorn Battle

Woodland restoration expert Cheryl Culbreth of Landscape Restorations, Inc. will lead this workshop on how to successfully remove buckthorn and bring back native plants. The workshop will also include examples of City programs that are available to assist with buckthorn removal.



Cheryl Culbreth is an expert in woodland restoration.

Register by calling 952-895-4550.

- When:** Wednesday, Sept. 16  
6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
- Where:** Burnsville City Hall  
100 Civic Center Parkway
- Cost:** FREE – Open to Burnsville residents only

## Storm Drain Stenciling a Success in Burnsville

More Volunteers Needed

### DUMP NO WASTE



### DRAINS TO LAKE

Stencils (like the one above) are used to help prevent people from dumping pollutants into area storm drains.

Every time it rains or snow melts, Burnsville's storm drains collect water running off of roofs, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and roads. This water drains directly into neighborhood ponds and lakes.

The bad news is – this runoff also carries with it pollutants such as lawn fertilizers, pet waste, garbage and oil leaked from cars. Even worse, pollutants are sometimes dumped directly into storm drains by passersby.

To help educate people about this issue, a number of Burnsville youth and civic groups (including churches, scout troops and school volunteers) donate their time each year for the City's "storm drain stenciling" program.

Using stencils, volunteers go out and spray paint "Dump No Waste, Drains to Lake" next to neighborhood storm drains. This sends a clear message to people who live in the area that anything dumped in the storm drain goes directly to local water bodies with no treatment or filtration.

Volunteers are always needed. The City will provide stencils, paint and other necessary equipment for storm drain stenciling. In 2014, nine different groups helped stencil more than 500 storm drains in the city. These groups also handed out water quality education fliers in neighborhoods that were stenciled.

Groups or individuals interested in more information can contact the Natural Resources Department at 952-895-4543 or email [caleb.ashling@burnsvillemn.gov](mailto:caleb.ashling@burnsvillemn.gov).

## Grow a Garden for Monarch Butterflies

Many people are fond of butterflies, and the monarch butterfly is one of the most recognizable. However, in the last 20 years, monarch numbers have decreased by nearly 80 percent.

Less habitat and more herbicide use appear to be the culprits of this decline. The loss of native milkweeds specifically impact monarchs, as their caterpillars feed only on these plants.

Residents can help monarchs and other pollinators by turning their yard into a butterfly refuge:

- Grow native wildflowers to provide sources of nectar
- Add native milkweeds to gardens to provide a food source for monarch caterpillars
- Avoid using insecticides and herbicides in yards

For more information on creating a monarch butterfly habitat visit [www.burnsville.org/nativeplants](http://www.burnsville.org/nativeplants).



A monarch butterfly on New England Aster.

## Coyotes Becoming More Common in Urban Areas



Over the last 20 years, coyotes have been moving into many metro area suburbs and adapting to living in close proximity to people. Coyotes are wild members of the dog family, typically averaging around 30 pounds in weight and standing 18 inches high at the shoulders.

Most coyote sightings in Burnsville occur near natural areas. While conflicts with coyotes are rare, those living near a natural area should be aware of the following precautions:

- Do not feed coyotes.
- To avoid attracting coyotes to your yard, make sure all potential food sources are secure (such as compost bins, garbage cans or outside pet food bowls). Coyotes will eat a range of food, but their primary food sources are rabbits, mice, other small mammals, birds and fruit.
- Keep cats indoors and keep an eye on small dogs in yards near natural areas.
- Keep dogs on a leash when walking in natural areas.

For more information on coyotes in developed areas visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) and search "Urban Coyotes."

# Annual Cleaning Maintains Well-Being of City Sewer System

Sanitary sewer lines (the ones that carry the water that goes down the drain and the waste flushed down the toilet) are rarely given much thought. However, a lot of work goes into maintaining and cleaning these lines, which crisscross the city underneath the streets.

While the thought of cleaning the sewer may seem silly (since it's the job of a sewer system to get dirty) the City of Burnsville's Water and Sewer Division knows just how important it is to keep the sewer lines well-maintained.

"Regular cleaning helps prevent water and sewage from backing up into people's homes," said Linda Mullen, Burnsville's Water and Sewer Superintendent. "Our goal is to clean every pipe in Burnsville at least once every three to five years."

Sewer lines are cleaned on a rotating schedule, so only a portion of the pipes are cleaned every year. Crews pull a hose through the pipe, which distributes water at a high pressure. The water scours the inside of the pipe and breaks up waste, grease or other objects that have become stuck.

In addition to cleaning every three to five years, each pipe gets a more thorough inspection every ten years. The City brings in a contractor to maneuver a camera through the pipe. By getting a visual of the inside of the lines, workers can check for cracks, intrusion from tree/plant roots, pipe shifting and particularly troublesome spots where waste has built up.

### Cleaning Unlikely to Affect Homes

Sanitary sewer cleaning usually occurs between April and November. Most people don't even know that it is happening in their

neighborhood. Cleaning does not interrupt water service or result in any road closures. However, since cleaning is done with high-pressure water, there is a slight chance that some air and water will travel back up a home's service line and cause a little water spray to exit through the toilet.

"It's not likely to happen," stressed Mullen. "It only happens when homes aren't vented properly or the sewer cleaning crew is having difficulty removing an obstruction in the sewer line. It can be prevented by closing your toilet lid. The water won't be strong enough to lift the lid."

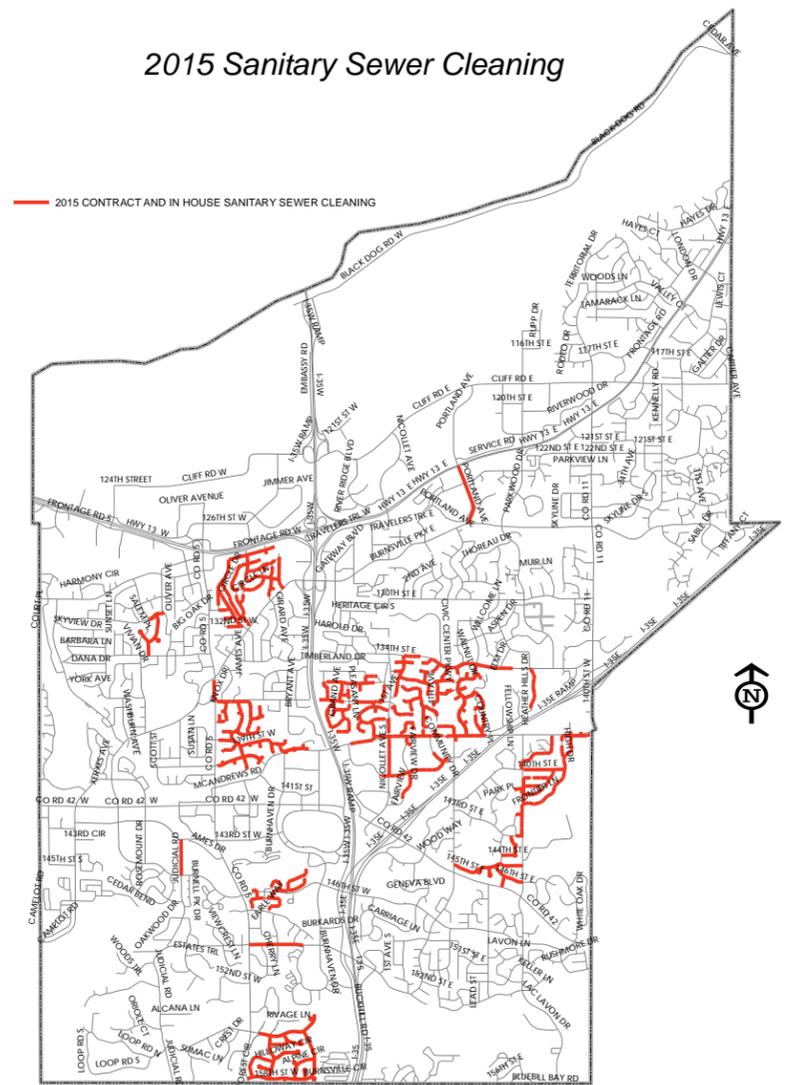
Cleaning is also unlikely to cause any major backups into basements or floor drains. Backups usually happen because of blockages in the pipes, which can happen any time of year. Mullen recommends that homeowners contact the City before calling a plumber if they ever experience water backups.

"If a backup is in a homeowner's private service line, then the homeowner is responsible for fixing it," said Mullen. "But by calling the City first, we can assess if the backup is due to our mainline sewer. If it is, then the homeowner can be saved the cost of a plumber."

Residents should call 9-1-1 to report a sewer backup, and City crews will be dispatched to assess the situation.

Learn more about Burnsville's sanitary sewer operations at [www.burnsville.org/water](http://www.burnsville.org/water).

2015 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning



Areas in Burnsville that are scheduled for sewer cleaning in 2015.

### Did You Know?

Products marketed as "flushable" may not be safe for the sewer. Items such as wipes and feminine hygiene products don't disintegrate in the system. Instead, they stay completely intact and get stuck along the pipe walls or in sewage pumps. Even grease and oil from food will harden and stick to pipe walls. Toilet paper will safely break apart in the sewer lines, but everything else should go in the garbage.



## Commercial, Residential Water Meters to be Replaced Over Next Three Years

Automated water meter systems are quickly becoming the standard for utility providers across the country. Unsurprisingly, Burnsville has been ahead of the curve.

Since the early 2000s, all City residences and businesses have been equipped with automated meters. Rather than requiring a "meter reader" to physically walk up to and read meters each month, the system is able to transmit water usage data electronically to a utility worker driving through the City streets.

### Next Generation Water Meters

Over the next three years, the City will be upgrading all commercial and residential meters, which will allow them to automatically transmit meter reads to the utility department at City Hall. The system will also provide customers with more data on their water usage, detect leaks and other system problems much earlier, and allow meters to be read even more cost effectively!



Utility worker Jason Kelvie checks water usage data that is transmitted to his truck's computer.

This massive project is currently in its early stages. Work is expected to begin in 2016.

Keep an eye out for more information on the City's meter upgrade process over the coming years. For more information on City water and utilities visit [www.burnsville.org/water](http://www.burnsville.org/water).

## Burnsville Continues Treatment of Public Ash Trees

### Residents Have Opportunity to Take Advantage of Discount Pricing for Private Treatment

In April 2013, the City of Burnsville approved a plan to protect a portion of its public trees from the invasive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The plan dedicates funding over 10 years to treat 2,865 "legacy" public ash trees in parks and boulevards, remove others that are in poor condition or become infested, and plant new trees.

Earlier this year, the City and project consultant Rainbow Treecare treated 928 ash trees, and the City removed 120 in poor condition.

### Private Ash Tree Treatment

Residents have the opportunity to take advantage of the City's contract prices to treat ash trees on private property. Residents will be responsible for the full cost of these private treatments.

**Residents interested in scheduling a treatment for private ash trees should contact Rainbow Treecare at 952-767-6920 for pricing and scheduling. The contract prices are valid through the end of 2015.**

While EAB has not yet been reported in Burnsville, the little bug (which can do a large amount of damage) was found nearby in Dakota County at Lebanon Hills Regional Park in December 2014.

For more information visit [www.burnsville.org/EAB](http://www.burnsville.org/EAB).

