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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day Oct. 3



Not sure what to do with old appliances, electronics and potentially toxic materials? Bring them to the annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day.

Certain items tend to hang around the house too long. They're often found in the garage, under the sink or in the utility room.

Things such as cleaning supplies, partially used paint cans, old fertilizer, broken vacuum cleaners, fluorescent bulbs and computer accessories are all causes of clutter – and are all items that shouldn't go in the trash.

To help Dakota County residents de-clutter their homes in a

responsible manner, Dakota Valley Recycling will host its annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day again in October.

"Most of the items accepted are either not allowed in the landfill or have toxic contents that can cause environmental health risks if landfilled," said Sue Bast, Dakota Valley Recycling's Environmental Specialist. "We also collect bicycles for reuse or for parts; scrap metal for recycling and paper documents for safe destruction."

View a full list of items that are accepted and NOT accepted at www.dakotavalleyrecycling.org.

Who: Dakota County residents
When: Saturday, Oct. 3 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Where: Burnsville Maintenance Center
 13713 Frontier Court
Cost: Items accepted for FREE



Accepted Items:

- **Household Hazardous Waste:** Auto batteries, cleaners, fire extinguishers, gasoline, lawn chemicals, paint, propane cylinders, etc.
- **Electronics:** TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, stereos, cameras, gaming systems, cell phones, etc.
- **Electric Household Items (Remove batteries):** Vacuum cleaners, coffee makers, electric knives, clothes irons, shaving equipment, hair dryers and space heaters.
- **Appliances:** Air conditioners, microwaves, clothes washers/dryers, water heaters, stoves/ovens, furnaces, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and dishwashers
- **Scrap Metal:** Lawn mowers, snow blowers and power tools (fluids must be drained), metal grills (propane tank must be separated), etc.
- **Tires** (Must be separated from rim)
- **Bicycles:** Any size in any condition
- **Document Destruction:** Computer paper, envelopes, notepads, junk mail and file folders. (Paper clips and staples DO NOT have to be removed. No cardboard boxes, binders or rubber bands.)

Burnsville Featured on New Fox Sports Series 'The Minnesota Traveler'

Burnsville has hit the big time, with our very own community being featured on the new series *The Minnesota Traveler*.

The Minnesota Traveler, an original television series airing on Fox Sports North and Fox Sports Wisconsin, focuses on tourist attractions, destinations, entertainment, events, activities, restaurants, shopping and lodging in Minnesota. Host Jennifer Mergen and her crew were in Burnsville earlier this year filming multiple segments – from the slopes of Buck Hill to the tables of Mediterranean Cruise – and many places in between!

The Burnsville episode first aired on Sept. 20, but will be replayed multiple times in the coming weeks. Check with your cable provider for channel number. It will also be available to view online at www.theminnesotatraveler.com starting Monday, Sept. 28.

For more information on Burnsville destinations, entertainment, restaurants and the like, check out the Burnsville Convention & Visitors Bureau online at www.burnsvillemn.com.



The Minnesota Traveler host Jennifer Mergen (right) films a segment in front of Jensen's Café in Burnsville.

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Comments and questions about this issue of the Burnsville Bulletin can be sent by mail to the Communications Department, by phone to 952-895-4402 or email to marty.doll@burnsvillemn.gov.

CITY HALL

Information on upcoming City Council and Commission meetings can be found at 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.

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Treat Yourself to Family Fun This Halloween!



It's not a pot of honey, but this pint-sized Pooh Bear was able to collect a lot of candy at Halloween Fest.

Halloween Fest at Nicollet Commons
Ghosts, goblins, princesses and superheroes of all ages are welcome at Halloween Fest. The event includes an illuminated treat trail, music, fire dancers and more. Food will be available for purchase from Porky's Roadster

food truck, and Mediterranean Cruise will be selling soda, beer and wine. The evening is designed to give families an easy way to have some Halloween fun without being too scary.

Learn more at www.burnsville.org/halloween.

Halloween Skate at the Burnsville Ice Center
Burnsville Ice Center's free Halloween Skate will feature trick-or-treating, discounted skate rentals and private lessons for new skaters.

Learn more at www.burnsvilleicecenter.org.



Creatures and characters of all shapes and sizes are welcome on the ice during the Halloween Skate event.

What: Halloween Fest
Who: All ages; costumes encouraged!
When: Friday, Oct. 23 • 6 – 8 p.m.
Where: Nicollet Commons Park
12550 Nicollet Ave.
Cost: \$5 per family

What: Halloween Skate
Who: All ages; costumes encouraged!
When: Sunday, Oct. 25 • Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Where: Burnsville Ice Center
251 Civic Center Parkway
Cost: FREE

Tips for a Safe and Fun Halloween



Did you know that only a third of parents talk to their kids about Halloween safety each year? Follow these helpful tips to make sure that your kids have a safe and fun night:

- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision and falling.
- Avoid costumes with long or billowing fabric – it can be a fire hazard.
- Teach children to stay away from open flames and stop, drop and roll if their clothes catch fire.
- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Kids should walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes/bags for better visibility.
- Look both ways when crossing the street.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating.

If planning to decorate for Halloween, try using battery-operated candles or glow sticks inside jack-o-lanterns instead of candles; and always keep decorations away from any ignition source.

Burnsville Community Foundation Continues Winter Lighting Tradition

17th Annual Celebration Set for Nov. 25

Burnsville's Winter Lighting Ceremony has been a staple of the community for nearly two decades, and the Burnsville Community Foundation is hard at work to make sure the event is around for many years to come.

"There's an entire generation of people growing up who have never seen Burnsville without Winter Lighting," said Ed Delmoro, Vice President of Winter Lighting for the Community Foundation. "It's important to us that it endures."

2015 Winter Lighting

This year's ceremony will include performances by local choirs, refreshments and party favors provided by Burnsville-area businesses, as well as an appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Claus. The event culminates with the illumination of more than 200,000 mini lights, 300 streetlight snowflakes and a 30-foot-tall tree in Burnsville's Heart of the City.

For the sixth consecutive year, light-emitting diodes (LEDs) will be used in all lights. The LEDs use approximately 90 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs, and can be used for three years.

The Future of Winter Lighting

While maintaining the tradition is important, Matt Edwards, the Community Foundation's other Vice President of Winter Lighting, said the group is thinking of ways to expand the Winter Lighting concept beyond a one-night ceremony.

"We'd like to create other events and activities during the holiday season that will bring people into Burnsville to see the lights and support our local businesses," he said.

Individuals and businesses can currently support Winter Lighting by volunteering throughout the year or by adopting the snowflakes and mini lights that make winter in Burnsville so dazzling.

"Winter Lighting is sponsored and paid for by the Burnsville Community Foundation through generous donations from businesses and residents," said Delmoro. "It's our gift to Burnsville and surrounding communities."

The Burnsville Community Foundation invites you to bring your friends and family to the Heart of the City this November and make Winter Lighting a part of your holiday tradition.

Learn more about the Winter Lighting Ceremony at www.burnsville.org/winterlighting.

Learn more about the Burnsville Community Foundation and adopting Winter Lighting lights at www.burnsvillefoundation.org.



Thousands of mini lights and hundreds of snowflakes light up the Heart of the City each holiday season.

Who: All ages
When: Wednesday, Nov. 25
6 – 6:45 p.m.
Where: Nicollet Commons Park
12550 Nicollet Ave.
Cost: FREE

Convention & Visitors Bureau to Hold Fourth-Annual Winter Lighting Contest

Starting Nov. 25, Burnsville residents may once again nominate their favorite Burnsville winter lighting displays in one of the following categories:



Doug and Nancey Odell of the 1400 Block of Summit Oaks Drive were winners of the "Single Family Dwelling" category in 2014.

- Single Family Dwellings
- Apartments
- Townhomes
- Condominiums
- Neighborhoods (20 single-family homes or less)

The contest is put on by the Burnsville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Dakota Electric Association – who will be offering great prizes to this year's winners.

Residents are encouraged to get in the spirit by decorating and keeping Burnsville looking great during the holiday season!

Nominations close on Dec. 11. Additional contest rules and information are available at www.burnsvillemn.com/Winter-Lighting-Contest.cfm.

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Levy Increase Proposed for 2016 Budget

On Sept. 8, the Burnsville City Council approved a maximum tax levy increase of 4.9 percent for 2016 – 3.5 percent to cover increased costs of current services, and an additional 1.4 percent to cover a portion of the first phase of improvements at the Burnsville Police station and other City facilities.

The proposed 4.9 percent levy increase would generate an additional \$1.49 million in the City’s 2016 budget compared to the current year. The Council may approve a lower levy increase during its Dec. 8 budget meeting – but cannot increase the amount. Approximately 0.5 percent of the levy increase will be covered by taxes brought in from new construction:

Levy Increase Tax Support		
Total Levy Increase	\$1,490,000	4.9%
• New Construction	\$150,000	0.5%
• Existing Tax Base (Current Services)	\$920,000	3%
• Existing Tax Base (Debt Service for Facility Improvements)	\$420,000	1.4%

How will this impact homeowners?

The proposed levy increase, coupled with the fact that home values continue to rise, will likely result in an increased property tax bill for residents. The increase is estimated at approximately \$5.58 per month (\$67 annually) for a median home valued at \$214,700.

When reviewing proposed property tax statements, (which are issued by Dakota County in November) it is important to keep in mind that several factors affect the total tax bill. Property taxes are determined by a combination of calculations, including:

- Current value of property (determined by the County Assessor and market conditions)
- Property classification tax rates as set by the State Legislature
- Property taxes imposed by the County, local School District and Watershed Districts

Burnsville’s City Council does not have control over property values, or taxes assessed by other governing bodies. Property owners are encouraged to contact the above-mentioned taxing bodies directly regarding their respective portion of the property tax bill. Phone numbers will be listed on the proposed property tax statements.

Why the proposed increase?

A number of factors influenced the City Council’s decision to increase its 2016 budget, such as:

- Rising costs of maintaining current service levels (specifically related to public safety, streets and parks)
- Rising healthcare costs and the phased-in minimum wage increase
- Work to replenish funds (such as debt, park projects, emerald ash borer maintenance and vehicle/equipment funds) that were deferred in earlier years
- Much-needed repairs to the City’s aging facilities

What do I get for my property taxes?

The City’s portion of property taxes is used to fund important services such as police and fire protection, public works and street projects, and parks and natural resources.

As was noted, the City of Burnsville is only one of several governing entities that rely on property tax dollars to provide services. In addition to the City, your tax dollars also go to Dakota County, your local school district and other governing bodies.

How do I get more information?

To help residents better understand how the City allocates its funds, Burnsville will again hold public meetings on the budget, as well as release a Video Budget Open House. The video highlights the major services provided by the City and how they are funded. It also invites residents to submit any questions, ideas or feedback on the budget directly to Burnsville’s department heads or online at www.burnsville.org/budget.

The video will be available at www.YouTube.com/cityofburnsvillemn and will be played on BCTV 16 for cable subscribers.

For more information about the City’s portion of your proposed property tax bill contact Finance Director Kelly Strey at 952-895-4493.

Meetings on the 2016 Budget

(Dates are subject to change)

Mid-October	Video Budget Open House available online
Tuesday, Oct. 27	Department presentations
Tuesday, Nov. 10	General Fund & Other Property Tax Supported Funds
Tuesday, Nov. 24	Capital Projects, CIP & Enterprise Funds
Tuesday, Dec. 8	Consider adoption of the budget

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway. Meetings are cablecast live, then replayed on BCTV 16 and streamed online at www.burnsville.org/meetings.

	2015	2016
Median Burnsville Home Value	\$208,900	\$214,700
Property Taxes Collected by City for Median Homes*	\$864	\$931

*Numbers are estimated using median home value and current proposed levy increase of 4.9 percent



Tell us What You Think About the New Utility Billing System

In February, the City of Burnsville began working with a new vendor to provide enhanced paper and online bills for utility customers. As part of this change, the City updated its bills to make them easier to understand, and provided new options for bill pay such as:



- Automatic, recurring online payments through a checking account or credit card
- One-time online payments using a checking account or credit card
- Easy sign-in for one-time payments using an account number
- Pay by phone by calling 1-855-230-7047

Utility bill customers will receive a survey in their October bills with questions about the transition, the new system and things the City can do to improve customer experience.

Customers are encouraged to complete the survey with their bill – or online at www.burnsville.org/utilitysurvey. Please complete the survey by Friday, Nov. 6.

For more information on Utility Billing visit www.burnsville.org/utilities.

Did You Know?

Electronic statements (e-Statements) reduce paper and envelope waste; are easy to view, print and download; and are FREE to receive. Customers interested in signing up for e-Statements and Online Bill Pay can do so by enrolling in an “Ebill Connect Account” at <http://burnsvillemn.billtrust.com>. You will need the “Enrollment Token” on your paper bill.



Recreation Highlight:

New Skateboard Programming a Hit in Burnsville



An instructor teaches skateboarders how to use a ramp at the First-Time Skateboarding Clinic.

Burnsville's Recreation Department amped up its summer offerings this year with new programming at the Burnsville Skate Park. For the first time, the department held four classes specifically for skateboarders – and each class was filled to capacity.

"I noticed the interaction between the older and

younger kids at the Skate Park," said Kelly Hansen, Burnsville Recreation Supervisor when explaining how these new classes came about. "I saw more skilled skaters helping younger kids learn tricks and build skills. Right then, I knew we should have programming dedicated to skaters."

Burnsville partnered with Zombie Boardshop, a local Burnsville business, to create and develop classes to fit a variety of skill levels. Classes included:

- First-Time Skateboarding Clinic – beginners (ages 5-13)
- Shred the Park I – up skill level, basics of moves (ages 6-13)
- Shred the Park II – amp up skill level and add new moves (ages 6-13)
- Skateboard Camp – visit other parks (ages 8-13)

Shawn Solem, Zombie Boardshop Owner, was not surprised by the number of class participants – which averaged 25 per session.

"There is a strong skateboarding community in Burnsville," Solem explained. "The great thing about this sport is that anyone can do it. No matter what your skill level, everyone is welcome."

While classes were held at the Burnsville Skate Park, the Skateboard Camp also explored eight different metro-area skate parks. Solem felt it important to show skateboarders different options in the area, along with promoting the quality of the Burnsville park.

According to Hansen and Solem, the true success of these new classes can be gauged by the excitement of participants and the progress they all made from the beginning to the end of each class.

The Burnsville Skate Park is located along Civic Center Parkway between THE GARAGE and the Burnsville Ice Center. It is a popular, well-used facility that supports a variety of skating styles. Zombie Boardshop provided class instructors at no cost, and all revenue generated (approximately \$3,000) will go toward Phase II Skate Park renovations. Learn more at www.burnsville.org/skatepark.

Skate Park Seeking Donations for Phase II Renovation

Representatives of the Burnsville Skate Park are seeking donations to assist in a "Phase II" renovation of the park. Phase I was completed in 2012, and included a number of new features and needed improvements.

To donate or to learn more visit www.burnsville.org/skatepark.

Burnsville Communications, BCTV Recognized

Burnsville's Communications Department and Burnsville Community Television were recognized both locally and nationally this past summer.

The department received eight awards during the annual Minnesota Association of Government Communicators (MAGC) Northern Lights Awards in May, received national recognition from the Alliance for Community Media (ACM) in August and was nominated for only the second time ever for a Midwest Regional Emmy in September.

"The work of our award-winning communications department is critical to ensuring a transparent government," said Burnsville City Manager Heather Johnston. "Regardless of the nature of the communication (print, video, billboards, website), our communications staff keep our residents, visitors and businesses engaged and informed of important information on City services."

For more information on how the City communicates to its residents and businesses visit www.burnsville.org/communication.



Members of Burnsville Communications/Burnsville Community Television accept 2015 MAGC Northern Lights Awards. (From L. to R.: Jay Golden, Marty Doll, Carissa Larsen, Kristin Thomas and Tina Wilson).

MAGC Award of Merit:

- **Visual Design – Other:** **Burnsville Then and Now: 50th Anniversary Postcards**
A series of six postcards for the City's year-long 50th Anniversary celebration, merging historical and modern-day photographs.
- **Public Information Project:** **Burnsville Community Television 'PSA Day'**
PSA (Public Service Announcement) Day provided an opportunity for local community groups to visit the Burnsville Community Television studio and create a video to highlight their organization.
- **Video – Public Service Announcement:** **Tell Potholes to Bounce**
A humorous video to help spread the word about the City's "Request Tracker" program.
- **Video – Campaign/Series:** **Sustainability Man**
A tights-wearing superhero in search of "green projects, and sustainable resources," Sustainability Man has interviewed more than a dozen individuals on topics related to the environment.
- **Video – Other:** **Burnsville Sees Decrease in Apartment Fires**
A news brief outlining the success of the Burnsville Fire Department's recent multi-family housing fire prevention program.

Midwest Regional Emmy Nomination

- **Interstitial – Short Programs:** **How Burnsville Became a City**
Emmy winners will be announced during the 2015 Emmy Gala on Oct. 3.

MAGC Award of Excellence:

- **Use of Social Media – Promoting an Event:** **#50in50 Social Media Campaign**
The campaign shared daily "this year in history" facts/photos on social media to countdown to Burnsville's incorporation as a City.
- **Video – Informational:** **Burnsville Fire Department: Our Family Protecting Yours**
An informational video meant to raise awareness of and support recruitment to the City's fire department.
- **Video - Informational:** **How Burnsville Became a City**
The story of how Burnsville became a City – told through the eyes of a child using animation and old newspaper clippings.

ACM Hometown Media Award:

- **Video - Best of Government Profile:** **Burnsville Fire Department: Our Family Protecting Yours**



Members of Burnsville Community Television accept 2015 ACM Hometown Media Award. (From L. to R.: Maggie Sutton, Kristin Thomas and Olivia Franti).

The national Hometown Media Awards are held annually, and honor community media and local programs that air on local cable access channels. Awards are presented to one winner in each program category.

AMES CENTER

For ticket information visit www.ames-center.com or call 952-895-4680

Masters of Illusion: Believe the Impossible - Halloween Spooktacular

Main Stage • Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. • Ticket Information: \$78, \$48 & \$38

Associated Television International presents *Masters of Illusion*, the largest magical touring show in the world. The show provides audiences with the time-honored art of the master illusionist, combined with the speed and modern design of 21st-century magic. Get ready for grand illusions, levitating women, appearances and vanishes, escapes, comedy magic, sleight of hand and beautiful dancers – all LIVE!



Lightwire Theater: A Very Electric Christmas

Main Stage • Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. • Ticket Information: \$40 & \$30

Follow the story of a young bird named Max and his family as they begin their journey south for the winter. However, when Max gets blown off course and ends up at the North Pole – his adventure really begins. Audiences of all ages will treasure this magical and captivating tale of family, friendship and hope set to timeless holiday hits from Nat King Cole, Mariah Carey and Tchaikovsky. *Lightwire Theater* is internationally recognized for their electroluminescent artistry, poignant storytelling and performance in complete darkness.



Jim Brickman: Comfort & Joy

Main Stage • Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m. • Ticket Information: \$70, \$50 & \$35

Jim Brickman will bring together the sounds of the season with *Comfort & Joy*, his 2015 holiday tour. The show will feature new music, holiday favorites and the hits that made Brickman the most charted (30) Billboard adult contemporary artist, a two-time *Grammy* winner and recipient of four gold albums. Brickman will perform his most beloved hits such as *Valentine*, *If You Believe*, *The Gift*, *Angel Eyes* and *Sending You A Little Christmas*.



Local Non-Profits Invited to Create Free PSA with BCTV

Second Annual PSA Day Oct. 28

Burnsville Community Television (BCTV) is once again inviting local non-profit organizations to its studio to create a free video public service announcement (PSA).

BCTV offers this opportunity to help non-profits “tell their story” to local residents, businesses and visitors. In turn, BCTV is able to showcase its facility and resources available for organizations to continue to create their own video programs.



Sam Griffiths from the Burnsville Athletic Club worked with BCTV staff to create a video to highlight club services during the 2014 PSA Day.

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The first PSA Day was held in 2014, and BCTV welcomed 12 non-profit organizations to its studio to participate.

“It was a very smooth and well-guided process,” said Amy Judge, Office Manager for the Burnsville Convention & Visitors Bureau. “With the help and expertise of BCTV’s highly educated staff, we were able to pick out a video format that best fit our needs, learn how to use the equipment and programs, and use the space at the BCTV studio to complete the project. It was a great experience!”

Burnsville Communications Coordinator, Marty Doll describes PSA Day as a win-win for the community.

“PSA Day is an opportunity for BCTV to give back to community groups in Burnsville, while also getting these groups into the BCTV studio to see all of the exciting features and services community television has to offer,” he said.

Finished videos will play on BCTV 14 and will also be provided to the organizations to use in marketing, post on social media and/or upload to their YouTube channel or website.

For more information or to register for PSA Day visit www.burnsville.tv/PSA.



Who: Non-profit/government organizations that serve Burnsville

When: Wednesday, Oct. 28
Times available: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: BCTV Studio – Room C214
Burnsville High School
600 E. Highway 13

Cost: FREE

Registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m.

Upcoming Activities for Seniors 62+

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

‘Behind the Badge’ Police and Fire Workshop

This day-long event will feature presentations by the Burnsville Police and Fire departments. Participants will learn about fire safety and forensics, tour Police and Fire vehicles, meet Burnsville Police K-9s and much more. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Space is limited.



When: Wednesday, Oct. 28 • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Burnsville City Hall
100 Civic Center Parkway

Cost: \$5

Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 23

Fall Colors Walk



Each year, Alimagnet Park presents a colorful show of maple, oak and other trees. Participants will learn about tree species and the science behind their dazzling displays. This walk may cover some uneven ground. Attendees should wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing and walking shoes.

When: Thursday, Oct. 15 • 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Where: Alimagnet Park
1200 Alimagnet Park Drive

Cost: FREE

Registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 12

BURNSVILLE BUSINESS CORNER

Business Development Update

While Burnsville is 98 percent developed, many sites are undergoing redevelopment or renovation, which is bringing in new businesses. Some activity residents will see this fall includes:



At Home: The Home Décor Superstore will be renovating the former Kmart site on Burnhaven Drive. This will be the first store in Minnesota for this Texas-based retailer.

Celadon Systems, Inc. will be renovating a building at 13795 Frontier Court for their new headquarters. The company manufactures supplies for the semiconductor industry, and will have approximately 50 employees in Burnsville.



JL Beers will be occupying the former Carpet King building in Burnhill Plaza. The new restaurant chain – known for its craft beer and burgers – started in Fargo, N.D., and currently has 10 locations.

The former American Bank, located at 14300 Nicollet Court, has been completely renovated and is currently in the process of leasing space. Some new tenants include

Keller Williams Realty, Alliance Title, Physicians Neck & Back Center and TruStone Financial Federal Credit Union.



Denny's is coming back to Burnsville and plans to be open in late fall. The restaurant will occupy the former Hurricane Grill & Wings building at 12950 Aldrich Ave. S.

Welcome to These New Burnsville Businesses

- 3KeyLogic
- Advisors Realty
- Alliance Title
- Enterprise Car Sales
- Felix Law Office
- Keller Williams Realty
- Le Beauté Salon & Spa
- Mongolian Operating Company
- Physicians Neck & Back Center
- Platinum Staffing
- Shoe Dept. Encore
- TruStone Financial Federal Credit Union
- Vanity
- Vilhauer Physical Therapy
- Wissota Outdoor Living

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

Business Leaders Invited to Partner with Educators for Event Series

A three-part event series is planned for this fall to help build partnerships between area businesses/community leaders and Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 (District 191).

The *Business Leader & Educator Partnership* is a way for leaders – in schools and in business – to share ideas, resources and a sense of responsibility for public education to ensure that students successfully transition to college and/or careers.

Representatives from ALL Burnsville businesses are encouraged to join this partnership – and may choose to participate in just one event or all three:

School Visits • Thursday, Oct. 8	Business Tours • Monday, Nov. 9	Debrief Luncheon • Monday, Nov. 9
Business/community organization leaders visit schools	High school teachers tour businesses/community organizations to learn how their subject areas are used in work and career	Business/community organization leaders and school leaders debrief during a facilitated luncheon program

The partnership is meant to help business/community organization leaders benefit directly from:

- Supporting and developing the future workforce
- Connecting with teachers and influencing curriculum
- Recruiting talented students who desire mentorships, internships and apprenticeships

The event – part of District 191's *Each Student Real-World Ready* initiative – is sponsored by District 191, the Burnsville Chamber of Commerce and the City of Burnsville.

For more information or to sign up for the event visit www.isd191.org/businesspartnership.



District 191's *Each Student Real-World Ready* initiative helps students and teachers make lasting contacts with the local business community.

THE GARAGE is 'Open for Music'



Mod Sun, who began his career performing at THE GARAGE, came home for a surprise set in 2014. He performed two shows that night to 1,200 fans. Photo by Nikki Rykhus.

After some restructuring and a facelift, THE GARAGE reopened its doors on July 11 and is officially "open for music."

History

For more than 15 years, THE GARAGE served as a City-operated youth center, music venue and afterschool gathering place for kids grades 6 through 12. In 2014, the facility temporarily closed its doors for renovation – and to transition to new management. Twin Cities Catalyst Music (TCCM), a new non-profit focused on music education and providing all-ages

concerts in the metro area, is now leading the charge at THE GARAGE.

"With the changeover, we have a more concentrated focus on music and opportunities that come with performing," explains TCCM Executive Director, Jack Kolb-Williams.

Concert Venue

The renovated facility provides an opportunity for local, regional and national bands to perform in an all-ages, alcohol-free venue.

Workshops

THE GARAGE now also offers small group workshops that cover a wide-variety of music industry topics including music photography and journalism, sound production, live performance consultation and much more. Attendees receive hands-on experience and guidance from professionals in the industry.

"Our workshops are designed to give attendees tools to continue their own development in the music industry," said TCCM Education Director Logan Adams.

Rehearsal Space

Rehearsal space is also available for a small fee, and includes an engineer to assist in connecting band equipment to the facility's sound system. Bands of all ages are welcome.

Recording Studio

Finally, a new recording studio is also part of the mix – a joint venture between the City of Burnsville, Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 (District 191) and TCCM. In the studio, bands can record their music or shoot a music video. The recording studio will also be used as a learning center for students.

THE GARAGE will host a grand opening celebration upon completion of the recording studio in the fall. For more information about THE GARAGE, scheduled concerts, workshops, rehearsal space and recording studio visit www.facebook.com/garagemn.

Surface Water Quality Update 2015

Tracking Lake Health

The City of Burnsville monitors eight lakes through the volunteer Citizen-Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP), which is managed by the Metropolitan Council. During the open-water season, volunteers go out every two weeks to measure water clarity and collect samples to test for algae and nutrients in designated Burnsville lakes.

Clarity is influenced by the levels of microscopic plankton algae in the water. The amount of nutrients in the water, especially phosphorus, determines how much, and how fast this algae will grow.

Lake clarity is important because it indicates how far sunlight can penetrate into the water. Typically, the higher the clarity, the better.

Low clarity means less light in the water. Less light means less photosynthesis by aquatic plants. Less photosynthesis means less oxygen for fish and other aquatic animals – a harmful cycle for Burnsville’s water bodies.

The clarity data from CAMP is summarized in the table above. The three-year clarity averages show that most monitored lakes in Burnsville are at or near their goals.

Lake	2012	2013	2014	Three-Year Average	Goal
Alimagnet*	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.3
Crystal*	1.9	1.8	2.3	2.0	2.1
Earley	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.7
Keller*	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6	1.8
Lac Lavon	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.6
Sunset Pond	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.7
South Twin	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.4
Wood Pond	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.7

*Considered "impaired" by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



Water Quality Fees: Hard at Work

The water quality fee on your utility bill helps fund projects that combat problems associated with surface water in our suburban landscape. Projects include stormwater system maintenance, storm pond cleanout and the removal of invasive aquatic plants in lakes.

Learn more about Burnsville’s Water Resources Management Plan at www.burnsville.org/WRMP.



Don't Feed the Storm Drains

Pollutants in storm drains are a major contributor to increased algae growth in Burnsville ponds. Storm drains carry water directly into neighborhood ponds and lakes. Residents can help improve water quality by keeping pollutants, such as the following, out of storm drains:

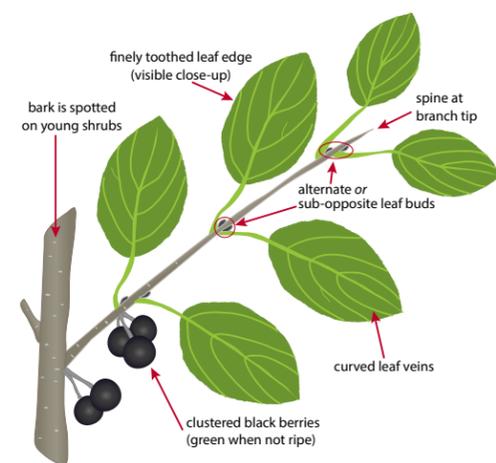
- Grass clippings
- Lawn fertilizer
- Autumn leaves

These items all add nutrients to the water, which can cause excess algae growth. Residents are encouraged to sweep these pollutants off their driveway, sidewalk and road and back into their yard so they don't get washed down the storm drain.

Grass clippings and leaves that wash into storm drains increase the nutrient supply in local water bodies. Increased nutrients cause algae to grow, reducing water quality and clarity.

For more information on the status of Burnsville lakes and the data that is collected visit www.burnsville.org/waterquality, or contact Natural Resources Manager Daryl Jacobson at 952-895-4574, Natural Resources Technician Caleb Ashling at 952-895-4543 or Natural Resources Technician Liz Forbes at 952-895-4518.

City Compost Site Remains Open Weekends for Buckthorn



In an effort to assist residents working to remove buckthorn, the City’s compost site will remain open weekends in October for disposal of the invasive plant.

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

Got buckthorn? Learn how to identify this invasive plant if you suspect it has taken root in your yard.

For more information on buckthorn visit www.burnsville.org/buckthorn.

When: Weekends in October
Saturday and Sunday ONLY
Oct. 3-4; Oct. 10-11; Oct. 17-18;
Oct. 24-25; Oct. 31-Nov. 1

Where: City Compost Site
Next to City Archery Range
12151 Pleasant Ave.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shoe Recycling Week Nov. 9 – 15

In honor of America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, Burnsville residents will have a full week to drop off old, unwanted shoes for recycling.

When: Nov. 9 – 15 • 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Where: Burnsville Ice Center
251 Civic Center Parkway
(containers located inside building)

Shoes of all types, sizes and styles – in any condition – will be accepted. Shoes collected during this event are either separated for reuse or recycled into new products.

This one-week collection is coordinated by Dakota Valley Recycling (cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan). In 2014, the three communities prevented nearly 5.5 tons of shoes from going to the landfill.

For more information visit www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org/shoes.



Shoe recycling containers will be located inside the Burnsville Ice Center.

Sleep Soundly with Smoke Alarms in Every Bedroom

Public invited to learn more about fire safety at Fire Department Open House

How often do you think about the smoke alarms in your home? If you answered “only when pizza is burning in the oven,” “only when I’m reminded to change the batteries during the Daylight Saving Time transition,” or even “never” – then it’s time to start thinking about the important role smoke alarms play in fire safety.

Location, Location, Location

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep. Working smoke alarms significantly reduce the risk of fire fatalities, which is why it’s necessary to have them properly installed in several areas. Minnesota law requires that smoke alarms be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement.

“The location of smoke alarms is important because we want occupants to be able to hear the alarm no matter where they are in the house,” said Dave Linderholm, Burnsville’s Fire Inspector. “Lives can be saved when alarms are working properly and occupants respond to them.”

Make Sure Smoke Alarms Work for You

To keep smoke alarms working properly, homeowners are encouraged to test the batteries once a month, change the batteries every six months, clean the alarm with a vacuum several times a year and replace the entire alarm every 10 years.

“Most importantly, don’t damage or dismantle the alarms,” said Linderholm. “Some people take out the batteries or disconnect the wiring because they don’t like it going off when they cook, but that prevents the alarm from doing its job.”



The 2015 National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4-10. Residents are encouraged to use that week as a reminder to check that their home has properly installed smoke alarms, and that alarms are installed inside and outside of every bedroom. That way, you can “hear the beep where you sleep!”

Learn more about National Fire Prevention Week at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Fire Department Open House Oct. 7

On Oct. 7, the Burnsville Fire Department will open its doors for the annual Fire Department Open House. The event provides a unique opportunity for community members to learn about the department and fire safety first hand.

“This is a great opportunity for individuals, families, neighbors, scout troops and other groups to meet our staff and get tips on how to practice fire safety,” said Deb Oxborough, Senior Administrative Assistant for the Burnsville Fire Department.

A number of activities will be available, including:

- Tours of the fire station, fire engines and ambulances
- Interactive demonstrations on fire extinguishers, compression-only CPR and kitchen safety
- Activities for kids, such as trying on firefighter gear, learning how to dial 9-1-1 and making a fire escape plan
- A chance to meet Fire Department chiefs, firefighter/paramedics and Sparky the Fire Dog

Learn more about the Open House at www.burnsville.org/fire.



Jordana McNeal (age 8) and Annaleya McNeal (age 4) met Sparky the Fire Dog while learning about fire prevention and safety at the 2014 Burnsville Fire Department Open House.

What: Fire Department Open House
Who: All ages
When: Wednesday, Oct. 7 5:30 – 8 p.m.
Where: Fire Station No. 1 911 140th St. W. Parking is available in the Kohl’s parking lot
Cost: FREE

Beware of Bursting Pipes

Frozen Pipes Cause Headaches During Extreme Cold

Freezing pipes and water mains are far too common during Minnesota winters – and a busted pipe can be a major headache for homeowners. The risk of pipes freezing is even greater with longer stretches of extremely cold weather. Residents are asked to consider the following tips to help avoid frozen pipes in their home.

Normal Winter Conditions

- Point the furnace cold air return away from your water lines. (Water service typically enters homes through the basement floor, and is attached to the water meter.)
- Keep the furnace above 55 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Shut off and drain the pipes leading to outside faucets.
- Wrap foam insulation around pipes most susceptible to freezing.
- Seal air leaks in the home and garage.
- If away, have someone check the home.
- If away for an extended period of time, ask the City to turn water off at the street. There is a charge of \$70 for the turn-off and \$70 for the turn-on.



Extreme Cold Conditions

In addition to the above:

- Purchase a thermometer and monitor the home’s water temperature. If the water temperature drops below 38 degrees Fahrenheit, leave a cold water tap running at a steady stream of about ¼ inch in diameter (think the diameter of a No. 2 pencil).
- Leave kitchen and bathroom sink cupboard doors open to allow heat inside.

For more information visit www.burnsville.org/water or contact the Burnsville Utilities Division at 952-895-4552.

Before it Snows...

By mid-October, snow is already on the minds of City maintenance crews, who are preparing plow trucks and de-icing equipment. Before it snows, residents are also asked to remember the following:



Check Mailboxes for Loose Hardware or Rotted Posts

While plow trucks will do their best to avoid mailboxes, they often feel the blunt force of thrown snow from the streets. Make sure your mailbox can withstand the winter! For information on mailbox guidelines visit www.burnsville.org/mailbox.

Mark Your Curb Lines and Sidewalks for Snowplows

With heavy snow, it is often hard for plow operators to “see” or “feel” the curb line. Avoid yard damage by marking your curb. Yard markers can be purchased at any local hardware store. Burnsville Public Works also carries a limited supply that can be picked up by calling 952-895-4555.

Keep ALL Garbage and Recycling Bins Behind the Curb

Plow trucks are unable to get snow pushed to the curb when items are left in the street. Unplowed snow can cause ice ridges and damage to equipment during the next snowfall.

Don’t Park on the Street Between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Burnsville does not allow parking on City streets at any time between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., but this becomes even more crucial in the winter. Parked cars can interfere with snow removal.

For more information on winter tips and requirements visit www.burnsville.org/winterguidelines.