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Survey Says

Burnsville Residents, Businesses Respond to Community Survey

More than 400 Burnsville residents and 300 business owners/managers recently voiced their opinions on issues ranging from "quality of life" to "value of City service" to "perceptions of public safety" in Burnsville.

These randomly selected participants were part of a telephone survey group who answered more than 180 residential questions, and 80 business questions respectively. The survey was conducted by professional survey firm The Morris Leatherman Company.

Result Highlights

Results show that 96 percent of residents rate the quality of life in Burnsville as good or excellent (up from 89 percent in 2012); and 94 percent of businesses rate the business atmosphere as good or excellent (up from 92 percent in 2012). The City conducts a residential and business survey every four years.



Complete survey results (including questions, answers and comparative charts) are available at www.burnsville.org/survey. Survey results were presented to the Burnsville City Council during their July 12 Work Session.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day is Saturday, Oct. 1



In 2015, more than 1,700 participants recycled nearly 270,000 pounds of material at the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off.

Dakota County residents are invited to bring a variety of unwanted items for disposal during Burnsville's annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day.

Dakota Valley Recycling, in partnership with the Recycling Zone, will be accepting the following items for proper disposal and recycling:

- Computers
- Cell phones
- Appliances
- Household cleaners
- Bicycles
- Household and auto batteries
- Vacuum cleaners
- CFL light bulbs
- Scrap metal
- Paper documents
- TVs
- Paint
- Tires

For more than 10 years, Dakota County residents have brought their items to Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day.

Please note that since the cost to collect, process and recycle certain electronics continues to climb, there will now be a small, per-item fee for TVs, computer monitors and larger appliances to help offset costs.

For a full list of accepted items and prices visit www.dakotavalleyrecycling.org.

Who: Dakota County residents
When: Saturday, Oct. 1
 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Where: Burnsville Maintenance
 13713 Frontier Court
Cost: Many items free; TVs/
 monitors \$10; larger
 appliances \$5

Recycle Materials Year-Round

If you can't make it to Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day, there are other options available.

- **The Recycling Zone in Eagan:** All Dakota County residents and businesses can dispose of recyclables, electronics, scrap metal, paint, household chemicals and other items. Many items are recycled for free, but a \$10 fee applies for TVs and monitors. For more information call 651-905-4520.
- **Private Collection Sites:** Many businesses in the Twin Cities offer collection sites for the recycling/disposal of bulky or hazardous materials.

Turn to pg. 7 for more recycling events!

For locations of collection sites visit www.dakotavalleyrecycling.org/where-to-recycle.

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- Bill Coughlin** Council Member
- Dan Kealey** Council Member
- Suzanne Nguyen** Council Member
- Mary Sherry** Council Member

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CITY HALL

Information on upcoming City Council and Commission meetings, as well as live and on-demand meeting videos can be found at www.burnsville.org/meetings.

Meetings are subject to change and cancelation. Unless noted, all meetings will be televised on Burnsville Civic Channel 16 and HD Channel 859, and streamed online at www.burnsville.tv/live.

City Meetings

AMES CENTER

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

Symphony on the Rocks with Vic Ferrari Band

Main Stage • Saturday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. • Ticket Information: \$33

Symphony On The Rocks has entertained sold-out audiences around the midwest since 2007. Fronted by the Vic Ferrari Band, the seven-member rock band plays crowd favorites from the 60s to today, including hits from the Beatles to Imagine Dragons. This is no ordinary concert – the huge symphony sound is backed by outstanding audio and video production that produces the look and feel of an EPIC rock show.



Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas

Main Stage • Thursday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. • Ticket Information: \$40 & \$30

And out of the basement shall come a *Church Basement* program of good tidings, great humor and joy! The ladies are serving it up again, and this time it's an all-new holiday show. *Away in the Basement* takes the audience back to 1959 and the day of the Sunday School Christmas Program. In the midst of holiday preparations and sprinklings of love in the air, the ladies in their witty, down-to-earth style create their own memories from Christmas past and present.



Henry Rollins

Main Stage • Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. • Ticket Information: \$45 & \$29

See Henry Rollins in Burnsville during his spoken-word tour. Fans can expect Rollins to mix timely commentary from the current state of politics (with anecdotes on his latest Los Angeles experiences), to perspectives gained from his extensive world travels. Always wanting to present fans with the best possible experience, Rollins' live talking shows are known for their energy, wit, anger and humor.



The Chameleon Theatre Circle presents Wait Until Dark

Black Box Theatre • Dec. 2 – 18 • See Ames Center Website or Box Office for Show Times and Ticket Information

Is there anyone Susan can trust? Navigating life as a blind woman in 1944 in New York City is hard enough; getting innocently caught up in the competing schemes of con men and murderers is not a complication she needs! Tension mounts as Susan becomes increasingly aware of the danger she's in – but those who would manipulate her underestimate her at their own peril.



Recreation Highlight:

Bubble, Bubble, There'll be no Toil or Trouble In Burnsville When the Halloween Fun is Double



Enjoy "super" Halloween events in Burnsville!

The weekend before Halloween, Burnsville will welcome athletes, movie stars, pirates, superheroes and more to participate in two ghostly community get-togethers.

Halloween Fest offers an illuminated trick-or-treat trail, music and entertainment. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Free parking is available at the Heart of the City Park & Ride Ramp and Parking Deck.

The Burnsville Ice Center's **Halloween Skating Party** features trick-or-treating, open skating, prize drawings, discounted skate rentals and private lessons for new skaters. Refreshments will be available for purchase from the Ice Center concession stand. Free parking is available at the Burnsville Ice Center.

Both events are designed to give families easy ways to have some Halloween fun without being too scary.

For more information visit www.burnsville.org/halloween.



What: Halloween Fest
Who: All ages; costumes encouraged
When: Friday, Oct. 28 • 6 – 8 p.m.
Where: Nicollet Commons Park, 12550 Nicollet Ave.
Cost: \$5 per family

What: Halloween Skating Party
Who: All ages; costumes encouraged
When: Sunday, Oct. 30 • Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Where: Burnsville Ice Center, 251 Civic Center Parkway
Cost: FREE admission and discounted skate rental (\$3)

Winter Lighting Ceremony Set for Nov. 23



Residents and community members can stroll through the lights from Nov. 23 through February.

Burnsville's Heart of the City will once again come to life with thousands of lights during the 18th-annual Winter Lighting Ceremony. The evening will include performances by local choirs, refreshments and party favors provided by Burnsville-area businesses. Be sure to be nice, and not naughty as Mr. and Mrs. Claus will also be on hand. The event culminates with the illumination of more than 200,000 mini lights, 300 streetlight snowflakes and a 30-foot-tall tree.

For the seventh 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.

Free parking is available at the Heart of the City Park and Ride Ramp located one block north of Burnsville Parkway on Pillsbury Avenue and in the Heart of the City Parking Deck located north of the Ames Center.

The Winter Lighting Ceremony is sponsored and paid for by the Burnsville Community Foundation, through generous donations from area businesses and residents.

For more information visit www.burnsville.org/winterlighting.

Who: All ages
When: Wednesday, Nov. 23 • 6 – 6:45 p.m.
Where: Nicollet Commons Park, 12550 Nicollet Ave.
Cost: FREE

Volunteer Spotlight:

Mobile Volunteer Network

For those who have ever been interested in the inner workings of police and fire – or have wondered how to get involved with their community while meeting new people – Burnsville’s Mobile Volunteer Network (MVN) is the answer.

MVN is a group of community members of all ages and backgrounds who are trained to assist Burnsville’s Police and Fire departments at special events and during emergencies. Volunteer members are trained in areas such as traffic control, crowd control, basic first aid, missing person/object search and more.

“Joining MVN is much more than simply volunteering,” said MVN Captain Carrie Johnson. “Members are extremely valued by the Burnsville Police and Fire departments. We really are a team.”

New members are always needed – and according to Johnson, won’t regret signing up.

“I would encourage anyone to try it out,” said Johnson. “You can make a big difference by giving just a little of your time. By joining MVN, you’ll make new friends, and help your community at the same time.”

For more information or to apply for Burnsville’s Mobile Volunteer Network visit www.burnsville.org/mvn or call 952-895-4575.



MVN members conducted a mock search-and-rescue training, with the help of a mannequin, in August 2016.

Upcoming Events for Adults 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.

62+ Walking Group

Meet new friends and stay motivated by participating in a free 62+ walking group. Walking is great for the body and mind! This is a casual walk on a one-mile paved trail. Volunteer walking group leaders are also needed.



When: Multiple times this fall
Where: Day Park, 14625 Co. Rd. 5
Cost: FREE
Register by calling 651-554-6154 or emailing jill.verchota-luce@co.dakota.mn.us.

Pickleball Mixers

Come and check out the new park locations lined for pickleball and meet other players! Beginners and advanced players are welcome at two upcoming pickleball mixers. Registration is not required.



When: Wednesday, Oct. 5 • 9 – 11 a.m.
Where: Colonial Park, 1300 W. 139th St.
When: Thursday, Oct. 13 • 9 – 11 a.m.
Where: Wood Park, 701 E. 143rd St.
Cost: FREE

Behind the Badge Police & Fire Safety Workshop

This day-long event will feature presentations by the Burnsville Police and Fire departments. Participants will learn about topics such as fire safety, forensics, identity theft and more. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided.



When: Wednesday, Oct. 12 • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Where: Burnsville City Hall
 100 Civic Center Parkway
Cost: \$5 per person
Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 7

Burnsville Communications, Community Television Recognized

The Minnesota Association of Government Communicators (MAGC) recognized the City of Burnsville Communications Department with three awards during its May Northern Lights Awards banquet.

The City received one Bronze Award (3rd Place), one Silver Award (2nd Place) and one Northern Lights Award (1st Place) in the 34th-annual Northern Lights Awards competition.

Bronze Award:

Newsletter or Magazine: 2015/2016 Burnsville Community Guide

Produced every two years, the guide contains a welcome message from the City Council; a synopsis of the City’s governance process; tips and resources for homeowners; highlights of recreational amenities; a listing of area schools; helpful phone numbers and websites; and useful information about City public safety, parks, volunteers and other departments/services. View the Community Guide at www.burnsville.org/communityguide.

Silver Award:

Video – Educational or Informational: We Are Burnsville Public Works

Created by Burnsville Community Television (BCTV), this informational video is meant to raise awareness of the City’s Public Works Department. The Public Works Department is referred to as “the third arm of public safety.” Employees not only maintain roads, water and sewer lines and vehicles – but they also assist law enforcement and fire crews during emergencies. View the video at www.burnsville.org/publicworks.

In addition, the video “We Are Burnsville Public Works” received an Honorable Mention in the National Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors (NATOA) Government Programming Awards in the category “Profile of a City/County Department.”

Northern Lights Award:

Best for Least: Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Interpretive Signs

Birnamwood Golf Course was the first nine-hole course in Minnesota – and the smallest course in the world – to become a fully Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. The creation and display of interpretive signs around the course highlight and educate patrons on the environmental work and features that went into earning and maintaining this prestigious designation.

The Best for Least Category recognizes the “most creative project or activity pulled off with the fewest dollars spent.” Only one winner was chosen in this category, and the project was also nominated for the awards “Best of Show.”

Can You Hear the Bluebirds Sing?



Birnamwood provides an ideal habitat for Eastern bluebirds.

Eastern bluebird numbers have declined substantially during the last century, but their numbers are rebounding because of nest boxes like the ones lining both sides of this hole.



Bluebirds eat small fruits and hunt insects, spiders and other small creatures.

Bluebirds prefer to nest in open fields, meadows, gardens, hedges and parkland where trees are scattered and grasses are short.

Birnamwood Golf Course’s interpretive signs received top honors during MAGC’s Northern Lights Awards.

General Election Set for Tuesday, Nov. 8

Local, State and National Races Fill Ballot

One of the City's core services is coordinating elections, which allow residents the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. Each election season, the City Clerk's office, along with hundreds of election judges and assistants, spend countless hours training and working election precincts.

Polls will be open at all 17 Burnsville precincts from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Mayoral, Two City Council Seats Up for Election

In addition to the United States Presidency – as well as multiple other state and federal races – the City of Burnsville will have four candidates vying for two open City Council seats in November. The City's mayoral seat is also on the ballot; however, incumbent Mayor Elizabeth Kautz is running unopposed.

The Aug. 9 Primary Election narrowed the field for two open Burnsville City Council Seats from eight to four.

The top four vote-getters moving on to the General Election Ballot are:

- Dan Gustafson (1,241 votes)
- Jim Bradrick (935 votes)
- Cara Schulz (869 votes)
- Robin G. Harris (576 votes)

A total of 3,118 Burnsville residents voted in the Primary Election – just under nine percent of the City's eligible voters.

Absentee Ballot Voting Opens Sept. 23

Absentee voting will open on Friday, Sept. 23. Any resident who wishes to vote by absentee ballot may do so prior to Nov. 8 at:

Burnsville City Hall
100 Civic Center Parkway
Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City offices will also be open for absentee voting on:
Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 7, until 5 p.m.

Absentee voting applications may also be completed online, by mail or received electronically.

Request an absentee ballot application:

- Online: www.mnvotes.org
- Mail: Call 952-895-4491

Completed applications must be mailed, emailed or delivered to Burnsville City Hall. Once an application is processed, you will be mailed an absentee ballot. Completed absentee ballots must be received at City Hall by 3 p.m. on Election Day.

Voter Registration

While Minnesota voters can register to vote on Election Day, pre-registration is available up to 21 days before an election. In order to register, you must be:

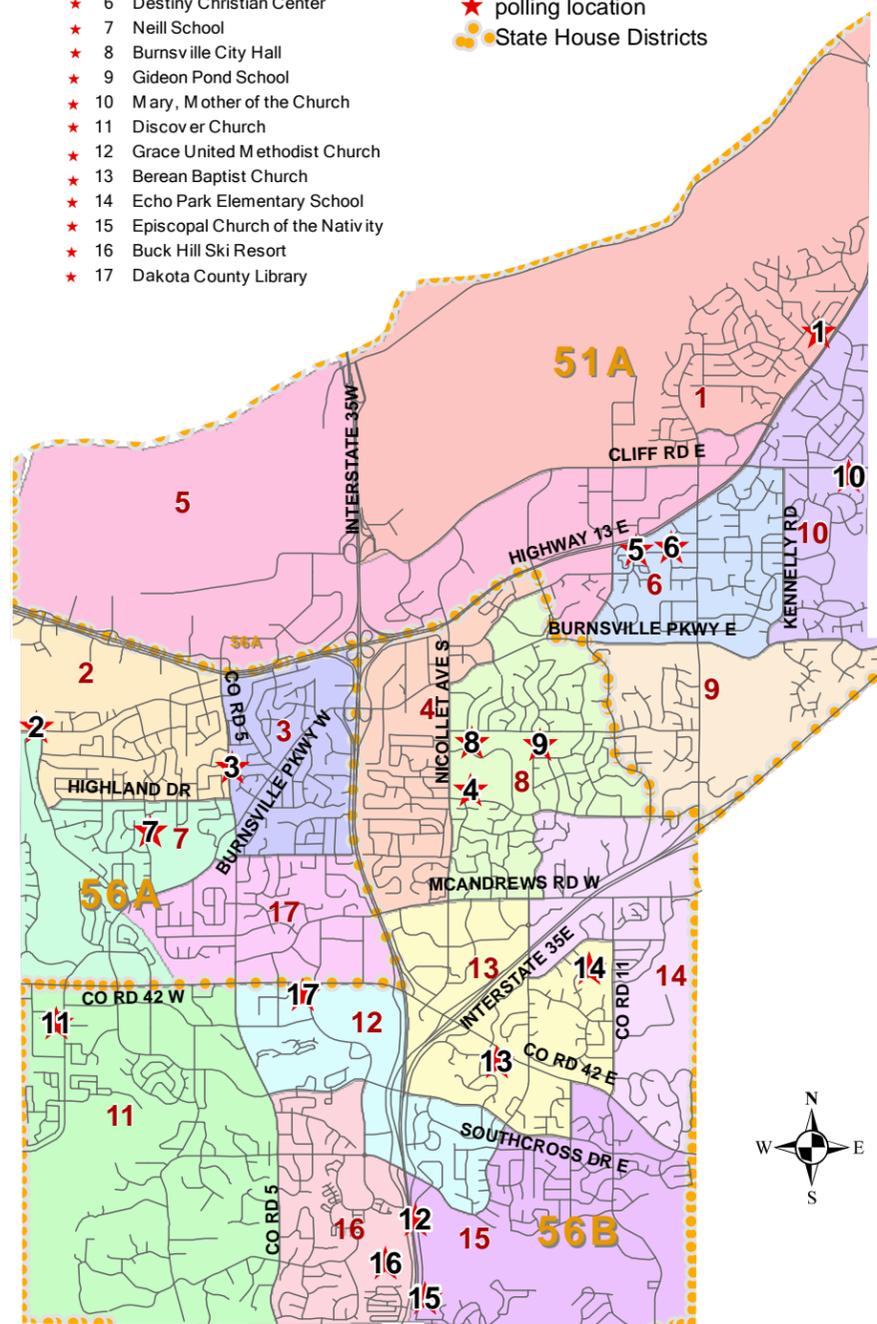
- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- Finished with all parts of any felony sentence

For more information or to confirm voter registration at your current address visit www.mnvotes.org.

For more information about elections visit www.burnsville.org/elections.

PRECINCT	LOCATION
★ 1	Sioux Trail Elem. School
★ 2	St. James Lutheran Church
★ 3	Vista View School
★ 4	Joseph Nicollet Junior High
★ 5	Eden Baptist Church
★ 6	Destiny Christian Center
★ 7	Neill School
★ 8	Burnsville City Hall
★ 9	Gideon Pond School
★ 10	Mary, Mother of the Church
★ 11	Discover Church
★ 12	Grace United Methodist Church
★ 13	Berean Baptist Church
★ 14	Echo Park Elementary School
★ 15	Episcopal Church of the Nativity
★ 16	Buck Hill Ski Resort
★ 17	Dakota County Library

★ polling location
● State House Districts



Election Night Results on BCTV 16, Burnsville.org

Burnsville Community Television will be providing local election results beginning when polls close at 8 p.m. on Nov. 8. Tune into BCTV Ch. 16, HD Ch. 859 or online at www.burnsville.tv/live.

A link to Dakota County's election results will also be available at www.burnsville.org.



Buckthorn is easily spotted in the fall because its leaves stay green and on the branch later than native trees.

Did You Know?

The City of Burnsville's compost site is open for buckthorn disposal the last weekend of every month June through September and every weekend in October.

Native trees
(leaves are changing color and falling off)

Buckthorn
(leaves are green and on the branch)



Find additional information about buckthorn and disposal at www.burnsville.org/buckthorn.

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.

- When:** Weekends in October • Saturday and Sunday only
Oct. 1-2; 8-9; 15-16; 22-23; 29-30
- Where:** City Compost Site
Next to City Archery Range • 12151 Pleasant Ave.
- Hours:** 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Buckthorn can be identified by its finely toothed leaf edge, curved leaf veins and clustered black berries.

Levy Increase Proposed for 2017 Budget

On Sept. 6, the Burnsville City Council approved a maximum tax levy increase of 3.6 percent for 2017. The increase is meant to cover the increased costs of current services, as well as increased funding for the City's capital improvement plans.

The proposed levy increase would generate an additional \$1.1 million in the City's 2017 budget compared to the current year. The Council may approve a lower levy increase during its Dec. 6 budget meeting – but cannot increase the amount. Approximately 0.4 percent of the levy increase will be covered by taxes brought in from new construction:

Taxes Paid on Levy Increase

Total Levy Increase	\$1,149,000	3.6%
New Construction:	\$120,000	0.4%
Existing Tax Base (Current Services):	\$1,029,000	3.2%

Why the proposed increase?

A number of factors influenced the City Council's decision to increase its 2017 budget.

- Increased costs of employee services including health insurance
- Mandated minimum wage increases
- Inflationary increases
- Increased facility, street and equipment capital maintenance and replacement costs

How will this impact homeowners?

The 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 just over \$2 per month (\$24 annually) for an average home valued at \$222,000.

When reviewing proposed property tax statements, it is important to keep in mind that several factors affect the total tax bill.

- Change in current value of property
- Property taxes imposed by the local School District, County and Watershed Districts

The Burnsville City Council does not have control over property values determined by the County Assessor, or taxes assessed by other governing bodies. Property owners are encouraged to contact those taxing bodies directly with questions.

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.

The video will be available in mid-October at www.YouTube.com/cityofburnsvillemn and also played periodically on BCTV Ch. 16/HD 859 for cable subscribers.

For more information about the City's portion of your proposed property tax bill visit www.burnsville.org/budget or contact Finance Director Kelly Strey at 952-895-4493.

	2016	2017
Median Burnsville Home Value	\$214,700	\$222,000
Property Taxes Collected by City for Median Homes*	\$933	\$957

**Numbers are estimated using median home value and current proposed levy increase of 3.6 percent*

2017 Budget Meetings

(Dates are subject to change)

Mid-October	Video Budget Open House available online
Tuesday, Oct. 25	Department presentations
Tuesday, Nov. 15	General Fund & Other Property Tax Supported Funds
Tuesday, Nov. 29	Capital Projects, CIP & Enterprise Funds
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Council Considers Adoption of 2017 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/HD 859 and streamed online at www.burnsville.tv/live.



Garrett Beck Promoted to Parks, Recreation & Facilities Director



Garrett Beck, Burnsville's new Parks, Recreation & Facilities Director, holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies from the University of Minnesota.

Garrett Beck has always had a passion for athletics, coaching and working with kids. In college, he even toyed with the idea of becoming a teacher/coach. However, it was when he discovered the major of Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies at the University of Minnesota that he says he found his career.

"I always enjoyed participating in recreation activities and athletics," said Beck. "There were so many people in my life that provided those opportunities for me. I wanted to be able to provide those same opportunities to others."

Beck, who moved to Burnsville from Pittsburgh, Pa., with his family in seventh grade, got his first taste of working in recreation as a senior intern for the Burnsville

Recreation Department (1994). Upon graduating with his Bachelor's degree, he took a graduate assistant position with the U of M's Department of Recreational Sports. After a short stint with the City of Brooklyn Park, Beck found his way back home to Burnsville in 1997, being hired as a Recreation Programmer for the City.

"I always hoped to get back to Burnsville. It was home," said Beck. "It was the community I grew up in, and the recreation opportunities and facilities here were a major part of my life."

Nineteen years after "coming home," Beck was promoted to Parks, Recreation & Facilities Director in July. He replaces former director Terry Schultz, who retired after nearly 30 years of service to the City.

"I took my first job with Burnsville looking for an opportunity to learn and grow," said Beck. "I have been so lucky that I've always been challenged. I have always loved working here and being part of the community, and I am excited for the new challenges in front of me."

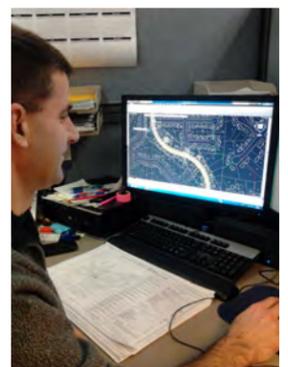
Work for the City of Burnsville

Seasonal, Part-Time and Full-Time Positions Available

The City of Burnsville is always seeking great candidates looking to make a difference in the community. A variety of seasonal, part-time and full-time positions are available nearly year-round. Applying is easy, and can be done online.

Whether you are looking for a rewarding career in public service, or just a fun and fulfilling job – check out what the City of Burnsville has to offer!

To view openings, apply or for more information visit www.burnsville.org/jobs.



Working for the City provides a fulfilling career in public service.

Job Openings to Your Inbox

Want to stay in the loop when new job openings become available? Sign up to receive email notifications of new employment opportunities at www.burnsville.org/subscribe.



BURNSVILLE BUSINESS CORNER

What Do You See for Burnsville's Future?

Feedback Sought for 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Tell the City what you think about Burnsville today – and what you'd like to see for tomorrow. The City is currently working on updating its 2040 Comprehensive Plan (the City's long-term vision, goals and strategies) – and needs your input.

Visit www.burnsville.org/2040 and complete a short, three question survey. Questions are:

- What are Burnsville's major strengths?
- What are Burnsville's weaknesses?
- Imagine Burnsville in the year 2040. Use three words to describe what you find appealing and attractive about the community.

For more information or to sign up for regular email alerts on the Comprehensive Plan visit www.burnsville.org/2040.

Welcome to These New Burnsville Businesses

- American Family Insurance – Judson Agency
- Arjay Automation
- Bank of America
- Heavyglare Eyewear
- Minnesota Laser Engraving
- Vulcan Seals

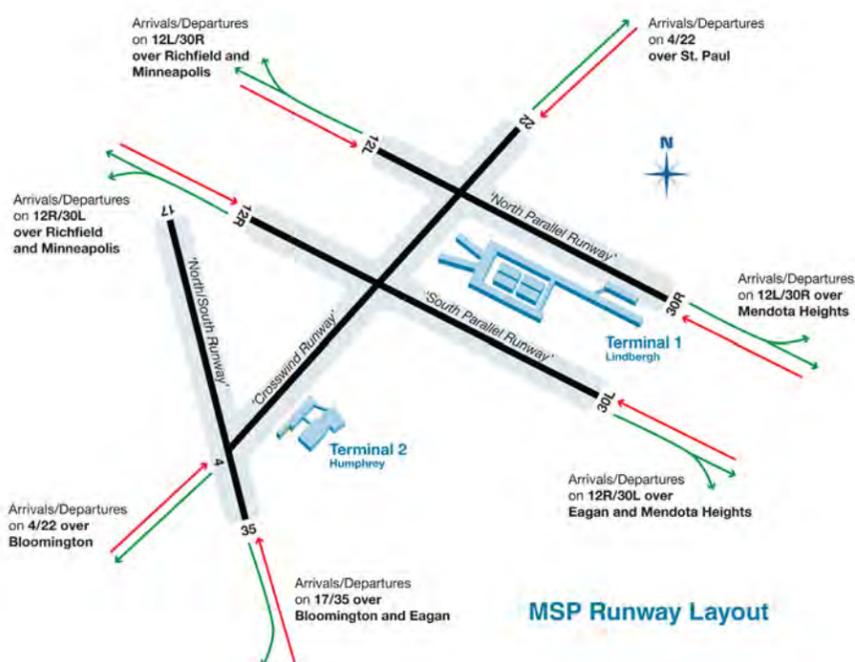
If you have a new business in Burnsville contact Economic Development Coordinator Skip Nienhaus at skip.nienhaus@burnsvillemn.gov or 952-895-4454 to schedule a welcome visit.

Flight Pattern Changes at MSP

In March, Minneapolis International Airport (MSP) began complying with new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules related to "converging runways." These new rules have forced MSP to change some of their historical runway procedures and flight paths. It has also resulted in some additional flights over parts of Burnsville.

The new FAA rules are meant to protect flights coming and going from runways that do not physically intersect on the ground – but could intersect within one mile from the runway's end. Following the new guidelines, MSP needed to rework take-offs and arrivals for several of its runways. While these adjustments provide the required separation, they have greatly increased complexity in the airspace. Some runways are now seeing more traffic than before – while others are seeing less.

Residents with concerns about flight/noise issues related to the airport can register those complaints or get more information from the Minnesota Airport Commission at www.macnoise.com.



Vision One91 'DiscoverBHS' Event Nov. 1

The City of Burnsville and Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 are committed to supporting programs that provide the City's youth with skills needed in future careers. In November, the public is invited to tour the newly remodeled Burnsville High School and learn more about some of these programs that will help students succeed.

The evening will begin with a welcome presentation, followed by an opportunity to tour the school and learn more about programs from staff and students. DiscoverBHS is an opportunity for community members to visit the high school's new and exciting learning facilities – including the FAB LAB, automotive center, certified nursing assistant program, innovative classrooms and the student-run Firefly Credit Union.

The school will also be hosting open houses for business leaders Nov. 10-17 to see firsthand how Vision One91 is helping students with career exploration and work readiness.

For more information on DiscoverBHS or the open houses visit www.isd191.org.

When: Tuesday, Nov. 1
6 – 8 p.m.

Where: Burnsville High School
600 W. Highway 13

Cost: FREE

City Council Provides Direction for Police, City Hall Renovation

Burnsville City Hall and the adjoining Police Department (100 Civic Center Parkway) have served the City for nearly 30 years without significant renovation. To help plan for current and future space needs, the City contracted with Wold Architects and Engineers in 2014 to conduct an independent "space needs" study of City buildings.

The study showed that a number of improvements were necessary to multiple facilities – with public safety and the City's Police Department being primary concerns. To help address these needs, the City, with assistance from Wold, has proposed a multi-phase approach to renovations needed in the short-, mid- and long-term.

Phase 1 Renovation Plans

In August, the Burnsville City Council directed staff to move forward with Schematic Design

Plans for Phase I renovations to the Burnsville Police Department and City Hall. These renovations, pending bids and Council approval, will begin in 2017 and include:

- Redesign and Expansion of Police Department Property/Evidence Storage and Evidence Processing Space
- Redesign of Police Department Training, Conference and Office Space
- Redesign of Police Department Detention Area
- Addition of a 30-Stall Covered Police Garage
- Replacement of the Police Department Air Handler
- Redesign of Community and Meeting Room Spaces in City Hall
- General Building, ADA Renovations in City Hall

Phase I is estimated to cost \$13.3 million. Phase II improvements will focus on replacement of Fire Station No. 1 in the next five to ten years. Phase III improvements currently address anticipated needs in ten or more years and focus on reorganization of space within City Hall and renovation to Fire Station No. 2.

For more information on the City's renovation project, to view the space study or designs, or to provide feedback visit www.burnsville.org/build.



Part of the Burnsville Police Department renovation would include providing a "Jail Entry/Lobby" separate from the public entrance.

Surface Water Quality Update 2016

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 to collect samples for algae and nutrient testing.

Lake 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.

More algae equals lower water clarity, because sunlight cannot penetrate very deep into the water. Less light means less photosynthesis by aquatic plants, which means less oxygen for fish and other aquatic animals.

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. These results, along with other lake data, guide the City's decisions about water quality programs and projects.

Water Quality Fees: Hard at Work

The water quality fee on your water 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.



Keller Lake

Keller Lake Water Quality Improvement Project

Construction is scheduled to begin on an underground, high performance stormwater treatment system for Keller Lake. The system will be installed at Crystal Beach Park at the corner of Lac Lavon Drive and Crystal Lake Road East.

Stormwater from the surrounding neighborhood, which currently flows untreated into Keller Lake, will be diverted into an underground storage chamber and infiltration vault. The chamber will allow pollutants to settle out of the water, while the vault will let water infiltrate into the ground. The system is estimated to prevent nearly 80 pounds of phosphorus from entering Keller Lake.

Lady Bird Pond Renovation

There are two types of stormponds. A dry pond, or detention basin, looks like a large grassy low area. It collects water during rainfall events, but is usually dry. A wet pond, also known as a retention pond, maintains a permanent pool of water and also collects stormwater runoff.

Lady Bird Pond (located in northern Burnsville) was recently converted from a dry pond into a wet pond. This was done to allow the pond to hold more stormwater runoff. The increased holding capacity will be important as the area is redeveloped.

Updates to Management Plans

The City's Water Resources Management Plan and Wetland Protection and Management Plan are both currently under review.

As part of the review, the public has the opportunity to provide input on a range of water resource topics addressed in the plans – including lake water quality goals, pond and water body high-water levels, localized flooding, design standards for development/redevelopment projects and wetland management.

An open house was held in late June, with a second being planned for later this year. For more information or to read the current plans, visit www.burnsville.org/NRmanagement.

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

Lake	2013	2014	2015	Three-Year Average	Goal
Alimagnet*	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.3
Crystal*	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1
Earley	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.7
Keller*	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.8
Lac Lavon	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.6
Sunset Pond	2.2	2.2	1.4	1.9	1.7
South Twin	1.7	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.4
Wood Pond	1.3	1.3	2.5	1.7	1.7

*Considered "impaired" by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



Lady Bird Area (pond circled in red)

Upcoming Recycling Events



In 2015, Dakota Valley Recycling composted nearly 800 pumpkins, which weighed more than 10,000 pounds!

Dakota Valley Recycling will host several recycling events for residents in Burnsville, Apple Valley and Eagan this fall and early winter:

- **Pumpkin Recycling:** Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016
Drop off pumpkins during this free, one-day-only compost collection. Residents are invited to bring their own pumpkins or fill up a trunk from the whole neighborhood. Drop-off will be at the Eagan Community Center, 1501 Central Parkway.
- **Shoe Recycling:** Nov. 14 – 20, 2016
Shoes of all types, sizes and condition will be accepted during this week-long event.

Drop-off will be at the Burnsville Ice Center, 251 Civic Center Parkway.

- ~~**Holiday Light Recycling:** Dec. 1, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017
Old or broken holiday lights and cords will be collected. Drop-off will be at the Burnsville Ice Center, 251 Civic Center Parkway.~~

For more information visit www.dakotavalleyrecycling.org.

Please Note: Holiday Light Recycling at the Ice Center has been canceled.

Feed the Birds, Not the Deer

Don't let your bird feeder become a deer feeder. Feeding deer is not allowed in Burnsville, so bird feeders must be beyond their reach (five feet or more above the ground).

Please do not place any corn, seeds, fruit, vegetables, hay or other foods out for deer. Living fruit trees and other live vegetation are exempt from the City's no deer feeding ordinance.

Feeding concentrates deer in a small area, causing several problems including:

- Damage to garden structures and landscaping plants
- Over-browsing of native plants, especially in forested areas
- Increased chance of deer-vehicle collisions

For more information on deer management in Burnsville visit www.burnsville.org/deer.



Burnsville Fire Department Open House Oct. 6



A firefighter teaches about kitchen fires during the open house.

The Burnsville Fire Department once again invites the community to get up-close and personal with firefighters, paramedics and the equipment they use. Be there when the garage doors go up, and the fire trucks come out for the annual Fire Department Open House.

A number of activities related to fire and medical emergencies will be available, including:

- Tours of the fire station, fire engines and ambulances
- 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 learning how to plan a fire escape
- Meet Fire Department chiefs, firefighter/paramedics and Sparky the Fire Dog

Who: All ages
When: Thursday, Oct. 6
 5:30 – 8 p.m.
Where: Fire Station #1
 911 140th St. W.
 Parking is available in Kohl's parking lot
Cost: FREE

Don't Wait, Check the Date!

Oct. 9 – 15 is National Fire Prevention Week. Residents are reminded that smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

Is it time for your smoke alarm to retire? Look at the date of manufacture on the back. If it is more than 10 years old it's time to replace it!

For more information visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

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

Captain Tanya Schwartz Among Law Enforcement Elite, Graduates from National FBI Academy



Captain Tanya Schwartz is the seventh Burnsville police officer to attend the FBI National Academy.

To attend the National FBI Academy is to be among the elite leaders in law enforcement. Burnsville Police Department Captain Tanya Schwartz proved she belongs in that class this spring when she graduated from the Academy's 264th session.

Schwartz was one of only 18 women in a class of 213 students.

"I nominated Captain Schwartz within the first six months of her promotion to Captain in 2012," said Eric Gieseke, Burnsville Police Chief. "It is a long and tough selection process that takes professional and personal commitment."

Commitment is a perfect word to describe Schwartz. Even before stepping away from her family and onto a plane for the 10-week Academy in Quantico, Va., she had proven her commitment to law enforcement through 21 years with the Burnsville Police Department.

When notified she was chosen to attend the spring 2016 session, Schwartz made another commitment – to take an introspective look at how she leads.

"The FBI National Academy experience allowed me to be self-reflective about my leadership, my leadership development and how I can do the best job for the Burnsville Police Department," Schwartz stated. "It reinforced my belief and practice in building and maintaining relationships. Leadership is not about rank or position, but about responsibility. Leadership development is people development."

In addition to the required challenges of the Academy, Schwartz also made a commitment to earn the Academy's Blue and Yellow Bricks. Schwartz earned the "Blue Brick" by swimming 34 miles – the distance between Quantico, Va. and Washington D.C. She was one of only 17 to complete the course. Adding to the challenge, Schwartz did not know how to swim.

"I wasn't going to let the fact that I've never swam before stop me," explains Schwartz. "It just made things a little more challenging."

Schwartz earned the "Yellow Brick" for completing a grueling 6.1-mile run through a hilly, woody trail that contains multiple obstacles.

21st Century Policing

One of the primary focuses at this year's Academy was "the challenges facing law enforcement leaders today." While at the Academy, Schwartz says she was able to take a critical look at the Burnsville Police Department's mission, goals and practices as they compare to the 21st Century Pillars of Policing.

"Burnsville is in a good place," Schwartz stated. "We were ahead of the game when it came to implementing many of these pillars. Our guide plan, put in place in 2012, follows these pillars and defines who we are as a department."

Schwartz believes that law enforcement leaders need to focus on making sure police officers have the tools, equipment and training they need to be safe – physically and mentally – so they can provide the best possible public safety to residents in the community.

"I was honored and privileged to participate in the Academy. It was a highlight of my career," Schwartz said. "It provided the opportunity for me to push myself on a variety of levels. I came back with new insight, new relationships and a strong network of law enforcement professionals that I can work with throughout the world."

For more information visit www.burnsville.org/police.

Burnsville K-9 Echo to Retire This Fall

New K-9 Officer Expected to Hit Streets Summer 2017

On Feb. 20, 2010, Officer Ben Archambault was introduced to his new rookie partner – a one-year old German shepherd from the Republic of Slovakia. Archambault named his new partner Echo, and as he recalls, Echo was truly a rookie in every sense of the word.

"He had no training at all – he didn't even know how to sit!" said Archambault thinking about his first days with his new partner.

Twelve weeks and nearly 500 hours of training later, Archambault and Echo started what would turn out to be a six year stint on patrol.

Now, after dealing with lingering spine issues since January – Echo (with help from Archambault) has announced his upcoming retirement this fall.

"In January, I got ready for work and went out to the squad car with Echo," said Archambault.

"I opened the back door and he couldn't jump into the back seat. I immediately knew there was something wrong. His favorite thing in the world was jumping into the squad and going to work."

Archambault says that light duty has helped Echo recover – and he is once again pain free, active and able to jump in and out of the squad. However, because of the intense training and deployments that are necessary of a police K-9 on patrol, it was decided that Echo would be best served by hanging up his badge.

"I have been so fortunate to serve with Echo. It has been, by far, the best job I have ever had," said Archambault, who will remain Echo's caretaker even in retirement.

More than \$30,000 Raised for New K-9

In July, the Burnsville Police Department began raising funds for the City's next police K-9 (who

will join the department's other K-9 team of Rex and his handler Brian Hasselman). In three weeks, the department received more than \$30,000 in donations.

All donations received are dedicated solely to the Burnsville Police K-9 program to purchase a new K-9, training, equipment, medical bills and other ongoing K-9 costs.

Officer Lauren Smith will be assigned as a handler of the next Burnsville K-9, and is expected to hit the streets summer 2017.

For more information on the Burnsville K-9 Unit visit www.burnsville.org/K9.



Burnsville Police K-9 Echo with Archambault.