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Fall FAMILY Events



PARTY ON THE PLAZA

*Nicollet Commons Park
Thursday, Aug. 22
5 - 9 p.m.*

Join us at our ultimate summer celebration! We'll have live entertainment, food trucks, community booths, craft vendors, games and more.



DRIVE-IN MOVIE

*North River Hills Park
Friday, Sept. 20
Movie begins at dusk*

Go retro at the drive-in! Enjoy the classic Pixar movie "Finding Nemo" from your car or a lawn blanket. Free, but registration is required.



YAPPY HOUR

*Alimagnet Park
Saturday, Sept. 21
3 - 5:30 p.m.*

This event will include dog-themed vendors, food trucks, giveaways and furry friends. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. All dogs must remain leashed.



HALLOWEEN FEST

*Nicollet Commons Park
Friday, Oct. 25
6 - 8 p.m.
\$7 per family*

Boys and ghouls of all ages are invited to this family-friendly event that includes an illuminated trick-or-treat trail, music and entertainment.



HOWL-O-WEEN

*Alimagnet Park
Saturday, Oct. 26
Noon - 2 p.m.*

In partnership with People of Alimagnet Caring for K9s (PACK), we'll have a puppy parade, pet-themed vendors, food trucks and a costume contest.

events

Party on the Plaza

Fiesta en la Plaza

Xaflad Lagu Qabanayo Banaanka Xaafada

Burnsville's ultimate summer celebration series! Food trucks, live music, entertainment, games, community booths, arts & crafts vendors and more.

Thursday, Aug. 22 | 5 - 9 p.m.

Nicollet Commons Park

Free admission; fun for all ages



We Want to Hear From you!

City of Burnsville's Party on the Plaza:

We want to make PoP even better. Your feedback will help to shape the future of this community festival.

TAKE THE SURVEY BY SEPTEMBER 1ST

AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/burnsvillepop>

Yappy Hour at Alimagnet Park

Alimagnet Park, 1200 Alimagnet Park Drive

No bones about it – you and your pup will be howling with joy at this dog-friendly Yappy Hour. This event will be full of dog-themed vendors, food trucks, giveaways and more. Food, beverages and drinks will be available for purchase.

All dogs must remain leashed. No registration is required!

Date: Saturday, Sept. 21

Time: 3 – 5:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE





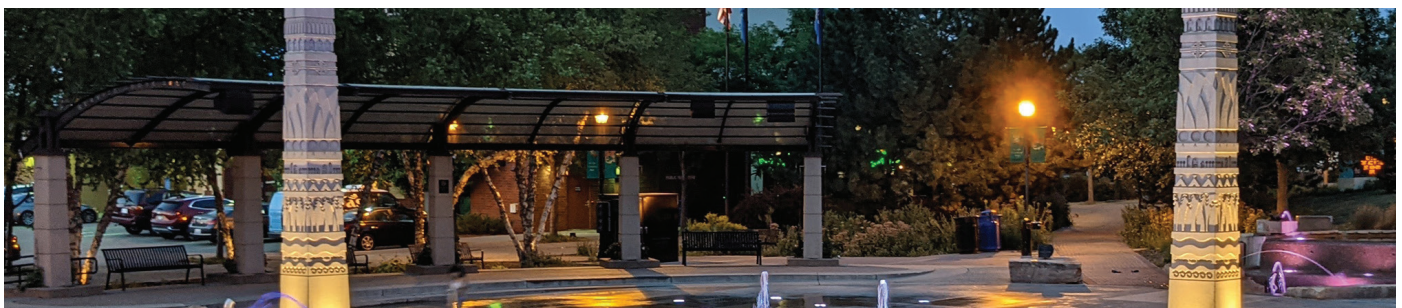
FIRE STATION NO. 1 OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, OCT. 10
5:30 - 7 p.m.
14275 NEWTON AVE.

Get an up-close look at our fire trucks and ambulances and meet the heroes who keep our community safe.

Fun activities and demonstrations for the whole family.

Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Find or Submit an Event!

Visit Experience Burnsville at

www.burnsvillemn.com/events

for upcoming regional events and to submit your community-wide Burnsville events for consideration on their website!

Be Ticket Smart

Online ticket scams are increasing, and it's important to learn how to stay safe, save money and keep sensitive information out of the hands of fraudulent operators.

Ticket scalpers are no longer standing outside venues wearing trench coats. The new counterfeit ticket sales industry is very savvy and often subtle. Scammers create realistic but fraudulent websites, duplicating the imagery and names of legitimate sites, making it hard for consumers to tell that they're fake. Other scams include selling counterfeit tickets, never sending the purchased tickets to buyers or even selling the same ticket to multiple people.

In response, Minnesota lawmakers recently passed legislation to add more consumer protections when buying tickets to concerts, sports and cultural events. The law goes into effect January 1, 2025. Here's what it contains:

Minnesota's Ticket Transparency Law

Ticket sellers MUST



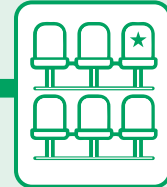
Provide customers with proof of purchase within 24 hours



Advertise the full price of a ticket up front, including all fees and service charges



Disclose ticket mark-ups and fees, event changes or cancellations and refund policies



Disclose the exact location of the seat if there is assigned seating



Hire people to stand in line to purchase tickets for resale



Sell more than one copy of a ticket



Use deceptive practices that trick consumers into thinking they're purchasing from the venue



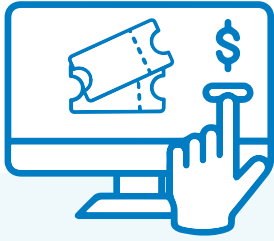
Sell tickets they don't own before tickets are on sale (called speculative ticketing)

Ticket sellers may NOT

Consumers may now



Bring lawsuits against ticket companies when harmed



Buy Tickets Safely Online

1. **Buy tickets directly from the venue.** You can buy physical tickets at venues like the Ames Center box office in person.
2. **Navigate from the venue website and use its ticketing link.** For tickets at the Ames Center in Burnsville, you can add "Ticketmaster" to your Google search; this is the only site Ames uses for online ticket sales.
3. **Double check the URL of the site you're buying from.** Make sure it's a legitimate ticket sales vendor and not a copycat. Look for the padlock symbol in the browser window; this means the site is secure.
4. **Never buy tickets before a tour has gone on sale.** This is called "speculative ticketing" and it's now illegal in the state of Minnesota.
5. **Buy resale tickets through reputable sites.** Reputable large-name sites offer protection for your purchase, including third-party sales. Reputable sites, for example, sell verified resale tickets, clearly marking them with a different icon or color.
6. **Be cautious when buying from third-party sites,** since it's easy to replicate information already on the internet.
7. **Exercise extreme caution when working with private resellers.** If you contact someone on Craigslist or Facebook Marketplace, ask the seller to forward their original purchase confirmation email (not the actual ticket) to you before you pay them. Ensure it's an email forwarded from their account and not a doctored photo of a confirmation.
8. **When buying online, use a credit card or PayPal's Goods and Services feature.** Credit cards offer built-in fraud protection and PayPal offers purchase protection.
9. **When you receive your ticket, check it closely.** Ensure it's for the correct date, time and venue and that the seat actually exists.
10. **Avoid taking and sharing screenshots of tickets on social media.** Or if you do, cover the barcode. Scammers love to grab that data and create duplicates of tickets. (Cover your personal information too, to increase your own safety.)

STAY IN-THE-KNOW

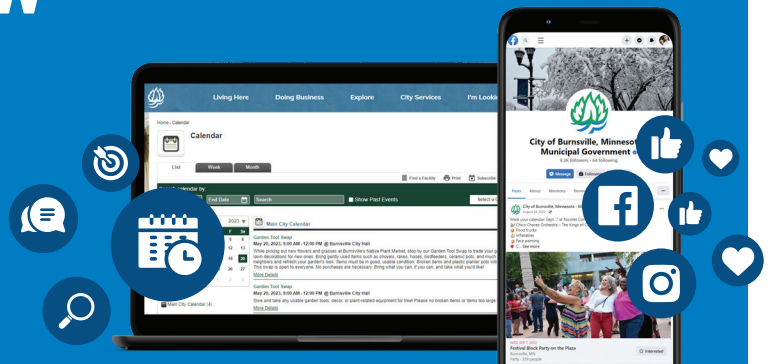
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for email or text alerts on upcoming
events or get social with us!



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FREE ENTRY

MUSIC LINEUP

Sept 5th (5:30 - 8:00pm) . . . **Kids Dance DJ!**

Sept 5th (6:00 - 8:00pm) . . . **Russell Schmidt**
Acoustic @ Beer Tasting

Sept 6th (5:30 - 6:45pm) . . . **The Dead Century**

Sept 6th (7:30 - 11:00pm) . . . **Johnny Holm Band**

Sept 7th (1:00 - 6:00pm)

Multicultural Stage Performances

1:00pm . . . Somali Museum Dance Troupe

2:20pm . . . Taiko Arts Midwest

3:30pm . . . Ecuador Manta

5:00pm . . . Banda LaVerdadera

We're excited to be joined by La Raza Radio
1400AM / 95.7FM at our Multicultural Stage at
2pm Saturday!



Sept 7th (4:00 - 8:00pm) . . . **Zombie Garage Zone**

Sept 7th (8:00 - 11:00pm) . . . **Rock Gods**
The Greatest Rock
Tribute on Earth



SCAN QR CODE
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
FULL FESTIVAL DETAILS
www.burnsvillefestival.org



FREE Bus Rides from Burnsville
Transit Center
Friday 9/7 & Saturday 9/8

Don't park and walk a mile, ride the bus for FREE!



FESTIVAL
FOR ALL!

KICK-OFF BLOCK PARTY
PARADE MERCHANTS

K-9 SHOW MEDALLION HUNT

DJ KIDS DANCE FACE PAINTING

INFLATABLES

KIDZ KORNER FIRE SAFETY

YOUTH MUSIC STAGE

SKATEBOARD CONTEST CARNIVAL

SENSORY FRIENDLY

FREE ENTRY FIRE TRUCKS

FIREWORKS MUSIC

FOOD TRUCKS

SOCCER TOURNAMENT

PICKLE BALL TOURNAMENT

MARKET GARDEN BEER

FREE BUS MULTI-FAITH AREA
MULTICULTURAL MUSIC

SATURDAY

SEPT. 7, 2024



5K, 10K, 15K & KIDS FUN RUN

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6:45AM

CHECK-IN/SAME DAY
REGISTRATION/PACKET PICKUP

7:40AM

15K RACE LINE UP & START
(COURSE CLOSING AT 9:50 AM)

7:50AM

10K RACE LINE UP & START
(COURSE CLOSING AT 9:50 AM)

8:00AM

5K RUN/WALK LINE UP & START

9:15AM

KID'S FUN RUN STARTS

9:45AM

AWARDS CEREMONY (APPX. TIME)



OUR 2024 SHIRT

PRIZES

Each top placed runner Male & Female (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) for each race will win a CASH prize.

1st Place - \$250

2nd Place - \$150

3rd Place - \$50

Each participant will receive a participation medal and will have 2 raffle tickets on their bibs, these tickets will go towards our amazing raffle prizes.

Raffle prizes will be drawn after the race, must be present to WIN!

DON'T FORGET
THE FOOD!



THE FOOD TRUCK STARTS SERVING FOOD
RIGHT AT 7AM AND WILL SERVE UNTIL
EVENT IS OVER



REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE

← SCAN FOR MORE INFO [register @ hotcrace.org](https://register@hotcrace.org)

LET'S VOTE, Burnsville!

Elections 101: Your Guide to Voting

Key Dates

-  **Primary Election** | Tuesday, Aug. 13
-  **General Election** | Tuesday, Nov. 5

Register to Vote

- ✓ **Tip:** To help avoid long lines at the polls, register online at least 20 days before Election Day at mnvotes.org

You can also register at your polling place on Election Day or when you vote early with proof of residency by bringing one of these:

1. ID with current name and address

MN Driver's License, State ID or Learner's Permit (or receipt of any of these), Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature
-OR-

2. A registered voter from your precinct can

go with you to the polling place and sign an oath confirming your address

You can pair an expired, out-of-state, school or military ID, or a U.S. passport or tribal ID without an address with a document that displays your current name and address like a utility bill, bank or credit card statement, rent or mortgage statement or residential lease.

Polling Locations

-  www.mnvotes.org/pollfinder
952-895-4491

Ways to Vote

1. Vote early by mail

Request your ballot at www.mnvotes.org

2. Vote early in person at Burnsville City Hall

Primary Election Voting: M-F June 28 – Aug. 12
General Election Voting: M-F Sept. 20 – Nov. 4

3. On Election Day

Vote at your assigned polling location.
Polls are open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

- ✓ **Tip:** You do not need to provide a reason to vote absentee. Residents can return absentee ballots by mail or deposit them in the secure ballot dropbox outside Burnsville City Hall. Hand delivered or ballot dropbox ballots will be received at Burnsville City Hall until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

New to Voting in Burnsville?

Request our **Let's Vote, Burnsville** voting guide at elections@burnsvillemn.gov or 952-895-4491



Resources

-  mnvotes.org
-  burnsvillemn.gov/elections

Serve Your Community as an Election Judge

Election Judges (poll workers) are essential to the voting process. Trained officials are needed to serve voters at polling locations, administer election procedures and ensure that voter rights are protected.

As an Election Judge, you will serve your community and learn about the voting process – all while getting paid! Judges are paid \$12 - \$15 per hour for training and working at elections.

For more information:

 burnsvillemn.gov/elections

 megan.hamilton@burnsvillemn.gov

 952-895-4468



Know a Community Hero? Share Their Story!

We are better together. From big initiatives to small, everyday efforts, community building is the cornerstone of our established and evolving city. It is these connections that create a vibrant city, boldly leading and welcoming to all.

Do you know someone making a difference in the community? Nominate them for the Community Builder Award! Each year, we celebrate the individuals, community groups and businesses who – through their volunteer or work life – build a brighter future for Burnsville. This is open to all ages, individuals, community groups and businesses. Burnsville impact is required, residency is not.

We are currently accepting 2024 nominations until Friday, Aug. 30. Awards will be presented during the Burnsville City Council meeting on Oct. 22, 2024.

Submit a Nomination

- Visit www.burnsvillemn.gov/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

Submission deadline is Friday, Aug. 30 by 4:30 p.m.
For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office
at 952-895-4490 or CityClerk@burnsvillemn.gov.



*Burnsville City Council and 2023 Community Builders
award recipients*

natural resources

Buckthorn Disposal: Compost Site Open Select Weekends

Burnsville's compost site will be open for buckthorn disposal the last weekend of the month in August and September and every weekend in October.

Who: Burnsville residents

When: Aug. 31 – Sept. 1; Sept. 28 – 29; Oct. 5 – 6;
Oct. 12 – 13; Oct. 19 – 20 and Oct. 26 – 27

Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: City compost site, behind businesses
at 121st Street and Pleasant Ave.

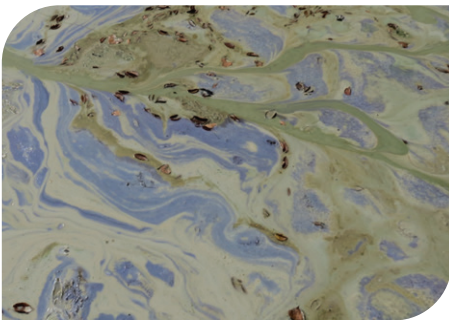
Cost: FREE



Buckthorn leaf with mature purple berries.

For a map to the compost site, images of buckthorn, removal tips and more, visit burnsvillemn.gov/buckthorn.

Blue-Green Algae: When in Doubt, Keep Out



Blue-green algae bloom at Keller Lake

To have a safe and fun summer, make sure you know the health risks caused by harmful blue-green algae blooms.

Blue-green algae aren't actually algae but types of bacteria called cyanobacteria. Blue-green algae is present in lakes and ponds throughout the state. Levels vary seasonally, and they do not always produce harmful toxins. However, under the right conditions — like warm and calm weather — a harmful bloom can form. Toxins produced by the blue-green algae can make humans and animals sick, particularly if ingested, but also from skin contact. "When in doubt, keep out" — if you suspect a blue-green algae bloom stay out of the water.

A blue-green algae bloom may look like pea soup or spilled green paint. Not all blooms look the same or are the same density — they may float and form on the surface or be more distributed throughout the water.

Blue-green algae cannot be eliminated from a lake, but the harmful blooms are temporary. Changes in weather conditions (like cooling and wind) can cause a bloom to subside. A more long term solution to reduced frequency and intensity of algal blooms is reducing overall nutrient inputs that add phosphorous and nitrogen to bodies of water. Burnsville residents can help reduce the impact of algal blooms by reducing the amount of lawn clippings, fertilizers and pet waste that runoff of their lawns. A buffer strip, or unmowed area, between lawn and water can also help reduce the amount of nutrient runoff.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is a good resource. Learn more at www.pca.state.mn.us.

Only Rain in the Drain, Please

Every time it rains, the City storm drain system collects water running off of roofs, driveways, lawns, parking lots and roads. Most of this water drains directly into neighborhood ponds and lakes and eventually makes it to the Minnesota River. Unfortunately, this runoff also carries pollutants such as lawn fertilizers, pet waste, garbage and oil leaked from cars.



Water rushes into a storm drain

Join your neighbors in making sure that only rain gets washed down your storm drain. Here are a few simple things you can do:

Capture Rain at Home. Less runoff means fewer pollutants are washed into ponds, lakes and streams. Use a rain barrel or rain garden to collect runoff from your home and use it to water lawns and shrubs.

Pick up the Pieces. Pet waste is full of bacteria and nutrients. As the waste breaks down, runoff washes it into the storm water system and into ponds and lakes. Be a responsible pet owner and bag your dog's droppings.

Limit fertilizer use. Buy phosphorus-free fertilizer and reduce fertilizer use to prevent excess nutrients from entering lakes and ponds. As required by ordinance, do not apply fertilizer within 20 feet of any wetland, pond or lake.

Properly Dispose of Household Waste. Dumping pollutants, such as paint or motor oil, down a storm drain is against the law. Household hazardous waste can be taken to The Recycling Zone in Eagan (see below). If you see unusual water coloration or detect chemical odors coming from a storm drain, pond or lake, report it immediately to Public Works at 952-895-4550.

DVR Fall Drop-off Event

Saturday, September 28 | 9 a.m. – noon
Burnsville Maintenance Facility, 13713 Frontier Ct.



PLEASE NOTE: This event will not be accepting hazardous waste.

Accepted at no cost:

- Confidential documents for shredding
- Scrap metal

Accepted for a fee:

- Appliances and electronics
- Mattresses and box springs
- Televisions and computer monitors
- Power tools, with all fluids drained
- and more

More info at dakotavalleyrecyclingmn.gov

Got hazardous waste?

Dakota County Recycling Zone accepts hazardous waste all year long. It's your one-stop drop-off for most products labeled caution, warning, danger or poison.

Recycling Zone hours:

Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday: Noon – 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Dakota County Recycling Zone
3365 Dodd Rd, Eagan, 952-891-7800
co.dakota.mn.us



Reduce Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) from Entering Sewers

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) are a slippery gang that make their way into the wastewater system and wreak havoc in sewer pipes. Grease as a warm liquid may not appear harmful, but as the liquid cools in pipes, it solidifies and sticks to the inside, like a clogged artery. The buildup continues to grow and can fully clog the pipe, leading to expensive sewer back-ups. These backups can come straight into your home and cause some costly damage.

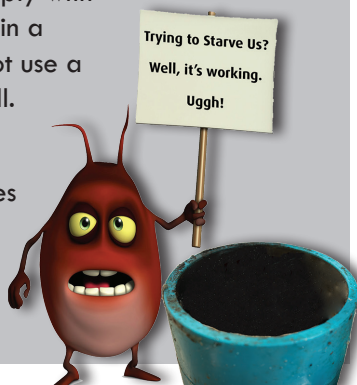
Blockages from FOG can cause back-ups and sanitary sewer overflows. They're stinky, a health risk and expensive.

Use of garbage disposals leads to more clogs!

Garbage disposals put additional grease into the pipes and food particles that can become trapped in existing grease deposits.

The easiest way to comply with regulations and maintain a clog-free sewer is to not use a garbage disposal at all.

Instead, place all remaining food particles and scraps into a trash or compost bin.



Tips to reduce FOG entering the sewer system

- S**cape or wipe grease into a sealable container. Seal and place in the trash.
- C**ollect liquid oils in an oil rendering tank
- R**otate cleaning schedule among fryers and food preparation devices
- A**dd anti-FOG practices to your clean-up tasks
- P**repare foods with minimal amounts of fats, oils and grease
- E**ducate family on the importance of reducing and preventing FOG

For more suggestions on fighting FOG visit burnsvillemn.gov/FOG

"Most Wanted" graphic courtesy of the City of Palm Bay, Florida.

Are You WaterSmart?

This free, online customer portal allows you to view your up-to-date water use, get leak alerts, compare your use to others and more.

This service is part of our ongoing commitment to provide the best tools to manage your water use.

Get started at burnsvillemn.watersmart.com.



WaterSmart
a verTexone brand

Get Out and Bike, Burnsville!



Summer may be on its way out, but there's still plenty of time to pedal! Biking is not only fun, but it's a low impact aerobic exercise that strengthens your leg muscles, works your core and contributes to a healthy lifestyle.

Bikes are also a terrific, eco-friendly way to get around! Bicycle riding is a pollution-free mode of transportation, so it's good for you and for the earth.

Burnsville is home to many bike trails, including hard and natural trails at many of our 76 parks and mountain bike trails at Terrace Oaks West Park.

Burnsville is also home to Minnesota Riverfront Park, which connects to the Minnesota River Greenway and offers spectacular views of the Minnesota River and the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge by bike.

Strap on your helmet and learn a bit more about the rules and etiquette of the trails.

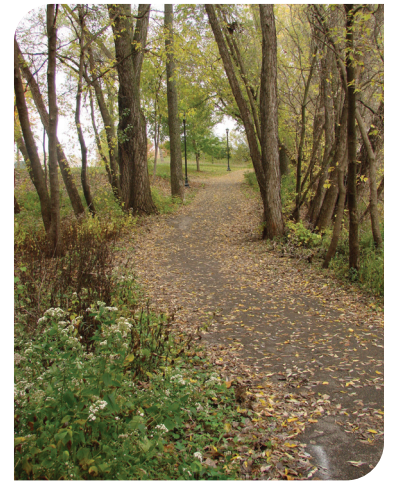
How Do I Safely Bike Burnsville?

First step: always wear a helmet. When you're biking on a road with cars:

- Follow the law: obey all traffic signs and signals
- Ride in the same direction as traffic
- Ride as close to the right-hand curb or edge of the road as you can safely. Exceptions to this rule include when passing other vehicles or preparing to turn left
- Signal your turns, and watch for drivers who might not see you
- At night, use a head lamp and red reflector on the back of your bike

When you're biking on a multi-use trail:

- Always travel at safe speeds, taking into account weather conditions and other trail users
- Yield to pedestrians and others travelling more slowly than you
- Pass on the left, and announce your presence by saying "on your left" or using a bell



You'll find hard trails at 26 of Burnsville's parks



A natural surface trail at Alimagnet Park

Are electric bikes allowed on bike trails?

Yes! Most electric bikes may be ridden on any bike path, lane or shared use path where bicycles are allowed. Electric bikes are also street legal, so riders should follow the same rules of the road that apply to human-powered bicycles when biking on city streets.

I heard there are some new MN bike laws. What are they?

- Bicyclists may now cross an intersection from the left most side of a right-hand turn lane
- Cyclists may now treat a stop sign as a yield — that is, they must slow to a speed that allows for stopping before entering a crosswalk or intersection. If the way is clear, they may proceed without coming to a complete stop

Police Department Celebrates Promotions



Nine distinguished members of the Burnsville Police Department were recently honored in a promotion and badging ceremony.

These promotions and badges reflect the Burnsville Police Department's commitment to excellence, leadership and community service. We are proud of our officers and their dedication to making Burnsville a safer and better place to live. As we celebrate these achievements, we look forward to continuing our mission of serving and protecting our community with integrity and professionalism. Please join us in honoring the following officers.

Captain Matt Smith was promoted to Deputy Chief on September 12, 2023. In his new role, Deputy Chief Smith will oversee daily police department operations. His leadership perspective, high emotional intelligence, trusted relationships and effective communication skills, combined with his positive attitude, humility and commitment to the department's mission, core values and culture, make him well-prepared for these new responsibilities. Deputy Chief Smith has earned numerous accolades and recently attended the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.



Captain Shaun Anselment and Captain Andrea Newton

Detective Sergeant Shaun Anselment

took on his new role of Captain on April 29, 2024. Captain Anselment has served the Burnsville Police Department since 1999, most recently leading the Investigations division

as a Sergeant. Anselment played a critical role in researching and launching the department's body-worn cameras – an initiative that led to Burnsville being the first law enforcement agency in Minnesota to deploy this technology. He is deeply committed to the department's mission and core values and is well-regarded for his leadership and dedication.

Detective Andrea Newton was promoted to Captain on April 29, 2024. Captain Newton began her career with the Burnsville Police Department in 1999, and contributes extensive expertise to the position, with experience in investigations, crisis

negotiation and community engagement. Newton recognizes that collaboration with the community, City staff and public safety partners is key to fostering positive relationships and building trust in the community. She is also a steadfast advocate for crime victims and their families.



Sergeant Ashley Nacey

Officer Ashley Nacey

was promoted to Patrol Sergeant, effective April 29, 2024. Sergeant Nacey will lead a team of officers in delivering proactive police services, command police incidents

and facilitate strong community relationships. As a member of the honor guard, she has provided ceremonial honors for numerous fallen officers. Sergeant Nacey's commitment to the community and her impactful service make her a valuable addition to the sergeant ranks.

Officers Ben Zappa, Dustin Jensen, Cameron Conlin, Aaron Swenson and Cait Kavanaugh

were also honored as the newest members of the department, officially welcoming them to the Burnsville Police Department.



(Left to right) Officers Ben Zappa, Dustin Jensen, Cameron Conlin, Aaron Swenson and Cait Kavanaugh

Honoring Our Fallen

burnsvillepoliceandfirefoundation.org



The Burnsville Police and Fire Foundation is hosting a fundraiser to help Burnsville's Police and Fire Departments travel to see their fallen colleagues' names added to the national memorials in Washington D.C.

Please note: This is a community foundation and is not coordinated by Burnsville's Police and Fire Departments. This fund is also separate from funds being raised to support the families of the fallen. Law Enforcement Labor Services has established a benefit fund where all monetary contributions go directly to the three families. Learn more about that fund at lels.org/benevolent-fund.



Scan to donate

Students Honored at Council Meeting



Six students from Burnsville High School were honored for their commitment to serve as members of the U.S. military by Burnsville Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR) at the May 21 meeting of the Burnsville City Council.

Students honored:

U.S. Marine Corps

Kaelyn Ambuehl of Burnsville

U.S. Navy

Svetlana Popov of Savage

U.S. Air Force

Emanuel Okindo of Burnsville

Minnesota Army National Guard

Ashley Gutierrez DeJesus and Khoi Trinh of Burnsville, and Liban Alamayo of Savage



Six students (four pictured here) from Burnsville High School were honored by Burnsville Beyond the Yellow Ribbon at a Burnsville City Council meeting for making commitments to the U.S. military.

This year, each student received a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Challenge Coin from Col. (Retired) Mike Huddleston, volunteer coordinator of Burnsville BTYR.

"These coins are a symbol of membership, belonging and camaraderie. More importantly, the coins acknowledge your achievements, dedication and exemplary service and serve as a reminder of the appreciation and respect of your peers and superiors," Huddleston said.

Mayor Elizabeth Kautz read a City proclamation that honored the students and recognized Military Appreciation Week in the City of Burnsville. After the City Council meeting, students and their families attended a reception in their honor. The Burnsville Savage Lions Club donated the funds to pay for the meal, and Rambush Estates in Burnsville donated beverages and dessert.

BUSINESSES BELONG HERE

Burnsville Farmers Markets

Did you know...? There are two farmers market locations in Burnsville that run through late October!

191 Diamondhead Education Center, 200 Burnsville Parkway West
Saturdays through Oct. 26 | 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Mary, Mother of the Church, 3333 Cliff Road East
Thursdays through Oct. 31 | 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saint Paul Farmers Markets are in full swing! Visit our two Burnsville locations to shop a variety of local products, such as bread, honey, meats, eggs, fruits and vegetables. Supporting local farmers markets is a great way to foster sustainable practices and help support small businesses in the local economy.

Both Burnsville market locations accept EBT as a way to be accessible to all. For more information regarding the farmers markets, visit the Saint Paul Farmers Markets website, www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com.

To help engage residents in living sustainably and to help aid those experiencing food insecurity, Burnsville has the additional resource of a community garden.

More information on neighboring community gardens, Burnsville's Food Forest, Market Garden and other Grow Burnsville initiatives can be found at www.burnsvillemn.gov/grow.



New Burnsville Businesses, *Welcome!*

- Cafe Zupas, 1825 County Road 42 W.
- Fountain Autism Center, 100 River Ridge Court
- Heidelberg Materials, 12300 Dupont Ave. S.
- Jimmy's Auto LLC, 12750 Highway 35 Frontage Road W.
- Mi Causa Restaurant & Bar, 14637 County Road 11
- PetSmart - New Location, 14150 Nicollet Ave. #2
- Pham Dental - Inspired Smiles, 1340 County Road 5
- Pumpkin Patch Childcare - New Location, 301 Burnsville Parkway W.
- Steak & Ale, 14201 Nicollet Ave.
- TOCA Soccer, 3601 W. 145th St.



If you have a new business in Burnsville contact Economic Development Coordinator Beth Weber at 952-895-4454 or beth.weber@burnsvillemn.gov to schedule a welcome visit.

Opportunity Belongs Here Newsletter



If you're looking for a way to stay in-the-know about all the new development and redevelopment in Burnsville, be sure to sign up for the biweekly Opportunity Belongs Here electronic newsletter. Articles feature new businesses, developments under construction, events, business resources, available land and more!

Signing up is easy! Visit www.burnsvillemn.gov/business.

Great News for Drivers! Burnsville & Waze

The City has teamed up with Waze, a navigation app, to provide real-time traffic alerts to drivers. We'll let Waze know when there's a road closure, and the app will reroute you to get you to your destination in the most efficient way – it saves you time, creates for safer way-finding and allows our crews more space to work.

If you're interested in checking out the platform, search for "Waze" in your app store.



See a pothole or a broken bench?

Let us know with the MyBurnsville app

Click "Report a Concern," take a photo and send it our way! The platform will forward your request to the appropriate department and they'll be in touch.

Everything Burnsville at your fingertips. Download the MyBurnsville app by searching "Burnsville" in your app store.

Don't have the app? Report a concern online at burnsvillemn.gov/request





Burnsville HomeWork

Time to do a little work on your home?

Burnsville offers a variety of resources and financial assistance programs to help you get started.



Burnsville Home Improvement Loans

Burnsville residents benefit from low rates and flexible terms with these direct loans for housing maintenance and repairs for owner-occupied single-family homes, family dwellings with 1 - 4 units, individual condos and townhomes. The Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) is the lender for this program and can assist homeowners through the loan process. Funds can be used for most interior or exterior improvements, maintenance or remodeling. Income must be 80% to 120% of area median income based on household size. Closing costs apply.

Loan amount: \$20,000 – \$50,000

Term: 10 – 20 years

Interest rate: 3% (3.247% APR)

Burnsville Senior Home Improvement Loans

This loan program is similar to the program above but specifically for residents ages 65 and older. While the CEE is also the lender for this program, it differs in the size of the loan available and the ability to defer repayment. Closing costs and income limits apply.

Loan amount: \$10,000 – \$15,000

Interest rate: 2%

Term: Deferred for a period of 30 years or when borrower sells, transfers title or the home is no longer the primary residence of the borrower.

For full details and how to apply for the above loans, visit www.mncee.org/burnsville or call 612-335-5884.

Additional Home Improvement Programs:

- **Burnsville Code Cash:** Provides matching grant funds up to \$2,000 to help residents remedy minor property code violations. You must have received a City-issued code violation notice to apply.
- **Community Development Agency (CDA) Weatherization Assistance:** Dakota County residents can apply for a grant to assist in making their home more energy efficient with improvements such as insulating attics and walls, replacing inefficient appliances and making other health or safety improvements. Available through the Dakota County Community Development Agency at dakotacda.org or 651-675-4465.
- **Dakota County CDA Homeownership Programs:** The Dakota County CDA also offers programs for first-time homebuyers, homebuyer education, mortgage foreclosure and home improvement loans. Call 651-675-4400 to learn more or visit dakotacda.org/housing-resources.
- **Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) Fix Up Fund:** This statewide program assists residents with limited incomes to make permanent home improvements including electric vehicle charging stations. Loans up to \$75,000 and terms of 5 – 20 years are available. Learn more and apply at mncee.org/home-improvement.

Join Us — 2025 Budget Planning

The City of Burnsville is a **vibrant** city, **boldly** leading and **welcoming** to all. As part of this commitment, the City Council defines strategic priorities, setting a foundation for all City services, including budget planning.

Public meetings and discussions, along with community outreach, are always an essential part of budget planning.

You're invited to be part of the budget planning process. Key discussions and decisions will be held during public City Council meetings.



Upcoming City Council Budget Discussions

Aug. 20



Discuss Proposed 2025 Budget and Property Tax Levy

Sept. 10



Proposed 2025 Fees and Utility Rate Study

Sept. 17



Adopt Proposed City and EDA Property Tax Levy and Budget (Max Tax)

Nov. 26



Discuss Proposed 2025 Budget (if needed)

Dec. 3



Public Meeting on Proposed 2025 Budget and Levy

Adopt Final 2025 Budget and Property Tax Levy



Key Date

On Sept. 17, the City Council will adopt a proposed City and EDA Property Tax Levy, the maximum amount that can be levied on the City's portion of property taxes.

You can also learn more and share comments or suggestions with City staff at www.burnsvillemn.gov/budget.

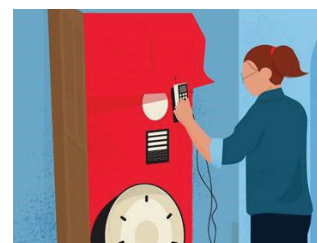
City Council meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. at Burnsville City Hall, are cablecast live and replayed on Burnsville Civic Television Channel 16/HD859 (for cable subscribers) and streamed online at

www.burnsvillemn.gov/meetings.

Save Money with the Home Energy Squad

Available to anyone with a CenterPoint or Xcel Energy account, a **Home Energy Squad** visit can identify ways to save energy and money at home, such as air sealing insulation, lighting and even your thermostat.

Learn more and schedule your visit today at www.mncee.org/hes or 651-328-6220.



Going Green on the Greens

If you're looking for a scenic course with a commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship, schedule a tee time at Birnamwood Golf Course.

Birnamwood Golf Course has long been a cherished spot for golf enthusiasts, but it's also a beacon of sustainability and environmental stewardship. The course is not only a place to enjoy a round of golf but also a thriving natural habitat, thanks to the tireless efforts of staff dedicated to making it a greener, more sustainable space.

Resilient and Resourceful Gardening

A key aspect of Birnamwood's sustainability efforts is its resilient and resourceful gardening practices. With the help of a seasonal master gardener and volunteers, the course has expanded its natural areas and implemented low-maintenance landscaping. This approach requires less fuel, chemicals and human resources.

Plants are split and reused elsewhere on the course when necessary, and plants no longer needed at other City landscaping projects are given a new home at Birnamwood. While milkweed is typically considered a weed, staff keep it around until monarch butterfly season is over. Golf Course Superintendent Dan Rootes shares, "We're working towards helping out our

pollinators as much as we can." On your next round, be sure to spot the blue birds, butterflies and bumble bees!

Another example of the golf course doing its part is the practice of not spraying chemicals around bodies of water. The pond may not have any fish, but animals like ducks and turtles call it home. And, for every tree removed, a variety of four to five new trees, native to Minnesota, are planted in its place, enhancing environmental resiliency.

Grow Burnsville Spin-Off

Inspired by the Grow Burnsville initiative, which includes a Food Forest and a Market Garden located on the Civic Center campus, Birnamwood began thinking of ways to expand these ideas onto the course. Sweet potatoes are planted along hole one, while chokecherry and elderberry bushes surround the pond. Honeycrisp and





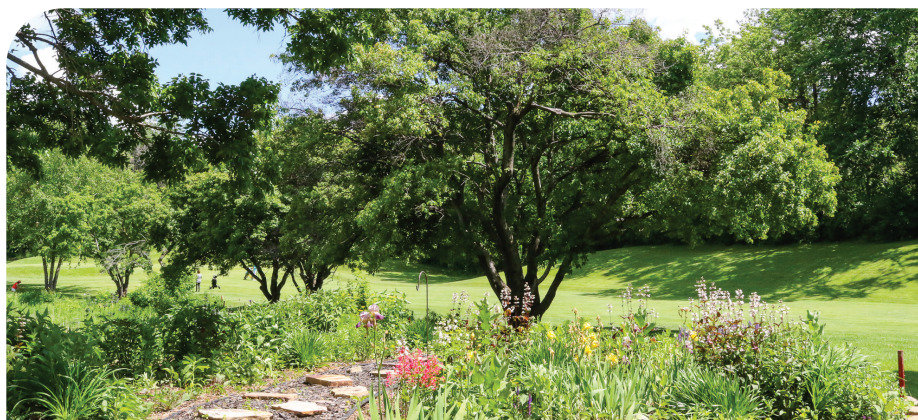
Macintosh apple trees on hole four provide a perfect snack break for golfers. When harvest season comes around, produce is given away to golfers and is available to neighbors who stop by.

Audubon Certification

For the past 22 years, Birnamwood Golf Course has earned and held an Audubon International Certification for its work to preserve our natural resources. As a certified wildlife sanctuary, course staff regularly report on wildlife sightings. As part of the Audubon program, Birnamwood staffers test standing water, monitor chemical and pesticide usage and storage, implement a chemical risk management plan, provide outreach and education to

promote environmental stewardship to golfers, City staff and the community among other important program components.

So go enjoy a great round of golf, but don't forget to take in the beauty and benefits of a course dedicated to going green on the greens.





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The Graduates: The Sound of Simon & Garfunkel

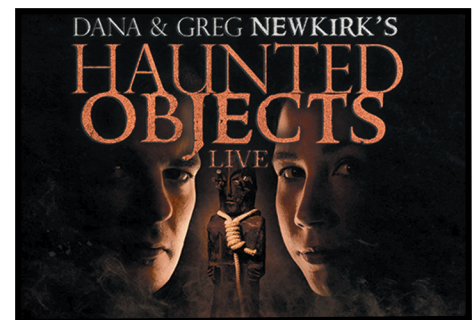
September 14, 7:30 p.m.

From the hauntingly ethereal Scarborough Fair to the upbeat and unforgettable Mrs. Robinson. . . from the mysteriously provocative Sound Of Silence to the anthemic Bridge Over Troubled Water, THE GRADUATES is an energetic and heartwarming salute to the music of Simon & Garfunkel. With selections such as Cecilia, I Am A Rock, The Boxer, Homeward Bound, The 59th Street Bridge Song (Feelin' Groovy) and Simon solo hits like Kodachrome, Me & Julio, 50 Ways To Leave Your Lover and more THE GRADUATES is a nostalgia-filled, feel good night in the theatre, not to be missed.

Haunted Objects Live

September 17, 7:30 p.m.

Are you ready to uncover the chilling true stories behind the world's most haunted objects? Join Greg and Dana Newkirk (Travel Channel's Kindred Spirits, Amazon Prime's Hellier) for an interactive presentation that will leave you on the edge of your seat. The Newkirks have spent their lives collecting and caring for cursed artifacts, possessed dolls, and other creepy artifacts said to display supernatural activity. They will take you on a journey through history, folklore, and true-life accounts of encounters with objects that seem to possess a life of their own. This is a must-see event for anyone interested in the paranormal, history, or just looking for a good scare!



Masters of Illusion

October 10, 7:30 p.m.

Starring the world's greatest award-winning magicians, this 21st century magic show is unlike anything you have seen before – filled with modern illusions and arts of deception, performed live on stage. Watch closely as you experience things that just can't be done.....or can they? Audiences will be held at the edge of their seats by the jaw-dropping grand illusions and laugh out loud at the hysterical comedy magic as performers from around the world combine fantasy, fervor and flair with magic created in front of their very eyes. Masters of Illusion has performed live in front of tens of thousands of people around the US for the past six years and been seen by over 100 million viewers on the CW network as well as in 126 countries around the world.



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