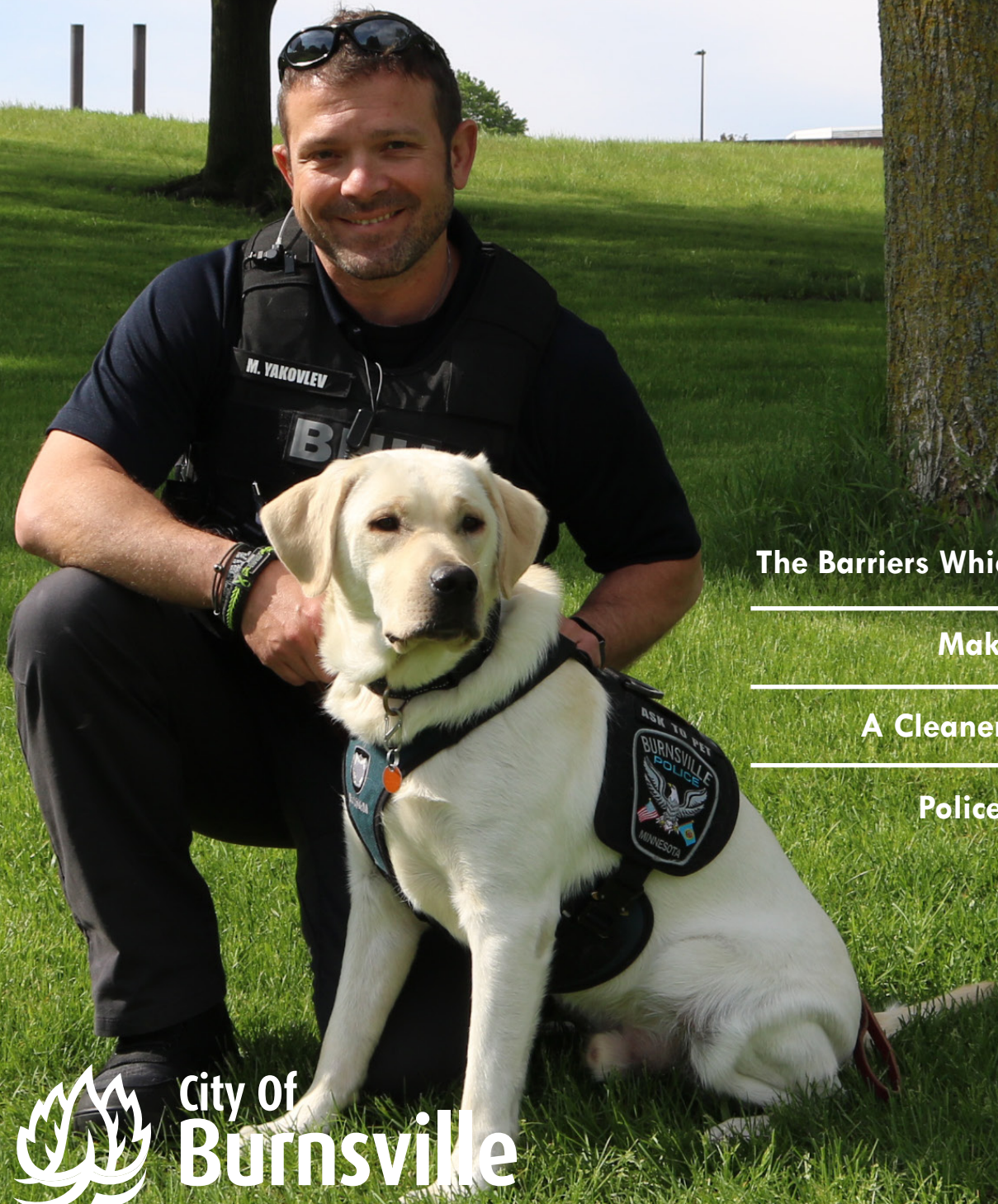


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Don't Miss the Recreation Times Center Brochure

Community Events, Skating, Park Adventures, Sports and More!

Discover all the action in Recreation Times - found in the center of this bulletin! From Halloween fun to a gobble run, you won't want to miss the upcoming fall and winter activities happening here in Burnsville!



SHOE RECYCLING NOV. 11 - 18

Burnsville Civic Center Park Amphitheater
251 Civic Center Parkway

Shoes in all conditions are welcome. If you have a pair in usable condition, please tie the laces together or place them in a bag.

Questions?
Call Dakota
Valley Recycling
at 952-895-4559



Police and City Hall Project

As fall begins, work continues on the City's planning and design for the Police City Hall project. The project is an exciting re-imagination of our civic spaces to better meet the needs of our community. This project will create new space for the community to enjoy together while ensuring our facilities can serve the next generation. It is important to us that our community remains informed of the project's progress and has the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.



*Burnsville Police Department
and City Hall*

If interested, visit burnsvillemn.gov/policecityhallproject or contact Park, Recreation and Facilities Director Garrett Beck at Garrett.Beck@burnsvillemn.gov.

Burnsville Budget

A budget is the amount of money a city needs to serve the community. While it's a financial document that appropriates funds, it's also a plan for the future that informs decisions for the good of the community. Burnsville's annual budget reflects the community's priorities. Each year, City staff work to prepare a budget that aligns with the City Council's vision, values and strategic priorities.

In Burnsville, the budget has two main components – a capital budget (funding tangible things like streets, parks, buildings, vehicles and equipment) and an operating budget (providing the support needed to serve the community). Funding for these budgets comes from a variety of sources including property taxes, special assessments, franchise fees, utility fees and state, federal and local grant funding.



Capital Budget

This covers city improvements like roads, parks, buildings, equipment and other infrastructure, and is primarily funded by taxes, assessments, franchise and utility fees and state and federal grants.



Operating Budget

The City is a service organization, and this budget funds the team and tools needed to best serve the community.

The City adopts the annual budget by a resolution which sets forth the total revenues and expenditures approved for each fund.



KEY DATE - DEC. 3, 6 p.m. | PUBLIC HEARING

A public meeting discussion will be held during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at or after 6 p.m. followed by adopting a final tax levy and the 2025 budget.

Council meeting starts at 5:30 p.m., prior to budget discussion, 100 Civic Center Parkway.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, visit the City's budget transparency portal: burnsvillemn.gov/budget.

What is a Tax Levy?

Property taxes are the largest source of revenue for the City. The budget determines the city property tax levy needs. One of the key components of yearly budget planning is establishing a proposed or maximum property tax levy, the maximum amount the City can levy for the year. On Sept. 17, the Burnsville City Council adopted a maximum tax levy for the 2025 budget resulting in a proposed 7.06% increase in the City portion of your property taxes.



For the average homeowner, the proposed levy equates to an increase in the City portion of property taxes of approximately \$5/month, about the cost of treating yourself to a cup of coffee.



Market Value of a Median Value Home:

\$350,000 = \$5/month increase



The City receives approximately **one third** of your annual property tax bill.

Your school district, county and other agencies receive the rest.

General Fund

The General Fund supports basic government services for the City and is primarily funded by property taxes. This includes police, fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS), as well as parks, public works, community development and administration. This is the foundation for the City's operational annual budget that allows the City to provide everyday essentials (clean water, safe roads and flushing to sewers) and focus on safety and community connections.

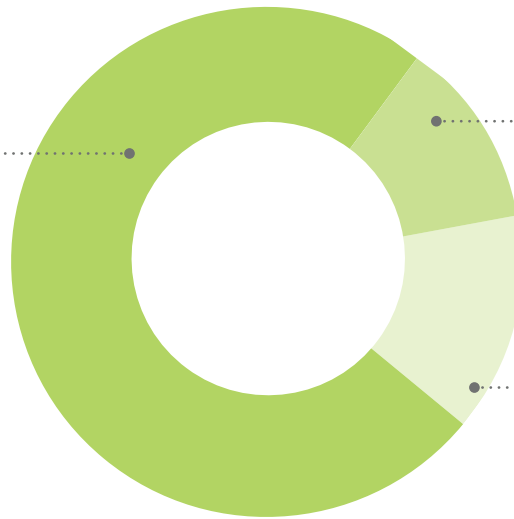
General Fund Revenues



74% – Property Taxes

Property Taxes are taxes you pay based on the value of your home or property

For 2025, approximately 80% of property taxes received by the City will go to the General Fund. The largest portion of that fund goes to public safety services.



12% – Service Charges

EMS charges, parks and recreation fees and utility charges



14% – Other Sources

Licenses and permits, interest on investments, intergovernmental and other revenue

General Fund Expenditures by Department



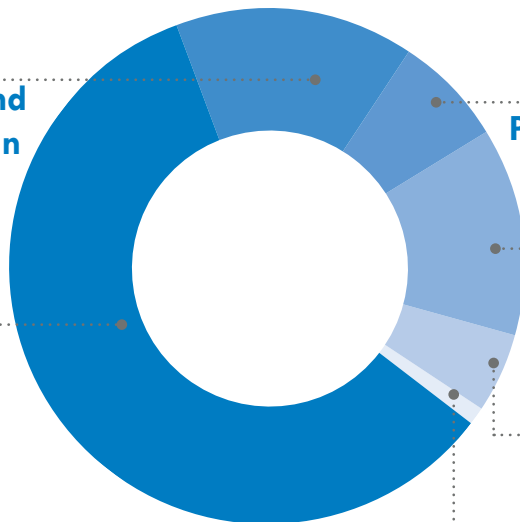
15%
Leadership and
Administration



59%
Public Safety



1%
Transfer to Other Funds



7%
Public Works



13%
Parks &
Recreation



5%
Community
Development

natural resources

Buckthorn Disposal: Compost Site Open October Weekends

Burnsville's compost site will be open for buckthorn disposal **every weekend in October from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.** The compost site is located at 12100 Pleasant Ave, directly behind Dodge of Burnsville. Please call 952-895-4550 with any questions.

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



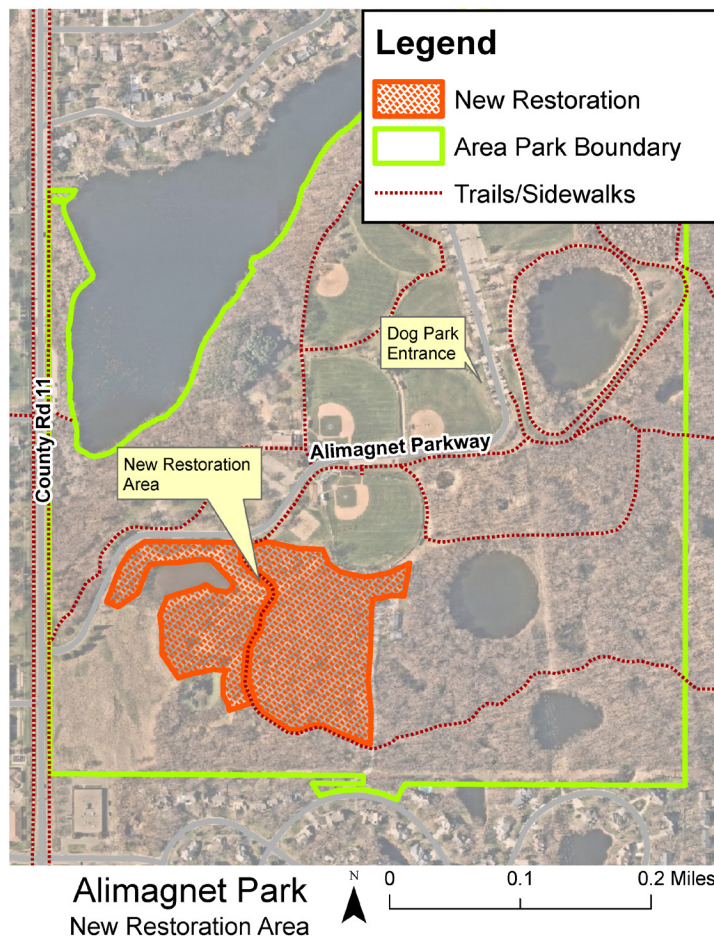
Buckthorn leaf with mature purple berries.

New Habitat Restoration Work Planned at Alimagnet Park

Burnsville has been selected to participate in Dakota County's "City-County Conservation Collaborative" program. This new program supports municipalities with habitat restoration work in local parks. For Alimagnet Park, it means up to \$260,000 in funding available to the City through County cost-share and state grants over five years to enhance existing restoration areas, as well as expand those improvements to new areas of the park.

The work will kick off this winter as we remove common buckthorn and weedy tree species on a 12-acre area in the southwest corner of the park. The project was originally scheduled for last winter but was postponed due to lack of frozen ground conditions. Additional restoration steps will include follow-up invasive species control, controlled burns and seeding of native plants.

The work will help improve the health of the existing canopy, including the park's many oak trees, and create better conditions for natural oak regeneration. It will also help control invasive plant species, replacing them with native plants like native wildflowers, which are more beneficial for pollinators and other wildlife.



Lawns Reimagined Workshop

Wednesday, Nov. 13
6 - 7:30 p.m.

Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway
Free; advance registration required
Space is limited. Register today at
burnsvillemn.gov/lawnsreimagined.

Transitioning to more sustainable landscaping can benefit your yard, your wallet and the environment.

Join our Natural Resources team for a workshop on converting your lawn to a pollinator or meadow lawn. We'll cover the benefits of transitioning your lawn, the differences between the two options and offer practical tips for choosing the right plants and maintaining your new pollinator-friendly landscape.



Don't Feed Deer or Wild Turkeys

It's the Law! City ordinance prohibits placing birdseed, corn, salt licks or similar items on the ground. All feeders should be hung at least five feet off the ground.

Whether intentional or not, feeding deer or turkeys is a bad idea. Here's why:

Disease Spread

When gathering at feeding sites, these animals spread germs through saliva and droppings. Chronic Wasting Disease, a fatal neurological disorder for deer, has been found and spread in Dakota County.

Aggressive Tendencies

When comfortable around people, deer and turkeys are likely to cause damage to landscaping. Turkeys become bolder and more intimidating toward people when they get used to being fed.

Traffic Mishaps

Turkeys and deer are more likely to cross roadways when they travel to and from feeding sites.

To prevent problems with deer and turkeys, keep areas around bird feeders clean. Use baffles or other deterrents to reduce seed knocked to the ground by squirrels. Never place birdseed or corn near or directly on the ground.



Tracking Lake Health

Eight Burnsville lakes are monitored by volunteers through the Metropolitan Council's Citizen-Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP). Volunteers visit the same lake every two weeks from April - October to measure and record water clarity. Water samples are collected and submitted to the Metropolitan Council for algae and nutrient testing.

Water clarity is a measurement of how deep sunlight reaches into the water column, which is influenced by the density of floating particles like algae. When nutrients such as phosphorus are at high levels, the density of the tiny algae increases and reduces water clarity.

Water clarity affects aquatic plant growth, oxygen levels in the water and water temperature, all factors important for lake health. For example, poor clarity means less light and less photosynthesis by aquatic plants, leading to less oxygen for fish and other aquatic animals.

This table includes data gathered by CAMP volunteers. To measure lake health, volunteers lower a Secchi disk

(pictured) into the water, measuring the depth at which it is no longer visible. The three-year averages show that most monitored lakes in Burnsville are at or near goal. These results and other lake data guide the City's decisions about surface water quality projects.



Clarity testing with a Secchi disk

Learn more about our lakes, data collection and monitoring at burnsvillemn.gov/naturalresources.

Burnsville Lake Clarity Report Card					
Secchi Disk Visibility in Feet					
Lake	2021	2022	2023	3-Year Average	Goal
Alimagnet ^o	3	3	3.6	3.2	4.3
Crystal ^o	7.9	6.6	8.9	7.8	6.9
Earley	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.8	5.6
Kelller	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.5	3.3
Lac Lavon ^o	14.4	*	12.1	*	11.8
Sunset Pond	5.3	5.6	3.6	4.8	5.6
South Twin	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.6
Wood Pond	9.2	7.9	8.5	8.5	5.6

^oOn the 2022 Minnesota Impaired Waters List for aquatic recreation or aquatic consumption
* Not enough data available

Program Highlights

Aquatic Plant Harvesting in 2024

The City harvested aquatic plants at Crystal Lake, Earley Lake, Keller Lake, Sunset Pond and South Twin Lake. Harvesting is one method to decrease vegetation-related issues like lake outlet structures getting clogged, dense growth interfering with recreation and excessive growth of invasive plants.

While a native plant, like coontail, can become dense, native aquatic plants, in general, are extremely important for wildlife and water quality.

Most native plants do not grow to nuisance levels, unlike non-native species.

Water quality and aquatic invasive species management require long-term, multi-faceted approaches. The City works with the Minnesota Department of Natural



Aquatic plant harvesting

Resources and other water resources professionals to determine data-driven adaptive management approaches, such as harvesting, herbicide treatment and native plant reintroduction.

Alimagnet Lake Alum Treatment

Alimagnet Lake is bordered by parkland on the southern end and residential land on the northern shoreline. When it rains, runoff carries pollutants like phosphorous and sediment into the lake, which can cause algal blooms. Phosphorous can originate from storm water runoff, fertilizer, grass clippings, erosion and other sources. Due to high levels of phosphorus and poor water clarity, Alimagnet has been on the state's impaired waters list since 2002.

Numerous pollution prevention projects have been installed by the City of Burnsville to reduce nutrient inputs. Most recently, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization, in partnership with

Burnsville and Apple Valley, was awarded a Clean Water Fund competitive grant to administer an alum (sodium aluminate) treatment to address high phosphorous levels.



Alum Treatment at Wood Pond

Alum binds to suspended phosphorus in the water column and prevents future algal blooms. The compound settles to the bottom of the lake, holding phosphorous in place and preventing it from resuspending in the water column.

The project will result in a phosphorous load reduction of 115 pounds per year.

Alum treatments at Wood Pond and Keller Lake have resulted in improved water clarity.

Use Less Winter Salt for Our Lakes & Plants

Winter salt is poison for our plants and aquatic life. Reducing the impacts of winter salt while maintaining safety is a great goal! Here are some tips:

- 1. Shovel Promptly:** Remove snow as soon as possible to prevent it from compacting. Use a good-quality shovel or a snow blower to make the job easier and prevent the formation of ice.
- 2. Select Eco-Friendly Alternatives:** Look for environmentally-friendly de-icing products, such as magnesium chloride or calcium magnesium acetate. These can be less harmful than traditional rock salt. Additionally, consider using sand or cat litter for traction on icy surfaces.
- 3. Apply Sparingly:** When using salt, aim for a 3-inch gap between granules. This not only conserves salt, but also allows for more effective melting. Remember, you often need less than you think!
- 4. Sweep Up Residue:** After the snow has melted, sweep up leftover salt, sand or de-icer. Store it for future use to minimize waste. This keeps surfaces clean and reduces runoff.



- 5. Monitor Temperature:** Be mindful of weather conditions. When temperatures drop below 15°F (-9°C), salt becomes less effective. Instead, rely on physical removal methods and consider using sand for traction.
- 6. Educate Others:** Share these tips with neighbors and community members to promote collective action in reducing salt usage.
- 7. Consider Plant-Friendly Options:** If you have a garden or landscaping, research salt-tolerant plants that can withstand exposure to lower levels of salt.

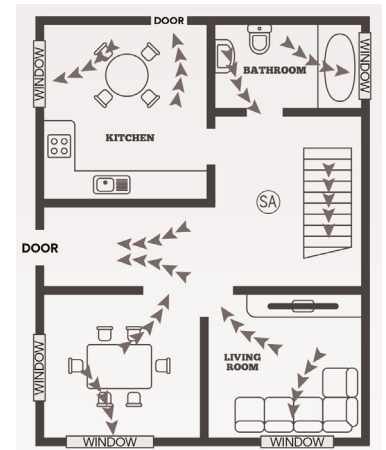


FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE.

Home Fire Escape Planning and Practice

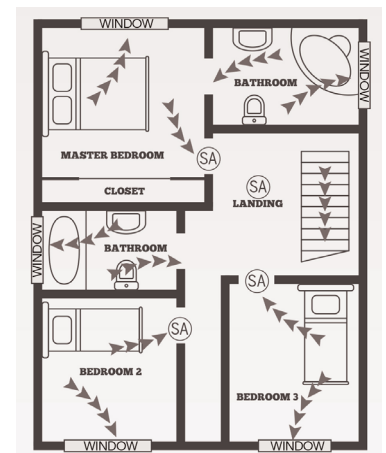
It is important to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared and know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will be different.

Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone knows it's their job to help them!



Make Your Fire Escape Plan

1. Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
2. Visit each room. Find two ways out.
3. Make sure all windows and doors open easily.
4. Make sure you have smoke alarms. Push the test button to ensure each alarm works.
5. Pick an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
6. Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and once at night.



Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. Smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of your home. Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.

Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection. Check the date on the back of each smoke alarm. If it is more than 10 years old, it's time for it to be replaced.



Smoke Alarm Checkup

Is there at least one smoke alarm:

- ☐ Inside each bedroom?
- ☐ Outside all sleeping areas?
- ☐ On every level of the house, including the basement?

- ☐ Do you test your alarms monthly?
- ☐ Does everyone know the sound of the smoke alarm?
- ☐ Does everyone in your home know what to do if the alarm sounds?



Take Inventory

Location	Date on back	Time to replace?	Is it working?
living room	Oct. 2019	No	Yes

LOVE A GOOD S'MORE BY THE BACKYARD FIRE?



Remember to apply for a free recreational fire permit at burnsvillemn.gov/fire and check our hotline prior to starting a fire to confirm safe weather conditions: 952-895-4666



LET'S VOTE, Burnsville!

Elections 101: Your Guide to Voting

Key Date

 **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. Bring 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) or 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 document without an address (a school, tribal or military ID or U.S. passport) 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

General Election Voting: Monday - Friday, 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

CITY OF BURNSVILLE

recreation

Fall/Winter Programs 2024/2025

TIMES

Registration is now open for many of Burnsville's fall and winter recreation programs! Register at burnsvillemn.gov/rec, 952-895-4500 or Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway.

Halloween Fest

Friday, Oct. 25

6 - 8 p.m.

\$7 per family

Nicollet Commons Park
12550 Nicollet Ave.

*All ages – costumes
encouraged!*

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



Halloween Skate Party

Sunday, Oct. 27

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

FREE, \$5 skate rental (as available)

Burnsville Ice Center
251 Civic Center Parkway

Get the shivers at the Burnsville Ice Center's Halloween Skate Party! Don't miss this family-friendly event featuring trick-or-treating, open skating and prize drawings.



Howl-O-Ween Dog Costume Contest

Saturday, Oct. 26

Noon - 2 p.m.

FREE

Alimagnet Dog Park
1200 Alimagnet Park Drive

Join us for Howl-o-Ween, a spooktacular dog costume contest hosted by PACK (People of Alimagnet Caring for K9s)! With prizes for the best costumes, plus a fall-themed photo booth, it's the paw-fect way to celebrate Halloween with your furry friend!

No registration required. Dogs must be friendly, vaccinated and leashed.



Run Now, Gobble Later

Saturday, Nov. 23

10:30 a.m.

\$20, includes a race shirt

North River Hills Park
11501 19th Ave.

Welcome the cooler temps by running or walking in our 5K and Fun Run event – fun for all ages!



events & activities

Winter Lighting Ceremony

Wednesday, Nov. 27

6 p.m.

Nicollet Commons Park, 12550 Nicollet Ave.

FREE

Every winter, Burnsville's Heart of the City shines bright with more than 200,000 mini lights, 230 streetlight snowflakes and a 30-foot-tall tree. This illuminating season begins with the annual Winter Lighting Ceremony.

Join the Burnsville Community Foundation with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Mayor Kautz for this seasonal tradition as we turn on the amazing lights in Burnsville's Heart of the City.



Winter Golf

Saturday, Jan. 25

Tee times beginning at 9 a.m.

\$10 per golfer

Register: burnsvillemn.gov/rec

Get into the swing of winter at Birnamwood Golf Course with this unique experience! Large, gator-skin dodgeballs will be used as "golf balls" and holes will be marked in the snow.

Fuel up with onsite food and alcoholic beverage vendors.



Polar Fest Snow Softball Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 8

Two games per team, 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

North River Hills Park
11501 19th Ave.

Register: burnsvillemn.gov/rec

Gather your courageous friends for winter fun in this unique event! Games are nine innings with a 90-minute time limit.



Polar Fest 2025

Saturday, Feb. 8

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

North River Hills Park
11501 19th Ave.

Experience the coolest festival in Burnsville with all kinds of family-friendly outdoor games, sporting activities, entertainment, food vendors and more!

outdoor education

Let's make learning fun with nature, science and the great outdoors. From art to animals and adventures, we have experiences for everyone this fall at Terrace Oaks West Park.

Register now at burnsvillemn.gov/rec

Preschool Leaf Science & Art

Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. - noon

Terrace Oaks West Park, 12801 County Road 11

Ages 3+ with an adult

\$22 per adult/child pair; \$10 each additional participant

Bring your preschooler to this fun class featuring science and art activities centered around fall leaves. Kids and parents will explore together how to use leaves for exciting science experiments and creative art projects. This Eco Elsa class offers great family fun while also teaching about the fall season and the fascinating reasons why leaves change colors!



Youth Outdoor Survival

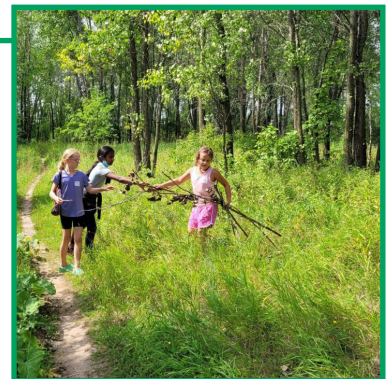
Saturday, Oct. 19, 1 - 4 p.m.

Terrace Oaks West Park, 12801 County Road 11

Ages 6 - 14

\$37

In this engaging Eco Elsa program, your kids will acquire essential skills for survival situations through fun games and activities. Participants will leave with knowledge of the "rules of three," how to signal for help, seek assistance, engineer shelters, understand fire science and safety and much more!



pop-up parks

Our Recreation Department will be coming out to different park locations and events to offer fun activities for youth between the ages of 5 - 13 during the fall and winter months.

Dates, times, locations and themed activities to be determined – keep an eye out for updates at burnsvillemn.gov/events.



adult leagues

Winter Indoor Bean Bag League

Wednesday evenings, Dec. 4 - Feb. 5

Nicollet Middle School, 400 E. 134th St.

Registration opens Oct. 21

\$75 per two-player team

Join the fun with this classic yard game! Open to any gender-combo team of two, this doubleheader league runs eight weeks, including the final playoff week. All teams will be involved in postseason playoffs. Awards provided for the top two teams at the end of the season.



Winter Indoor Volleyball

Monday evenings, Jan. 6 - March 3

Eagle Ridge Middle School, 13955 Glendale Road, Savage

Registration opens Dec. 1

\$150 per 6 - 8 player team

Gather your volleyball friends and join our self-officiated leagues. Co-rec teams play for good times, good health and final awards. All evenings are doubleheaders! These leagues run for eight weeks, with seven regular season weeks and one playoff week. All teams will be involved in postseason playoffs. Each team is required to submit a separate roster.



Men's Broomball League

Monday evenings, Jan. 6 - Feb. 10

North River Hills Park, 11501 19th Ave.

Registration opens Nov. 14

\$200 per team

Join us on the ice, no skating skills required! Men's Broomball is a double-header, self-officiated league, running six weeks.



Co-Rec Broomball League

Friday evenings, Jan. 3 - Feb. 7

North River Hills Park, 11501 19th Ave.

Registration opens Nov. 14

\$130 per team

Join us on the ice, no skating skills required! Co-rec Broomball is a single-header, six-week, self-officiated league.



warming house & ice rink hours

Staffed Evenings and Weekends

Monday - Friday, 4 - 9 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday, 1 - 9 p.m.

- Neill Park, 13501 Upton Ave. S.
- North River Hills Park, 11501 19th Ave.
- Paha Sapa Park, 15016 Chicago Ave. S.

Staffed on Weekends Only

Saturday - Sunday, 1 - 9 p.m.

On weeknights, push button lights are available, but the warming houses are closed. Skate under the lights by pressing the button; lights take approximately 10 minutes to turn on and will remain on until 9 p.m.

- Northview Park, 14831 Deerwood Drive
- Red Oak Park, 12100 River Hills Drive
- Terrace Oaks East Park, 12650 Parc Drive
- Vista View Park, 1501 Circle Lane

Unstaffed with Push Button Lights

Unstaffed rinks? No problem. Skate under the lights by pressing the button; lights take approximately 10 minutes to turn on and will remain on until 9 p.m.

- Highland Forest Park, 12920 Upton Ave.
- South River Hills Park, 11514 River Hills Drive
- Knob Hill Park, 1317 Knob Hill Lane
- Timberland Park, 205 Harold Drive

Rink Flooding and Snow Removal

- We'll flood the ice rinks as soon as weather permits. Check for updates at burnsville.gov/rinks.
- After snowfall, rinks are cleared as soon as possible.
- Staffed outdoor skating rinks will close after one inch of snow has accumulated on the weekends.



Burnsville ice center skating & hockey

Burnsville Ice Center, 251 Civic Center Parkway
burnsvillemn.gov/icecenter • 952-895-4651

**All pricing subject
to increase
January 1, 2025*

Indoor Public Skating

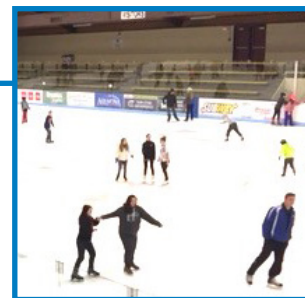
Open ice for recreational skaters.

School Year Hours

Sunday	Noon - 1:30 p.m.	All ages
Monday - Friday	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	All ages
Thursday & Friday	9 - 10:30 a.m.	18+

Prices*

Admission (5 - 61 years)	\$7 per person*
4 & younger, 62 & older	\$5 per person*
Skate Rental	\$5 per pair*



Stick & Puck Sessions

Open ice for hockey skaters ages 3+. Work on skills, drills and stick handling. Full equipment required for ages 17 or younger. Helmets required for ages 18+. Scrimmages, games of any kind and lessons are not allowed.

School Year Hours

Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Admission \$7 per person, all ages*



Developmental Hockey

Hockey skaters ages 3+ can work on skills and drills through private lessons with an instructor (skaters provide their own instructors). On-ice supervision and full equipment are required for skaters ages 17 and younger. Helmets are recommended for skaters ages 18+.

School Year Hours

Monday - Friday 6 - 7 a.m., 7 - 8 a.m., 8 - 9 a.m.

Admission \$15 per skater*

Instructors skate free



**All pricing subject to increase January 1, 2025*

18+ Adult Open Hockey

Sessions are limited to the first 30 players and three goalies. Helmets required.

School Year Hours

Sunday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Admission \$10 per skater*

Goalies skate free



Winter Learn to Skate Lessons

Lessons for skaters of all skill levels ages 3+, beginner to advanced, in hockey, figure skating and skating basics.

Lessons begin Wednesday, Jan. 15

Prices vary per class (skate rental is included)

Registration opens Thursday, Dec. 12 at noon at burnsvillemn.gov/icecenter or in person at the Ice Center.



Freestyle Ice

Figure skaters can work on skills through private lessons with an instructor (skaters provide their own instructors). On-site supervision is required for skaters ages 17 and younger. Skaters must be at Basic Skills Level 2 or above.

School Year Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

Admission \$15 per skater*

Instructors skate free

**All pricing subject to increase January 1, 2025*



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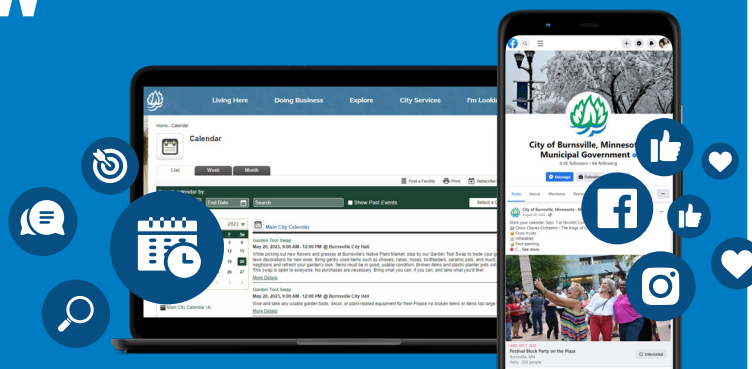
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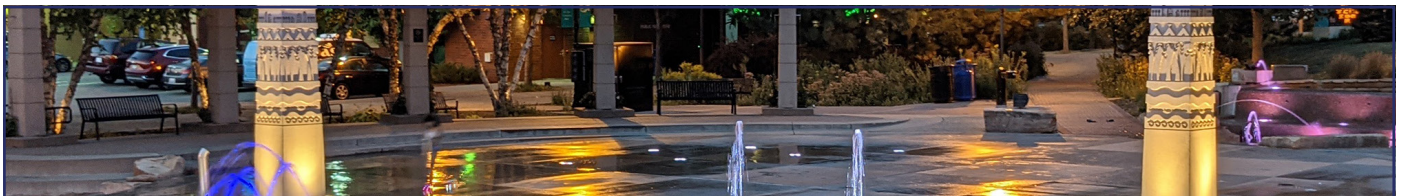
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BUSINESSES BELONG HERE

Opportunity Belongs Here Newsletter

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

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



Welcome, New Burnsville Businesses!

- David Harris Insurance Agency, 1500 McAndrews Road W., Suite 221
- Faith Family Church, 12156 Nicollet Ave.
- Family Smiles Dentistry, 50 McAndrews Road E.
- HearingLife – new location, 1100 County Road 42 E, #106
- Kona Cabinetry & Design, 3709 County Road 42 W.
- Phantom Fades, 1038 County Road 42 E.
- Print & Frame – new location, 12107 12th Ave. S.
- Salon Service Group, 503 County Road 42 E.
- Seven Hills Preparatory Academy, 14101 Southcross Drive W.
- The SPA by Amber Budd Atelier – new location, 13773 Nicollet Ave.
- Sustainable Safari Burnsville Center, 915 County Road 42, Suite 1079



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

Recent Ribbon Cuttings, (top to bottom) Print & Frame, Seven Hills Preparatory Academy



The Barriers Which Bring Us Together: Burnsville's Colorful New Look

You may have noticed some eye-catching new additions in the Heart of the City. The City's jersey barriers – typically plain and functional – have undergone a dramatic transformation, turning into vibrant works of art that celebrate our community.

Reimagining Safety Barriers

In a creative placemaking initiative led by our Economic Development team, we partnered with the local artist collective, Cosmopolitan 7, to reimagine these safety barriers. The result is a series of twelve murals that showcase the essence

of Burnsville – its history, natural beauty and diverse community.

The barriers serve a dual purpose. While ensuring public safety during events, they now also bring vibrancy and character to our streets.



Public Debut on the Plaza

These newly painted barriers made their official debut at the Party on the Plaza event on July 11. The unveiling was a true community celebration, featuring a variety of engaging activities centered around the new installations Cosmopolitan 7 coined “The Barriers Which Bring Us Together.” Visitors enjoyed face painting, canvas art, Burnsville-inspired trivia and even had the opportunity to contribute to a mural painting. Lead artist, Kelly Frankenberg shared, “Seeing people engage with

the barriers and find some joy in seeing bright colors and images on them brightens the park and brings some positive spirit to the city.” She adds, “I believe art can change the world and it starts with us!”

The next time you're out enjoying one of our community events, take a moment to appreciate these vibrant new additions to our cityscape. They represent more than just painted concrete – they're a reflection of our community's spirit: vibrant, bold and welcoming.

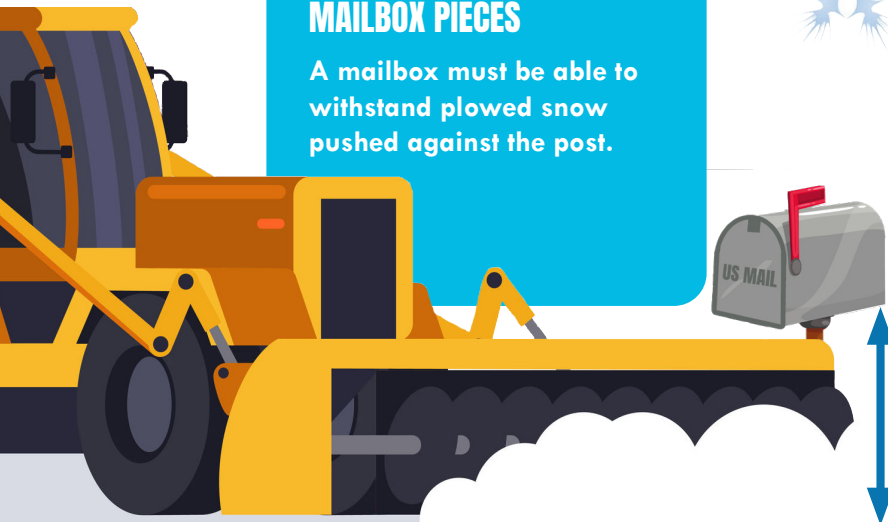


Keep in Step with

MAILBOXES

FIX LOOSE OR ROTTED MAILBOX PIECES

A mailbox must be able to withstand plowed snow pushed against the post.



MAKE SURE YOUR MAILBOX MEETS HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

Mailboxes should be 41 - 45 inches from the top of the curb to allow room for the plow to pass underneath it.

BE IN THE KNOW ABOUT SNOW

KEEP STREETS CLEAR FOR PLOWS

On-street parking is prohibited from 2 – 6 a.m. year-round (without a permit), or after a two-inch snowfall, regardless of time of day.

KEEP GARBAGE AND RECYCLING BEHIND THE CURB

Snowplows can't push snow to the curb when bins are left in the street. Keep the bins in your driveway for better snow removal.

AVOID PUSHING SNOW ACROSS SIDEWALKS AND ROADWAYS

Plowing snow into roads can create drainage issues, slippery patches, ice bumps and more. Also, it's the law. Minnesota State Statute prohibits this practice.

With Winter Prep

PROPERTY PREP

TRIM TREES AND SHRUBS

Trees or shrubs hanging over sidewalks should be trimmed to allow at least 12 feet of overhead clearance for snowplow access

CLEAR NEARBY STORM DRAINS

Leaves can clog storm drains and cause street flooding, as well as negatively impact local waterbodies

MARK CURBS AND SIDEWALKS

Yard markers help snowplow drivers identify curb boundaries

SAFETY ALERT!

TUNNELING IN SNOWBANKS IS DANGEROUS

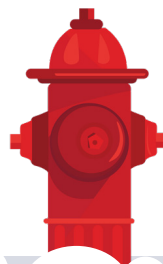
For their safety, children should be instructed to **NOT** play on these banks or make tunnels in them. Between snowfalls, the City may remove excess snow from the roadsides using large equipment. This would pose a grave danger to any kids who may be burrowed into snowbanks.



ADOPT A HYDRANT

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW

Snowplows plow far and wide — sometimes very wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the centerline and shoulders during plowing.



CHECK FIRE HYDRANTS

Residents are encouraged to “Adopt A Hydrant,” and shovel a three-foot-wide path around and to the hydrant. This provides firefighters quick access to water in case of fire.

A Cleaner, Greener Burnsville

We're thrilled to announce the launch of Burnsville's Energy Action Plan – a plan to make our community a better place to live while preserving resources for future generations.

What does this mean for residents?

Improved resources and education to help your home become more energy efficient and – in turn – help you save money on monthly expenses and home upgrades.

Whether you're a homeowner, renter or business owner, there are countless ways to save energy, save money and do your part. Imagine cutting your energy bills all while reducing your carbon footprint. It's a win-win!

Take Action

Get a Home Audit

Get a home energy assessment from the Home Energy Squad®. The Home Energy Squad® helps you learn about energy-saving opportunities in your home and installs needed low-cost energy saving materials on the spot. They can update drafty doors, an old thermostat, inefficient light bulbs and more. A 50% discount will be applied to all Burnsville residents who schedule a visit. Free assessments are available to income-qualified households. Sign up at CenterPointEnergy.com/HomeEnergySquad.

Save Energy and Money

Start taking everyday actions to save energy. Heating and cooling take a lot of energy and are the biggest costs on your energy bills. Start by:

- Safely cleaning, tuning up and changing filters on your heating and cooling systems regularly
- Turning down your heat two degrees in winter and up two degrees in summer
- Changing your light bulbs to LEDs
- Reversing your ceiling fan direction for summer and winter

Learn more tips to make your household's personalized plan at the Burnsville Sustainability Hub, burnsvillemn.gov/sustainabilitydashboard



(at left) CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy offer personalized home energy assessments. (at right) The Home Energy Squad® conducts a blower door test to check for heat loss. (Left photo courtesy of Center for Energy and Environment.)



City staff share energy efficiency opportunities at a manufactured home park, in partnership with utility providers and non-profit Clean Energy Resource Teams

Rebates and Incentives

Learn about new incentives and rebates available through the federal and state governments and your utility providers. You may qualify for assistance on energy efficiency, renewable energy and transportation projects, such as air source heat pumps, insulation and air sealing, electric panel upgrades, electric/induction stove tops, heat pump water heaters, heat pump dryers, electric vehicles/bikes and more. Find resources on these incentives on the Burnsville Sustainability Hub, burnsvillemn.gov/sustainabilitydashboard.

Results You Can Feel

As we head into colder months, imagine cozy, well-insulated homes, modern LED

lighting that slashes electricity costs, efficient appliances and renewable energy powering our community. We're working towards a cleaner, greener Burnsville and we'd love for you to join us.



*Air source heat pump units
Photo courtesy of Partners in Energy*

Celebrating Communications & Community Engagement

Our Communications and Community Engagement team was recognized by Minnesota Association of Government Communicators (MAGC) with four awards for their great work:

1. Callie Gudmonson received the New Communications Professional Award
2. Multimedia was recognized for the Impressions on Ice Show and Meet the New IT Service Desk productions
3. Experience and Engagement took bronze for the Tinsel, Treats and Giving event

Congratulations Communications and Community Engagement! Thank you for all you do to creatively connect with our community.



Communications & Community Engagement Team members (l to r) Sue Iten, Dan Helgeson, Callie Gudmonson, Amber Jacobson, Laura Krueger and Ismail Said

October Means Pink Patches

Burnsville Police Raise Funds for Cancer Research & Education



Throughout October, Burnsville Police will proudly wear pink patches on their regular duty uniforms, sparking

conversations within the community and promoting the importance of early detection and ongoing efforts against breast and other forms of cancer.

Buy a Patch

Large Patches \$10
Small Patches \$5
Stickers \$5

For online orders, add:

Shipping (1-2 patches) \$2
Shipping (3-6 patches) \$3



This year's patch features the new Minnesota State flag (see photo, above). Join us in the fight against cancer. Buy a patch or sticker to support cancer research and education!

**Purchase patches and stickers in person
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Police Department Lobby
100 Civic Center Parkway

Use cash or your personal check made out to the American Cancer Society.

**Purchase patches and stickers any time online by sending money to our Venmo handle
@BurnsvillePDPinkPatch.**

Please include your name and shipping address so we can send the patches your way!

Burnsville Police Support Early Readers

Back to school means our police team kicks off another great year of the Blue Star Reading Program!

Launched from Blue in the School – an initiative where officers build relationships with elementary school students and staff – the Blue Star Reading Program goes a step further, giving students an opportunity to read aloud to officers. The program builds relationships while strengthening students' reading skills.

Currently, officers visit first and second-grade classrooms once a week for an hour, and they are looking to expand the program by including more officers. Officer Elexa Barry explains that in an hour, she can read with 5 - 6 kids; "after they finish reading, they get a 'blue star' sticker and get to pick out a piece of candy/pencil/pen/tattoo/etc from our mystery box."

Officer Barry explains, "I got involved in the Blue Star Reading Program because I wanted to make a change and create positive interactions with children and their families. I shadowed Officer Mark Hetherington, the creator of the program, and saw the difference it made – building relationships with the children in our community. The excitement they show when I walk into the classroom is one of my favorite parts of the program."

Another participating officer, Dane Aleknavicius, really enjoys being in the schools and meeting the kids, noting that the program is a win-win. "It humanizes the police, giving kids a chance to spend time with us while they work on a critical development skill – reading," he explains. "Witnessing their confidence grow shows me how beneficial something like the Blue Star Reading Program is – plus, I look forward to it every week!"



Officer Elexa Barry hugs Blue Star Reading students at Gideon Pond Elementary School last June

The relationships go beyond just the classroom. Officer Barry explains, "I also build relationships with all the students in the school while I'm there. Whether it's a first grader, or a fifth grader, they all stop by to say 'hi,' and sometimes I even hear 'that Police Officer works with my brother/sister!'. I have also built relationships with the faculty and staff at the school, while also providing more police presence inside the school."

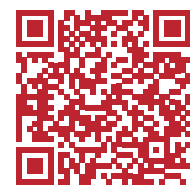
Honoring Our Fallen

burnsvillepoliceandfirefoundation.org



The Burnsville Police and Fire Foundation is raising funds to help Burnsville's Police and Fire Departments travel to see their fallen colleagues' names added to 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

Police K-9 Offers Comfort

Meet Sergeant Max Yakovlev and Critical Incident Response K-9 Duke

Burnsville's Behavioral Health Unit

Established in January 2021, the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) has been a cornerstone in our community's approach to mental health crisis response. Now, with the addition of K-9 Duke, the unit has gained a unique asset in its mission to serve those in need.

The BHU safely connects individuals experiencing mental illness, chemical dependency or homelessness with vital services. Under the leadership of Sergeant Max Yakovlev and Officer Erica Huston, the unit works closely with Dakota County Social Services to address our community's unique needs.

What sets the BHU apart is its commitment to follow-up care. Within 48 hours of a crisis incident, the team attempts to reconnect with those they've assisted, ensuring ongoing support. When possible, BHU officers or a Dakota County Social Worker will conduct home visits, providing a personal touch to their follow-up efforts.

While our entire police force undergoes crisis intervention training, the BHU team specializes in mental health-related concerns. This is where K-9 Duke's extraordinary abilities come into play.

Duke's Special Skill

Duke, who joined the force in February, possesses a remarkable skill: he can sense fluctuations in an

individual's cortisol levels. Cortisol, often called the "stress hormone," plays a crucial role in the body's response to stress. Duke's ability to detect these levels allows him to provide targeted support for those experiencing overwhelming emotions.

In addition to responding to calls, the duo is also working with the Dakota County Attorney's Office to provide support for victims during testimonies and interviews that may be sensitive in nature.

Sergeant Yakovlev has already witnessed the positive impact of Duke's presence in crisis situations. "Duke's ability to connect with people in distress is truly remarkable," he says. "In one recent incident, we had a young woman who was initially unresponsive to our attempts to communicate. When Duke approached her, her demeanor changed almost instantly. She began to pet him, and gradually opened up about her struggles. Once our BHU team was able to escort her to an ambulance, Duke's work didn't stop; he accompanied her,





keeping her calm and safe during the ride. It's moments like these that remind us of the power of the human-animal bond in crisis intervention."

Duke's journey to our police force is as inspiring as his work. Prior to his arrival in Burnsville, he completed over 600 hours of training with K9's For Freedom & Independence, a non-profit organization that prepares service dogs for specialized roles. Now Sergeant Yakovlev works with Duke one to two hours each day on obedience training and environmental training, which includes making visits to places like City parks and community events, the Minnesota Zoo, schools and school buses, assisted living and memory care facilities and the emergency room. K-9 Duke was also recently certified through AERIE, the Alliance for Emergency Response Instructors and Examiners.

When off-duty, Duke lives with Sergeant Yakovlev and his family, including his canine brothers and playmates, Reggie and Finn.

Like any dog, Duke has favorite pastimes. He enjoys family walks, playing with sticks and

chasing rabbits, plus he's known for his love of naps. While on shift, he only receives specific treats, but off duty, he's always up for a pup cup or beef jerky.

Duke joins a distinguished group of working dogs in our police force, including patrol K-9s Blaze and Maverick, and wellness dog, Doc. Together, they form an integral part of our community-oriented policing efforts, each bringing unique skills to serve and protect our city.





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A Motown Christmas

November 7, 7 p.m.

A Motown Christmas features a world-class vocal group, assembled from past and present members of Motown's most legendary groups... Ali Woodson's Temptations, The Miracles and The Contours. A Motown Christmas is a powerful family-oriented show combining Motown's greatest hits with everyone's favorite holiday classics. This show features those famous Motown trademarks... dazzling choreography and unforgettable harmonies all performed in that memorable, soulful Motown style. This is an evening not to be missed, bring the family, dance, sing and enjoy this special, holiday spectacular.



I Am, He Said -

A Celebration of the Music of Neil Diamond

November 16, 8 p.m.

Celebration of the Music of Neil Diamond- Starring Matt Vee, nephew of 60's Pop-Star Bobby Vee. With songs like Cracklin' Rosie, Song Sung Blue, America, Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show and Sweet Caroline, Neil Diamond sold over 130 million records worldwide, and produced musical hits spanning five decades.



Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland

November 24, 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Step into a world of enchantment this holiday season with the all-new Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland, the perfect fusion of circus artistry and beloved holiday melodies. Celebrating its 15th anniversary, the magical holiday extravaganza filled with music, marvels and merriment will ignite the festive spirit in all who attend. Featuring awe-inspiring acrobatics, gravity-defying aerial feats and talented musicians and singers, Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland takes audiences on a spectacular journey into a world of music, cirque and wonder. With new costumes, music and storylines, the all-new show blends the spellbinding grace and daredevil athleticism of today's greatest circus performers with a musical mix of timeless seasonal favorites.



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