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# BUDGET

## What is a City 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.**

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

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.

## What is a Tax Levy?

Property taxes are the largest source of revenue for the City. The budget determines the City's 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. The City receives approximately one third of your annual property tax bill. Your school district, county and other agencies receive the rest.

On September 16, the Burnsville City Council adopted a maximum property tax levy of \$58,411,623 for the 2026 budget, an increase of 7.4% from 2025. For the average homeowner, the proposed levy equates to an increase in the City portion of property taxes of approximately \$8/month.

## KEY DATE - DEC. 2, 6 P.M. | PUBLIC HEARING

A public discussion will be held during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at or after 6 p.m. followed by adopting a final tax levy and the 2026 budget. Council meeting starts at 5:30 p.m., prior to budget discussion, in the Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Parkway. If you have questions or would like to learn more, visit the City's budget transparency portal: [burnsvillemn.gov/budget](https://burnsvillemn.gov/budget).





# General Fund

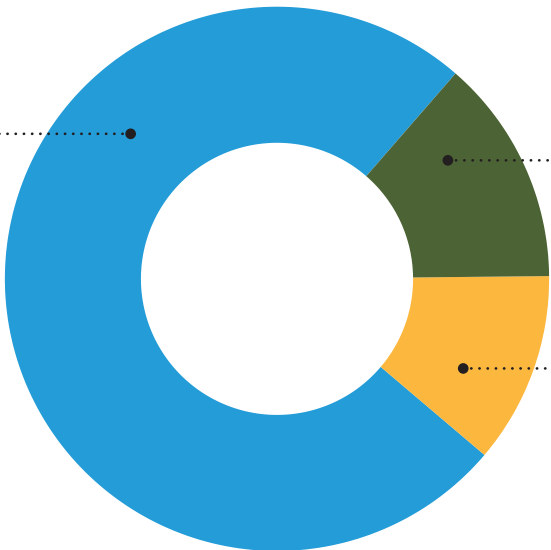
The General Fund supports basic government services for the City and is primarily funded by property taxes. This includes police, fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS), as well as parks, public works, community development and administration. This is the foundation for the City's annual operational 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 by Source

### 75% – Property Taxes

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

For 2026, 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.



### 13% – Other Sources

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

### 11% – Service Charges

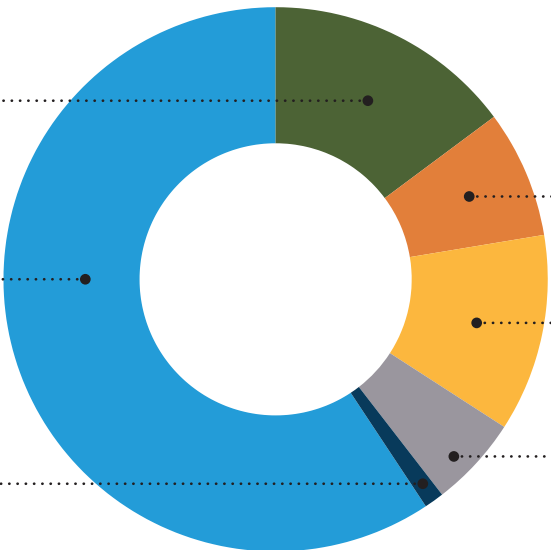
EMS charges, parks and recreation fees and utility charges

## General Fund Expenditures by Department

### 15% – Leadership & Administration

### 59% – Public Safety

### 1% – Transfer to Other Funds



### 8% – Public Works

### 12% – Parks & Recreation

### 5% – Community Development



# NATURAL RESOURCES

## Get Rid of It! Buckthorn Drop-off

Burnsville's compost site will be open for Burnsville residents to dispose of buckthorn every weekend in October.

**When:** October 25-26

**Time:** 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Where:** Behind the businesses at 121st St and Pleasant Ave

**Cost:** Free

For a map to the compost site, images of buckthorn, removal tips and more visit [burnsvillemn.gov/buckthorn](https://burnsvillemn.gov/buckthorn).



## LAWNS REIMAGINED WORKSHOP

**Thursday, October 23**

**6 - 7:30 p.m.**

**City Hall, 100 Civic Center Pkwy**

Looking for some sustainable landscaping ideas? Join us for this free workshop for Burnsville residents to help declining pollinator populations. You'll learn the steps to install a meadow and pollinator lawn—beautiful ways to convert some of your turf to beneficial habitat!

Register for this free workshop at [burnsvillemn.gov/nativeplants](https://burnsvillemn.gov/nativeplants).

## Free Pumpkin Composting

After Halloween has come and gone, don't be haunted by what to do with old pumpkins. Instead of throwing Mr. Jack-O-Lantern in the trash, residents can drop off pumpkins during our free, weekend compost collection event.

Pumpkins brought to this drop-off event will be transported to a special organics recycling facility where they will be turned into compost.

All candle wax must be removed; pumpkins with glitter or paint will not be accepted.

**When:** November 1-2

**Where:** Burnsville Market Garden, 260 Civic Center Pkwy

This event is coordinated by Dakota Valley Recycling.

For more information, contact Dakota Valley Recycling at 952-895-4511 or visit [dakotavalleyrecyclingmn.gov](https://dakotavalleyrecyclingmn.gov).



## Nicollet Business Campus & Garden of Eden Cemetery Stormwater Resiliency

Along Highway 13, near the Nicollet Business Campus and the Garden of Eden Cemetery, the City is constructing a regional stormwater basin as part of its ongoing stormwater resiliency efforts. Now substantially complete, this project is designed to reduce flooding and improve water quality in one of the City's most impervious areas.

The project was identified in the City's 2019-2020 Stormwater Resiliency Study, which modeled future rainfall scenarios to pinpoint areas most at risk from heavy rain events under changing climate conditions. Supported by a \$750,000 MPCA Stormwater Resiliency Grant, the basin will capture and redirect runoff from over 80 acres of industrial, commercial and residential land along Highway 13. Once complete, it will help control stormwater flow rates, protect downstream infrastructure and remove sediment to enhance water quality.

Construction is on track for substantial completion later this fall, delivering long-term flood protection and cleaner waterways to the Highway 13 corridor.





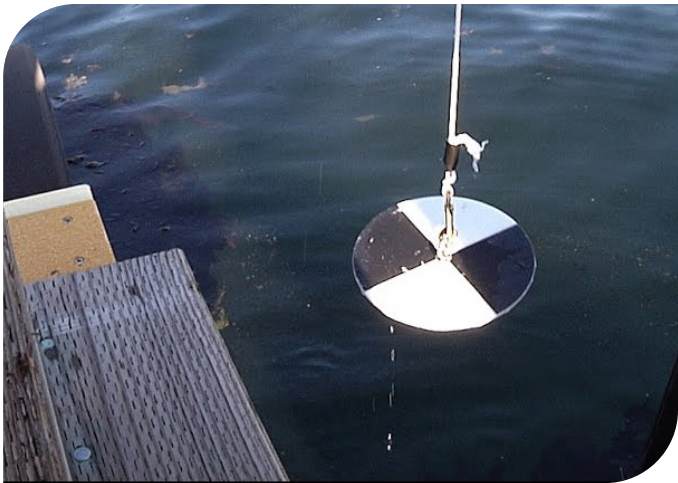
# Tracking Lake Health

Eight Burnsville lakes are monitored through the Community Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP), administered by the Metropolitan Council. CAMP volunteers visit the same lake every two weeks from April through October to measure and record water clarity. Water samples are collected and then submitted to the Metropolitan Council for testing.

Water clarity is a measurement of how deep sunlight penetrates into the lake. This is influenced by the density of floating material (like algae). When nutrients such as phosphorus are at high levels, the density of the tiny algae increases, which in turn reduces water clarity.

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

This table includes data gathered by CAMP volunteers. Each number shows how deep the Secchi disk (water clarity



measurement tool pictured) was visible when lowered into the water. The three-year averages show that most monitored lakes in Burnsville are at or near their goals. These results and other lake data guide the City’s decisions about surface water quality projects.

| LAKE                   | UNIT | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 3-YR AVG | GOAL |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------|------|
| Alimagnet <sup>a</sup> | Feet | 3.0  | 3.6  | 2.6  | 3.1      | 4.3  |
| Crystal <sup>b</sup>   | Feet | 6.6  | 8.9  | 5.2  | 6.9      | 6.9  |
| Earley                 | Feet | 6.6  | 6.9  | 5.2  | 6.2      | 5.6  |
| Keller <sup>a</sup>    | Feet | 4.3  | 4.9  | 3.9  | 4.4      | 3.3  |
| Lac Lavon <sup>b</sup> | Feet | *    | 12.1 | 10.5 | *        | 11.8 |
| South Twin             | Feet | 4.6  | 4.3  | 5.2  | 4.7      | 4.6  |
| Sunset Pond            | Feet | 5.6  | 3.6  | 5.2  | 4.8      | 5.6  |
| Wood Pond              | Feet | 7.9  | 8.5  | 6.6  | 7.7      | 5.6  |

On the 2022 Minnesota Impaired Waters List for aquatic recreation<sup>a</sup> or aquatic consumption<sup>b</sup>  
\*Not enough data available

## Protecting Water Quality on Keller Lake

In 2017, thanks to a Minnesota Clean Water Fund grant, the City installed an underground system at Crystal Beach Park to help keep Keller Lake clean. This system captures stormwater runoff from the Keller Lake watershed and traps sediment and phosphorus before they can flow into the lake, helping prevent algae blooms and keeping the water healthier for everyone to enjoy.

Like any hardworking piece of equipment, it needs a little TLC now and then. In 2024, it was time for a clean-out. Crews removed an impressive 330 cubic yards of sediment and muck—that's enough to fill more than 30 dump trucks! All of that material would have otherwise ended up in Keller Lake, so this cleanup was a big win for water quality.



## COLONIAL WATER TOWER GETS A MAKEOVER!

One of Burnsville's important landmarks is getting some TLC. Built in 1962, the Colonial Water Tower has been serving up clean, safe drinking water for more than 60 years. Now it's time for a refresh!

The tower will be getting a brand-new coating, structural upgrades and safety improvements to keep it in tip-top shape for decades to come. Work kicks off this September with exterior updates, and next spring, the tower will step out of service for its "spa treatment" of blasting, painting and interior improvements. Everything is expected to wrap up by June 2026 when the Colonial Water Tower will be ready to keep the water flowing for our community.



### DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

Now available online; paper copy available upon request

[burnsvillemn.gov/waterreport](https://burnsvillemn.gov/waterreport)





# SEASONAL PREPAREDNESS

## Stay Cozy This Fall, Burnsville!

### Make sure you're ready for colder temperatures

Looking to make efficiency improvements before the first frost? Whether you are a homeowner, renter, multi-family property owner, or local business, our Sustainability Dashboard can help you save energy and money all season long.

### Energy tips to beat the cold

**Insulate and seal gaps to keep heat in:** Poor insulation and leaky homes are some of the biggest sources of heat loss in homes. You might not see the gaps, but your energy bill will feel them. By insulating attics, basements and walls, and sealing gaps with caulk or foam, you can prevent warm air from escaping and reduce your heating bills. Even window film and thermal curtains can make a difference. Be sure all windows and storm windows are completely closed all winter. Not sure how to assess your insulation? Check out the Home Energy Squad®!

Home Energy Squad®\* offers in-home visits with experts to assess your home's efficiency! They look



at your home's insulation; install efficiency equipment such as weather stripping, low flow faucets and showerheads; and help you understand rebates and incentives for recommended projects. Burnsville residents receive a 50% discount and income-qualified visits are free. Sign up at: [homeenergysquadmn.com](https://homeenergysquadmn.com)

**Install a smart thermostat:** Smart thermostats help you save energy by automatically adjusting temperatures based on your schedule. In winter, lowering your thermostat by 7–10 °F for eight hours a day can cut heating and cooling costs by up to 10% annually. Some utilities offer a free or reduced cost smart or programmable thermostat, so be sure to check with your utility provider.

**Reverse ceiling fans:** Ceiling fans are not just for summer! During the winter, switch your ceiling fan's direction to clockwise and run it at a low speed. This helps push warm air, which naturally rises, back down into the living space, making rooms feel warmer and more comfortable without raising the thermostat.

**Tune up your furnace:** Get an annual furnace tune-up and be sure you are up to date on installing a new furnace filter. Plus, make sure that all registers in your home are clear of furniture or other items to help with proper air flow through the house.

**Consider renewable energy:** While you are upgrading your home for winter, consider going one step

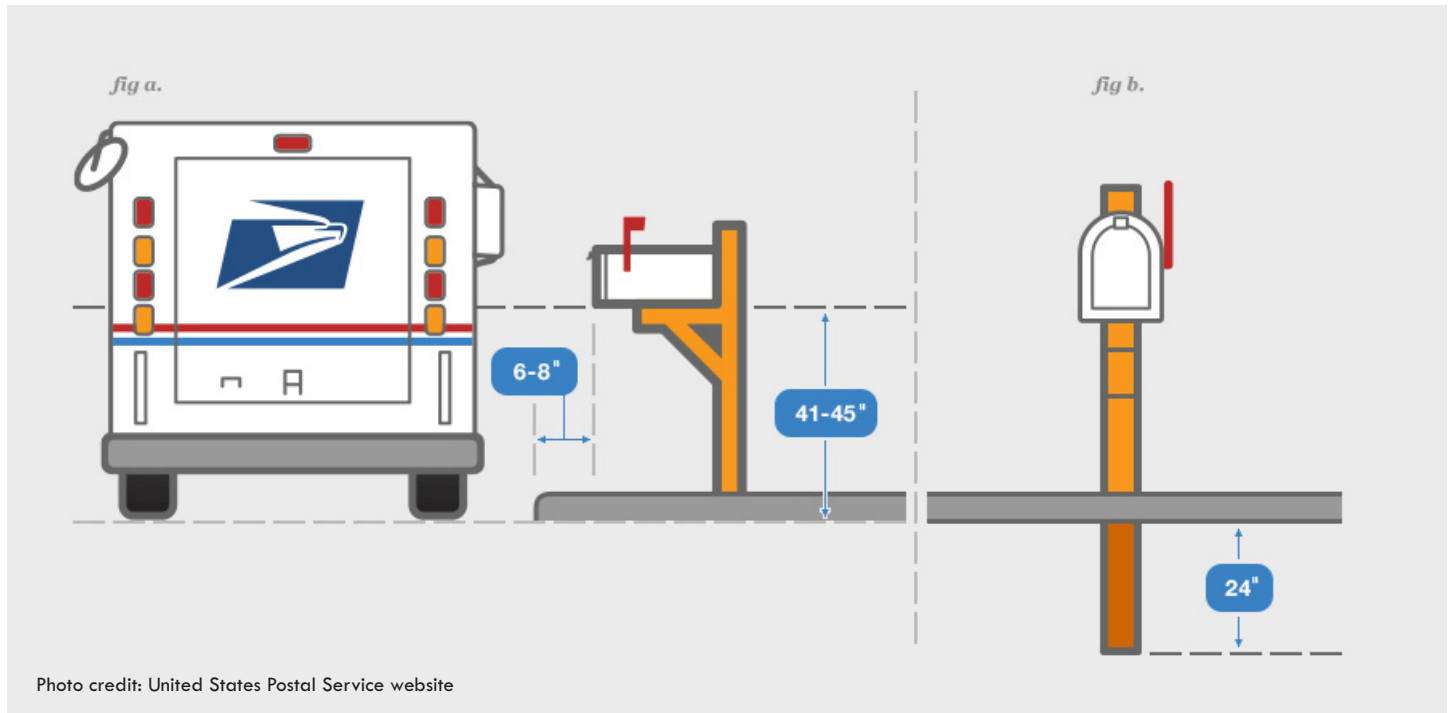
further. Burnsville's electric utilities also offer renewable energy programs. These programs let you source your electricity from wind or solar energy, without installing any equipment. There is typically a small monthly cost, but it is an easy way to reduce your carbon footprint year-round. Learn more on the Sustainability Dashboard.

Let's make this a season of comfort and efficiency. Need help getting started? Our dashboard features tips, programs, incentives and rebates that make energy savings accessible to everyone. Learn more about home upgrades, utility programs and how to prepare your space for winter.

Find the Sustainability Dashboard at: [burnsvillemn.gov/sustainabilitydashboard](https://burnsvillemn.gov/sustainabilitydashboard)

**Questions?** Reach out to our Sustainability Coordinator at [bridget.rathsack@burnsvillemn.gov](mailto:bridget.rathsack@burnsvillemn.gov)

\*Home Energy Squad is a CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy program. Terms and conditions apply.



## Prepare Your Mailbox for Winter

If you've got a mailbox mounted on a post by the street, take a moment to give it a good shake this fall! It might sound funny, but it's an easy way to make sure that your mailbox setup is stable enough to withstand winter storms and snow plowing ahead.

In the winter, unstable mailboxes can easily be toppled by the force of the snow when a plow passes. Even though plows typically travel around 20 miles per hour while plowing, mailboxes in poor condition may not survive the snow pushed by the plow.

Checking that your mailbox is stable includes shaking it to see if it's wobbly or if the post is rotting. Additionally, double check that screws or other fasteners are tight and in good condition. Doing this in the fall gives you enough time to replace anything that is damaged or aged, and

avoids the inconvenience of frozen ground, missed mail or other delays in the winter.

## USPS mailbox location standards

Mailbox location must follow the guidelines of the U.S. Postal Service and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards in the Roadside Design Guide. Your mailbox should be 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry, and 6" to 8" back from the curb or edge of the pavement (see above). Learn more at [usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm](https://usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm)



# RECREATION TIMES

Registration is now open for many of our fall and winter recreation programs! Register at [burnsvillemn.gov/rec](https://burnsvillemn.gov/rec), 952-895-4500 or Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway.



## Halloween Fest

October 24, 6-8 p.m. | \$7  
Nicollet Commons Park  
12550 Nicollet Ave

Witches and ghouls of all ages are invited to this family-friendly fest that includes an illuminated trick-or-treat trail, candy and trinkets. Thanks to our sponsor, Burnsville Savage Lions Club. Pre-registration is required.



## Halloween Skate Party

October 26, noon-1:30 p.m. | Free  
\$6 skate rentals, per pair  
Burnsville Ice Center  
251 Civic Center Pkwy

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.



## Pumpkin Smash

November 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Free  
Neill Park  
13501 Upton Ave S

Roll your pumpkin down Neill Park hill, smash it with a bat and enjoy tasty eats from the Fox Wagon food truck. Dakota Valley Recycling will be on site to compost the remains, making this the most fun you've ever had helping the planet!



## Run Now, Gobble Later 5k & Fun Run

November 22, 10 a.m. | \$20  
North River Hills Park  
11501 19th Ave

Get ready to hit the trail before the turkey! Join us for a 5K and Fun Run - invite your friends. Whether you're racing for a personal best or just out for fun, all ages and abilities are welcome!



## Winter Lighting Ceremony

November 26, 6 p.m. | Free  
Nicollet Commons Park  
12550 Nicollet Ave

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.



## Winter Indoor Bean Bag League

Wednesday evenings  
December 3 - February 4  
\$75 per two-player team  
Nicollet Middle School  
400 E 134th St

Open to any two-player team, this 8-week doubleheader league includes playoffs for all, with awards for the top two teams.

# ACTIVITIES



## Tinsel, Treats & Giving

December 5, 5-8 p.m. | Free  
Diamondhead Education Center  
200 West Burnsville Parkway

Mark your calendars for an evening of holiday fun with our Police team. Get in the holiday spirit with cookie decorating, crafts, photos with Santa and more. Our elf-officers are excited to celebrate with you.



## S'mores & Songs

December 18, 6-8 p.m. | Free  
Neill Park  
13501 Upton Ave S

Cozy up by the campfire with live music, gooey s'mores and a warm holiday spirit. Bring the whole family for sledding, ice skating and an evening of winter magic. Registration not required.



## Winter Indoor Volleyball League

Monday evenings  
January 5 - February 23  
\$160 per team  
Eagle Ridge Middle School  
13955 Glendale Road, Savage

Round up your crew for co-rec volleyball! Doubleheaders every night, 8-week season and everyone makes playoffs. Play hard, have fun, win awards. Roster required.



## Winter Golf

January 24, 10 a.m. | \$10 per golfer  
Birnamwood Golf Course  
12424 Parkwood Dr

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.



## Polar Fest 2026

January 31, 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!



## Polar Fest Snow Softball Tournament

January 31, 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
\$60 per team  
North River Hills Park  
11501 19th Ave

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



# ICE RINK HOURS

## Outdoor Skating Rinks

Outdoor rinks will reopen in December 2025 and will close in mid-February 2026, weather permitting.

## Warming House & Rink Hours

Monday-Friday, 4-9 p.m.

Saturday, 12-9 p.m.

Sunday, 12-9 p.m.

## Holiday Hours:

- Christmas Eve: close at 4 p.m.
- Christmas Day: closed
- New Year's Eve: close at 4 p.m.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day: noon-9 p.m.
- President's Day: noon-9 p.m.

## School Break Hours:

Friday, December 26 - Friday, January 2

All Sites: noon-9 p.m.



## Parks Staffed Evenings & Weekends

- Neill
- North River Hills
- Paha Sapa

## Parks Staffed on Weekends Only

During weeknights, push button lights will be available; warming houses will be closed.

- Terrace Oaks East
- Northview
- Red Oak
- Vista View

## Unstaffed Parks with Push Button Lights

- Highland Forest
- South River Hills
- Knob Hill
- Timberland



# ICE CENTER

## Indoor Public Skating

### School Year Hours

|            |                    |          |
|------------|--------------------|----------|
| Sunday     | noon-1:30 p.m.     | All ages |
| Mon-Fri    | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | All ages |
| Tues & Fri | 9-10:30 a.m.       | 18+      |

### Prices

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Admission (5-61 years)  | \$8 per person |
| 4 & younger, 62 & older | \$6 per person |
| Skate Rental            | \$6 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 or lessons are not allowed.

### School Year Hours

|           |                    |          |
|-----------|--------------------|----------|
| Mon-Fri   | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | All ages |
| Admission | \$8 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

|         |                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| Mon-Fri | 6-7 a.m.<br>7-8 a.m.<br>8-9 a.m. |
|---------|----------------------------------|

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Admission | \$20 per skater |
|-----------|-----------------|

Instructors skate free



## Winter Learn to Skate Lessons

Lessons at all skill levels including skating basics, hockey and figure skating are available for ages 3+.

Lessons begin January 14. Prices vary; skate rental is included.

Registration opens December 11 at noon - in person or online at [burnsvillemn.gov/icecenter](https://burnsvillemn.gov/icecenter).

## 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.    | All ages           |
| Admission | \$12 per skater | Goalies skate free |

## BURNSVILLE ICE CENTER

251 Civic Center Parkway  
[burnsvillemn.gov/icecenter](https://burnsvillemn.gov/icecenter)  
952-895-4651





# AROUND TOWN

## Residents Making Connections

### Neighborhood gatherings heat up the summer!

Minnesota's summer months bring plenty of opportunities to connect with friends, family and neighbors – this year was no exception!

In August, our annual Night to Unite brought 120 neighborhoods together. Neighbors took the chance to get to know each other, share stories, enjoy good food and talk about what's been happening in their corner of the community. We joined in on the fun too! City staff, Police, Fire and City Council members visited every party – and we had a blast connecting with so many of you. Thank you for welcoming us into your neighborhoods!



**“The excitement of the fire truck along with your very friendly and engaging team members made for a very fun experience for all. We are looking forward to holding another event next year!”**



New Horizon Academy had a memorable evening with their families and children. Director Michelle Larimer said, “The excitement of the fire truck along with your very friendly and engaging team members made for a very fun experience for all. We are looking forward to holding another event next year!”

This summer, our Neighborhood Organizations program welcomed its first two official neighborhoods. These groups are bringing people together, building stronger connections and boosting quality of life in our city. Our staff partners with each neighborhood to provide resources, guidance and grant opportunities of up to \$10,000 for a community project. These grants can be used for a variety of great ideas – whether suggested by City staff or the neighborhood itself.

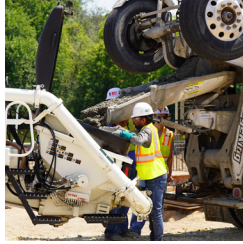
Interested in making your neighborhood official? Visit [burnsvillemn.gov/neighborhoods](https://burnsvillemn.gov/neighborhoods) to learn more or contact our Neighborhood Liaison at 952-895-4400.

# Police City Hall Project: Progress Continues

Work on the Police City Hall Project keeps moving along and progress is on schedule. While there may be additional construction traffic and fences up, we're still open! Staff workspaces and services remain fully operational during construction - feel free to stop by. Monthly updates can be found at: [burnsvillemn.gov/policecityhallproject](https://burnsvillemn.gov/policecityhallproject).



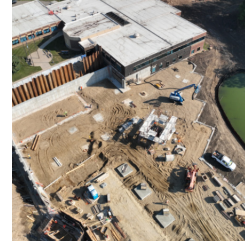
**Site Prep and Utilities:** Crews have cleared the parking lot and tree line, wrapped up grading and rerouted utilities and fiber with no service disruptions.



**Foundation Work:** Concrete footings and walls have been poured and the elevator shaft and storm shelter walls are in.



**Inside City Hall:** Teams are clearing ceilings, walls and flooring in vacated areas to connect the new addition - staff spaces and services are still running as usual.



**Power Relocation:** Dakota Electric moved power service to support the new building.



**Structural Work:** Structural steel arrived in late August and precast installation took place in early September.

## Explore Nicollet Commons Park Pavers

### Looking for a special paver at Nicollet Commons Park?

The community can now use an online search tool to see each customized paver including photos, inscriptions and mapped locations.

Pavers are a way for community members to honor a loved one, show support or celebrate a milestone at Nicollet Commons Park.

Explore the new tool at [burnsvillemn.gov/paversearch](https://burnsvillemn.gov/paversearch).







## HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN

Burnsville residents benefit from low rates and flexible terms with these direct loans for housing maintenance and repairs.



### Interest Rate

3%



### Payments

Installment (monthly payments required)



### Loan Amount

\$5,000 to \$50,000



### Loan Term

10 - 20 years



### Eligible Borrowers

All borrowers must be legal residents of the United States as evidenced by a social security number.



## SENIOR DEFERRED LOAN

The program helps Burnsville residents ages 65+ with direct loans for housing maintenance and repairs.



### Interest Rate

2% simple interest



### Payments

Deferred (no monthly payments required)



### Loan Amount

\$5,000 to \$15,000



### Loan Term

30 years, or upon sale/transfer of the property.



### Eligible Borrowers

At least one borrower must be at least 65 years of age. All borrowers must be legal residents of the United States as evidenced by a social security number.

# HOME MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

## ALL LOANS

*The Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) is the lender for these programs and can assist homeowners with the loan process.*

### Income Limit

Prioritized for low-income households and families. Call CEE at 612-335-5884 to determine if you qualify.

### Eligible Properties

1-4-unit owner occupied properties located in Burnsville. Townhomes and Condominiums are eligible. The property must be homesteaded or in the process of being homesteaded.

### Ineligible Properties

Cooperatives, manufactured homes and properties with more than four units, under construction, held in a Trust or by a Contract for Deed or used for commercial purposes.

### Eligible Use of Funds

Most permanent interior and exterior improvements, maintenance or remodeling. Improvements are determined by a CEE representative's analysis of the property.

### Ineligible Use of Funds

Common area improvements (Homeowner Associations), payment for work initiated prior to the loan being approved and closed, unless due to emergency. Recreation or luxury projects, non-permanent appliances (unless part of a kitchen remodel) and funds for homeowner labor.

## CODE CASH

The Code Cash Home Improvement Grant is available to qualified residents to help remedy minor property code violations. Call our Neighborhood Services team at 952-895-4431.

### Grant Amount

Up to \$2,000

### Eligible Recipients

You must have received a maintenance code violation that is a risk to life/safety and meet these qualifying factors:

- be at a socio-economic disadvantage and
- be a Senior (65+) or have a disability



Learn more at [burnsvillemn.gov/homework](https://burnsvillemn.gov/homework).

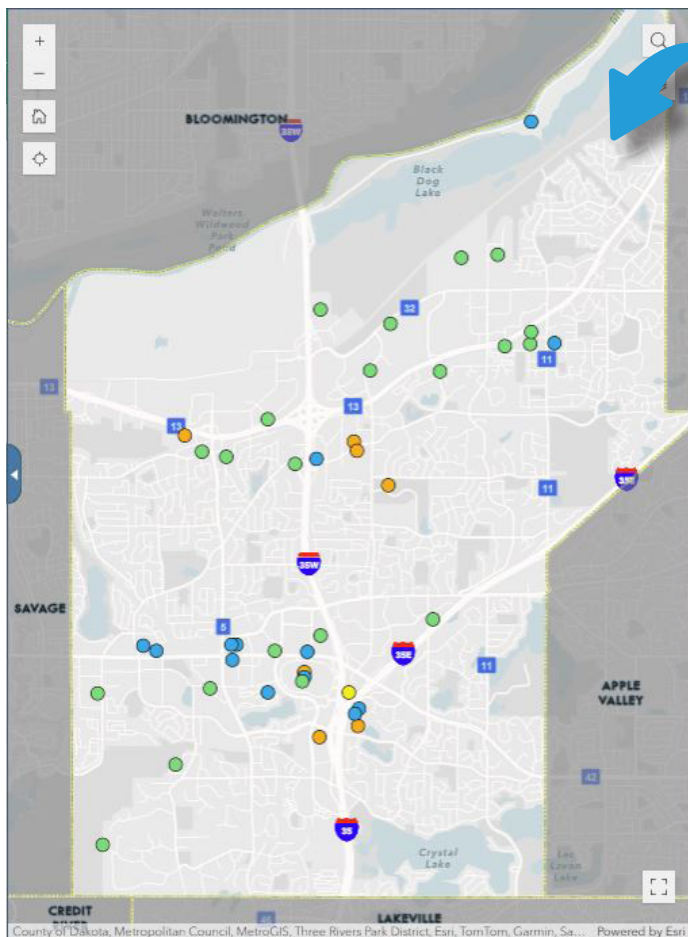




## WELCOME NEW BURNSVILLE BUSINESSES!

Bright Beginnings ..... 100 Cobblestone Lane  
 Donut Star (new ownership) ..... 2901 Cliff Rd E  
 Lumi Nails Lounge ..... 284 Travelers Trail E  
 Arby's (remodel) ..... 14221 Grand Ave S  
 Storage Mart ..... 2300 County Rd 42 W





## Development Finder Map

Check out our Development Finder Map to see what's proposed, under construction and already complete. Stay in the know about the next big thing in town!

[burnsvillemn.gov/development](http://burnsvillemn.gov/development).

## COMMUNITY PARTNER THANK YOU

We'd like to recognize and thank our many community partners for their valuable contributions throughout the year, including: Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Burnsville Athletic Club, Burnsville Community Foundation, Burnsville Historical Society, Burnsville Festival and Fire Muster Committee, Hockey Club, International Festival Board, Burnsville Savage Lions Club, MN Valley Figure Skating Club, PACK Board, Rotary Clubs, Senior Center Advisory Council, Softball Council, Sweet Sioux Garden Club and many more.

## "I Love Burnsville" 3rd Grade Essay Contest

### A big congratulations to our "I Love Burnsville" Third Grade Essay Contest winners!

Mayor Kautz, City Council and Marty Kelly from TruStone Financial Credit Union had the honor of recognizing these students at a recent City Council Meeting.

**Winners (pictured):** Pariso Azizova,  
Chloe Hunecke, Elvie Pihlajo

**Honorable Mentions:** Violet  
Chapman, Helen Luong, Nadia  
Mohamed

**Special Request Recipients:** Juan  
Carlo Lopez Duenas, Bailey  
Fenceroy





# COMMUNITY SAFETY

## Burnsville Police Department Launches Blue Envelope Program

In July, the Burnsville Police Department began using the Blue Envelope Program—a communication tool designed to help individuals with autism and other disabilities during interactions with law enforcement.

The program allows individuals to share important information with officers during a traffic stop or other encounter. The blue envelope can hold items like a driver's license, registration, insurance card and emergency contacts, along with details about the person's disability (e.g., sensitivity to lights or sounds) and tips for effective communication.

By presenting the blue envelope, individuals can help officers better understand their needs, reduce stress and create a more positive and safe experience.



### BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM:

- Reduced anxiety
- Improved communication
- Increased safety
- Greater inclusion

Blue envelopes are free and available at the Burnsville Police Department, City Hall or by calling 955-895-4400.



## Fire Safety

November 20, 6 p.m. | Fire Station No. 1, 14275 Newton Ave

Did you know most home fires are preventable? Join our community risk reduction team for a free seminar on fire safety and prevention. We'll cover common causes of residential fires, what you can do to reduce risk and how to be ready if an emergency happens.



New this year, we are excited to also be selling pink Owala water bottles! Patches and water bottles can be purchased at the Burnsville Police Department starting October 1. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

### Purchase patches, stickers and water bottles in person:

**Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.**

Police Department Lobby  
100 Civic Center Pkwy

Pay in cash or personal check made out to the American Cancer Society.

### BUY A PATCH

|                                             |      |
|---------------------------------------------|------|
| Water bottle .....                          | \$50 |
| Large patch .....                           | \$10 |
| Small patch or sticker .....                | \$5  |
| Shipping for up to 3 patches, stickers..... | \$3  |

You can also purchase items online by sending payment to our Venmo:

**@BurnsvillePDPinkPatch**

Include your name and shipping address in the Venmo notes. Water bottles **must be picked up.**



## Pink Patch Project

The Burnsville Police Department is once again wearing pink patches on their regular duty uniforms this October to honor Breast Cancer Awareness month and start conversations in the community about the importance of early detection for this and other types of cancer.

2025 marks the 6th year the Police Department is selling pink patches to the community to raise money for cancer research and education.



# CHARGE into Fire Safety™

## Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this kind of battery.



e-bikes



hoverboards



tablets



cordless vacuum cleaners



e-vehicles



power tools



mobile phones



remote control cars



e-scooters



laptops



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golf carts



smart watches



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LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. By learning how to **BUY**, **CHARGE**, and **RECYCLE** these batteries safely, you can help prevent a fire in your home.



**BUY** only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.



**STOP** using your device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes in shape or color. If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.



**CHARGE** devices safely. Always use the cables that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.



**RECYCLE** batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire.



**CHARGE** your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.



**RECYCLE** your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit **call2recycle.org** to find a recycling spot near you.



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Electrical, and Related Hazards



## Stay Informed with Dakota911 Emergency Alerts

**Have you signed up for Dakota911 emergency alerts?**

Dakota911, our countywide dispatch agency, provides notifications to keep residents informed and safe. Alerts range from warnings about dangerous situations to requests for help locating endangered individuals.

### TYPES OF ALERTS

#### **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA):**

Geo-targeted messages sent automatically to cell phones in an impacted area—no registration required. You may have received these for major weather events.

**Public Safety Notifications:** Opt-in alerts about public safety activities in your area. Sign up at [dakota911mn.gov](https://dakota911mn.gov) to subscribe.

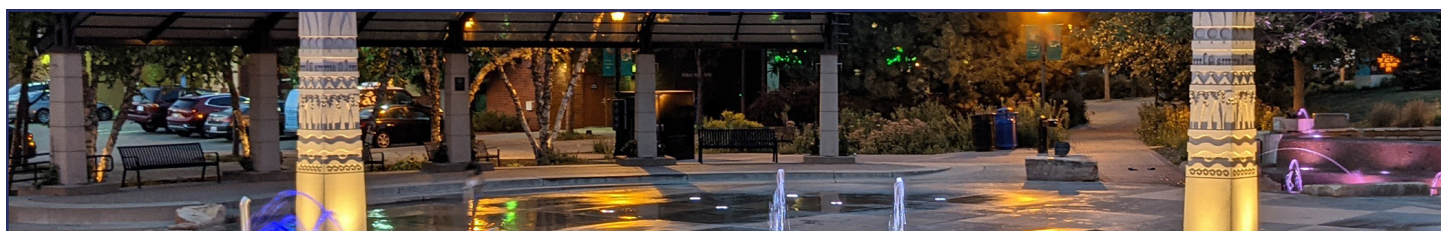
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## Small Acts, Big Impact

Volunteers are an incredible addition to our vibrant and welcoming community and we are so lucky to have them bring their strengths and interests to better our City. We have an awesome team dedicated to living out what it means to be better together, and we're always looking for others who want to be part of this respected group.

We're sure something will spark your interest. Visit [burnsvillemn.gov/volunteer](https://burnsvillemn.gov/volunteer) to explore opportunities.



### Find or Submit an Event!

Visit Experience Burnsville [www.burnsvillemn.com/events](https://www.burnsvillemn.com/events) for upcoming regional events and to submit your community-wide Burnsville events for consideration on their website!



# COVER STORY



## Growing Together: Burnsville's Market Garden

Tucked away in Burnsville is a little patch of land that's been doing big things. Since 2021, a former ice rink and warming house is now home to the Market Garden and has grown into more than just rows of veggies—it's become a place where youth learn job skills, families receive fresh food and the whole community benefits.

The garden started with Grow Burnsville, a program kicked off by a \$125,000 national grant. The idea was simple: provide better access to fresh, healthy food and create hands-on opportunities for young people. Fast-forward a few years, and the garden has produced more than 15,000 pounds of food, which have been donated to our local partner, 360 Communities and even drawn in a few unexpected visitors—like the bald eagle that now calls it part of its hunting grounds.

**“We get to work with beautiful plants and animals, and every day is different,” says Market Garden Supervisor Paige Hawkins. “The best part is knowing we’re all working together for the community. It feels like a team effort.”**





This past summer, 16 youth interns rolled up their sleeves alongside Paige. They planted, weeded, harvested and earned an income while learning what it takes to grow food sustainably. And the results are delicious—everything from watermelon and cucumbers to collard greens, okra, basil and butternut squash. Paige chooses crops with different cuisines in mind and often plants based on what neighbors say they'd like to see.



Over the years, the garden has kept evolving. A dripline irrigation system has provided heightened efficiency and helps conserve water, clover planted between rows makes it easier to walk, provides homes for pollinators, soaks up excess rainwater (and removes prime mosquito habitats), native flowers now bring in pollinators and brighten up the block. Even the little things—like compostable tomato clips and twine—show the garden's commitment to sustainability.

## Harvest Handouts: New in 2025

This year, Paige and the team rolled out Harvest Handouts. From August to mid-October, the community had the opportunity to stop by the Market Garden on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays to pick up fresh produce—completely free. Residents let the garden crew know what they were looking for and the team harvested it for them on the spot.

Everything is packed in compostable bags and since the garden shares space with Dakota County's organics recycling drop-off, it's easy to keep the loop sustainable from start to finish.

Next time you're in the neighborhood, walk, roll or drive by and see what's buzzing in the garden—you might even spot that eagle while you're there.







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### **Parrothead Paradise**

October 25, 7:30 p.m.

Featuring all of Jimmy Buffett's classic hits, such as "Margaritaville," "Cheeseburger in Paradise," and "Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes," as well as deep cuts from his extensive catalog. Overall, this Jimmy Buffett tribute band is a top-notch musical experience that is sure to transport audiences to a sun-soaked tropical paradise filled with good vibes, great music, and plenty of margaritas.

### **Under The Streetlamp**

November 16, 3 p.m.

Streetlamp's signature show includes a bevy of hits by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and other classic artists such as The Beach Boys, The Drifters, Dion, Elvis, Roy Orbison, The Everly Brothers, The Supremes, Bobby Darin, and The Beatles. Streetlamp is powered by a decade-long legacy of dazzling audiences worldwide. Audiences are captivated by the smooth harmonies, thrilling choreography and soul-touching music and stories that have made this spectacular show a must-see!



### **Rocky Mountain High Experience - A John Denver Christmas**

December 4 & 5, 7:30 pm

Step into the spirit of the season with Rocky Mountain High Experience®: A John Denver Christmas—an intimate, nostalgic journey back to the 1970s, when John Denver's music filled the airwaves and hearts across the country. Led by acclaimed performer Rick Schuler, and joined by the Starlight String Ensemble, this enchanting holiday concert features beloved Denver classics and a heartfelt tribute to Denver's iconic holiday specials. This show will leave you feeling inspired and full of holiday cheer.



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**12600 Nicollet Ave. Burnsville, MN**