

# PARK PAGES

A Newsletter Published for the Brooklyn Park Community

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## Celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st!

Brooklyn Park's National Night Out celebration is a nationally recognized event finishing among the top National Night Out events in the nation each year. In 2005, Brooklyn Park captured 2nd place in the nation for cities our size. This year, we will celebrate our 16th annual event and with your participation, we are expecting our biggest and best NNO event ever!

Here is how you can participate.

Be a part of National Night Out 2006 with your own neighborhood outside event, such as a block party, potluck, BBQ or picnic. Registered neighborhood parties may be visited by local dignitaries, representatives from the city staff, police or fire departments, the Minnesota National Guard members and many more. You can register your neighborhood party on line at [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org) or complete the form inside this edition of Park Pages.

You can also participate by attending the Light Up the Park celebration. Light Up the Park begins at 7 p.m. at Noble Sports Park and features free pony rides, a penny carnival, a DJ/music, kids "jumpy" tent, food and more! At 9:30 p.m., we light up the park with a simultaneous blaring of sirens and flashing of emergency lights from more than 30 police squad cars, fire trucks and emergency vehicles. The evening will close with a breathtaking fireworks demonstration sponsored by the City of Brooklyn Park.

The 2006 celebration kicks off at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, with the annual National Night Out luncheon at the Community Activity Center. The Brooklyn Park Crime

Prevention Association sponsors the luncheon, as well as other National Night Out activities. Please look inside this edition of Park Pages for more details on the luncheon.

As part of National Night Out the Brooklyn Park Crime Prevention team will collect school supply donations for CEAP. Event organizers and the city of Brooklyn Park invite all National Night Out party participants to collect school supplies at your neighborhood party. You can drop them off at the Noble Sports Park during the Light up the Park event. Be sure to watch Channel 12 for full details on National Night Out.



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**Proudly Serving the North Hennepin Area!**

City Services: 763.493.8166

- Vehicle title transfers
- License plate tab renewals
- Registration for out-of-state vehicles

- Fishing and hunting licenses
- Registration for snowmobiles, boats, ATVs
- Pet licenses

Hennepin County Services: 612.348.8240

- Driver's license renewals

State of Minnesota Services: 952.476.3042

- Driver's license testing

### CITY SERVICES

City Hall Office Hours

Monday - Friday ..... 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Licensing Division Hours

Monday - Friday ..... 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturdays ..... 9 a.m. - Noon

### Information Contacts

Emergency Assistance ..... 911  
 City Hall ..... 763.424.8000  
 Community Activity Center ..... 763.493.8333  
 Recreation & Parks ..... 763.493.8333  
 Operations & Maintenance ..... 763.493.8007

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 Utility Billing ..... 763.493.8185  
 Yard Waste Site ..... 763.420.4886

Official web site: [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org)

### REGULAR MEETINGS

**City Council:** The first, third and fourth Mondays of each month, 7 p.m. Each meeting will begin with an Open Forum of up to 15 minutes.

**Budget Advisory Commission:** 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**Economic Development Authority:**  
2nd Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

**Planning Commission:** 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Charter Commission:** 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Citizen Long-range Improvement Committee:**  
2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m.

**Human Relations Commission:** 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.

**Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission:**  
3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Brooklyn Park Firefighters Relief Association Board of Trustees:** 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

### ON AIR

**Channel 16**

7 p.m. - 1st thru 4th Monday: Council & EDA, Live

7 p.m. - 2nd Wednesday: Planning Commission, Live

6:30 p.m. - Thursday: Police in the Park

7 p.m. - 2nd Monday: Economic Development Authority, Live

7 p.m. - 2nd thru 5th Thursday: City Council, Replay

2:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Friday: Police in the Park

3 a.m. & 11 a.m. - Friday: City Council, Replay

**Channel 19**

8:30 p.m. - Monday: Police in the Park

2:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. - Tuesday: Police in the Park

### NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

Residents interested in receiving the Brooklyn Park Sun-Post or those who are having delivery problems should contact the paper's circulation department directly at 952.392.6860. Messages should include a delivery address and return phone number. Please note the paper cannot be delivered north of 101st Avenue and distribution is limited in apartments, town homes and condos.



# National Night Out Luncheon August 1

The National Night Out Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 1, in the Community Activity Center located at 5600 - 85th Avenue North.

Speaking at the luncheon will be Brooklyn Park Public Safety officials, Police Chief Wade Setter and Fire Chief Steve Schmidt, as well as a special guest speaker to be announced in the coming weeks.

Advance registration is encouraged and will be accepted until 5 p.m., Thursday, July 27. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors (age 65+) in advance. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$15 for all ages.

Make checks out to the Brooklyn Park Crime Prevention Association (BPCPA) and send to: **Special Events - NNO luncheon**, 5200 - 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443, or call 763.493.8013 to register.

This will be the 23rd year the city officially celebrates National Night Out. In 2005, Brooklyn Park was recognized for its participation for the 15th consecutive year.

"Brooklyn Park placed second in the nation for National Night Out" said Police Chief Wade Setter. "We also placed first in our category (of cities) statewide." National Night Out is organized and sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, which selects recipients for and distributes the annual awards. For more information on National Night Out, go to the Town Watch website at [www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/about.html](http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/about.html).

## Register Now for National Night Out!

You must register your neighborhood party to be eligible for one of the agencies to visit and to receive a National Night Out "goodie bag."

Registration forms must be received by Friday, July 21, 2006. Registration is quick and easy! Just complete the form below and return it to the police department or go to [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org) to register online. Call C.P.C. Lee Glamm at 763.493.8035 for more information.

## Lawn Sprinkling Restrictions

Odd/Even lawn sprinkling restrictions are in effect until September 30. Residents with even-numbered addresses may water on even-numbered days; odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered days.

Residents should avoid sprinkling lawns between 4 and 10 p.m. when water supply demand is at its peak. Newly seeded or sodded lawns and irrigation wells are exempt from the restriction. Before 10 a.m. is the best time to water because less water is lost to evaporation in early morning.

## Don't Trash Your Old Electronics!

Effective July 1, 2006, electronic products containing a cathode ray tube, such as TVs and computer monitors, may not be placed in the garbage. TVs and computer monitors contain two to eight pounds of lead and, if disposed of improperly, harm the environment.

The solution is to recycle your electronics. The Hennepin County Recycling Center at 8100 Jefferson Highway in Brooklyn Park accepts electronic equipment from residents for FREE. For more information visit [www.hennepin.mn.us](http://www.hennepin.mn.us) keyword search "Drop Off Facilities" or call 612.348.3777.



### Registration Form - National Night Out\*

Name of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_

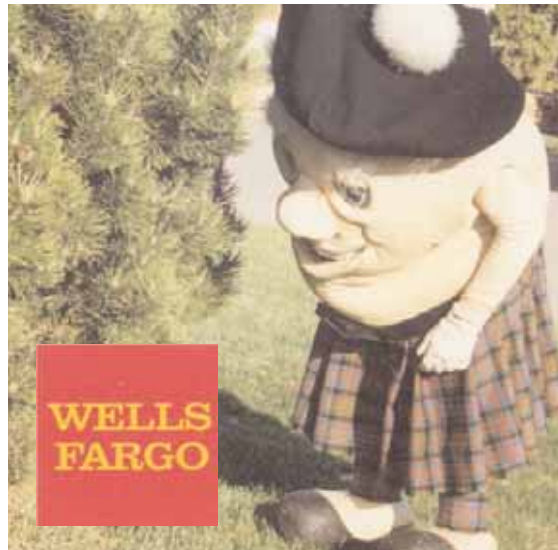
A "goodie bag" will be dropped off at the above address. If you would like it left at a **different** address, please give a drop off address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration forms must be received by July 21, 2006, in order for us to get your party location on the map. Please mail or return this form (only one per neighborhood) to: Brooklyn Park Police Department, NNO Registration, 5400 - 85th Ave. North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. Or send by fax to 763.493.8393.

**\*Tennessee Warning:**

The party address on this form is considered public data (MS13.37(3)). Failure to provide this information will result in the rejection of your National Night Out registration. Your name and phone number is considered private data and will not be released. You are not required to provide this information. It is used to contact you if needed.

# Wells Fargo Annual Golden Spud Hunt Continues



## Residents are encouraged to help Spud McTater find his lost heirloom!

The unthinkable has happened again. Brooklyn Park's official mascot, Spud McTater, has misplaced his family heirloom, the infamous Golden Spud, right before the Tater Daze festival. The dejected and embarrassed McTater needs your help to locate his prized spud. Last year, helpful residents Mark and Stacy Wensel earned \$1,000 for locating the heirloom. McTater is delighted his dear friends at Wells Fargo are again willing to provide a \$1,000 reward to the lucky finder.

Watch for clues in the Sun Post, on Channel 12, on the Tater Daze ([www.taterdaze.org](http://www.taterdaze.org)) and city websites ([www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org)) or visit city hall.

## 2006 Tater Daze Parade Winners

The 42nd Annual Tater Daze Celebration ended on June 18, celebrating the past, present and future. Over 5,000 residents kicked off the community festival by attending Thursday's parade. Parade winners were:

### Marching Band Winners

#### Class A

- 1st Place - Litchfield
- 2nd Place - Monticello
- 3rd Place - Lincoln High, Lake City

#### Class AA

- 1st Place - Waconia
- 2nd Place - Champlin Park
- 3rd Place - Osseo

#### Overall Grand Champion

Waconia

### Float Winners

#### Amateur

- 1st Place - Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
- 2nd Place - Metropolitan Mosquito Control
- 3rd Place - Hennepin County Fair

#### Professional

- 1st Place - Anoka Halloween
- 2nd Place - Miss Baldwin (Wisconsin) Royalty
- 3rd Place - Knights of Columbus Float & Color Guard

### 1st Annual Couch Potato Contest Winner

Ben Erickson

Due to main stage damage from Friday night's storm, the Rockin' Hollywoods and the Eagle River Band performances were cancelled. The Rockin' Hollywoods have agreed to perform during the Wednesday night concert series at the Community Activity Center. Look for further concert details on the city website at [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org).

## Thank You, Tater Daze Sponsors!

The City of Brooklyn Park and the Tater Daze Committee wish to thank all of the official 2006 Tater Daze sponsors for their generous support and commitment to our community.

Your gifts are helping to build an even better Brooklyn Park!



# Recreation and Parks Programs for all Ages

Call the Recreation and Parks department at 763.493.8333 to register for programs, reserve facilities, or ask questions. Or you may visit our website at <http://www.brooklynpark.org>.

**Summer ice skating lessons** are held Wed. evenings at the CAC for all ages and levels.

**Golf Academy at Edinburgh USA** includes private lessons, leagues and more. Fun for all ages! At both Brookland and Edinburgh USA Golf Courses.

**Adult outings, trips and social recreation**  
Call Pat at 763.493.8254 for information on programs designed for adults including day/extended trips, social clubs, fitness, digital camera and computer classes, dance classes and more.

**Step Up to Health in Brooklyn Park**  
30 minutes of daily exercise is recommended for good health. Wear your own Step Up to Health - Brooklyn Park t-shirt while walking neighborhood parks and trails. T-shirts are for sale at the Community Activity Center for \$6.



**Unique programs are offered at the Eidem Homestead**, including Thursday Afternoon Tea, Children's Living History Camp, outdoor concerts, birthday parties and tours.

**Popular youth sports camps are back!** Including lacrosse, soccer, skateboarding, basketball, football, and tennis. Each camp runs one week. Programs are available for all ages 3+.

**Fitness & health classes offered at the CAC** include Women and Weights, Energetics, Pilates, Stress Reduction, Senior Fitness, skating lessons, Posture and Osteoporosis, Yoga and Jazz Lite, Salsa Aerobics and more! Call for class times and prices.

**New! Salsa Aerobics** workout classes are offered from 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday night at Zanewood Recreation Center. The cost is \$3 at the door. Childcare is available for \$1 per child during class.



**Summer swim lessons** are still available at Jackson Pool. Daytime and evening lessons are available in July and August.

**Open swim time** is offered from 1-3 p.m. Monday - Thursday at Jackson Community Pool. Admission is \$2 per person (under 1 year free).

**Fall Session ABCs Preschool openings** are available at the CAC. Daytime and evening classes are offered.

**Kids Super Camp World, August 21-24**  
A week of sports and enrichment camps at Oxbow School for kids entering grades 1-6

this fall, both morning and afternoon sessions. For campers who want to stay all day, try the Lunch & Recess option between the morning and afternoon sessions.

**Adult Co-Rec Volleyball League** Teams may roster up to 12 players. Registration is limited to the first 16 teams.

**NEW this fall! 5 on 5 Adult Men's Basketball League** Call now, registration is limited!

**Fall softball** openings are available in the men's, women's and co-rec divisions. Call for registration information.



**Kids Art Camps** are scheduled for August 28-31 For ages 3-5, the Time Machine Class runs from 9-11:30 a.m., and the Icky Slimy Goopy class from 12:30-3 p.m. all week at the Zanewood Rec Center art room. For children ages 6-12, the Harry Potter Camp at Willowstone Park runs from 9-11:30 a.m. and the Pop Art class 12:30-3 p.m. at the CAC. All instructors are trained art educators.

## Free Outdoor Concert

Join us Wednesday, July 12, at the Community Activity Center (CAC) for an evening of music by the Edgewater Eight - the well known, original group who performed for years at the Edgewater Inn in northeast Minneapolis. Bring a lawn chair, the concert begins at 6:30 p.m., rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather, the show will move indoors. Come early and shop at the new Farmers Market from 3-7 p.m.!

### Summer Concert Schedule

July 5	North Suburban Community Band, CAC
July 12	Edgewater Eight, CAC
July 18	Bluegrass at the Farm, Eidem Homestead
July 19	Tropics Steel Pan Band, CAC
July 26	Rockin' Hollywoods, CAC
August 8	Teddy Bear Band, Eidem Homestead
August 9	Jay Shawn Sweeney children's music, CAC
August 16	Annual TeenStock featuring local teen talent, CAC

All events start at 6:30 p.m.

## City Homes for Sale

The time to buy is now! Affordable and totally rehabilitated 2, 3 and 4 bedroom twin homes are available. If you earn less than \$60,000 per year and want to stop renting, call NW Community Resource Corporation at 651.298.1903.





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## City of Brooklyn Park 2005 Drinking Water Report

### 2006 CITY WATER AT A GLANCE

#### Customer Cost 2006 Rates

- Customer cost \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons up to 50,000 gallons per quarter.
- \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons for over 50,000 gallons per quarter.

#### Water Distribution

- Approximately 21,000 customers
- 15 million gallons of storage (6 reservoirs)
- 2,750 public fire hydrants
- 305 miles of watermain

#### Water Production

- 3 billion gallons produced annually from 18 wells
- Maximum production of 35 million gallons per day
- Average day demand 9 million gallons per day

The City of Brooklyn Park is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2005. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

#### Source of Water

Brooklyn Park produces drinking water from groundwater sources encompassing 13 wells ranging from 213 - 737 feet deep. Water is drawn from the following aquifers: Mt. Simon, Quaternary Water Table, Jordan, Quaternary Buried Artesian and Franconia-Ironton-Galesville.

The Minnesota Department of Health has determined that one or more sources of your drinking water are susceptible to contamination. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651.215.0800 or 1.800.818.9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it online at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).

Call 763.315.8410 if you have questions about the city drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the drinking water.

#### Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. Some contaminants are sampled less frequently and as a result were not for 2003. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled, they are included in the table along with the date of detection.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2003)	Average Result*	
Alpha Emitters (pCi/l) (04/11/2002)	0	15.4	N/A	1.7	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (ppm) (4/22/2004)	2	2	.119-.156	0.16	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium (pCi/l) (04/11/2002)	0	5.4	N/A	0.16	Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.89-1.1	1.05	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	0	60	N/A	2.4	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	0	80	N/A	18.5	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
	Range (2003)	Average Result*	
Radon (pCi/l) (12/05/2001)	N/A	112	Erosion of natural deposits.

\*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Radon is a radioactive gas, which is naturally occurring in some groundwater. It poses a lung cancer risk when gas is released from water into air (as occurs during showering, bathing, washing dishes or clothes) and a stomach cancer risk when it is ingested. Because radon in indoor air poses a much greater health risk than radon in drinking water, an Alternative Maximum Contaminant Level (AMCL) of 4,000 picoCuries per liter may apply in states that have adopted an Indoor Air Program, which compels citizens, homeowners,



schools and communities to reduce the radon threat from indoor air. For states without such a program, the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 300 pCi/l may apply. Minnesota plans to adopt an Indoor Air Program once the Radon Rule is finalized

Contaminant (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	****	****	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	.2-.4	.31	Water additive used to control microbes.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	Number of Sites Over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm) (08/09/2004)	N/A	1.3	.8	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb) (08/09/2004)	N/A	15	5	1 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

Some contaminants do not have Maximum Contaminant Levels established for them. These “unregulated contaminants” are assessed using state standards known as health risk limits to determine if they pose a threat to human health. If unacceptable levels of an unregulated contaminant are found, the response is the same as if an MCL has been exceeded; the water system must inform its customers and take other corrective actions. In the table that follows are the unregulated contaminants that were detected.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
	Range (2005)	Average Result	
Sodium (ppm) (4/22/2004)	N/A	18	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sulfate (ppm) (4/22/2004)	N/A	97	Erosion of natural deposits.

### Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1.800.426.4791.

**Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population, especially immunocompromised persons (i.e. cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV/AIDS patients or other immune system disorders. Also elderly and infants can be particularly at-risk from infections). These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1.800.426.4791.**



### Key to Abbreviations

**MCLG** Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. The MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**AL** Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

**MCL** Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**90th Percentile Level** This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only five samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

**pCi/l** PicoCuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

**ppm** Parts per million, also expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

**ppb** Parts per billion, also expressed as micrograms per liter (ug/l).

**nd** No detection.

**N/A** Not applicable (does not apply).

## Firefighters Checking Smoke Detectors

Residents in some of Brooklyn Park's older neighborhoods may see fire trucks driving their streets and uniformed fire fighters combing their area on the evening of August 7. Don't be alarmed, there likely isn't a nearby fire and they will not be selling tickets to the Fireman's Ball. Instead, firefighters will visit neighborhoods to perform free smoke detector inspections as well as provide free smoke detectors during the Annual Brooklyn Park Smoke Detector Give-away Event.

Each year, Brooklyn Park firefighters visit selected areas within the city in an effort to ensure homes have working smoke detectors. Many homes were built before state laws required the devices and other homes rely on battery-operated smoke detectors.

Firefighters will have batteries and smoke detectors available to install where needed. Please be receptive, but better still, check your smoke detectors now to be sure they work. Since the smoke detector inspection and give-away program was implemented, firefighters consistently find that 30-35% of the homes visited do not have adequate protection.



Besides the big yellow truck, the firefighter uniform and official badge, each firefighter will also carry a city employee I.D. card for proper identification. You are not obligated to let anyone into your home so just say "No, thank you" if you are not interested.

## Brooklyn Park Students Needed for City Commissions

### City recruiting for new youth liaison commissioners

The city is opening its annual recruitment process to fill youth liaison vacancies on city commissions. Applications for appointments will be accepted through August 30, 2006.

Students must live in Brooklyn Park and be at least 15 years old. Successful candidates serve a one-year term beginning September 1, 2006, and ending August 31, 2007.

Applications are available on the city's website, <http://www.brooklynpark.org/government/committees/commserv.html>, and at the City Hall customer service desk. You may also call 763.493.8001 to request an application or to ask questions about serving as a youth liaison on city commissions.

## Mayor & Council Member Candidate Filings Open July 4 - 18

The City Clerk will accept candidate filings for the elected offices of Mayor or Council Member beginning July 5. Interested candidates must file an Affidavit of Candidacy, a nominating petition and pay a \$25 filing fee to run in the General Election on November 7, 2006. Petitions may be circulated on July 4.

The Mayor and Council Members serve four-year terms beginning January 2, 2007. If more than two residents file for candidacy for the same seat, a primary election will be held September 12, 2006. If you have questions call the City Clerk at 763.493.8180 or email [devinm@ci.brooklyn-park.mn.us](mailto:devinm@ci.brooklyn-park.mn.us).

## NEW for the 2006 Elections AutoMARK Ballot Markers

Brooklyn Park polling places will provide new voting equipment this election season to assist voters with disabilities. The city acquired AutoMARK Ballot Markers to use with existing vote tabulators.

Voters can mark their ballot by using a touch screen, Braille pads, a sip and puff connection, or a foot pedal. The AutoMARK will be available in City Hall for demonstrations beginning August 1. For more information, call the City Clerk at 763.493.8180.



Using the new equipment is as easy as **1, 2, 3, VOTE!**

Voters will receive the same optical scan paper ballot whether they use a pen or the AutoMARK ballot marker. How does it work?

1. Insert the ballot into the AutoMARK. The machine will scan the ballot. The voter makes their selections.
2. After selections are completed, a "Summary Screen" will appear to review the selections.
3. The voter will be prompted to "mark" the ballot after confirming selections. After the ballot is marked, the AutoMARK returns the ballot and the voter places it in the provided secrecy sleeve.
4. **VOTE!** - The voter then inserts the marked ballot into the vote tabulator to cast their vote!

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