

# PARK PAGES

A Newsletter Published for the Brooklyn Park Community

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## Summer Blossom Winners!

The city's annual Summer Blossom program culminated in an awards ceremony during the August 28 Council Meeting. The Council recognized the Grand and First Place prize winners for their spectacular gardens and landscaping. Grand Winners in Single Family, Townhome, Neighborhood Garden and Commercial each received a \$150 gift certificate and an engraved Summer Blossom Paver. First Place Single Family winners each received an engraved Summer Blossom paver.

### Residential Garden Winners: Grand (District 3 First Place)

Carol Carlson, 900 Sunkist Parkway

### District 1 First Place

Mary Heaney, 6700 Zealand Avenue North

### District 2 First Place

Hak Leav, 2125 74th Court North

### District 4 First Place

Dale & Pam Larson, 9406 Evergreen Avenue North

### Grand Townhome Winner:

Judy Garrison, 10518 Mississippi Circle North

### Grand Neighborhood Garden Winners

Jeannine Kline, Pat Janey, Sharon & Agus Lowry and Carol & Bob Skogrand, Impatiens Lane North

### Grand Commercial Winner

Pilgrim Cleaners, 3217 85th Avenue North

The program highlights attractive gardens and landscaping in Brooklyn Park and recognizes citizens and businesses that strive to improve the city's landscape. Nominations were received from neighbors, contractors or the gardeners themselves from May 30 through June 30.

There is one winner selected for each of four residential garden districts. Winners then compete for a citywide Grand Summer Blossom Award.

Photographs of the gardens can be found at the city's website: [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org).

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- Registration for out-of-state vehicles

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

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- 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

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 City Hall . . . . . 763.424.8000  
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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.



# Raindrops Were Falling on Their Heads!

Brooklyn Park's National Night Out Celebration may have been rained on, but it did not dampen the spirits of many residents. Over 160 neighborhoods took their parties into garages, houses, or under picnic pavilions to share food, fun and party in the rain. Many neighborhoods collected school supplies for CEAP. "I was impressed to see that even with the heavy rains, many of the parties continued in a garage or house," said Police Chief Wade Setter.

Many local businesses and community groups joined the Brooklyn Park Crime Prevention Association (BPCPA) and spent the day preparing to Light up the Park. Once again the BPCPA generously donated the money for the pony rides from the Animals of Waltons Hollow. Embarq donated money for the Junior Ambassadors to serve ice cream. The BPCPA also set up tents, decorated and readied popcorn for hundreds. The Minneapolis Elks Lodge #44 prepared hotdogs provided by Rainbow Foods. St. Gerard's Cornfest, BP Recreation & Parks, Target, Ryland Homes, Women of Today and Living Word Christian Fellowship planned activities for children and families. Grace Fellowship, Brooklyn Park Evangelical Church and Caribou Coffee provided beverages. Unfortunately, due to the 25 minute downpour, the Light up the Park event was cancelled.



This year's National Night Out was another great success, despite the wet weather!



BPCPA members setting up



# Golden Spud Found on Family Outing

This year, Spud McTater kept all his eyes on the family heirloom, the golden spud. But despite keeping all his eyes peeled, and even with the help of his friends, Spud again lost track of his prized golden spud.

Derek Blinkman found the heirloom on Wednesday, July 5, while on the bike trail in Oak Grove Park. His wife, Jennifer, and neighbors, Dave and Adam Jensen, assisted in the search.

"I just knew it was close to the Target campus," said Blinkman. "When the clue about '101 jokes' was posted, (we thought) if we followed the power lines at 101st Ave into the park we might find it. And sure enough, there it was hidden in a clump of birch trees along the bike path."

Spud McTater stated, "I am overjoyed that my spud was found so early. I can now enjoy the summer. I would like to thank the Blinkmans and Jensens for finding my spud and express my appreciation to Wells Fargo for providing the reward."



2006 Golden Spud Hunt Winners pictured here (left to right) with Wells Fargo Branch Manager, Gari Moscatelli and Spud McTater - Derek Blinkman, Jennifer Blinkman, Adam Jensen and Dave Jensen

# Tater Daze Spud Run Winners

Front row (left to right):  
Nick Schroeder, Renae Metzger,  
Jason Schulte, Nicholas  
Goodwin and Nicole Cueno

Standing (left to right):  
Flahn Manly, Annika Ferber,  
Mark Gilkerson, Sara Ehlert,  
Becky Anderson, Kris  
Swarthout, Doug Reeder, Kevin  
Rassier and Connie Elgin



## New Retail Center Under Construction!



Park Place Promenade, located at the northwest intersection of Zane Avenue and Highway 610, is currently under construction. The 413,800 square foot project is being developed by Solomon Real Estate Group and H.J. Development, Inc. Cub Foods is now open, with additional retailers in the commercial center opening in September. Planned tenants include:

- Brooklyn Park Chiropractic
- Caribou Coffee
- Chan's Chinese Restaurant
- Great Clips
- Inches-A-Way
- Ike's Wines and Spirits
- Jimmy John's Sandwiches
- M & I Bank
- Nails Touch
- National Karate
- Nextel
- Sammy's Pizza
- Topline Federal Credit Union
- Totally Tan

The development will be constructed in three phases and is directly linked to a D.R. Horton subdivision featuring over 200 new homes. During the design of the project, special attention was given to the inclusion of walkways and plazas to provide pedestrian connections within Park Place Promenade and neighboring developments.

## Goddard School® Now Open

The Goddard School is a state licensed, high quality early childhood development program providing a safe and healthy learning environment for children. Their program is designed to enhance the emotional, social, intellectual, and physical development of children from six weeks to six years of age. They also offer after-school enrichment and a summer "camp" for children up to ten years of age. The state-of-the-art, custom designed building has been planned to provide a safe, healthy, and stimulating environment.

The new 8,000 square foot facility opened in mid-June and is located at the southwest corner of Zane and 93rd Avenue. It can house 134 children and 18 staff. The owners are Jon Joens, a Brooklyn Park resident, and his sister-in-law Tina Joens. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., closed on major holidays. To learn more about The Goddard School, please contact Tina Joens at 763.560.0506.

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## City of Brooklyn Park is Selling Affordable Homes

A city program is selling two, three and four bedroom twin homes in a variety of styles and all are affordable for moderate income eligible families. For information call Kris or Jackie at 651.298.1903.



## Home Improvement Loans

Love your house but hate the kitchen? Want an updated look, more efficient windows, or need a new furnace or roof? The City of Brooklyn Park partners with the Housing Resource Center (612.588.3033) and the CEE Financial Resources (612.335.5884) to provide lower interest home improvement loans to homeowners and owners of small rental property. These loans are available to qualifying owners to make home energy and accessibility improvements to their existing homes.

# LDI Partnership with City of Brooklyn Park

Liberty Carton, a division of Liberty Diversified Industries (LDI), is partnering with the City of Brooklyn Park to aid in reforestation efforts in residential areas and city parks throughout the community.

Restoration efforts began this spring when Liberty Carton and LDI employees assisted with the distribution of approximately 500 trees as part of the Arbor Day Tree Sale. At 6:30 p.m. on September 18, Liberty Carton and Brooklyn Park officials will plant a 15 foot Black Hills Spruce at City Hall to commemorate the one year anniversary of the storm.

"We're looking forward to partnering with Brooklyn Park to support the community's united front to recover from last year's damage," said Larry Brauch, LDI Director of Marketing and Community Relations. "The city's strong sense of community - particularly in the face of adversity - is something we feel proud and honored to be part of."

"Liberty Diversified Industries has a long tradition of community service and support," said Brooklyn Park Mayor Steve Lampi. "We are grateful for their generosity. Truly, they make a difference in our

community. Our partners, working with the city on the reforestation efforts, are another reason why Brooklyn Park is a great place to live work and play."

On Saturday, October 28, Liberty Carton and LDI will partner with the city on Make a Difference Day projects. City staff, community volunteers, and LDI employees will plant trees as part of reforestation efforts in Central and Sunny Acre Parks.

If you are interested in volunteering go to the city website [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org) for more information or call the Special Events line at 763.493.8013.

The City of Brooklyn Park will host a tree sale again next spring. Order forms for next spring's Arbor Day Tree Sale will be available in February. Until then, check out the discount coupon from local nurseries in this and future Park Pages newsletters (see below)!

## BP to Host Community Unity Event

Following the rained out National Night Out event on August 1, 2006, the city of Brooklyn Park has added a third community event to its busy summer schedule. **CommUnity Outshines Adversity** will begin at 6:30 p.m. on September 20 at Noble Sports Park and will include many of the activities cancelled for National Night Out.

National Night Out serves to bring the community together, neighborhood by neighborhood, to fight back against crime. The September 20 event will celebrate the unity demonstrated as the community worked together to pick up the pieces last fall after the storm damaged hundreds of homes and destroyed thousands of trees. "Outshines" denotes overcoming the September storm, as well as the rainstorm that canceled National Night Out programming.

The CommUnity Outshines Adversity event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with ice cream, children's games, face painting, balloons and food. Police canine unit demonstrations



will begin at 7 p.m. and other police and fire department demonstrations will follow. Door prizes, including trees, will be given away throughout the evening. A "Best Rain Outfit" contest will be held at 7:30 p.m., judged by the Brooklyn Park Crime Prevention Association and Tater Daze Teams with a \$50 Applebee's gift certificate as the first place prize. The evening will close with fireworks at 8:30 p.m., weather permitting, of course!

## Community Health Fair

A free Health Fair will be held Saturday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Activity Center, Armory Gym. The event will include demonstrations, exhibit booths, information on the new Step up to Health program, food, children's activities and more!





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## Recreation & Parks Programs for All Ages

The Recreation and Parks Department is proud to offer a wide variety of recreational programs for kids, teens, adults and families. On-line registration is available at [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org). Fee assistance/scholarships are available for qualifying families. Most programs are held at our state-of-the-art Community Activity Center (CAC) and the Zanewood Recreation Center (Zanewood Rec). For more information on these and many more recreational opportunities, call 763.493.8333 or check our website.

**NEW Tiny Tots Sports** for 3 to 4 year-olds to explore sports and movement in a fun social environment. Classes offered at Woodland Elementary, Zanewood Rec and the CAC.

**Pee Wee Sports** basketball, soccer, floor hockey designed for 4 to 5 year-olds as an introductory experience to sports. Equipment and playing surfaces are modified to ensure success and help learn skills quickly.

**Girlz Fit Club** with Veronica Suarez. Hey Northview Jr. High girls! Walk over after school to Zanewood Rec Center! Hip-hop, belly dance, salsa, yoga, Pilates and cardio kick boxing. Each class will include healthy movement and nutrition info. Held at Zanewood Rec. Mondays beginning October 2, from 3-5 p.m.



**Cheer America Comes to Brooklyn Park** for kids 4 to 14. Learn chants, dance, pom pon, marching skills and more at Zanewood Rec Wednesday nights beginning October 4. Open house and registration held at 6 p.m., on September 27.

**Brooklyn Park Youth Hockey Association Registration** for hockey players ages 4 to 19 will be held 3-6 p.m., Sunday, September 17 and from 6-9 p.m., on Monday, September 18 at the CAC.

**BPAA Basketball** registration for Grades 2 to 6 kicks off from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19 at Zanewood Recreation Center. For more information see [www.bphoops.org](http://www.bphoops.org).

**Vacation Day Jamboree** Sign up for fun at Zanewood Recreation Center on school break days on October 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fee is \$28 per day.

**Halloween Hurrah!** A family costume party for kids 9 and under. Get dressed up in your favorite Halloween costume and have an unspooky time! Saturday, October 28, 2-3:30 p.m. at the CAC. Pre-registration required.

**Home School Families** Brooklyn Park Recreation wants to partner with you to set up recreation and enrichment classes. Call Jamie at 763.315.8409 to arrange for your group.

**Step up to Health - Step up to Fun!** Brooklyn Park is "Stepping up to Health" and participating in a national movement to increase the number of Americans regularly engaged and enjoying active recreation. Sign up for one of our fitness classes this fall and get a free Step up to Health t-shirt. Sponsored by TCF Bank, Embarq, Anytime Fitness, and Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks.

**Brooklyn Community Band Wants YOU!** Rehearsals are Monday nights at the Northview Jr. High band room. All instruments are needed. Contact Jane Ruohoniemi at 763.315.5875.

**Swing & Social Ballroom dance lessons** are held Sundays from 7-8:30 p.m., at the CAC beginning November 12. For more information or to make reservations, call Dean at 952.476.4044.

**Adult Volleyball and Basketball Leagues** Join a coed volleyball league or play in a 5-on-5 basketball league this winter. Team registrations only. Call Mark at 763.493.8245 or email at [mpalm@ci.brooklyn-park.mn.us](mailto:mpalm@ci.brooklyn-park.mn.us).



Other scheduled recreational activities include Red Cross certified swim lessons, tumbling for preschoolers, Kids in Creativity, Kids in Motion, Music and Art classes, Teen after School Club, Gymnastics, Hockey Learn to Skate, Safety Awareness and Self Defense, Indoor Open Skating, Indoor Walking Track, Salsa Aerobics, Energetics, Tai Chi, Mat Pilates, Yoga, Women and Weights, Salsa and Merengue Dance and Jazzercise. Upcoming Senior Adult events include the Autumn Gala, Oktoberfest Luncheon, flu shots and AAA Senior Driving Classes. Day or extended trips are planned for adults 55+. Call 763.493.8333 or check our website for complete information.





## General Election – November 7, 2006

The Primary Election on Tuesday, September 12 narrowed the general election field to two candidates for each of the three districts. The mayoral race had just two candidates file for office and a primary was not required.

The general election on November 7 will have races for mayor and council. In the contest for mayor, current central district councilmember Mason Schmitz will challenge incumbent Mayor Steve Lampi. In the west district, Dean Heng will face incumbent Jeanette Meyer. Rich Gates and Greg Jasicki will square off for the central seat vacated by Schmitz. Jeff Lunde and incumbent Scott Simmons will vie for the east district seat.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Absentee Voting at City Hall for the general election is October 6 through November 6, 2006.

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday, November 4, 2006 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Monday, November 6, 2006 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Brooklyn Park City Council Candidates

The following candidates are running for mayor and city council:

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>West District</b>	<b>Central District</b>	<b>East District</b>
Steve Lampi	Jeanette Meyer	Rich Gates	Scott Simmons
Mason Schmitz	Dean E. Heng	Greg Jasicki	Jeff Lunde

## General Election Candidate Forums

To prepare for the General Election on November 7, there will be several candidate forums. The League of Women Voters (Pat Hoehn at 763.424.8192), the North Hennepin Area Chamber of Commerce (Dave Looby at 763.424.6744) and the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce will each sponsor separate forums.



## Register to Vote!

Residents may register to vote before or on Election Day.

Only residents who are new to Brooklyn Park, or those who have moved within the city, or those who have never registered before will have to register. Voter registration applications are available at City Hall and at the polls on Election Day. Registration is open until 20 days prior to an election and then again on Election Day. It is beneficial to register prior to an election to avoid long lines at the polls.

## Election Day Registration

(To establish residency; not identity)

Election Day registrants must provide documentary proof of their residence in the precinct. Only the following documents are authorized for this purpose.

- Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or a receipt for either
- Valid Minnesota identification card or receipt
- Tribal ID
- Notice of late registration
- Previous registration at a different address in the same precinct
- College identification card, registration card, or fee receipt that includes the student's name and address in the precinct
- College fee statement and a photo identification card
- College registration card in conjunction with a list of students provided to Hennepin County by the college
- The oath of a registered voter in the same precinct who can vouch for the registrant's residence in the precinct, or
- A Minnesota driver's license or identification card, U.S. passport, U.S. Military identification card or a student identification card issued by a Minnesota postsecondary educational institution AND a bill for electricity, gas, water, sewer, solid waste, telephone or cable TV service that has a due date within 30 days of election day and includes the voter's name and current address in the precinct

## Absentee Voting

Only eligible voters who cannot go to their polling place to vote in person on Election Day due to absence from the precinct, illness or disability, religious observance or service as an election judge in another precinct may vote by absentee ballot. Voters may apply by mail, fax or in person 30 days prior to the election.

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