

# PARK PAGES

The People, Places and Events of Brooklyn Park

May/June 2008

## Tater Daze 2008 Where Brooklyn Park comes together

Hey Brooklyn Park Residents! Spud McTater here, your favorite veggie.

I'm so excited! Did you know 2008 is the International Year of the Potato?

Not only are we once again celebrating taters this year but so is the entire planet! In fact, I just found out we are the fourth largest city in the metro area and potatoes are the fourth largest food crop in the world. What a coincidence! So, you have no reason to stay home and nibble on potato chips during the week of June 19-22. You have to come to this year's 2008 Tater Daze Festival.

But I know what you're thinking, ahhh...it's corny! No, it's not! There's a lot you probably didn't know about the city-wide party.

The festival was created 44 years ago by the president of the local Jaycees club to help create a progressive image.

Given our agricultural history, it was natural to use potatoes as our theme. The popular roots were the major agricultural product in Brooklyn Park for more than a hundred years. In 1965, when Tater Daze started, there were 50 potato farmers in Brooklyn Park. During that time, more than 3,000 acres of potatoes were planted annually and the crop brought one to two million dollars into our city. But we were a growing city with housing needs, and the last commercial potato farmer quit production in 1992.

We're proud of the industry that helped develop Brooklyn Park, and we're proud of my ancestors. Potato production around the world is helping countries develop and feed the hungry. And just like our residents who have come from around the world, potato farming spans the globe as well. For more Tater Daze information, turn to page 8.



## Sewing in Brooklyn Park Serving the City's tailoring needs one thread at a time

Growing up, Jeanette Bestland was always told by her sister if she wanted new clothes, she'd have to make them herself. So when she wanted a white wool two piece suit, that's exactly what she did. She made one, and to her surprise, it fit perfectly! That's when she realized she had a special talent.

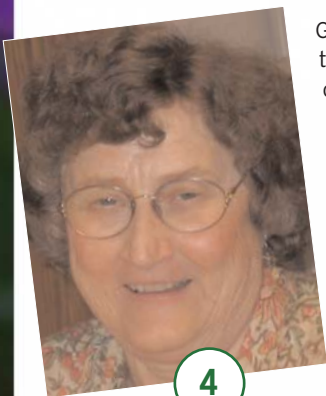
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## Don Schreifels Loving life and golf

For Don Schreifels, there was no question where he wanted to live in the Twin Cities. Since the early seventies, Don and his family have called Brooklyn Park home even though he started his insurance business in Bloomington.

In the early 90s, tired of the long commute and looking for a change, Don moved his business to Brooklyn Center and moved to a new home near the Edinburgh USA golf course. He says "those were the best decisions I ever made."

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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

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City Hall ..... 763-424-8000  
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Official website: [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org)

### REGULAR MEETINGS

**City Council:** The 1st, 3rd and 4th 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 Thursday, 7 p.m.

**Human Rights 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: Brooklyn Park Now

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: Brooklyn Park Now

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

#### Channel 19

8:30 p.m. - Monday: Brooklyn Park Now

2:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. - Tuesday:

Brooklyn Park Now

Times and dates subject to change.  
Contact 763-424-8000 or  
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to confirm.

### 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, townhomes and condos.

Sewing continued from cover...

Her talent has turned into a career. She originally started her business in her home, but soon decided she needed to "get out of the house" after going through a divorce. "It was my younger son who pointed me in the right direction, he suggested I take a job at a major dry cleaner doing their tailoring. Several years later, with the support of a woman's group, I decided it was time for me to open my own shop," said Bestland.

The long time Brooklyn Park resident owns Sew Plus Tailors & Cleaners on Welcome Avenue near Brooklyn Boulevard and Zane Avenue. She's been in that location for eight years and likes it because it's a large space and the rent is reasonable. It's also close to major streets and easy for her customers, who are from all over the northern suburbs, to find her.

She admits she's always looking for new customers, and while she relies on old fashioned advertising in church bulletins, she is also very technologically savvy. In the middle of her shop, she has computer equipment that drives the business and manages the paper work. She has a website where she tracks who's checking out her business and says the internet is the biggest driver of new customers to her shop.

She alters hundreds of pant hems, wedding and prom dresses every year. She's a stickler at making sure clothes fit a customer's figure perfectly. "None of us has a perfect body, so it's my task to alter that garment to make it look custom made," insists Bestland.

Some of her business is military driven, sewing emblems on uniforms. "I follow strict guidelines set forth by the various branches of the military. Everything has to be measured and sewn in a particular way. It's meticulous work and there aren't a lot of tailors able to do that. I love it."

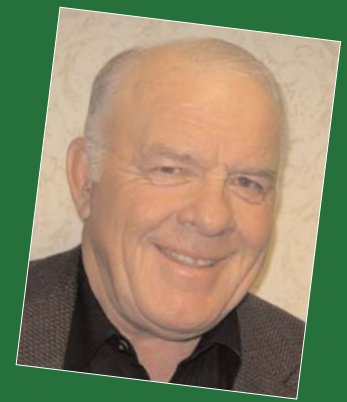
Bestland recently was profiled in the December 2007 issue of Minnesota Monthly Magazine as the Best Tailor in the North Metro Area. She says after all these years "it's thrilling" to have that kind of recognition.

The next time you need something altered, Bestland invites you to visit her shop and check out her services. She's got a passion to make sure your clothes fit well and promises she'll make you look good!

## Graduation Time

Congratulations to all the recent graduates of the Citizen's Academy and the New Americans Academy! For 10 weeks, more than 24 Brooklyn Park residents took part in the Citizen's Academy (top right) to learn about what police officers do. Residents got to shoot at the firing range and learn the basics of investigations. Likewise, almost two dozen new Americans learned about cultural awareness and differences in the New Americans Academy (bottom right). In many of the classes, the new Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center residents learned what to do when they are stopped by a police officer, and how to deal with the US criminal justice system. The New Americans Academy is sponsored by the Joint Community Police Partnership.

Both academies are on-going. If you'd like to attend one of them, check out the police department's website at [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org).



Don Schreifels,  
loving life and golf in Brooklyn Park

Schreifels continued from cover...

Living near the greens, it was only natural for the Brooklyn Park resident to take advantage of the green grass and fresh air. He joined the Edinburgh Men's Golf Association and soon became an active playing member. He jumped at the opportunity to play against more than a hundred players, who compete in more than 15 club events per year.

Getting more and more involved, he soon also joined the Saint Andrew's Club. He wanted a few more amenities when he visited his neighborhood golf course, and joining this Edinburgh USA group "just made sense." But besides all the tee times and golf games, he had another mission in mind.

Don says "I wanted the opportunity to meet people in the community and get to know them better." He's always believed that Brooklyn Park residents don't take enough time to get to know one another. "It's amazing how many interesting people live here."

He urges folks to get involved in community organizations they have an interest in. As a Saint Andrews Club member, Don stepped up to sponsor the club's Pro-Am tournament to help out his fellow members. He also regularly contributes to charitable giving campaigns the club is involved with.

Along the way, Don also had the opportunity to work with other community organizations and charities as well. He stresses "it's important to give even if you don't have the financial means to make a monetary donation. Often the gift of time is more valuable."

The Brooklyn Park fan says he plans on getting even more involved in community events in the future. He hopes more residents will follow his lead, and "just be part of something!"





## Talkin' Trash with Dan the Recycling Man



Hi Brooklyn Park residents!

Spring has sprung so it's time for some cleaning!

Did you know the Hennepin County Recycling Center, located at 8100 Jefferson Highway, is just around the corner? It's open five days a week and things like compact fluorescent lights, televisions, computers, paints and chemicals can be recycled for FREE!!! They take bigger appliances for a small fee. For details call 612-348-3777 or visit [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us) and search "drop off facility." My advice is to drop your stuff on a Wednesday between 6 and 8 p.m. That's when hardly anyone is there.

Spring also means storms. What do you do with tree debris after storms? You must handle the debris from trees which are on your property. The city manages trees on city owned property and public right-of-way trees, which are usually, but not always, within 15 feet of your curbside at the street. In extreme situations, the City Council may declare a disaster event and authorize staff to pick up all tree debris, but that's only if there's a major storm. You can take your tree branches, up to a 10 inch diameter, to the Maple Grove Yard Waste Site at 14796 101 Avenue North. For more information visit [www.mgyardwaste.com](http://www.mgyardwaste.com), or call me at 763-493-8006.

I've also had some questions from residents about tree pruning. As part of our forestry maintenance program, the city trims boulevard trees. It's a lot of work, we have to maintain the health and safety of more than 15,000 trees that are typically within the first 15 feet behind the curb (but there are exceptions). The focus of this year's trimming will be the area south of 85th Avenue North, between Zane and Xerxes Avenues North. We will also be working in the area south of Brookdale Drive from Xerxes to Humboldt Avenues North. We pay attention to shaping trees for balance and appearance. The trimming will involve cutting trees to a minimum of 15 to 20 feet for trees that are more than five inches in diameter at a person's chest height.

So what about traffic during these busy times? Don't worry, city workers will allow enough space so vehicles can safely pass through the neighborhood. Care will be taken to make sure all hazards are removed, especially dead or diseased tree branches. If you have any questions or concerns, just call 763-493-8126 or 763-493-8350 for more information.

### **OK, now for the recycling question of the day: Why can't I recycle my yogurt cups?**

Flip over a plastic container, and you're likely to see a familiar symbol. Triangular in shape, the symbol looks like three arrows "chasing" one another around a number. The symbol and the number help identify the type of plastic that the container is made from.

In recycling programs, the symbol is also often used to show which containers can be put in the recycling bin for curbside collection. In the Twin Cities metro area, plastic bottles labeled with a #1 or #2 are collected curbside for recycling. However, plastic tubs and cups, like yogurt cups, are not recyclable - even if they are labeled with a #1 or a #2. Why is that?

The answers to the above question lie in the details. The number on the bottom of a container indicates the general category of plastic it's made from, but doesn't contain the details of the plastic composition. For example, although a yogurt cup may be made from #2 plastic, (the same type of material as a recyclable milk jug or bleach bottle), it contains different dyes, plasticizers, UV inhibitors, softeners, and other chemicals required to shape it into a cup. That mix of additives changes the properties of the plastic and makes it incompatible with the plastic used to make bottles.

That's it for this month. Remember: rethink recycling. It matters more than you think!

Dan Ruiz

Dan Ruiz is the recycling division manager in the city's Operations and Maintenance Department.





# Brooklyn Park Community Build Days

## Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity needs your help



Through a joint partnership between Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and the City of Brooklyn Park, three lucky families will soon benefit from new homes currently being built in the city. But before these folks can move in, they need you!

Brooklyn Park Community Build Days will be held August 25-29. During this week, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity is asking residents to volunteer to help build homes for deserving, hard-working low income families. If you think you'd like to be part of this rewarding experience, just log on to <http://tchabitat.volunteerhub.com>.

You will then be asked to enter a registration code, which is BP2008.

## New! Foreclosure Prevention Hotline

Are you having trouble paying your mortgage? Do you think you're in a situation where you will be unable to make future payments? Help is available!

Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin (CAPSH) has a foreclosure prevention hotline to help homeowners who are in danger of losing their homes. **The number is 952-933-1993.**

It's all part of the CAPSH Foreclosure Prevention Program, which provides free information, advocacy, and referrals to resources that can help you with your financial problems. You can also visit CAPSH online at [www.capsh.org](http://www.capsh.org).

## Brooklyn Park Wants You! Represent your neighbors and run for public office!

Want to be a Brooklyn Park City Council member? What do you have to do before you start campaigning? It's pretty easy.

If you want to become a candidate to represent the central, east or west districts of the City Council, **you must first fill out and file an affidavit of candidacy and nominating petitions with Devin Montero**, Brooklyn Park's City Clerk. You also have to pay a \$25 filing fee. Devin will start taking your paperwork during the filing period, which begins Tuesday, July 1, at 8 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.

### So what are all the forms you have to fill out?

**Affidavit for candidacy** is where you verify that you:

- Are an eligible voter
- Have no other affidavit on file as a candidate for any other office in the upcoming primary or general election
- Are at least 21 years old
- Have been a resident of Brooklyn Park for at least 30 days before the general election.

You also need to get **nominating petitions**, that's when you collect signatures from registered voters who think you'd be great for the



## City Information Click on your mouse or turn on channel 16

From volunteer opportunities, to the latest information from City Hall, it's all ready for you when you log on to [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org). **The city's website** has all the detailed information you need to be an informed resident.

You can also see your community in a whole new light by tuning in to the city's television news show, **Brooklyn Park Now!** The bi-monthly cable show takes you to the interesting people, places and happenings around town. Hosted by Communications Coordinator Mary Tan and Police Lieutenant Steve Pearson, each show features a fun look at local organizations, businesses, and residents who are doing interesting things.

The half-hour show airs on channel 16 every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and will repeat on channel 19 on Monday nights at 8:30 p.m., and Tuesdays at 2:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Are you or your neighbors doing something interesting in Brooklyn Park that others should know about? Need some publicity about an event? Email your story or show ideas to [marytan@brooklynpark.org](mailto:marytan@brooklynpark.org). Show off the fact our city is a great place to live, work and play!

Devin Montero  
Brooklyn Park City Clerk



job. Devin does want to remind potential candidates that you can't start collecting petitions until the filing period. After you get all this stuff together, it's time to put on your sneakers and start campaigning!

If you change your mind about running for public office, you can withdraw your candidacy as long as it is before 5 p.m., July 17. If you're going to be out-of-town during the filing period, you can file your forms seven days before you leave town.

Council members serve four-year terms beginning January 5, 2009. If more than two residents want to run for a particular council seat, then everyone will have to take part in a municipal primary election that will be held on September 9, 2008. The two top winners from that election then move on to the November 4 general election.

Devin's office is located at City Hall, at 5200 85th Avenue North. He'll also have candidate packets available in June, with all the paperwork ready for you to fill out. If you have questions you can call him at 763-493-8180 or email him at [devin.montero@brooklynpark.org](mailto:devin.montero@brooklynpark.org).



# PARK PAGES

What's going on in your police and fire departments?

## Public Safety in Brooklyn Park



All sorts of things are happening in the Brooklyn Park Police and Fire Departments!

The city's police cars are getting a new look, Falco the police dog got a national award and our firefighting finest recently risked life and limb to save an elderly couple. Read on...

### Police Cars Get a Makeover

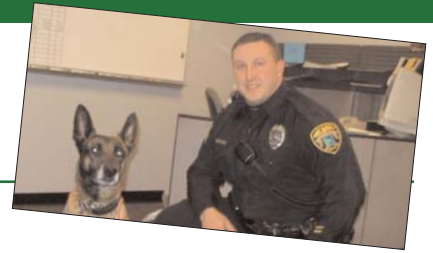
Every year "Law & Order" magazine has a contest for the best squad car design. Like the officer's badge, the squad car is probably the most visible symbol of policing and is held in high regard by police officers around the world. It is a component of the institutional identity of any law enforcement agency. It represents professionalism and authority and is an instrument of pride to those who drive it.

Last year's winner of the "Law and Order" contest caught the eye of Patrol Captain Craig Enevoldsen. He had an idea for a new look here in Brooklyn Park that was more contemporary than the current design.

The existing squad car design had been in place since 1997. While it was contemporary and forward thinking "back in the day," it had lost its luster and had been surpassed by many other more attractive designs used by agencies in the Northwest Metro area. What better time to make such a change as when the torch is passed from one Chief to another? With Police Chief Michael Davis' blessing, work began on a fresh look for Brooklyn Park Police Department squads.

Working with our police officers, the Uniform Committee and Transport Graphics of Rogers came up with several design proposals. The final product was a result of fine tuning the favored look over a period of several weeks. Thus far the response to the final product has been overwhelmingly positive.

It will take a total of three years to phase in the new design completely, but the police department will have thirteen of these "new" squads in place by the end of 2008.



### Falco: Give that Dog a Bone!

Sure, the police department is proud of its officers. But we're proud of our canine unit too! Especially, Falco, our Belgian Malinois who hails from Holland. Falco recently won awards for tracking criminals from the United States Police Canine Association. Falco's handler, Officer Mike Ploumen, was also recognized for his canine handling.



### Firefighters Honored for Saving Lives

Firefighters Bryan Schmidt, Jarrod McReynolds, District Chief Dan Hobot, Captain Kevin Bruch, and Deputy Chief Dave Schmidt were recently honored for their efforts in rescuing and saving an elderly couple from the second floor of their burning home back in March. They received awards of merit, valor, commendation and citation at a March City Council meeting.



### Lil' Mo Comes for a Visit

Officers Jennifer Foster and Sara Suerth recently got a surprise visit from a Brooklyn Park four-year-old. Mo Granberry Jr. wants to be a police officer. So in honor of his birthday, his parents, Emma and Mo Granberry, brought their son in for a tour of the police department. The little guy got to meet Dingo, the police dog, and even got to sit in a squad car and turn on its lights (no sirens, though). Lil' Mo wore his own police uniform, but everyone agreed it's only a matter of time before he wears a Brooklyn Park one!

# Rules of the Road

## Keeping safe this summer

With the temperatures rising and the flowers and trees getting ready to bloom, everyone's getting out! That's why this is a good time to remind you to stay safe when you're driving city streets.

- Motorists must stop for pedestrians in a marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- The statutory speed limit along a local residential roadway is 30 mph.
- Drivers must signal turns and lane changes within 100 feet of the turn.
- Parking is prohibited in front of a driveway or directly across from a driveway, within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, 20 feet of any mailbox and 30 feet approaching any stop sign, flashing beacon or traffic signal.
- Motorists must pull over to the far right side of a roadway and slow down/stop immediately upon hearing or seeing an approaching emergency vehicle with flashing lights.
- If a power outage affects a traffic signal, motorists are to treat the intersection as an all-way stop.
- Motorists must completely stop for a red traffic signal indication or stop sign. Vehicles should slow to a stop upon seeing an upcoming yellow signal indication.
- Seat belt use is the simplest and most effective measure to avoid death or injury in a crash. Most airbag systems don't operate if the seatbelts aren't buckled.
- Most moving violations result in a \$142 fine. However, motorists cited for failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk or tailgating/aggressive/reckless driving can be fined up to \$1,000.
- When two vehicles enter an uncontrolled or all-way stop intersection from different roadways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.
- The most common cause of multiple-vehicle crashes is driver inattention or distraction.
- The most common cause of single vehicle crashes is illegal/unsafe speed.

Just because you're walking or biking doesn't mean you don't have rules too!

- Take advantage of nearby signals and stop signs to cross major roadways and take advantage of sidewalks and trails to travel parallel to roadways.
- Streets are not play areas. They are provided to move vehicular, pedestrian and bike traffic.
- Walk facing traffic along the left side of a roadway if no sidewalks are available.
- Bike riders should use off street trails if provided, otherwise they should ride on the right side of the roadway and use hand signals for turns and stops.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing any cross walk or at a signalized or stop location. Watch for turning vehicles when crossing.
- A pedestrian shouldn't enter a crosswalk at an unsignalized intersection or mid-block crossing if a vehicle is approaching.
- Use reflective clothing and a flashlight or bike light when walking or biking at night.
- Be a defensive minded pedestrian. Never assume that a vehicle will stop or yield if you are crossing a street.
- At signalized intersections, pedestrians should use the push buttons and wait for the "Walk" indication to begin to cross.

Cross quickly and continue crossing if already started and the flashing "Don't Walk" indication appears.

- Most pedestrian crashes occur when pedestrians are crossing the street and are struck by vehicles going straight or vehicles making a left turn. The primary cause is failure of either the pedestrian or motorist to yield the right of way.
- Most bicycle/vehicle crashes are the result of bicyclist error. The primary cause of most bicycle/vehicle crashes is failure of either to yield the right of way.

## Workshops to Keep You Safe

### Burglary Prevention and Identity Theft

The police department will be hosting a Preventing Home Burglary workshop and a Preventing Identity Theft and Scams workshop. The home burglary workshop will take place on Tuesday, May 20, from 6:30-8 p.m. The identity theft and scams workshop will take place on Thursday, June 24, from 6:30-8 p.m. Both workshops will be held in the police department's training room, located at 5400 85th Avenue North. Both are free and open to all residents and refreshments will be provided. Call 763-493-8284 if you would like to sign up for either workshop.

## 2008 City Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

### They're a vital piece of the puzzle

A tasty buffet dinner, messages of thanks and appreciation and an Elvis impersonator were all part of this year's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. More than 300 residents who are active in civic organizations turned out for the event held at the Community Activity Center.

Dick Christofferson, a volunteer with the Brooklyn Park Lion's Club, has attended the event two years in a row. As a resident who cares about others, he's done everything from giving out eyeglasses to low income children, to helping out seniors who need a hand. He summed up the evening best, "Being around people who give back to the community, makes me feel good. It also makes me feel like I can make a difference in Brooklyn Park."



# Tater Daze

## 2008 Tater Daze Button Winner! Alexia Phimmasene

For Alexia Phimmasene, this year's Tater Daze festival will be extra special. When she walks around the carnival, the parade and all of the different events, she'll see people wearing her artwork. Alexia is this year's Tater Daze button winner. The nine-year-old's winning design features people holding hands with Spud McTater in the middle. She says she wanted her drawing to reflect the city because "there used to be potatoes in Brooklyn Park and people who are from different states or countries live here. They're from far away."



Alexia Phimmasene, nine-year old Edinbrook Elementary third grader and 2008 Tater Daze button design winner!



For her prize, the young artist will receive \$100, recognition from the City Council, and a chance to ride a float in the big parade. The Edinbrook Elementary third grader says she's excited that her design will be on all of the festival's buttons. She beat out hundreds of other Brooklyn Park children to win the honor.

The buttons will be sold before and during the event for \$3. Buying one will allow you to get discounts and be entered in prize drawings. This year the top prizes are \$1,000, \$250, and \$100 Visa gift cards. There are also dozens of other prizes you can check out at [www.taterdaze.org](http://www.taterdaze.org).

Alexia says she was surprised to learn she won the contest, and hopes lots of people buy a button. In fact she says she sometimes has to pinch herself, "because I'm amazed that I won."

If you'd like to buy one of Alexia's buttons and enter the drawings, you need to register your button by mailing in the entry card. If you would like to buy a button by mail or want a free entry without buying a button, send in a self-addressed stamped envelope with appropriate fees to Tater Daze, 5200 85th Avenue, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. The card must be returned and postmarked by June 13. If you miss that deadline, you can bring your registration card to the volunteer tent during the event and pickup your button then. Winners will be announced at the main stage, Sunday, June 22, at 5 p.m. You don't need to be present to win.



## Are You a Tater Daze Fan? Help make the 2008 event a success!

We need volunteers for:

- Entertainment hosts
- Children's games and face painting
- Toy shop
- Set up and clean up crews
- Parade monitors
- Sports areas
- Ticket takers
- Parking attendants
- Site crew

Volunteer orientations will be held Thursday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, June 17, at 6 p.m. at Brooklyn Park City Hall. As a volunteer you receive a parking pass and t-shirt. If you can't make one of these dates and times, please contact Denise Rene Wollenburg at 763-493-8154 for other arrangements.





# 2008 Tater Daze Festival Schedule

All events are at or near the festival site, at Noble Sports Park

## Thursday, June 19

**Tater Daze Parade** sponsored by Anderson Automatics. It starts at 6:30 p.m. The parade goes down Noble Avenue at 85th Avenue North and ends at 76th Avenue North.

## Friday, June 20

**Carnival site is open** from 5-11:30 p.m.

**Bingo**

**Craft and Business Fair**

**Potato Patch Games**

**Softball Tournament** sponsored by Victory Grill Men's Class D National Qualifier. Entry fee is \$140 and national tournament berths are based on a minimum of six teams draw. Expense money is \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place. Deadline to register is Tuesday, June 17, at 5 p.m. Call 763-493-8333 for more information or log on to [www.taterdaze.org](http://www.taterdaze.org) for registration.

### Soccer Tournament

This is the first annual Tater Daze Soccer Tournament for kids and adults! There is free registration, and shirts are provided for all youth participants. To participate, contact the Brooklyn Park Athletic Association at 763-560-9130 or log on to [www.bpaasports.org](http://www.bpaasports.org). You can also pick up registration forms at the Community Activity Center or [www.taterdaze.org](http://www.taterdaze.org).

### Windjammer

Main Stage 5-7 p.m.  
Brooklyn Park Variety Rock Band



### The Tim Sigler Band

Main Stage 8-11:30 p.m.  
Tim Sigler has been playing music to thousands of people throughout the Midwest for most of his adult life. With nearly 200 shows per year, and a massive play list, the country music singer has quickly become a fan favorite here in Minnesota. Backed by some of the some of the best musicians in the Twin Cities, the Tim Sigler Band is a must-see show!

## Sunday, June 22

**Carnival site is open** from noon-6 p.m.

**Bingo**

**Craft and Business Fair**

**Potato Patch Games**

**Soccer Tournament**

**Softball Tournament**

**Prize Drawings**

### Sara Renner and the Elements

Sponsored by Living Word Christian Center  
Main Stage Noon-5 p.m.  
Specializing in a unique blend of gospel, soul and jazz musical styles, Sara Renner and her dynamic band will be making their first Tater Daze performance.



## Saturday, June 21

**Carnival site is open** from 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

### Spud Run 5K

Brooklyn Park North Fire Station  
9700 Regent Avenue North  
Check-in: 7 a.m./Take-off: 8 a.m.



### Kids Fun Run

Brooklyn Park North Fire Station 8:45 a.m.

Are you looking for a challenge or just some good family fun? Then run or walk, the Spud Run is for you! After the adult run, there's also a special race just for the kids. Parking is available next door at St. Gerard's Church. There will be medals for first place, both male and female. Kids get ribbons and prize bags. Everyone gets a t-shirt.

### Softball Tournament

### Soccer Tournament

### Tater Tots Kiddie Parade

10:30 a.m.

Kids are encouraged to dress up as their favorite characters, decorate their bikes, wagons and strollers, or even dress up the family pet in a special outfit! All children who take part in the event will receive a treat bag. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and decorations.

### Radio Disney Presentation

Main Stage 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

After the parade, take the kids to see Radio Disney perform on the main stage! Kids can get their pictures taken with their favorite characters.



### Women of Today Cooking Contest

1 p.m.

Don't miss this potato adventure!  
Registration forms can be found on the website.



### Craft and Business Fair

Check out local artists and businesses.

### Bingo Tent

Hosted by the Brooklyn Park Crime Prevention Association

### Classic Car Show

1-5 p.m.  
See all the hotrods of the past.



### KYX Band

Main Stage 2-6 p.m.  
Classic rock from the 60s and 70s



### Dazy Head Mazy

Main Stage 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
This band takes ear candy eye-opening pop and blends it with soothing melodic vocals that leave you humming infectious tunes days after.

### Fireworks

10 p.m.



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## Residents Bring Back a City Tradition

### The Ambassador Program is back!

**Saturday, June 21 - 1 p.m. at Discovery Lutheran Church**

For years, a highlight of the Tater Daze festival was the coronation of girls and young women as goodwill ambassadors for the City of Brooklyn Park. But a lack of interest and volunteers took away the program in recent years. Until now...

The Tater Daze committee is proud to welcome back The Ambassador Program thanks to four new volunteers. Melissa Turnquist, Renee Andryski, Kathy Zeman and Deb Black have been volunteers in local and surrounding communities with other city ambassador programs and think it's about time Brooklyn Park's program came back.

Melissa lives in Brooklyn Park and works at Wells Fargo Bank, Renee works at Robbinsdale Cooper High School and Kathy is an LPN at Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Deb is a co-owner of the Dahl Violin Shop in Minneapolis. All of them volunteer for other organizations and three of them have daughters or granddaughters who are currently in ambassador programs in other cities.

They would like Brooklyn Park residents to join in and compete in the program. The age limit will be extended this year from 6-21 years old. This will give equal opportunity for all young people to represent the city. For more information on this program please log on to [www.taterdaze.org](http://www.taterdaze.org).

Since the city didn't have an ambassador program last year, the volunteers have called upon our surrounding communities to help Brooklyn Park with the coronation of our new ambassadors. Queens and princesses from Blaine, Maple Grove and Robbinsdale will help to crown the 2008-2009 Ambassadors for the City of Brooklyn Park.

The four women say they are dedicated to making the program a success. They also want to remind everyone "it's not what you wear on your head, it's what you hold in your heart that matters."

## Parade Marshals It's all about our community

This year's Tater Daze Parade Grand Marshal is you! We want to recognize all our community groups and organizations. The Tater Daze team is requesting every Brooklyn Park community group, youth organization, social service agency or faith based group to provide one person to ride on our Grand Marshal trolley. Please call 763-493-8013 to register your representative or register online at [www.taterdaze.org](http://www.taterdaze.org).



## 2008 Tater Daze Parade Information

This year's Tater Daze Parade, sponsored by Anderson Automatics, is better than ever! It will be held on Thursday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. The Park Center High School Marching Pirates, led by Mr. John Olson, is the host band for the parade. Community groups, cultural and ethnic dancers, and local public officials will also be part of the fun. The route goes down Noble Avenue starting at 85th Avenue and ends at Park Center High School.

Immediately after the parade an awards ceremony will take place, which will be held on the field at Park Center High School's Pride Stadium. Refreshments will be served.

### Please note the following road closings:

From 6-8:45 p.m.

Noble Avenue will be closed southbound from Edinbrook Terrace to 85th Avenue. Northbound traffic will be allowed off of 85th Avenue North.

Also, Noble Avenue from 75th to 85th Avenues North will be closed both ways and 85th Avenue North will be closed from Noble to Zane Avenue.





## Tater Daze Carnival and Game Information

### What you need to know to have fun!

Get your carnival tickets early and save money!

Presale tickets are on sale now at City Hall and the Community Activity Center. The city is offering 20 rides for \$25, which is one ticket for each ride with your presale tickets. On-site, rides will be \$1 per ticket and each ride will take two to four tickets. Wristbands will be presold for \$15, or \$18 on-site. They are good for one day, during selected hours.

There will also be a children's game area called the Potato Patch, which will be run by community groups. Kids can win tokens to go shopping in the Tater Store for games, stuffed animals and other prizes. Every game wins a prize. To play, you need to buy Tater Tickets. Presale tickets are 20 for \$2. On-site they will be four tickets for \$1 and 20 tickets for \$4.50.

Tater Tickets can also be used for face painting, balloons, and the petting zoo. **Note: Tater Tickets are NOT eligible for use at Crescent City Amusement rides or games.** So what's the easiest way to buy tickets? Save time and mail in the order form below!

## Tater Daze Donors

The 44th Annual Tater Daze Festival would not be possible without the generous support of our donors. Please patronize and thank the following organizations and businesses:

### Spud Level

Anderson Automatics  
City of Brooklyn Park



### Superior Level

Living Word Christian Center  
M&I Bank  
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### Yukon Level

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Wagner's Drive-In  
Brooklyn Park Crime Prevention Association



## Tater Daze Ticket Preorder Form

Presale One-day Ride Wristband \$15    Presale 20-Count Carnival Ride Tickets \$25    Presale 20-Count Tater Tickets \$2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**One-day Ride Wristband** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Carnival Ride 20-count** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tater Tickets 20-count** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**(circle one)**  
I will pick up tickets at the volunteer tent on event day OR  
mail to me!

**Checks can be made payable to the City of Brooklyn Park and mailed to:** City of Brooklyn Park/Tater Daze, 5200 85th Ave. No., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443



## Thinking About Multi Family Housing in Brooklyn Park?

### Housing for the future

Last October, residents expressed concerns about the proposal to build an apartment development at the northwest corner of Highway 610 and Noble Parkway. As a result, city leaders decided there should be a multi family housing study group.

That group had its first meeting on March 4 to learn about the history of housing in the city and what the group's role will be over the next ten months. After the

educational period, the group will be creating policy recommendations for the City Council and the Economic Development Authority in the fall. Right now the city is on a one year moratorium on the development of high density housing.

For more information on the group, log on to [www.brooklynpark.org/studygroup](http://www.brooklynpark.org/studygroup) or email Kim Berggren at [kimberly.berggren@brooklynpark.org](mailto:kimberly.berggren@brooklynpark.org).

## Shaping the Future of Huntington Pointe

### Residents contribute development ideas

This winter and spring, a group of city residents spent four Tuesday nights in workshops, helping city leaders think about what to do with the Huntington Pointe Redevelopment site. We're pleased to report the group got a lot accomplished!

Last year the city bought the aging apartment complex near Regent Avenue and Brooklyn Boulevard to reduce the density of one bedroom apartments in the area. With demolition underway, the Community Development Department needed ideas for the future use of the site.

The workshops were productive, with residents exploring development scenarios for the Huntington Pointe site. The process was coordinated by the Corridor Housing Initiative, which is a group well known in Minneapolis and St Paul for fostering development in changing neighborhoods. The workshop series attracted almost 60 residents who demonstrated a strong commitment to ensuring Brooklyn Park remains a great place to live.

At the first workshop on February 26, residents talked about what could be built on the property. There was a consensus on the desire to strengthen the natural amenities of Shingle Creek and use the site for a unique development. Many expressed concerns about returning housing to the site. Development ideas ranged from things like a medical or entertainment center to more civic uses like a park, library, or community center. Some brought up the possibility of using the site for senior housing or an office development.

Participants had a bit of fun as well. On March 11, the group played a "block exercise." Residents built development scenarios using building blocks. The proposed developments were tested using a model to see if they would be financially feasible to build.

The third workshop on March 25 featured a panel of developers and a park representative who offered insights about the opportunities and challenges of the site. They also participated in an engaging discussion about the future of the neighborhood.

At the final workshop on April 15, participants wrote down their recommendations for the future redevelopment of the Huntington Pointe site based on their shared community values and market realities. It wasn't easy though, with the uncertainty of the current market, a clear development direction was hard to identify. Instead, community participants outlined goals and guidelines for future development. They also described the importance of creating well-maintained open space on the site until a quality development proposal emerges.

All of that information is now being passed along to the City Council and the Brooklyn Park Economic Development Authority. You can read more about this at [www.brooklynpark.org/CHI](http://www.brooklynpark.org/CHI).

This workshop series is a great example of city residents getting involved in city government. Do your part and get involved, just like the community members who participated in this project. Only with your help, can Brooklyn Park be a city for all.



# Brooklyn Park Water Conservation

## What you need to know

### Lawn Sprinkling Restrictions

Odd/Even lawn sprinkling restrictions are in effect from May 1 until September 30. Residents with even-numbered addresses may water on even-numbered days and odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered days.

Residents should avoid sprinkling their lawns between the hours of 4 and 10 p.m., when demand on the water supply is at its peak. Newly seeded or sodded lawns and irrigation wells are exempt from this restriction.

### Best Lawn Watering Practices

Summer lawn watering creates large demands on the city's water supply. Water supply treatment and storage facilities are built three times larger to support additional demands created by lawn watering. This extra capacity is not used for most of the year and adds significant costs to the design, construction and operation of a water system. Efficient lawn watering practices can help maintain a beautiful yard and conserve the city's valuable water supplies.

### Tips to do your part

- Adjust sprinklers to water only grassy areas and not surfaces such as streets, driveways and walkways.
- Mow grass to a height of two-and-a-half to three inches. Taller grass shades the roots and soil surfaces, which helps reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation.
- Use sprinklers that spray low large drops instead of high fine ones.
- Use hand soakers for small trees, shrubs and plants.
- Use shut off nozzles on hoses and repair leaky hoses and fittings.

## Step To It Brooklyn Park Challenge

### Count your steps, so we can win!

Calling all city residents! We need you to walk and count your steps. It's the first annual Step To It Challenge, sponsored by the Hennepin County Public Health Department.

Brooklyn Park will compete against several other Hennepin County communities to see which city can walk the most steps, preferably on the city's sidewalks, parks and trails. It's all an effort to raise awareness of physical fitness.

Here's what you need to do:

Beginning May 17, log on to [www.steptoit.org](http://www.steptoit.org) to sign up.

From May 17 to June 14, record or log all your daily steps. (It's easiest to use a pedometer). You can walk as much or as little as you want, then remember to report your steps online so the city receives credit.

You also can keep track of your steps by remembering that 2,000 steps equals one mile. There are walking park maps with one to two mile routes that can be printed from the city's website ([www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org)) or picked up at the CAC.



### Watering Tips

- Watering your lawn about one inch per week (including precipitation) is adequate for maintaining a beautiful yard. Use a can or rain gauge to help determine the amount of water on your lawn.
- Don't use a fixed schedule for lawn watering. Apply water only when needed.
- A simple test for determining if grass needs water is to walk on the lawn. If you leave foot prints, it may be time to water!
- Using a spade or gardening tool to check soil conditions two to six inches below the surface can provide information on soil moisture.
- A good soaking once or twice a week is better than watering every day. Allowing the soil to dry in-between waterings will allow roots to grow to greater depths and help make turf more drought tolerant.
- Water during the cool part of the day to minimize moisture lost to evaporation. Early morning hours (4 -10 a.m.) are the best, and the peak water consumption hours.
- Avoid watering between 4-10 p.m.
- Avoid watering during midday hours when it is hot and sunny to prevent scalding the turf.
- Watering at night is not recommended because the lawn stays wet for a long period of time which can also promote diseases and affect the health of your lawn.



So what does the winning city get?

A big party to recognize all the city's walkers, sponsored by the Hennepin County Department of Public Health.

**So, c'mon, everyone, get moving!**



The new "Get Up & Go" summer recreation brochure is available and can be picked up at City Hall or the Community Activity Center



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## City of Brooklyn Park 2007 Drinking Water Report

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, 2007. 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

The City of Brooklyn Park provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: 13 wells ranging from 213 to 737 feet deep, that draw water from the Eau Claire-Mt. Simon, Quaternary Water Table, Jordan, Quaternary Buried Artesian, and Franconia-Ironton-Galesville aquifer.

The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards but the Minnesota Department of Health has determined that one or more of the sources of water is potentially susceptible to contamination. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at [www.health.state.mn/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).

Call 763-315-8412 if you have questions about the City of Brooklyn Park 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 than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for 2006. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2007)	Average Result*	
Alpha Emitters (pCi/l)	0	15.4	nd-7.7	7.7	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (ppm) (4/22/2004)	2	2	.0302- .0632	.06	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium (pCi/l)	0	5.4	1.4-4.7	4.7	Erosion of natural deposits.
Cyanide (ppb)	200	200	nd-200	100	Discharge from steel/metal factories; Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.1-1.4	1.25	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	4.9	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	0	80	N/A	36.9	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

\*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.

√Not enough samples have yet been taken to determine an average compliance value for this contaminant.

Contaminant (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	****	*****	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	.2-.4	.32	Water additive used to control microbes.

\*\*\*\*Highest and Lowest Monthly Average \*\*\*\*\*Highest Quarterly Average

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# of Sites Over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm)	N/A	1.3	.87	1 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb)	N/A	15	3	1 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Brooklyn Park is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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 (2007)	Average Result	
Sodium (ppm)	4-25	25	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sulfate (ppm)	29.4-104	104	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.

In order to ensure that 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 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 Environmental Protection Agency’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. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some 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.

**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.

**MRDL** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.

**MRDLG** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.

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

**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.

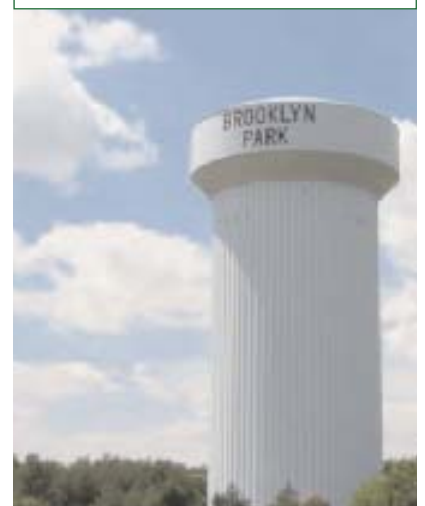
**pCi/l** PicoCuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

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

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

**nd** No detection.

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



# Summer Blossom Awards 2008

## Show off your green thumb!

Do you have a yard that's the envy of the neighborhood? Do you have the most beautiful flowers in your backyard? It's time for you to be recognized!

Every year the city sponsors the Summer Blossom Awards, to highlight attractive gardens and landscaping in Brooklyn Park. It's a competitive program for both homeowners and business owners who strive to improve the city's landscape. This year the competition runs from May 27 through July 7. The contest has several categories you can enter, which includes single family home, townhome, neighborhood garden and commercial property. If you are selected a winner, you will receive a gift certificate with a cash value of \$150, an engraved garden paver and formal recognition from the Brooklyn Park City Council.

Entries for Summer Blossom Awards must be located in the city and the property must be nominated for entry. Nominations can be put in by neighbors, contractors or the gardeners themselves. You can nominate more than one property.

Think this is for you? Simply submit entries with two photos to: Brooklyn Park Summer Blossom Awards 5200 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. Entries must feature flowering plants, trees, shrubs, ground cover, perennials, retaining walls, arbors or water features to create a visually significant summer long display of flowers. The garden/landscape must be well maintained through the growing season and have a positive visual impact on the neighborhood

Past winners from the last five years are not eligible to enter. For more information just log on to: [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org).



Mark the dates!  
2008 Tater Daze  
Festival  
June 19-22  
Event schedule  
inside!



## Summer Blossom Awards - Nomination Ballot

(circle one)	Single Family	Townhome	Neighborhood Garden	Commercial
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Name of Gardener: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance of Garden/Landscaping to the Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit entries May 27 through July 7, 2008, to: Brooklyn Park Summer Blossom Awards, 5200 - 85th Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. For more information go to the city's website: [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org).



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