

PARK PAGES

The People, Places and Events of Brooklyn Park

September/October 2008

Brooklyn Park Kids Work Out with Adrian Peterson Youth footballers excel at Winter Park

Participate in activities sponsored by the Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Department and you never know who you might get to meet!

Recently a special group of kids from the City's youth football program got to participate in Adrian Peterson's Youth Football Clinic, held at the Minnesota Vikings headquarters - Winter Park. For two hours the pint-sized players, who are between 9 and 14, practiced drills while being coached by Peterson and members of the Minnesota Vikings coaching staff.

Eleven-year-old Isaac Tamba was one of the 15 Brooklyn Park kids chosen to participate in the clinic. For weeks before the event, he kept asking his coaches and parents if it was time to meet the superstar. When the day finally came, he said, "It was so cool to meet him. To me, he's the best running back in the world." Connor Schissel, who's also 11 said, "It was an honor to meet him. When I found out I got to go, I just couldn't believe it. It was so cool to get to go to Winter Park and play on the same field where the big guys do."

Connor's Dad, Callistus Schissel, is the 6th Grade and Under Football Commissioner and Coach for the Brooklyn Park Athletic Association. He accompanied the kids, along with counselors from the City's recreation and parks staff. He too, was pretty excited to meet last year's NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year. Callistus and the kids couldn't stop talking about how strong Peterson's handshake was. But he also said, "The opportunity was excellent, I

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Buying & Owning a Home in Brooklyn Park Let the City help you!

DeAnn Boyd walked into a recent Homebuyers' Fair at the Community Activity Center excited and a little nervous. She'd just made a decision she's ready to buy her first home. "I heard about this fair through a flyer, I just had to stop in and check it out," said the long time Brooklyn Park resident, who's currently a renter.

DeAnn was not disappointed. She got the opportunity to meet credible realtors, bank officials and lenders who are all familiar with the real estate situation in the Northwest metro area. One person DeAnn met was Cindy Dorfner of Edina Realty. Cindy told potential homebuyers like DeAnn the same thing, "This is the right time to buy. There are incredible opportunities out there. Brooklyn Park is a great community with lots of homes in all price ranges. There's something for everyone. If you don't think you can afford a home, you might want to re-think that."

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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.

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

Information Contacts

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Official website: 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.

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think there could be a Vikings player in any one of these kids."

Brad Madson, Community Relations Director for the Vikings, invited the aspiring athletes to participate in the clinic not only because of the City's well-respected youth football program, but because "Brooklyn Park's Recreation and Parks Department is known for doing top notch work in planning recreational activities for its residents."

The kids were chosen based on talent and good behavior, and special emphasis was given to children "needing a special break." The event wasn't just about football, there was plenty of advice on life issues.

Minnesota Vikings Head Coach Brad Childress told the kids to "set outrageous goals. Set the bar high, do everything you can to reach your goals and then don't be afraid to dream."

Home Ownership Opportunities continued from cover...

The City's Housing and Redevelopment Specialist, Marjorie Mangine, put the event together. It's Marjorie's job to know all the housing trends in the City. She and her colleagues in the Community Development Department have been very concerned with the number of foreclosures, so the Homebuyers' Fair was just one of many events and programs they've initiated to fight back the housing downturn. "We have lots of affordable homes in good solid neighborhoods. We want to make sure homes that are vacant are filled with nice, responsible homeowners."

Marjorie also wants Brooklyn Park residents to know there's plenty of financial help for first-time homebuyers. The City currently has programs that offer low fixed interest rates and money to help you with your down payment and closing costs. There are also lots of counselors ready to assist you in getting through all the complicated paperwork.

If you already own your own home in Brooklyn Park, there are city programs for you too. Whether you own a single family home, townhome, duplex or condo, you could be eligible for a home improvement loan. Loan amounts range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and can be used for interior or exterior improvements.

For DeAnn, the Homebuyers' Fair was well worth the time and effort. She didn't realize "there was so much help" for folks like her. If you have any home buying or home ownership issues, Marjorie is always available to help or point you in the right direction. Just email her at marjorie.mangine@brooklynpark.org or give her a call at 763-493-8054. There's also plenty of information on the City's website at www.brooklynpark.org/housing, under the Community Development Department.

Remember, what happens in our neighborhoods affects everyone in the City. Together, let's fill our vacant homes, make our properties the best they can be and make Brooklyn Park a great place to live!

Peterson spent almost a half an hour exclusively with Brooklyn Park's kids. He commented how they were "so full of energy. A lot of them have great footwork, great balance. They just have to keep it up and keep improving." One hundred children participated in the event, which was sponsored and paid for by Qwest Communications. The kids came from all over the state, and were either involved in youth football programs or the Boys and Girls Club of the Twin Cities.

At the end of the clinic, each child received an autographed photo of Peterson, as well as two tickets to the Vikings/Steelers game last month. It was definitely a day that will forever be etched in the minds of all the kids. In fact, at the end of the event, Peterson told the kids he's "waiting for the next Vikings superstar to come from Brooklyn Park."



New Businesses in Brooklyn Park Tradition and Avon

There's a new place for senior citizens to live and have some fun. Tradition independent and assisted living rental homes is now taking applications for new residents. The luxury apartment community features one and two bedroom apartments (some with dens) with plenty of amenities. Folks over 55 can take advantage of a variety of care plans, transportation service, an on-site full-service restaurant and store, fitness room and much more! The brand new property was once in foreclosure, but recently St. Louis Park based Lang Nelson and Associates purchased it. Tradition is located at 8500 Tessman Road, located at 85th Avenue North and Tessman Farm Road. For more information, call 763-416-7740.

Did you know Brooklyn Park is home to one of only four Avon retail stores in the Twin Cities metro area? Angela Mensah recently opened the Avon Beauty Store at 2995 Brookdale Drive. It's a dream come true for the Brooklyn Park resident. She's always loved Avon beauty products and always wanted to open her own store. She finally did it! Mensah says the concept of retail stores for the Avon Company is new and part of their plan to expand sales. The beauty store owner does admit running a store can be a little stressful though, especially since she's continuing to work full-time overnights as a nurse at an area hospital.



Talkin' Trash with Dan the Recycling Man

Hi Brooklyn Park Residents!

I'm back with more recycling news. This issue I want to talk about our **Fall Special Material Drop-Off Day**. It's your day to get rid of all the junk around your house. **It will be held on Saturday, October 4, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brooklyn Park Operations and Maintenance Facility**, located at 8300 Noble Avenue North.

There's a small charge to bring some items, others we'll take for free. Here are the details:

No Charge

Antifreeze, electronics (TV's, computers, monitors, stereos, cell phones, etc.) motor oil and oil filters, household and vehicle batteries and scrap metal (remove non-metal parts).

Charge

Appliances (\$10), residential air conditioner (\$15), and tires (\$1 to \$15 based on size).

The Vietnam Veterans of America will also be there to accept items such as holiday decorations and artificial trees, cooking utensils, small appliances, dishware, books, National Geographic magazines, towels, bedding, sewing, office equipment and supplies, camping equipment, eyeglasses, computer software, clothing, shoes, jewelry, electronics, home decorations, luggage, musical instruments, telephones and tools.

One more thing - many usable household items can be disposed of or exchanged for free through an online bulletin board at www.twincitiesfreemarket.org.

Now it's time for the recycling question of the month: **Is there anything I can do about global warming? Recycle Your Paper!**

Global warming is a big topic these days, and people want to know what they can do to help. Most people don't realize it, but one way to reduce global warming is to recycle paper products.

Energy Savings - Pulp and paper are the 5th largest industrial energy consumer in the world! Production of recycled paper uses 65 percent less energy than paper production using raw materials. Reducing energy consumption reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Tree Preservation - Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees from being cut down. Each tree helps reduce global warming by capturing and holding carbon dioxide, a major greenhouse gas.

Water Savings - Methane and nitrous oxide, both greenhouse gases, are emitted during wastewater treatment. Production of recycled paper uses 80 percent less water than paper production using raw materials, reducing methane and nitrous oxide, and therefore greenhouse gas emissions!

When you think of all of the things you can do to help reduce global warming, remind yourself that recycling your paper products is an important step. And don't forget your cans and bottles - recycling all types of containers saves energy and natural resources, helping to reduce global warming. Rethink recycling. You can recycle more kinds of paper than you think. To learn more, call 763-493-8006.

Finally, fall is upon us and blisters are ready to form as we take on the annual ritual of raking leaves. Be sure to take advantage of the free leaf disposal at the Maple Grove Yard Waste Site, located at 14796 101st Avenue North. The site is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday noon to 7 p.m. through November 30. They also accept grass clippings, brush, and tree branches up to 10 inches in diameter.

That's it for this issue. Remember to watch my "Dan the Recycling Man" television segments on the City's news show, **Brooklyn Park Now!** The show airs on channel 16 every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. It 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.

Happy Recycling!

Dan



Brooklyn Park's New Fire Chief

Kenneth Prillaman Makes his Mark in Brooklyn Park!

Ken Prillaman's been on the job for a little more than a month. In his short time, he's got a lot accomplished. He's working on updating the City's Emergency Operations Plan with Hennepin County, crunching numbers for the 2009 budget, all while trying to learn the names of more than 70 firefighters who report to him. "It's been hectic and busy, but I love it. This is my dream job," said the new Chief recently.

Prillaman is the City of Brooklyn Park's seventh Fire Chief. He brings a wealth of experience in both executive management and firefighting. He has more than ten years of firefighting experience, serving most recently with the Paxtonia Fire Company located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. In Paxtonia, he was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief after demonstrating outstanding leadership skills and work ethic. He's a nationally certified firefighter and fire instructor, and developed an excellent reputation as a command officer.

The 48-year-old came to the City after serving as President of Transition Partners, an independent consulting firm that focuses on automation design. He also was Executive Vice President of Agency Operations for Valmark Securities and Chief Operating Officer of BISYS Insurance, the nation's largest distributor of financial products.

"I am excited Ken is on board as our new Fire Chief. His background of excellent management and solid fire service experience is what we were looking for to serve the citizens of Brooklyn Park and to

Calling All Brooklyn Park Kids! Want to be the City's Fire Chief for a day?

Brooklyn Park's new Fire Chief needs your help! He's looking for a boy or girl between the ages of 9 and 13 to become his Junior Fire Chief for one day in October. You must be in the fourth, fifth or sixth grade, and live in Brooklyn Park or attend a school located in the city.

Interested? All you have to do is fill out an application and write an essay on why you'd like to be Fire Chief for a day, and how you'd teach fire prevention tips to other kids. Applications are being handed out at all Brooklyn Park schools, or you can get it online at www.brooklynpark.org under "Fire Department." There are also forms at the customer service desk at City Hall.

The winner will spend the day with Chief Prillaman, and do everything he does, which includes going out on fire emergency calls and visiting firefighters at all the fire stations. A fire truck will also come to the winner's school. But that's not all, the lucky boy or girl will also receive a \$100 savings bond and two lower level tickets to an upcoming Minnesota Vikings game.

The deadline to apply is September 28 so get your application in today! For more information on the contest, contact Denise Rene Wollenburg at denise.wollenburg@brooklynpark.org or call her at 763-493-8154.



lead the Brooklyn Park Fire Department," said Steve Lampi, Brooklyn Park's Mayor. City Manager Jamie Verbrugge recommended Prillaman to the City Council after mulling over 30 applications. "Ken brings a wealth of knowledge in the areas of strategic planning, budgeting and personnel management. I'm very confident that he will be an asset to our senior management team and a strong leader for our firefighters," said Verbrugge.

Prillaman's personal goal is to be an active member of the community and a dedicated public servant to the residents of Brooklyn Park. "I want everyone to know my door will always be open. If you have a fire issue, I'd love to hear your comments or concerns. I will do my best to lead the Fire Department efficiently and effectively."

Prillaman is married to wife, Debbie. They have seven children who range in age from 11 to 26. In his spare time he enjoys riding his Harley Davidson, golfing and taking part in mission work at his church. He also enjoys hanging out with his dogs, Mocha and Jayda, and cat, Lizzy.

You can reach the new Fire Chief at ken.prillaman@brooklynpark.org or call him at 763-493-8026.

Vacant Properties Protect your home and neighborhood

Inspectors with the City's Code Enforcement & Public Health (CEPH) Division have been busier than ever lately. They have a never-ending to do list when it comes to vacant property issues all over town. CEPH staff are on the look-out for problems such as security issues, garbage and waste, health concerns inside the home, and long grass.

Inspectors encourage all Brooklyn Park residents to take action if they see problems in their neighborhoods. Citizens can use the public service request form on the City's website (www.brooklynpark.org) under "Departments" and then "Code Enforcement and Public Health," or call 763-493-8070. We want to keep all of the City's neighborhoods in great condition, but we can't be everywhere all the time. Please help us by being our eyes and ears!

Sewer Problems are the Dumps!

There's nothing worse than dealing with a messy basement after a sanitary sewer backup. Jon Watson, the City's Water Superintendent, wants all residents to know if this ever happens to you, please call him immediately at 763-493-8007 during business hours or 763-493-8222 after hours. At that time we will determine if the problem is the City's responsibility or if you need to contact a sewer maintenance company.



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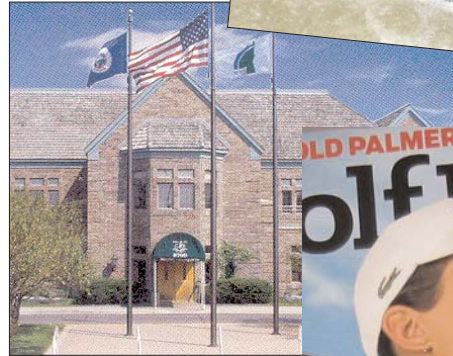
City Departments Rack Up Awards We're working to be the best in government!

As taxpayers, you employ more than 300 workers in the City of Brooklyn Park. Every day city workers work as a team to make sure residents are getting the best bang for their buck. That's why it's great when our City departments get recognized for outstanding work, especially when compared to other area communities. We thought you should know about some of them.

National magazine **Golf Digest** just awarded the City's prize jewel, **Edinburgh USA Golf Course**, a four star rating in the 2008-2009 edition of **Golf Digest: Best Places to Play**. The honor was based on the evaluations of approximately 20,000 readers and golf enthusiasts. The magazine editors wrote: This course started the golf course boom in Minnesota! A great municipal course with an excellent layout and good management.

The **Recreation and Parks Department** received a **2008 Award of Excellence from the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association**. The award recognized the city department for outstanding work in administration, communications, parks and facilities and programming and events.

The Police Department also has a lot to brag about. Teenagers in the **Police Explorers Program** won a national prize during the



National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado. The explorers, who range in age from 14 to 20, took third place in the Emergency Field First Aid Competition. They also took part in other competitions including crime scene search, hostage negotiation, and shoot/don't shoot. The group did take a day off to go whitewater rafting for some fun! The kids raised their own money to attend the national conference. They would like to thank all the residents who attended their steak fries and purchased their popcorn and poinsettias, so they could have the opportunity to win this award!

Babysitting Clinic Kids caring for kids

Babysitting Clinic Goals:

- Provide an understanding of small children and infants
- Give general information on safety and emergency procedures
- Promote and teach fire safety
- Teach games and songs to entertain small children
- Certify participants for responsible childcare

Who: Boys and girls between the ages of 10-12 in grades 5 or 6
Date: **Saturday, September 27**
Time: **8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
Place: **Hennepin Technical College** 9000 Brooklyn Blvd.
 (Hwy 169 & Brooklyn Blvd. Look for signs for correct door)
 Brooklyn Park, MN
Cost: \$20 per person
Lunch: Bring a brown bag lunch marked with name

Pre-registration is required.

Questions? Call Sandy Froehlich at 763-226-6039 or email sfroehlich1@msn.com. Registration form and check are due no later than Wednesday, September 24. No confirmation letter will be sent. Children must be picked up inside the school. No child will be allowed to wait outside in the parking lot. This clinic also completes the requirements for the Girl Scouts Child Care Badge.



Babysitting Clinic Pre-registration Form

Saturday, September 27, 2008, 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Phone: () _____

Parent's email: _____

For questions contact Sandy Froehlich at 763-226-6039 or sfroehlich1@msn.com. To register, mail this completed form with \$20 cash or check (checks made out to Brooklyn Park Women of Today) payment to Brooklyn Park Women of Today, P.O. Box 43014, Brooklyn Park, MN 55433.

What can I do in the City?

Fall activities at Eidem Historical Farm

The leaves are changing color and there's a nip in the air. It's time for fun fall activities at the Eidem Historical farm.

On **Sunday, September 21, it's Apple Cider Day and an 1860's Baseball Exhibition from 1 to 4 p.m.** Costumed volunteers will make homemade cider and bake apple cakes and dumplings while you watch an old time ball game.

On **Sunday, October 19, from 1 to 4 p.m., it's Fall on the Farm.** Bob for apples, carve pumpkins, make some homemade lemonade and visit the farm animals. Those are just some of the things that will delight your entire family.

Come celebrate **Halloween at the farm! Thursday, October 30, from 7 to 9 p.m.** the farmhouse will glow in lamplight. They'll be



stories, a bonfire, barn dance, decorations and treats. Finally, don't forget the Old Fashioned Farm Christmas with Norwegian Traditions. Celebrate traditional Norwegian dancing, caroling, and gift making. Expect a visit from St. Nick too!

Admission for all events is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 3 to 12 years old. More detailed information about these events can be found in the Fall Recreation Guide or on the City's website, www.brooklynpark.org under "Departments" and then "Recreation and Parks." Hope to see you there!

Open House on Multi-Family Housing

The Multi-Family Housing Study Group wants to share information it has gathered about the future of apartments, condos, and townhomes in Brooklyn Park and is seeking input from residents.

Tuesday, October 7 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.
City Hall, 5200 85th Avenue North

See www.brooklynpark.org/studygroup for more information or call 763-493-8050.

Brooklyn Park Students Wanted for City Commissions

There's no stoping what you can do!

Do you know a teenager with leadership potential? Are you a teen looking to serve your community? Do you want to share your views with city leaders? The city is looking for candidates to fill youth liaison vacancies on city commissions.

Students must be a resident and at least 15-years-old. Successful candidates serve a one year term. Applications are available at www.brooklynpark.org, at the City Hall customer service desk, or call 763-493-8154 to request an application or for more information. Applications for appointments will be accepted through September 30.



Tennessee Warning: The party address provided on this form is considered public data (MS 13.37(3)). Failure to provide this information will result in the rejection of your registration. Your name and phone number are considered private data and will not be released. You are not required to provide this information. It is used to contact you if needed.

Hosting an Event or Party?

You may need a City permit!

If you're an individual, business or organization who's holding a special event, you may need a permit or license from the City. Tent sales, parades, athletic tournaments, outdoor religious events, and demonstrations are just some of the types of events where you need to notify City Hall.

We know some of the City's ordinances may be confusing, that's why we're holding an informational seminar on what kinds of events need special permits and licenses. It will be taught by the City's Special Events Coordinator, Denise Rene Wollenburg, and held on Wednesday, September 24, at 6 p.m. at Brooklyn Park City Hall, located at 5200 85th Avenue North.

Here's a sampling of some of the topics that will be discussed:

- How far in advance do I need to plan for my event?
- Do I need a food permit?
- Can I have live music?
- Do I need a permit if it is just my family and friends?
- How do I get volunteers?
- Do I need insurance?

There will be a light meal and door prizes. Please reserve your spot by September 20 by calling 763-493-8013 or filling out the form below.

Special Event Informational Seminar Registration Form

September 24, 2008, 6 p.m.

Name: _____

(If applicable)
Business Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

To register call 763-493-8013 ,or mail/deliver this form to the attention of Denise Rene Wollenburg, Special Events Coordinator, 5200 - 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55433-4300.



A beautiful shot showcasing the gardens of Regg Crawford (Grand Award, Single Family category) Summer Blossom winner, 1424 88th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park

Summer Blossom Winners Shine

The City's annual Summer Blossom Program blossomed once again! More than a dozen homeowners and business racked up awards in a variety of categories, showcasing some of the most attractive gardens and landscaping in the City.

Single Family Homes:

Grand Award (District 3 First Place)
Regg Crawford, 1424 88th Avenue North

District 1 First Place Award
Nan Olson, 6408 West Broadway

District 2 First Place Award
Ruth Bale, 8148 Russell Avenue North

District 4 First Place Award
Dan & Sara Lynn Slusher, 8907 Dunbar Knoll North

Townhome:

Grand Award
Paul & Carol Carlson, 10524 Mississippi Circle North

Neighborhood Garden:

Grand Awards on Banfill Circle
David Steiskal & Marlys Carls-Steiskal,
David & Charlotte Jensen, Louise Clyde & Peter Nord,
Dean & Tammy Halonen, Kathy Hartley & Joe Wasenek,
Ron & Betty Johnson, Tony & Bridget Loser,
Maurice & Juliana Nord and Beth Sikkema & Ken Ketter

Commercial:

Grand Award
Mister Car Wash, 8508 Xylon Avenue North
Managers Eduardo Arruda & Nathan Aguirre

Grand winners are the overall winners of the category and each received a \$150 gift certificate and an engraved Summer Blossom Paver. First Place single family winners received an engraved Summer Blossom paver.

Photographs of the gardens can be found at the City's web site: <http://www.brooklynpark.org> under "Hot News."

Brooklyn Park's Candidate Forum

Learn more about those who want to represent you!

The League of Women Voters and the North Hennepin Area Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a nonpartisan candidate forum so you can learn more about the candidates for Brooklyn Park City Council and the State House of Representatives (Districts 46A, 46B and 47B).

The forum will take place on Thursday, October 2. City Council debate will start at 6:30 p.m. State Representative debate will follow at 8 p.m. It will be held at City Hall in the City Council Chambers located at 5200 85th Avenue North.

Northwest Community Television will broadcast the forum live on Cable Channel 16. Please check www.brooklynpark.org or www.twelve.tv for scheduled cablecast replay dates on Cable Channel 12.

For additional information call Bev Messick at 763-315-0691 or Ellen Snapko at 763-531-0838.

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