

# PARK PAGES

The People, Places and Events of Brooklyn Park

January/February 2010

## Brooklyn Park resident wins American Red Cross award Michelle Morey inspires others to "pay it forward"

Michelle Morey is a long-time Brooklyn Park resident who has shown exemplary courage in her fight against breast cancer and compassion for others. Her community spirit was recently recognized by the American Red Cross, which honored Michelle with a Citizen Ready Award at the 2009 Heroes Breakfast in Downtown Minneapolis. The Award is presented to a man or woman who actively works to improve the safety and well being of others. Here, she shares her story, and how she found a way to help other women dealing with life-changing challenges.

My best friend was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 35. She was a single mom with three kids and had her own cleaning business. During her chemotherapy she couldn't work but her friends helped her make it through. I always wondered what would happen without that support. Thankfully she's doing well today.



Michelle Morey with husband Scott Bissen, and sons Ben (left) and Jesse (right) and the family cat "Fabulous."



**American Red Cross**

Twin Cities Area Chapter

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer two years later, I couldn't work for four months. But my scenario was different; I owned my own business

and could take the time I needed. I was grateful for the support around me. My husband, Scott Bissen, and I were overwhelmed by the care we received at North Memorial. To offer our thanks, we decided to donate \$500 so the nursing staff could help another patient in need. We were taken aback when we

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## Be a part of your community Join a city commission today

Looking for something to do? How about joining a commission? It's a great way to get involved with your city and have an opportunity to be heard. Many commissions are currently recruiting members. So what do commission members do? The City's commissions are considered recommending bodies, so issues go through them first and then are passed on to the City Council for the final decisions.

Terry Parks has been on the Human Rights Commission for the past 20 years and loves the impact he's had on decisions. "Human rights are a big part of life," says Parks. "I think this commission is important because it fights for fair treatment and makes people comfortable when they feel like they aren't being treated properly." The commission works with the Police Department on issues such as hate and bias crimes. Parks

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- Driver's license testing

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## 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, 5 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!

4:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. - Tuesday:

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Times and dates subject to change.  
Contact 763-424-8000 or  
[custserv@brooklynpark.org](mailto:custserv@brooklynpark.org)  
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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learned the money helped a woman turn her water back on. She had lost her job and Child Protective Services was required to remove her children with no water in the house. We never thought it would be something so extreme.

Nobody talks about the financial impact of cancer. Even with medical insurance, people may be saddled with very high deductibles and co-pays. Many women end up unable to work and may lose their jobs, creating an additional set of problems in the face of a serious illness. They may need help with childcare or their spouse may have to take time off. There are many things people don't think about until they're in that position.



My husband and I continued donating to North Memorial, and soon, we established the Pay It Forward Fund. Today the Fund provides up to \$1,500 a year to women undergoing treatment for breast, uterine, cervical or ovarian cancer and struggling to meet their essential living expenses. Grants may help pay the mortgage, utility bills, car payments or groceries. We are helping women buy time to get back on their feet. All we ask in return is that the recipient one day finds a way to "pay it forward" by doing something for another woman fighting cancer. There are so many ways to do this. One woman made meals for another patient's family when she was undergoing chemotherapy. The most important thing to consider is that you're doing it at a time and in a way that's right for you.

The Pay It Forward Fund is run through the North Memorial Foundation. They have done an incredible job managing the coordination of grants at no charge to the Fund. With their help, we support women who are going through one of the most difficult times in their lives. The majority of our fundraising is done through our casino night benefits and silent auctions. My husband and our 35-member "Go Getter" fundraising committee do an awesome job of building relationships, soliciting in-kind donations, and making our annual events so successful. We are so pleased that since founding the organization in 2005 we have raised more than \$600,000 and helped 350 women.

It's not easy for women to ask for help. However, if they know that someday they can "pay it forward" by helping another woman, it enables them to accept the help they need. Once you're able to take the focus off of yourself and put it on other people, amazing things start to happen. Embracing the support I received while sick and now continue to receive has been humbling and I'm pleased to pay it forward.

Michelle Morey is co-owner (with her sister, Kristine Hunter) of Magnetic Products and Services, Inc. a computer services business in Brooklyn Park. Their father started the business 20 years ago and today it is the 11th largest woman-owned business in Minnesota. To learn more about the Pay It Forward Fund, visit [www.payitforwardfund.net](http://www.payitforwardfund.net) or check out their upcoming events on Facebook.

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believes this committee creates equal opportunities for all Brooklyn Park residents.

Another commission that influences the folks at City Hall is the Citizen Long-range Improvement Committee. It keeps track of future projects. Richard Townsend-Anderson has been a member of this committee for the past five years. "The meetings have a great deal of meaningful conversation," says Townsend-Anderson. "I think this is a great chance for citizens to 'chime in' and express their thoughts about city topics. The Commission works on overall improvements for Brooklyn Park, such as improving capital equipment and planning for projects. It really focuses on neighborhoods."

Cindy Sherman, the staff liaison of the Planning Commission, thinks being a member of this commission is a great way for citizens to help decide which project ideas are best for the City. "Our members get to hear about the newest project proposals," says Sherman. The Planning Commission has two meetings a month. The first meeting is a televised public hearing. The second meeting is a work session to go over issues and ideas about things like ordinance changes and problems.

City Clerk Devin Montero is the staff liaison to the Charter Commission. He thinks his commission has a huge impact on the City. "We shape the future of Brooklyn Park and make recommendations to the City Council as to what policies to pursue," says Montero. One significant issue they deal with is the city's population report. Members review population trends throughout the City and propose solutions on how to balance those numbers to ensure equal representation. Charter commissioners also work with issues dealing with elections, finances, and the city constitution.

Every commission is made up of a diverse group with people who come from a wide array of backgrounds. The only requirement to join a commission is to be a resident of Brooklyn Park. Most commissions currently have openings. The application deadline is January 31. So don't delay, join a commission today!



## Brooklyn Park Women of Today Fellowship and community service go hand in hand

Ranging in age from 25 to 85, they may not look like sisters but there is an unmistakable sense of sisterhood shared by the gals of Brooklyn Park's Women of Today chapter. Married, single, business women, stay at home moms, retirees—they all come together with a desire to contribute to their community. And if they can share a few laughs and fun along the way, so much the better.

The Women of Today is a national organization with chapters across the country, bringing women together for service, personal growth and fellowship. "There is something for everyone," says Brenda Reeves, president of the Brooklyn Park club. "We have a common desire to do good for our community. Women want to feel they are of value in the community, this is a venue where a woman can actively contribute to something she's passionate about." Reeves says many women may first come to the club at the invitation of a friend, but soon feel connected, and several years



### Public safety in Brooklyn Park

#### Burrrrr...it's cold outside!

With the Minnesota winter fast approaching, the cold, snow and ice will soon be upon us. Once again it is time to be reminded to take extra precautions during this frosty time of year. Put a sleeping bag or some blankets in a plastic bag and place them in the trunk of your vehicle. It is also imperative that you have extra hats and gloves in your vehicle, especially for children. If your vehicle becomes disabled, these items could make the difference between being safe or suffering from frostbite, or worse.

Also, during the winter months when children are bundled up and the snow and slush have accumulated, there is the temptation to leave the children in a vehicle while you run inside a building to do a quick errand. Children and pets should never be left alone in a vehicle when temperatures can drop to sub-zero and the risks of hypothermia and frostbite are high. Needless to say, you also shouldn't leave your furry friends outside when it gets really cold.

The Brooklyn Park Police Department wants everyone to enjoy the snow and winter festivities. But take the extra time and precautions to safeguard yourself and your loved ones from the dangers that can come with this season.

later they're still actively engaged with the group, doing projects they enjoy.

"We have a lot of projects," says Reeves. Among them, the club sponsors two babysitting clinics each year providing young teens with a variety of tools they can use to be responsible caregivers. Another favorite project is Crop for a Cause. "A bunch of women will get together for a weekend scrapbooking retreat. We charge a fee and donate the proceeds to a charitable cause." The club also organizes a spa night at Home Free, a domestic violence shelter for women. A variety of professional services are donated to provide the

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## Buy a home from the City and help stabilize neighborhoods

### Your Federal tax dollars at work!

The City of Brooklyn Park has partnered with private developers using federal stimulus dollars to acquire, rehabilitate and re-sell previously foreclosed homes in your neighborhood. It's a win-win situation for everyone.

- Improves homes through reinvestment by increasing home values
- Rehabilitated homes have a 30-year rental restriction on the property
- Increases stable home ownership in the City
- Creates and maintains jobs for local contractors, real estate agents, and others

If you are looking to buy a home, we hope you'll consider one of these city homes.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.brooklynpark.org/properties](http://www.brooklynpark.org/properties).

For more about the city's foreclosure recovery initiatives, please visit the website at [www.brooklynpark.org/housing](http://www.brooklynpark.org/housing) or contact Alisha Strowbridge at 763-493-8145.





## Home alone after school?

With school now in session, there are many kids who are home alone between the time they get home from school and the time their parents get home from work. Here are some tips for kids and parents.

### Tips for Kids

- Door: When you are home alone, keep the door closed and locked.
- Phone: Let the phone ring, use Caller ID or the answering machine. Work out a system with your parents so that no one knows you're alone.
- Internet: Visit only sites that are approved by your mom or dad. Never give out personal information online.

### Tips for Parents

- Discuss with your child what is and is not permitted on television and the computer.
- Discuss kitchen safety with your child. Are they old enough to use knives or the microwave?
- Other children should not be permitted in the house when your child is home alone.
- Check in often with your child to make sure everything is OK.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers next to the phone.

Check with your school for after school programs being offered, or contact the City's Recreation and Parks Department at 763-493-8333 for more information.

## Brooklyn Park receives national recognition for National Night Out

The Brooklyn Park Police Department just learned the City of Brooklyn Park received 4th place nationally for National Night Out and 1st place in the State of Minnesota for cities in our population category. This is a great honor, and the City's Crime Prevention Coordinator, Gerry Gibbs, would like to thank all city residents for their participation at this past year's National Night Out. You made our city stand out!

## Census 2010 Count Help the City help you by filling out your Census form

With less than six months to go until Census Day 2010, the City of Brooklyn Park wants to remind you to fill out your Census form. The 2010 Census is critical for not only Brooklyn Park, but the State of Minnesota as well. In addition to determining Congressional representation, Census information determines the allocation of more than \$400 billion in federal funding for everything from education to transportation. Some of the grant money we receive as a community is based on our Census numbers. The larger the population, the more money we can receive. The business community also uses Census information for planning, marketing, labor force projections and more.

It is important to note that the Census information will be used solely as a measure to count people, and the information will not be shared with law enforcement or immigration authorities. Federal law prohibits the sharing of any Census information. Census officials simply need an accurate count of folks living in a dwelling.



The State's Demographic Center is also encouraging Minnesota residents who reside out of state for the winter months to answer only the 2010 Census form they receive at their Minnesota address. "Every Minnesotan needs to answer the 2010 Census they receive at their Minnesota address," said State Demographer Tom Gillaspay. "If they respond to the Census form they receive at their winter "snowbird" address, they will be counted as residents of that state, not Minnesota. If even a fraction of Minnesotans miss this opportunity, we could easily be left with only seven representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives," said Gillaspay. The State Demographic Center estimates that fewer than 3,000 people are needed for Minnesota to retain its eight congressional districts.

Everyone will begin receiving Census forms in mid-March. They are available in multiple languages. Please note: the United States Post Office will NOT forward Census 2010 questionnaires.

Are you looking for work? There are thousands of Census jobs available all over Minnesota right now. The Census Bureau is looking for temporary workers in Brooklyn Park. Anyone interested should call 1-866-861-2010 and punch in their zip code to be connected to the local Census office.





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The new issue of "GetUp&Go" (December 2009 to April 2010) recreation brochure is available and can be picked up at City Hall or the Community Activity Center

## Special Community Events Save these dates!



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**Valentine's Day Dinner**  
February 13  
6 to 8:30 p.m.  
8816 West River Road  
Join us for a special Valentine's Day dinner, hosted by the Izaak Walton League to support Tater Daze and other local community events. Dinner includes beef tenderloin, salad, mixed vegetables, baked potatoes and dessert. Live music throughout

the evening. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$15. Call 763-493-8013 for more information.

### Arbor Day

The City of Brooklyn Park will once again be offering bare root trees at wholesale prices. Information on the variety of trees and applications will be available on the City's website by February 15 at [www.brooklynpark.org/arborday](http://www.brooklynpark.org/arborday).



### Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 13  
4 to 8:30 p.m.  
Come to the Minneapolis Elks Lodge for a spaghetti dinner and silent auction to support community outreach and events. Pre-sale tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for children under 10. \$1 more at the door.

## GetUp&Go! Recreation and Parks events

We know families are on tight budgets, so here are some affordable or free events for the whole family. For more information or to register or pre-register for programs, log on to [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org) or call 763-493-8333.

### Martin Luther King's Celebration Ice Skate Event

Monday, January 18  
12 to 2 p.m.  
Community Activity Center  
Come meet and skate with the North Metro Stars Boy's Hockey team. \$1 off admission with non-perishable canned good donation to local food shelf. \$4 Adults, \$3 Student/Senior, \$11 Family

### Blue Jean Ball

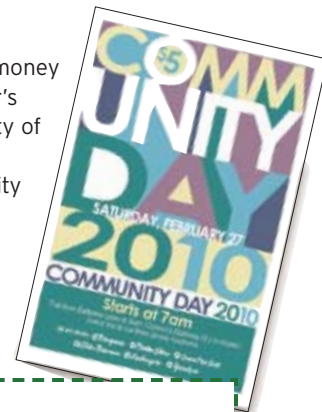
Friday, January 22  
6 to 9 p.m.  
Embassy Suites in Brooklyn Center  
Funds raised at the Blue Jean Ball will support The Brooklyn's Youth Council and also increases transportation options for youth in Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center. Visit [www.brooklynparkyouth.com](http://www.brooklynparkyouth.com) for more information.

### Family Muscle Day

Saturday, Feb 13  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
North Hennepin Community College  
Bring the family and join the fun at North Hennepin Community College! This is a time for families to be active together and check out the activities at the college. The Health and Wellness Center will host activities for preschool to elementary ages and their parents. Try an obstacle course, assessment area, dance room, football toss, hop-scotch, mini parachutes and more! Parents must accompany their children. Free, pre-register by February 8.

### Herberger's Community Day Books

February 24  
Buy a Community Day Book at City Hall for money saving coupons. Then shop at any Herberger's Department Store on February 24 to help City of Brooklyn Park volunteer groups! The book is only \$5 and all proceeds go towards community events, the Police Explorers, parks programs and Zanewood Recreation Center activities. Please make your check payable to the City of Brooklyn Park. To order a book by mail, fill out the form below.



## Order Form Herberger's Community Day 2010 Coupons

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

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

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

# of coupon books: \_\_\_\_\_

Total (# of books X \$5 ea.): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed order form, along with \$5 payment per coupon book to: City of Brooklyn Park Special Events, 5200 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

### Valentine's Day Celebration Skating Event

Saturday, February 13  
2:15 to 3:45 p.m.  
Community Activity Center  
Come and skate indoors with your loved ones on this special day. Skaters wearing something red will receive a \$1 off admission. \$4 adults, \$3 student/senior, \$11 family, \$3 walker and skate rental.

### President's Day Celebration Ice Skate

Monday, February 15  
12 to 2 p.m.  
Community Activity Center  
Skate with a President on this special occasion. \$1 off admission with non-perishable canned good donation to local food shelf. \$4 adults, \$3 student/senior, \$11 family, \$3 walker and skate rental.

### GetUp&Golf!

Even though it's cold and snowy outside, golf is right around the corner! The Edinburgh Men's Golf Association (EMGA) and the Edinburgh Women's Golf Association (EWGA) are accepting applications for 2010. Enjoy pre-booked tee times, fun and competitive events, great social activities and a great course to call your own. For more information about the EMGA, visit [emgagolf.com](http://emgagolf.com) and for the EWGA, visit [mnewga.com](http://mnewga.com).

### BPAA Baseball and Softball Registration Dates

February 6 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
February 11 7 to 9 p.m.  
February 16 7 to 9 p.m.  
February 20 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Rock and Roll Gym for Families

Friday, February 19  
7 to 8:30 p.m.  
Community Activity Center  
Grab your family and try your hand at the Wii or play games to pump music in the gym. Bring a water bottle and dress in comfy clothes just in case! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Free, pre-register by February 18.

### Take over events at Zanewood (Just for teens!)

February 2010  
Lots of events for Brooklyn Park teens in grades 7 to 12, including the March Madness Basketball Event! To find out what's going on all winter, tell your young person to look for rave cards at their school or visit [www.brooklynparkyouth.com](http://www.brooklynparkyouth.com).

## Trouble paying your energy bills? Want to improve your home?

### Energy Assistance and Weatherization Program

Now that winter is here, we all face more costs in heating our residences. But Uncle Sam is ready to help. As part of the Federal Stimulus Bill, Congress allocated money for a residential weatherization program here in Minnesota. If you meet income requirements, you can get help in paying your heating bills and improving your home's energy efficiency to lower your expenses. Grants are even available to cover the cost of an energy audit. Potential upgrades you could do include insulation, air sealing and furnace improvements. You must be a homeowner or renter at or below 50 percent of the Area Median Income. For more information and to see if you qualify, please contact the Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin (CAPSH) at 952-930-3541 or visit the website at [www.capsh.org/energyassistance.htm](http://www.capsh.org/energyassistance.htm).

2009 Energy Assistance Guidelines	
Family Size	Maximum Three-Month Income
1	\$5,296
2	\$6,925
3	\$8,555
4	\$10,184

### Home Improvement Loans

Lower interest home improvement loans are still available for interior and exterior improvements on single family homes, townhomes, duplex twin homes or condominiums. For more information, contact our nonprofit partner, The Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), at 612-335-5884 or visit [www.mncee.org](http://www.mncee.org).



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women with pampering, relaxation techniques and massages while their children are cared for.

This year the club adopted Children's Hospital as their Make a Difference Day project. Club members have organized fundraisers and collected books and games for young patients and their parents to help occupy their time while in the hospital. "Some of our members have had children whose kids have been patients there and they want to help other families," says Reeves. "We really care about creating and supporting projects that are meaningful to our members."

The group is not politically or religiously affiliated. They come together from a variety of backgrounds and life experiences to

volunteer their time, do fundraising and organize community events. They encourage and support one another, recognize the efforts and contributions of club members, and celebrate their accomplishments. As one member said, "When one woman wins, we all win."

"We're here and we're doing a lot of good in the community," says Reeves, "and we're open to new people and new ideas about how we can help our community."

The Brooklyn Park Women of Today meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Grace Fellowship in Brooklyn Park. For more information visit [www.brooklynparkwt.org](http://www.brooklynparkwt.org).



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### Talkin' Trash with Dan the Recycling Man

Happy New Year Everyone!

With 2010 here there's new stuff for me to talk about...

#### Recycling Program Expands

I'm excited to announce there's more stuff you can recycle! Now you can recycle juice boxes and paper milk cartons in your curbside recycling cart. That's not all, you can also recycle scrap metal that is smaller than 30 inches in any direction and no heavier than 30 pounds, but please be sure to remove non-metal parts, and remember, no fluids are allowed. A few examples would be a door knob, metal shelves/brackets, and a car jack (no fluids).

#### Recycling Calendar and Guide

It breaks my heart to say this, but do you ever forget recycling day? I have to admit that I have, but with the new 2010 Recycling Collection Calendar it should be easier to remember. They were mailed out to all residents at the end of December. I also just finished a new 2010-2011 Recycling and Materials Management Guide. The guide has an A-Z directory to help you dispose of just about anything. It also has an overview on our recycling program, list of garbage haulers and much more. Since I don't believe in junk mail, the guide was not mailed out to everyone. If you'd like one, stop by City Hall or give us a call at 763-493-8007 and we'll send you a guide or another recycling calendar.

#### Telephone Books

With the New Year, we also have to deal with new and old telephone books. Just put your old telephone books in your recycling cart and we'll take care of the rest. If you want to go a step further, you can opt out of getting some telephone books at [www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org](http://www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org). I did this last year and I only got one telephone book this year compared to four the previous year. You can always get phone numbers online or another way is to use a free directory service such as 1-800-GOOG-411. I can't endorse this, of course, but it works.

Happy Recycling!

*Dan*

