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EDA Board,

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Park Board,

**Planning Commission, and
Utilities Commission**

Chat with your City Administrator

By Joshua Tetzlaff



This year has been one of extremes, and we are only six months in. We had what seemed to be endless amounts of snow, we then moved into a really wet month of spring, and we now find ourselves in a stretch of dry, exceptionally hot late spring/early summer that just doesn't seem to let up. You may be able to complain about weather in Minnesota, but you can't say we don't get variety!

With warmer weather comes the inevitable yardwork: trimming trees, pulling weeds, and mowing grass. It just never seems to end. For use by residents of the City, there is a brush dump that is maintained by the City on the north-side of town near the high school. This is a brush dump that we as citizens pay for with our taxes that allows us to dump our yard waste conveniently. The City has had to close the brush dump a few times this year because we are seeing more and more illegal dumping from people who are not residents. We as a City are exploring ways to ensure that you as residents do not have to pay for non-residents to dump their yard waste while still keeping the site accessible to you.

With summer in full swing, I also want to remind everyone to keep on top of your yard maintenance. City code requires that grass not grow to more than 12" in height. This includes not only your own yard, but also if your situation is like mine, your boulevard as well. While the City owns the right of way, it is our responsibility as property owners adjacent to boulevards to keep that small strip of grass maintained. I know that it is hot and that getting outside to mow sometimes is the last thing I want to do, but everyone working together to keep their yards maintained is just one way we can all keep our community a great place to live, work, and play!

HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF NEW PRAGUE!

The City of New Prague is updating their Comprehensive Plan which will guide development for years to come! Stop by and visit our booth at Czech out New Prague on Thursday, August 3rd, 2023. We want to hear your thoughts about the future of New Prague in our short, community-wide survey. Use a QR Scanner or camera application on your smartphone to visit the survey on the project website.



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2023 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Most utility work on Sunrise Avenue N and 3rd Street NE is now complete and crews are working on restoration of the street surface. This includes concrete curb and gutter, driveways, and sidewalk. The first placement of bituminous paving should start by the end of June. Utility crews are completing work on 1st Street NE, 2nd Street NE, and Sunset Avenue N with plans to complete by July and pave the streets by August. The overall project includes reconstruction of sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, and streets. There will be significant improvement for pedestrians with new sidewalks and trail improvements in Greenway Park. Two new streets are proposed for construction north of 6th Street NW in the City's Business Park to accommodate development in that area. Interested residents and property owners are encouraged to contact Julie Brinkman at jbrinkman@sehinc.com to be included on the weekly emailed Neighborhood Update newsletter.

Questions about the projects can be directed to City Engineer, Chris Knutson at cknutson@sehinc.com or 507-237-8383, or to Public Works Director, Matt Rynda at mrynda@ci.new-prague.mn.us or 952-758-1144.

FITNESS & AQUATIC CENTER

410 Central Avenue N | New Prague, MN 56071 | 952-758-1753



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TOT TIME AT THE POOL

SATURDAY, JULY 15 | 9:30 AM - 12 PM | FREE FOR FAC MEMBERS

50% OFF DAILY ADMISSION FOR FAMILIES

Join us for fun in the Rec. pool. Music, toys and the play features will be on!

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PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Time to close out building permits:

Any residents, commercial businesses etc., who have “open” building permits will need to call the New Prague Planning & Zoning Department at 952-758-1138 to have their final inspections completed so related permits can be closed.

Swimming Pool Permits: The City reminds residents that all below-ground, above-ground, or easy-setup pools more than 2 feet deep or 150 square feet need a permit. Please check the complete pool requirements on the [City’s website](#): open “Zoning Ordinance – April 2021.” Details are located in Section 735, page 130.

PARK SHELTER RENTALS AVAILABLE

If you live in New Prague, consider reserving a park shelter for your next event, class reunion, or family gathering. Electricity is available with a paid rental of a shelter. Call City Hall at 952-758-4401 to make your reservation or find the

application on the [City’s website](#) under “City Departments,” “Parks” and click on “Renting a Park Shelter.”



THE READMOBILE IS COMING!

The Readmobile will be parked at [Northside Park \(401 Lexington Ave N.\)](#) from 9:45am to 10:15am on the following dates: Friday July 7th and Friday August 11th. This 32-foot vehicle delivers free books and learning activities to neighborhoods around Scott County. You can browse & borrow from a diverse collection of books (no library card needed!), grab a healthy snack, and enjoy a fun activity.

2023 ENERGY STAR “FLIP YOUR FRIDGE”

It’s Time to Flip Your Fridge! Why not recycle that old energy wasting refrigerator and replace it with a new ENERGY STAR® certified model? You’ll save energy, and you can save even more with a utility rebate! We offer rebates of \$25 on the purchase of new ENERGY STAR Refrigerators, plus an additional rebate up to \$50 to pay for recycling your old **working** refrigerator. **Please note: you must be an electric customer of New Prague Utilities.**

Rebate forms are available at City Hall, or on the [City’s website](#) under Utilities/Rebates and Programs. Refrigerators that are 15 years or older use twice as much energy as a new ENERGY STAR certified refrigerator. Replacing that old energy-wasting refrigerator with a new ENERGY STAR certified refrigerator could save you as much as \$270 in energy costs over the next five years. Flip Your Fridge to ENERGY STAR, the simple choice for energy efficiency!



FIREWORKS REMINDER – HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Monday, July 3, 2023 is set for the local fireworks display at the usual location (near the New Prague Middle School) beginning at dusk. Thanks to the American Legion for their sponsorship of this annual and most memorable event.

Permitted Fireworks: Wire or wood sparklers of not more than 100 grams of pyrotechnic composition per item are permitted. Ground-based sparking devices that are non-explosive and non-aerial, containing 75 grams or less of chemical mixture per tube or a total of 200 grams or less of multiple tube items, are also allowed. This includes fountains, cones, illuminating torches, wheels, ground spinners, flitter sparklers, flash strobes, and novelty devices (snakes, glow worms, trick noisemakers, party poppers, and snappers).

Prohibited Fireworks: Firecrackers, torpedoes, missiles, skyrockets, bottle rockets, Roman candles, dago bombs, mines, shells, chasers, and parachutes.

NEW PRAGUE GOLF COURSE FRIENDLY REMINDERS!

The New Prague Golf Club (NPGC) is a Municipal daily-fee golf facility, open to the public. The paths on the grounds of the Golf Club are designated for golfers and golf carts. Please use the miles of beautiful walking paths around town for personal walking, dog walking, and bicycling.

Also, we ask golfers who drive their carts to the golf course to please use the cart path access provided near the green building (near the ballpark). Golf carts are prohibited from use on City sidewalks.

Finally, range balls on the driving range are the property of New Prague Golf Club and may not be collected. If you or someone you know has yellow range balls with black stripes around them, please return them to the Clubhouse.

For any questions, contact operations manager Kurt Ruehling at 952-758-5326 or email at info@newpraguegolf.com

