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**EDA Board,
Golf Club Board,
Park Board,**

**Planning Commission, and
Utilities Commission**

Chat with your Council

By Bruce Wolf



The Hudson's Street Atlas of the Greater Twin City Metropolitan Area was an important resource for me in my past. A very thick spiral-bound book, coming in at about 2 pounds, was a challenge to fit into the glove box. The atlas provided detailed street level mapping of all of the neighborhoods in the Twin City Area. It was a bit cumbersome at times when having to navigate across the spiral binding from one map to the other, but it was a reliable way to zero in on finding the exact location of the people and places in the Twin Cities Area. I now use a mapping application on my cell phone, as most others do, but my primary navigating resource is now my wife. She seems to have developed an affinity to tell me where to go and how to get there. Through the City's Visioning Process, the creation of the Visioning List outlining short and long terms goals serves to provide a road map for focusing the City's efforts. A few of the current goals that will help guide the future direction of New Prague are in process:

Facilities Needs Assessment Study - The initial updates have highlighted space needs for each City building's location and provides estimates out to the year 2045. So far, I feel the most significant findings are the deficiencies in the City Hall building and lack of space for the Park and Police departments. The next steps include reviewing recommended options and feasibility which will lead to finalizing the study.

Recreation/Athletic Facility Study - City staff has reached out to many organizations to determine facility space needs, timing issues and quality of facilities. Council and staff are in the process of discussing study needs with an architectural firm to formalize the study. It is anticipated the scope of the study will include a needs analysis, review of current facility conditions, and provide useful information for future decision making, particularly with the unimproved land South of New Prague.

Comprehensive Plan Update - The City's Comprehensive Plan is one of the tools used to regulate land use in order to protect and promote the sound development of the City. It is a future looking plan that helps guide the zoning and subdivision ordinances in line with future growth of the community. It is a major task to update the plan. The City has engaged MSA Professional Services, Inc. to work with City staff to develop the update with Community input and participation. We hope the update will be concluded by the end of the year.

On a final note, but one of high importance: I wish to extend a special thanks to all of you who are keeping fire hydrants and mailboxes clear of snow, greatly appreciated!

SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN 2023 AT NEW PRAGUE GOLF CLUB

- 2023 Memberships available and Gift Certificates.
- All merchandise is now 20% - 30% off.
- 2023 Chamber Bingo - every Thursday through Feb. 26th.
- Need a beautiful location to host your party/event? Contact Holly regarding availability at banquet@newpraguegolf.com or call 952-758-5326.
- **Reminder:** No snowmobiles or ATV's on the Golf Course!
For additional information, contact operations manager Kurt Ruehling at info@newpraguegolf.com, 952-758-5326, or stop in.



MEN'S SLOW PITCH LEGEND RETIRES!

Romy Seurer was recognized at the January 3rd City Council meeting for over 49 years of involvement with the NP Men's Slow Pitch Softball League. 42 of those years as an umpire, 40 years as a player, and 35 years as the league director. On average, he spent 12 hours per week during the season working on the fields at Memorial Park. Thank you Romy for all your dedication to this program! Best wishes in your future endeavors!



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TOT TIME AT THE POOL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 | 9:30 AM - 12 PM

50% OFF ADMISSION FOR FAMILIES

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

ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS, ATV/UTV OPERATORS, OR OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLE DRIVERS!

You are prohibited from driving your motorized machines in the following areas within city limits: boulevards of streets, sidewalks or private properties, on publicly owned property (golf course, schools, cemeteries, parks, etc.) or in close proximity to churches, nursing homes, hospitals, skating rinks, or Sliding Hill Skate Park. For additional information, visit the city website at [www.ci.new-prague.mn.us/city-charters & code, Chapter #73](http://www.ci.new-prague.mn.us/city-charters-&-code-chapter-73) - Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles.

KEEP SIDEWALKS FREE OF SNOW AND ICE

The City continues to enforce the local ordinance that requires all snow and ice remaining on a public sidewalk to be removed as soon as possible, but no more than 24 hours, after the end of a snow event. Again this winter, snow and ice must be removed from all sidewalks within the Central Business District (downtown area) as soon as possible, but no more than 8 hours after the completion of the snow event. If you have question, place call the City Hall at 952-758-4401.

KEEP GARBAGE CANS OUT OF ROADWAYS

The City would like to remind residents to keep garbage cans out of the roadways, particularly when a snow event has occurred, and the streets have not yet been plowed. Keep it behind the curb, if possible. Thank you.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION 2023: STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

On January 11th, a neighborhood open house meeting was held for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project. The project is generally located between Lexington Avenue N and Greenway Park and includes full reconstruction of streets, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and water main. The project also includes resurfacing of the trail Greenway Park and extensions of 6th Avenue NW and 8th Avenue NW through the City's business park. The meeting provided an opportunity to view the drawings and provide feedback to City staff and engineers. The Project is scheduled for bidding during the month of February with award at the first council meeting in March. Construction is likely to begin in the spring.

Questions about the project 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.

SKATING RINK/WARMING HOUSE ARE OPEN

The recreational ice-skating and hockey rinks at the Sliding Hill Skate Park, located at 1501 Columbus Ave. N. (across the street from the high school) are open for use. Nearby sliding hill and warming house are available for all users of the park. Call the City Hall at 952-758-4401 with questions. A large "open/closed" sign is located on the side of the warming house facing the parking lot to indicate availability on any given day.

*Hours: January to February/March (Pending Weather):
Monday-Friday – 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday – 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.*



CHAMBER BINGO

Chamber Bar Bingo is at the New Prague Golf Club every Thursday through Feb 26th in 2023! Doors open at 5:30 p.m., game starts at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Call the Chamber at 952-758-4360.

TIME TO CLOSE OUT BUILDING PERMITS

Residents 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.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS IN NEW PRAGUE

It is time to purchase your dog license if you own a dog in the City of New Prague. Failure to properly license your dog is a violation of the City Code. Licenses are available at New Prague City Hall and New Prague Veterinary Clinic. You are required to show proof of your dog's rabies vaccination and pay \$10 for a one-year tag, \$20 for a two-year tag, or \$30 for a three-year tag. For more information, please visit the City of New Prague's website: click on the Permits & Licenses tab and scroll down to Dog License application, or you can stop by City Hall.



CITY SEEKS RESIDENT FEEDBACK FOR NINJA WARRIOR OBSTACLE COURSE!

Please [click here](#) to fill out a survey regarding a possible new Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course. The survey is also on the City's website under "News & Announcements" or "City Departments" and click "Parks." Specific information is inside the survey.

