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Chat with your Council Member

By Bruce Wolf



Growing up on a dairy farm, I became familiar with hay wagons. Those hay bales didn't get stacked and unloaded on their own. But this was different. This wagon was a staging platform. Bricks were carefully laid out and grouped according to the donor's requested inscription. The bricks would find their way to form the plaza floor of the Brana. Many donors had the names of their family members inscribed on their brick or bricks. It was a moment in time, so unfortunately, some future family members are left out and some donors now are wishing their brick's inscription could be shorter. Be that as it may, the fundraising program was a fun way to solicit and acknowledge the private financial contributions toward the Gateway Plaza (Brana). It was a successful project of the New Prague Chamber of Commerce who dedicated the Gateway Plaza to the City in 1989. There have been many community projects over the years where business or private contributions have made the difference. Often times, these donations make up an important part of a community project's funding puzzle that might also include grants and city participation, financially or otherwise. There have been many similar projects like the Gateway Plaza. Each have benefited from the passion of community members to work in collaboration and/or cooperation with the City to get a project off the ground and to completion: the Outdoor Swimming Pool, Memorial Library Expansion, New Prague Community Center, Memorial Baseball Field improvements, and the Veterans Memorial to name a few. The people and businesses in New Prague have been a generous community.

Currently a group of interested community members are collaborating with the City toward a goal of building a multipurpose outdoor performance facility for the community. The Praha Outdoor Performance Stage (POPS) will provide an outdoor venue for concerts, theatre, dance productions, community gatherings, as well as other community events. The project is off to a great start. In collaboration with the City, the New Prague POPS committee hopes to have an architectural firm selected in a few weeks to help recommend a site. Fundraising efforts have begun and are ahead of schedule. More information about the project can be found at nppops.org. Maybe there is a brick in your future.

CITY OF NEW PRAGUE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The City is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan throughout 2023. The City has hired MSA to assist in the creation of a New Comprehensive Plan for the City which is the blueprint for growth in the City for the next 25 years in areas such as, but not limited to, land use, housing, demographics, transportation, parks, and utilities. Throughout the process, the City and MSA will be seeking public input and participation through public meetings as well as an online presence. Please visit the City's website for updates as they are available throughout the year.



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

- 2023 Memberships available and Gift Certificates, too!
- 2022 Chamber Bingo - final event is Feb. 23rd, doors open at 5:30 p.m., 1st number called at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds used to enhance the City of New Prague.

For additional information, contact operations manager Kurt Ruehling at info@newpraguegolf.com, 952-758-5326, or stop in.



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.



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TOT TIME AT THE POOL

SATURDAY, MARCH 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!

GOLF, ATV, & UTV PERMITS



All motorized golf carts, Class 2 All-Terrain Vehicles or Utility

Task Vehicles operated within the City Limits require an annual permit, along with a fee of **\$30** for Golf Carts and **\$40** for ATV/UTV's (payable to the City of New Prague). The application and additional details are located on the City of [New Prague's website](#), click on the Police tab and scroll down to Golf Cart/ATV or UTV Operators application. Or, you can pick up at the City Hall, Utilities Counter.



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.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Please remember to take your pet waste bags with you every time you walk your pet(s). This includes dogs, cats, or other domesticated animals. Help keep our community clean by picking after your pet, and thank you for being a good neighbor!

ROAD CONSTRUCTION: 2023 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City's street and utility improvement project, generally located just west of Greenway Park, has been advertised to bidders, and the bid opening is scheduled for February 24th. City Council will consider award of the project at the March 6th council meeting. Construction is expected to start up in April or May and last through the end of October. A change to the project from earlier presentations was the inclusion of sidewalk on at least one side of each of the reconstructed streets within the 2023 Project Area. These sidewalks will get extended with future improvement projects.

In addition to the reconstructed residential streets, new street construction in the Business Park located north of 6th Street NW is also included with this project.

Questions about the project can be directed to City Engineer, Chris Cavett at ccavett@sehinc.com or 507-327-3812, or to Public Works Director, Matt Rynda at mrynda@ci.new-prague.mn.us or 952-758-1144.

CITY SEEKS RESIDENT FEEDBACK FOR NINJA WARRIOR OBSTACLE COURSE

The City of New Prague is considering installing an outdoor challenge course for ages 13+ similar to a "ninja warrior" obstacle course to meet the Park Plan's goal to "Provide Recreational Opportunities and Resources for all Demographics." The proposed course would likely be placed in Sliding Hill Skate Park next to the skateboard park. Please [click here](#) to fill out a survey regarding the 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.



DOG LICENSE REMINDER

If you own a dog in the City of New Prague, failure to properly license your dog is a violation of the City Code. 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 pick-up information at the City Hall.

