

At This Month's Meeting...

Todd Liljenquist, State Government Affairs Director, and Marty McDonough, Director of Municipal Affairs, from Minnesota Multi-Housing Association (MHA) will present information about adopted and proposed state legislative and municipal policy changes regarding housing and rental properties. For more information about MHA

2015 A.R.M. Meeting Information

2015 Meeting Dates

July 9
September 10
November 12

Where: Brooklyn Center
City Hall—Council
Chambers

When: Second Thursday
every other month starting
in January

Time: 10am -11 am
(unless otherwise noted)

Keep it Cut— Tall Grass and Weeds

Summer is here and the grass is growing. Help keep your property and neighborhood looking clean and attractive by maintaining your lawns.

One of the most common complaints and obvious nuisance is tall grass and weeds. The City proactively monitors for tall grass and weed violations throughout the summer. Keep your lawn and landscaped areas mowed and trimmed so they do not become an eye sore.

There are consequences if a property owner does not maintain their property. If a long grass/weed violation is found, the property owner is given seven (7) days to cut the tall grass and weeds. If the violation is not corrected, the City contractor will cut the grass/weeds. The owner is responsible for the costs of mowing plus



administrative fees. If unpaid, the costs are specially assessed to the property.

If there is a repeat violation within the same season, a \$100 reinspection fee will be charged.

The owner is responsible even though the lease agreement states that the tenant will mow and trim the grass. It is up to the owner to ensure that the grass/weeds are cut and maintained under 8 inches in height.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact the

National Night Out



National Night Out is August 4, 2015. The kick-off party is August 3, 2015 at Centennial Park from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors by attending the kick-off party and hosting a party in your neighborhood. Police, Fire and City personnel will be out visiting community members at various parties.

To register your party, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Becky Boie at (763) 503-3272 or bboie@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us by July 17, 2015. For more information, visit www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org Search **National Night Out.**

Mosquitos and Ticks Prevention



Mosquitos

In addition to the annoying, itchy bumps, mosquito bites can cause, mosquitos can also transmit diseases to humans through bites. Itching mosquito bites may also cause skin and other infections once the skin breaks. West Nile Virus is the most common disease throughout the United States causing 2,200 cases in 2014. There are simple things you can do to minimize mosquitos and their bites.

- To avoid getting bit by mosquitoes, use repellents and insect control products, wear loose light-colored clothing, trim vegetation to eliminate resting areas for adult mosquitos, and avoid going outdoors early in the morning and at dusk.
- Reduce the mosquito population by eliminating breeding areas. Mosquitos do not need much standing water to hatch their eggs. As little as a tablespoon of water is all they need. Eliminate standing water sources such as tree cavities, buckets, unused and untreated swimming pools, and other ponding water.
- Make sure windows and doors have screens to keep mosquitoes out of the home.

Ticks

Ticks can be found in spring and early summer when temperatures are 40 degrees or higher. Ticks are typically found in a moist and humid environments such as wooded or grassy areas. The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) has indicated Deer ticks are at a high risk spring and early summer when the deer tick population is at its peak. In certain geographical areas, there is a high risk of people encountering deer ticks while outdoors.



Two primary types of ticks to be concerned about are wood ticks and deer ticks. Wood ticks do not generally transmit disease in Minnesota. However precaution should still be taken to avoid the annoyances and possible infections related to the skin breakage or improper removal. Deer ticks are known to transmit Lyme Disease which is a bacterial infection that can effect the joints, nervous system, and heart. Signs of a tick borne illness include a rash or fever days or even weeks after a bite. If you suspect you have a tick borne illness, please see a health care provider.

Tips to avoid ticks.

- Know if you are going into possible tick locations and dress appropriately. Wear light-colored clothing and tuck pant legs into socks to keep ticks off your body.
- Take precaution and use repellants containing 20% DEET. Spray clothing or skin to prevent ticks from biting. Always use chemicals wisely and follow manufacturer instructions.
- After going outdoors, take a shower and inspect yourself for ticks. Putting clothes in the dryer for at least one hour using high heat will kill any ticks.

If you have questions about mosquito and tick prevention, please contact the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District at (651) 645-9149 or www.mmcd.org.