

2016 A.R.M. Meeting Information

Where: Brooklyn Center
City Hall—Council
Chambers

When: Second Thursday
every other month starting
in January

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

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March 10
May 12
July 14
September 8
November 10

Discussion topics to be
Determined

At This Month's A.R.M Meeting...

This is a

**SMOKE-FREE
BUILDING**

Thank You
For Not Smoking



Rose Hauge from Live Smoke Free and Kassy Nystrom from Hennepin County Public Health will be presenting on creating, promoting, and enforcing a smoke-free housing policy at your rental property. They will discuss the reasons why owner and managers should consider adopting a smoke free property/building and the benefits that it brings to owners, managers, as wells a tenants.

Issues that are covered will be ways to implement a smoke free building or property, legal issues/concerns, provide and have available sample documents, and be available to answer any questions.

Utility Billing Online

In November 2015, the City implemented a new Utility Billing online payment portal (Invoice Cloud) that can be accessed through the City's website. The software provides customers with a convenient and secure method of paying their utility bills using a credit card or checking account, manage their utility account, set-up recurring payments, receive electronic bills, and view their billing history.



In addition to the online payment portal, the City of Brooklyn Center's automated toll free system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, is available in English and Spanish, and accepts credit card or checking account payments. Payments can be made by calling 1 (855) 282-7633. For more information or to enroll in either of these payment options, visit our website at www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org and view City Services—Utility Billing.

Auto Theft Prevention

There are several simple things that you and your tenants can do to decrease auto theft. Follow these simple things and you can minimize damage to your vehicle and your car from getting stolen. Did you know that starting your vehicle and letting it run is a violation?



- Always lock your doors and windows. Anytime you step away from your vehicle make sure that the windows are rolled up and doors are locked. All it takes is a few seconds to have your personal belongings stolen.
- Do NOT leave valuables in sight in your car. Lock them in your trunk before you reach your destination. Even small items such as loose change or sunglasses can be attractive to a thief.
- Do NOT leave your car running unattended. Under Brooklyn Center City Ordinance 27-122 it is a misdemeanor to leave a vehicle unattended without stopping the engine and removing the keys. Leaving your keys in your vehicle while the vehicle is warming up is an open invitation for a thief to break a window and drive away with your car.

Call 911 if you see any suspicious behavior in or near yours or others' vehicles. For additional information or questions, call the Brooklyn Center Police Department at (763)-569-3333.

Recycling Carts



Tenants Need a New Cart? We've Got You Covered! The cold and snow can do a number on your recycling cart. So have your cart repaired or replaced for free. Call (763) 493-8006 to report a busted cart or to request a larger or smaller cart. You can call any time of day seven days a week.

Are your tenants wish-cycling?

You may have seen the news stories about something called wish-cycling. That's when people put things in their cart they wish would be recycled, but we can't actually accept. Here are some common items that people put in their cart that shouldn't be there:

- *Plastic bags containing recycling, will end up in the trash
- *Styrofoam
- *Sharps

So what can tenants do with these items? Check out the Recycling and Materials Management Guide online at www.hrg-recycling.com or pick up a copy at City Hall.