



# City of Burnsville

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## **“I LOVE BURNSVILLE” WEEK SET FOR MAY 29 TO JUNE 6**

*A wide sampling of free events highlight activities*

Here’s a chance to celebrate Burnsville with friends, family and neighbors with a full slate of great events. From a mammoth sized garage sale for bargain shoppers to a free tour of the city’s Maintenance Facility to a family friendly movie on the beach, this week is loaded with a variety of events with many offered free or at a low cost. So check your calendars and get out and show some love and enjoy the city you call home.

“I Love Burnsville” Events Include:

### **Friday, May 29**

#### **Community-Wide Garage Sales**

Over 150 homes are taking part in this year’s sales on Friday and Saturday, double the amount of a year ago. A map of sales is available on the [www.burnsville.org](http://www.burnsville.org) web site.

#### **Bulky Items Curbside Collection Pickup Begins**

Buckingham Inc, begins discounted removal of unwanted items through June 6. Items accepted include furniture, carpet, exercise equipment, household appliances, TV’s, computers, mattresses, railroad ties, lawnmowers, scrap metal and other bulky items. Contact Buckingham at 952-226-6441 for details.

#### **Golf Tournament**

A two person best ball event at the city’s Birnamwood Golf Course. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. at a cost of \$20 per team. Call Birnamwood at 952-641-1370.

### **Saturday, May 30**

#### **Heart of the City Half-Marathon**

Come and take in the race or run along with the crew. The half-marathon starts at 7:30 a.m. with a 5K race following at 7:45 a.m. Register at: [www.safehavenmn.org/marathon.html](http://www.safehavenmn.org/marathon.html)

#### **Open Public Skating**

The Burnsville Ice Center will have open public skating 7:30 pm to 9:00 p.m. featuring free skate rental.

**Softball Tournament**

Come and join the fun at the “I Love Burnsville” Softball Tournament. Open to all D/E men’s teams and D women’s teams at Lac Lavon Park. For more information contact Garrett Beck at 952-895-4516.

**Cops and Cause Concert**

In keeping with Burnsville’s proactive stance on youth development, the Burnsville Police Department and THE GARAGE will collaborate on the nationally recognized “Cops and a Cause” concert. The event starts at 5:00 p.m., band include Write This Down, No Wings to Speak Of, City of Sound and Years Spent, The Ready Set, the Actress Adorable, My Lady Four, and Aiming for Aurora. Cost is \$10.00 with proceeds donated to charity.

**Sunday, May 31**

**Open Public Skating**

The Burnsville Ice Center will have open public skating Noon to 1:30 p.m. featuring half-price admission.

**Minnesota Valley Humane Society Open House**

The Open House will include a bake sale, a plant sale and activities for the kids. The event runs from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the shelter located at 1313 Highway 13 East in Burnsville.

**YMCA Family Day**

Free admission for Burnsville residents at the Minnesota Valley YMCA located on the Ridges Campus near Portland Avenue and McAndrews Road.

**Monday, June 1**

**Community Blood Drive**

A community blood drive will be held at Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Vickie Martin at 952-895-4496 to sign up or for more information.

**Tuesday, June 2**

**Senior Safety Camp**

Burnsville residents 55 and older are invited to City Hall for an informative and fun filled day of safety talks and activities. Topics include: First Aid, Home Safe Home, Police Weapon Systems, Fire Safety, K-9 Demonstration, Safe Driving, and more! There is no cost for this event & lunch is included. To sign up or for more information, contact Amber Jacobson at 952-895-4575.

**YMCA Seniors Day - Burnsville Location**

Free admission for Burnsville residents 55 and older at the Minnesota Valley YMCA located on the Ridges Campus near Portland Avenue and McAndrews Road.

**Stretch and Stroll at Burnsville Center**

Stretch and Stroll is a fitness class lead by a certified instructor that combines Power Walking and Body Toning exercises. In 60 minutes you will receive a total body workout focused on improving cardiovascular endurance, strength, and flexibility. Visit [www.burnsvillecenter.com](http://www.burnsvillecenter.com) for more information.

**“I Love Burnsville” Essay Contest Award**

This contest will recognize the best third grade compositions completing the sentence “I love Burnsville because.....” Highland Bank of Burnsville is the event sponsor. The winning entries will be read live on Cable Television Channel 16 during the City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 3**

**Burnsville Senior Center Ice Cream Open House**

Cool off with a free treat on from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Burnsville Senior Center, Diamondhead Education Center, 200 W. Burnsville Parkway.

**Burnsville Performing Arts Center Open House**

Take a behind the scenes look at the new Burnsville Performing Arts Center from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Art Gallery will also be open with annual “Art Fete” exhibit by the Burnsville Visual Arts Society that promotes original artwork by regional artists.

**Thursday, June 4**

**Stretch and Stroll at Sunset Pond**

Stretch and Stroll is a fitness class lead by a certified instructor that combines Power Walking and Body Toning exercises. In 60 minutes you will receive a total body workout focused on improving cardiovascular endurance, strength, and flexibility. This free event takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Sunset Pond Park.

**Mountain Bike Race - Buck Hill**

Take the challenge of the Buck Hill bike course. Racing starts at 6:30 p.m. with beginner classes and a 20 minute race starting at \$5 or a recreational race 40 minute race at \$10. A free kids race follows. Contact Penn Cycle at 952-888-1427 for details.

**Farmers Market at Mary, Mother of the Church**

The tradition continues at Mary, Mother of the Church located along Cliff Road just east of Kennelly Road. Choose from homegrown, fresh produce and a lot more. 12 noon – 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 5**

**Beach Bash at Crystal Lake Beach**

Come and show your “I Love Burnsville” spirit at the Beach Bash. The pirate themed beach bash gets underway at 7 p.m. at the Crystal Lake Beach. Festivities will include a treasure hunt, bon fire and a movie in the park (“Hook”). All events are free.

**Best Pizza in Burnsville - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

The Burnsville Jaycees will be sponsoring a “Best Pizza in Burnsville” contest during the Beach Bash. Local pizzerias will be dishing up their cuisines so be sure to stop by, have a slice or two and determine who has Burnsville’s best pizza. Cost is \$5.00 to participate and proceeds will go to the Community Action Council Food Shelf.

**George Jones Concert**

Country Music legend George Jones brings his unmistakable voice to the Burnsville Performing Arts Center on Friday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the Burnsville Performing Arts Center box office, all Ticketmaster locations, ticketmaster.com or charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000. For more information go to [www.burnsvillepac.com](http://www.burnsvillepac.com)

**Crystal Lake Clean Up Challenge**

Gather neighbors, friends and family and assist in cleaning up Crystal Lake from 12 noon to 8:00 pm and Saturday, June 6 from 12 noon to 5:00 pm. The family or group that picks up the most trash from the lake and returns it to the Crystal Lake Beach concession building will win a gift certificate to a local restaurant. City canoes can be used at no charge, but must be checked out from the concession stand. More information please call 952-895-4550.

**Saturday, June 6**

**Walk with the Mayor**

Get a healthy walk, with a shot of card playing fun with Mayor Elizabeth Kautz. During the walk there will be five stops and at each of those stops you can pick a playing card. At the end of the walk you will have a five card poker hand. Prizes will be awarded for the best poker hands. Meet at 10 a.m. at Nicollet Commons Park for this fun and free event.

**Burnsville Maintenance Facility Open House**

The City will be hosting an Open House from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Maintenance Center to show the public the new addition which houses much of the City’s equipment. Stop by and show the kids the loaders, snow plow trucks, and the huge vacuum cleaners that the City owns. Kids will be able to paint an actual snow plow used by the City! Hot dogs and other refreshments will be served. Free event. The Maintenance Facility is located at 13713 Frontier Court, near County Road 11 and Interstate 35E.

**Appliances/Electronics Drop-Off Event**

Here’s a great way to depart with old appliances and electronics in an environmentally friendly way in a convenient location. Event runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Burnsville Maintenance Center, 13713 Frontier Court. See article below for more details.

**South River Hills Garage Sale**

The tradition continues with the legendary South River Hills Garage sale event. Browse multiple sales located in the neighborhood located just south of Highway 13 and east of Cliff Road.

**Appliances/Electronics Drop-Off Event**

Come to the City of Burnsville Maintenance Facility, 13713 Frontier Court from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and depart with your unwanted stuff. Items accepted include washers, dryers, ovens, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, trash compactors, air conditioners, water heaters and water softeners.(\$8.00 each) \$15- \$25 for electronics such as monitors and televisions and \$5 for other residential electronics devices such as computer towers, stereos, radios, etc. No charge for keyboards, mice, small calculators and phones. Hazardous waste, furniture, construction/demolition materials, mattresses, scrap metal, and tires are not accepted.

**Community Wide Food Drive**

Help your community by donating food items. Drop off donations at any activity during any ‘I Love Burnsville Week’ activity or anytime at City Hall. Commonly needed items are: pasta and sauces, tuna, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, canned fruit, diapers, laundry soap and body soap. Donations will support the Community Action Council Food Shelf. Food shelf donations typically decline in the summer. This is a great time to give when it is needed most.

More information on all events please visit [www.burnsville.org/love](http://www.burnsville.org/love) on the internet.