

# Spring /Summer Newsletter



## 2016

## City-wide Clean Up May 13th & 14th

City-wide clean up days are Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14th for **city residents only**.

Items will be accepted at the Braham City Shop (2 blocks south of City Hall) Friday, May 13th, between the hours of 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm, and on Saturday, May 14th, from 9:00 am to noon, or place items on the curb by 7:00 am for an additional \$20 pick up fee.

**ABSOLUTELY NO ITEMS ACCEPTED OUTSIDE THE SPECIFIED HOURS!**

### 2016 Clean up Charges

Appliances	\$15.00	Electronics	\$5.00
TV's <25"	\$14.00	TV's >25"	\$28.00
Monitors	\$14.00	Hide-a-bed	\$30.00
Mattress/Box Spring	\$25.00	Furniture	\$5.00
Carpet	\$10.00	Ballast	\$3.00
<b>Tires:</b>			
Passenger	\$3.00	Lt. truck	\$4.00
Bobcat	\$8.00	Tractor under 200#	\$27.00
Tractor over 200#	\$35.00		

**CURBSIDE PICK UP \$20.00**

No charge for keyboards, cell phones, batteries, grass and leaves.

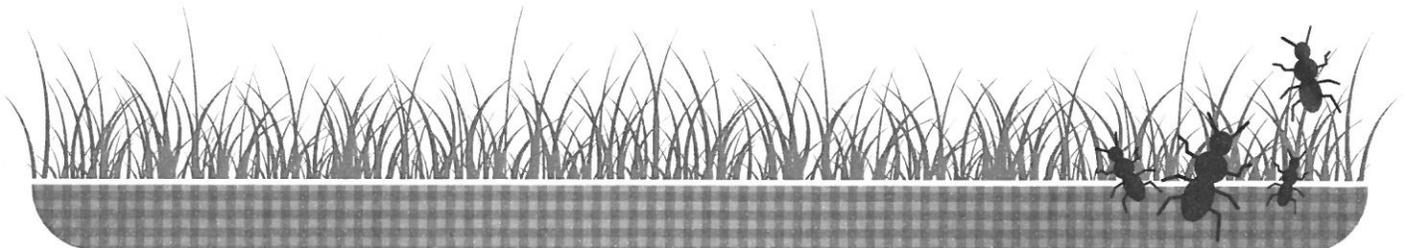
**Not accepting** fluorescent tubes, household waste, construction materials, or hazardous materials.

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### Important Dates

3/26	Youth Football Fundraiser
4/21	Braham Business Expo
4/22	Home Town Liquor Spring Tasting
4/23	Daddy/Daughter Dance
4/29-4/30	City Wide Garage Sales
4/30	Smelt Fry & Bake Sale
5/13-5/14	City-wide Clean Up
5/21	5k Color Run/Walk
6/4	Appreciation Day & Brain Aneurysm 5k Run/Walk
6/14	Flag Retirement
8/5	Pie Day



## To all Braham Water/Sewer Customers:

The City of Braham is committed to providing the highest quality sewer service to its customers. From time to time, we experience a problem with the City sewer line which, if not detected early, can result in a backup of raw sewage into a residence. The City requests all residents to report any change in their sewer immediately. Toilets flushing slowly or water coming up through a basement drain may be a sign of a sewer problem. A quick, friendly check by a City worker will determine if there is a problem in the City line. The City also wants to remind residents not to flush diapers, towels and rags down the toilet, or dump grease down a drain.

Also, it is important to know that the City's insurance will not pay sewer backup damage claims if the City's insurance adjuster determines that the City was not negligent. In most cases, this has been the outcome of claims, so **it is important for residents to make sure they have sewer backup coverage included in their homeowner's policy. Especially for those with finished basements.**

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*City Wide Garage Sales are Fri. April 29th and Sat. April 30th!*

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## Hydrant Flushing

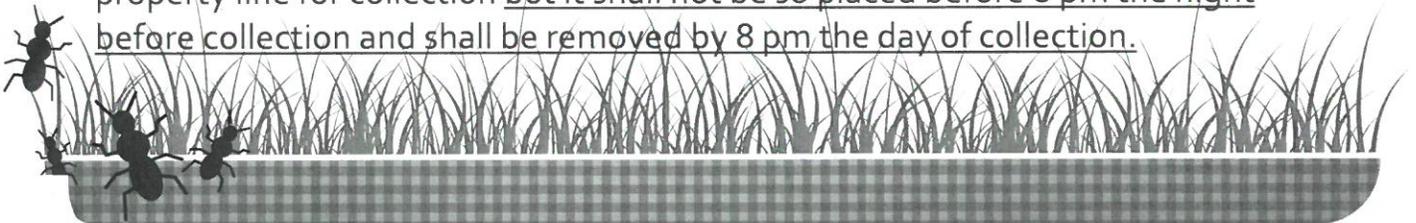


Weather permitting, the City of Braham will begin flushing hydrants in April and continue through May. You may experience some dark water during this time due to the force of the water being pushed through the system. Please be patient, it will take a few days for the water to get back to normal.

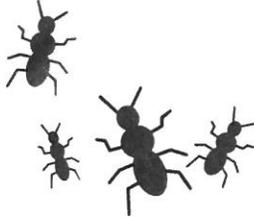
If you notice hydrants being flushed in your area, please try **not** doing laundry at this time, as light-colored clothing can become stained from the dark water.

## Garbage Receptacles

Ordinance No. 109 regulates the storage, collection, transportation, and disposal of refuse. Sect.4, Subd.3, Placement. Where an alley open to traffic is available, each container for premises abutting the alley shall be placed at the rear of the property next to the alley. Where no alley exists, the container shall be placed near the rear door of the building to which it relates. In that case, the container shall be placed at the front property line for collection but it shall not be so placed before 8 pm the night before collection and shall be removed by 8 pm the day of collection.



# BRAHAM APPRECIATION DAY Sat. June 4th



Mr. Braham Competition, Kids Games, Entertainment, Parade,  
Meal, Live Band, Beer Garden and much more!

Sponsored by the Braham Chamber of Commerce

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*Severe Weather Awareness Week April 11-15th*

*State wide tornado drills will be Thurs. April 14th at 1:45 pm and 6:55 pm*

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The City offers a 2<sup>nd</sup> meter for the purpose of summer irrigation. Residents would only pay for the water portion of the irrigation. The cost is \$260.00\* per meter. This is available April 15 through October 14. Contact City Hall for more information.

\*Cost subject to change.



## Sewer Charge Breakdown

77% Operations  
and Maintenance

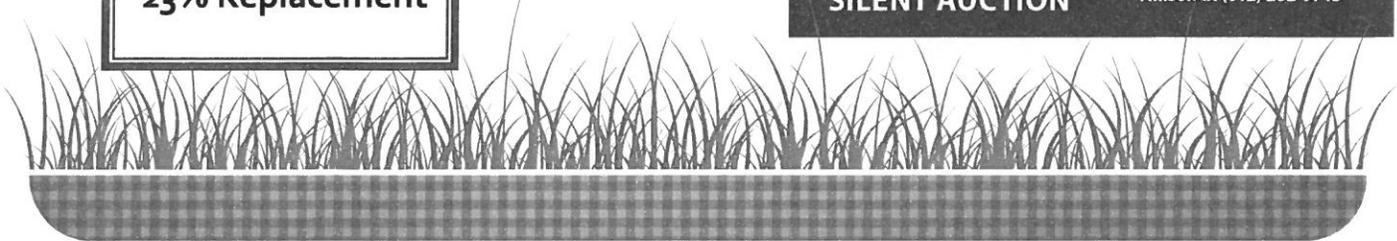
23% Replacement

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

To support Braham Area Youth Football  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016**  
7:00-11:00 a.m.  
at the Community Events Center

Tickets:  
\$7.00 each  
**SILENT AUCTION**

Braham MN  
For More Information  
Allison at (612) 282-9715



# Home Town Liquor Annual Spring Tasting

(Not just wine!)

Friday, April 22nd 2016. 6pm to 8:30pm at the Braham Event Center.

(Must be 21)

Wine, liquors, beer, great food, good music, good friends, good fun, cash bar



Bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation for the Food Shelf.

Owners/Winemakers from Northern Hollow, North Folk and Winehaven will be there.

Everything you wanted to know about Glen Moray Scotch presentation by Kelly Tomek.

Presale tickets on sale April 4 thru 16th for \$10 or \$15 at the door night of tasting.



The **Braham Area Farmers Market** is held Thursday from 3-7pm, May thru October, at Freedom Park along Hwy 107 in downtown Braham and features local produce, jams and jellies, farm fresh eggs, fresh baked treats, hand-crafted items and more!

## 2016 BRAHAM AREA BUSINESS

# EXP



FREE Kids Games!



Bingo for kids up to 22 w/prizes.

Thursday, April 21, 2016

11AM to 7PM

BRAHAM EVENT CENTER

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FREE ADMISSION!

- Demonstrations ● Free Canvas Bag to First 200 Attendees ● Local Business Exhibits ● Register for Drawings & Prizes ● Food Available
- (Choice Filled Pork Sandwich or Sloppy Joe, Colelaw, Chips, Pickle) Just \$3  
families w/small kids \$20 max



Tour the Fire Trucks - Rides, too!



### ATTENTION BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS!

Over 30 vendors attended last year's Expo; space is limited and goes quickly. PRIZE for best booth is FREE registration next year!

Registration information is available online at [BrahamChamber.com](http://BrahamChamber.com) or call (320) 496-9345!

The Braham Ambassador &  
Little Miss Braham

# Daddy Daughter



# Dance

Saturday, April 23, 2016

6:30-8:30 pm \* Braham Area Elementary

Tickets-\$20 per Couple \* \$5 Each Additional Guest

Daddies & daughters of all ages are welcome. Daughters can also bring any special adult male in your life such as grandpa, uncle, and step-dad.

Tickets can be purchased in Braham at Salon 311 and Braham Country Floral and in Cambridge at The Barbershop

Email: [brahamambassador@gmail.com](mailto:brahamambassador@gmail.com)

15th Annual City-Wide Garage Sale  
will be held on  
Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, 2016!



**DEADLINE TO REGISTER YOUR SALE**

Monday, April 18th.

Make checks for \$15.00 payable to the Braham Area Chamber of Commerce.  
This pays for posters and newspaper/KBEK radio advertising.

## Braham Fire Smelt Fry & Bake Sale

Sat. Apr. 30th 1 to 7 pm  
at the Fire Hall.

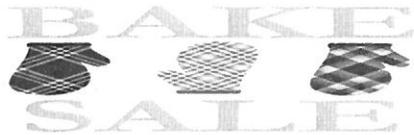
**ALL YOU CAN EAT SMELT!**



Limit 1 serving:

Chips, beans, coleslaw, and dinner roll.

\$10 per person



Get dessert at the Bake Sale being held during the Smelt Fry! A variety of home baked goodies will be available for you to take home.

### Mosquito Spraying

The City of Braham will be spraying for mosquitoes.

The plan will be to spray Friday evenings, weather permitting. Rain washes the chemicals away and wind will dissipate the spray.

### City Compost Site

This site is for use by city residents only.

Located west of the Elementary School, north of the Event Center on 8th St SW.

Leaves, brush, small limbs and sticks can be placed at the site.  
**NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ACCEPTED!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
TO KEEP GRASS AND  
WEEDS TO A HEIGHT  
OF 6 INCHES OR LESS!**



## Flag Retirement



Tues. June 14th

6:30 pm at Freedom Park

Flags can be dropped off at City Hall



*Homemade Pie Capital of Minnesota*

Fri., August 5th, 2016

## Braham Area Girl Scout 5K Color Run/Walk

Building girls of  
courage, confidence,  
and character,  
who make the world  
a better place.

**Saturday May 21, 2016 9:00 A.M. Race Start**

- **RACE STARTS** at Braham Area High School at 531 Elmhurst Ave S, Braham, MN 55006
- **ENTRY FEES**
  - \$10.00 before April 23, 2016 (event t-shirt guaranteed)
  - \$15.00 after April 23, 2016 / Same Day Registration (no guarantee for t-shirt)
  - T-shirts/Additional T-shirts can be purchased for \$8.00
- **CHECK IN, T-SHIRT PICK-UP, SAME DAY REGISTRATION** (no t-shirt guarantee on same day reg.) 8:00am race day @ Braham High School
- **T-SHIRTS** are guaranteed to all pre-registered participants with a postmark by Saturday, April 23
- **PROCEEDS** from this race benefit Braham Area and River Valleys Girl Scouts
- **CHECKS PAYABLE TO Braham Girl Scouts**
- **MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO** Braham Girl Scouts; 400 Circle Dr. Braham, MN 55006
- **ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT**
  - Tish Carlson @ 763-244-0450 or email tishywishy@msn.com
  - Tracey Brewer @ 320-515-1829 or email sandgardencandles@gmail.com

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*VFW Breakfast is held the first Saturday of  
each month at the Event Center.*

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## Conserving Water with your Lawn and Yard

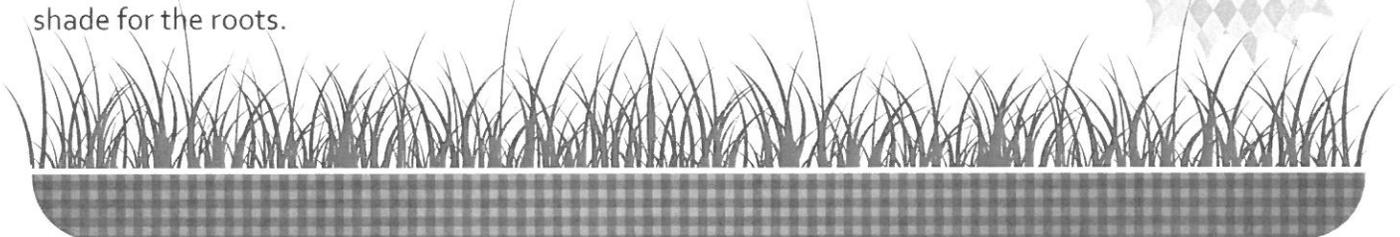
The best time to water most lawns is before 10:00 am because rising heat later tends to steal a lot of water by evaporation. This allows grass and leaves to dry off quickly. Evening or night watering leaves the grass wet and can allow lawn diseases to develop.

If you let your grass grow to about 1 1/2 to 2 inches in the summer, water loss will be reduced because the blades will provide shade for the roots.

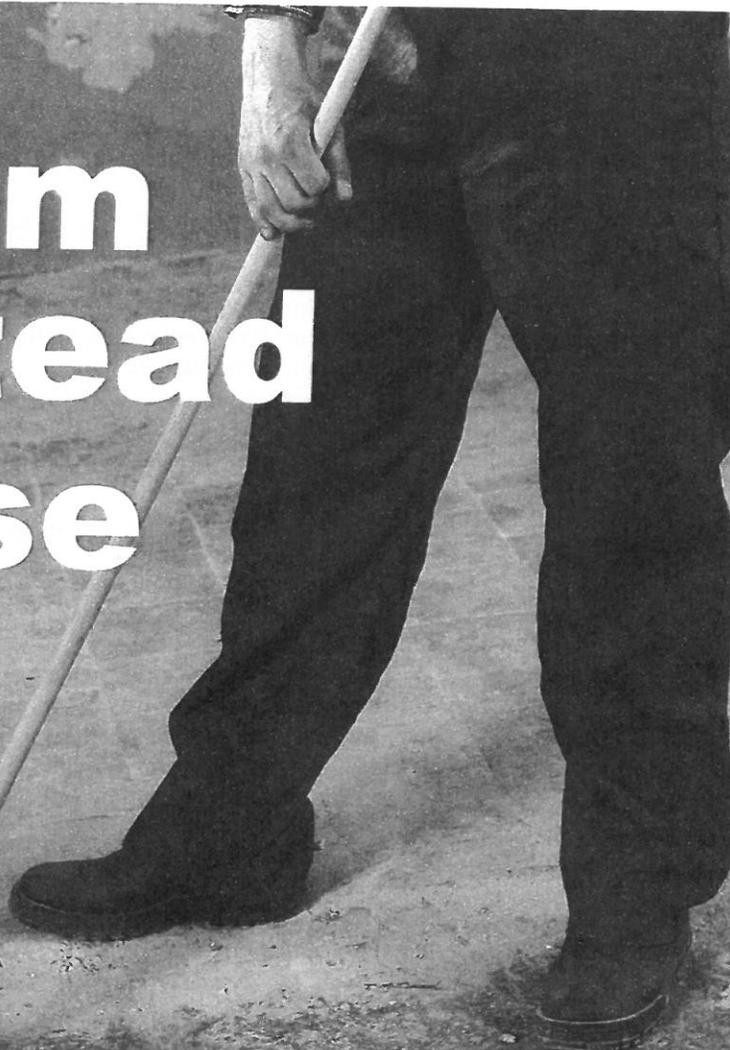
Sprinklers throwing large drops in a flat pattern are more effective than those with fine, high sprays.

Forget about watering streets, sidewalks and driveways. They don't grow a thing.

*MRWA Water Conservation Facts*



Use a  
**Broom**  
**Instead**  
OF  
A **Hose**



**NICE  
SAVE!**

**USE WATER WISELY**

Remember that broom in the corner of the garage? Reach for this instead of the hose to clean the driveway and you'll save eight to ten gallons a minute. That's a "nice save" for Minnesota's water future. It's important for each of us to save water, every day. Using a broom will help us brush away our worries about water conservation. For more easy tips to save water in Minnesota, visit: [www.mrwa.com](http://www.mrwa.com).

Brought to you by:



Minnesota Rural  
Water Association

# *Let it run. . . and get the lead out!*

## *Important information on how to protect your health*

Lead is a common metal that has been in many consumer products but is now known to be harmful to human health if ingested or inhaled. It can be found in lead-based paint, air, soil, household dust, food, some types of pottery, and drinking water. When people come in contact with lead, it may enter their bodies and accumulate over time, resulting in damage to the brain, nervous system, red blood cells, and kidneys.

The following is information about lead in drinking water: why it is a cause for concern, how it enters water, and most importantly, simple precautions you can take to protect you and your family.

### **Why is lead in drinking water a problem?**

Drinking water is not our only source of lead exposure. However, combined with other sources, lead in water can increase the build-up of lead in our bodies. Lead in water can be a special problem for infants, whose diets may be mostly liquids, such as baby formulas or concentrated juices mixed with water. Smaller bodies can absorb lead more rapidly than bigger ones, so amounts of lead that won't hurt an adult can be very harmful to a child. A child's mental and physical growth can be permanently harmed by too much lead.

### **How does lead get into my drinking water?**

Lead is rarely found in natural sources of water such as rivers and lakes or underground aquifers. However, it may work its way into drinking water after the water has left the treatment plant and is on its way to people's faucets. This usually happens through the corrosion of materials containing lead in household plumbing. These materials include brass faucets, lead solder on copper pipes, lead pipes, or lead service lines connecting the water main to the inside plumbing.

Lead pipes are no longer installed for service lines or in household plumbing, and lead solder has been outlawed in Minnesota since 1985. The amount of lead allowed in brass faucets has also been limited, but can still contribute some lead to drinking water (note that many faucets are made of brass even if they do not have a "brass" color). Even with these restrictions in place, some homes—especially older homes—may still have significant amounts of lead in their plumbing systems.

### **How can I reduce lead in my drinking water?**

***Let It Run.*** Flush taps before using water from them for drinking or cooking. Water that stands idle in pipes for long periods of time—such as overnight or during the day when people are gone to work and school—is more likely to absorb materials from the plumbing system. The best way to rid the pipes of water that may contain lead is to let the cold-water faucet run until you feel that the water is as cold as it will get. The amount of time this takes will depend on your home and how its plumbing is arranged—but you should always run the water for at least 60 seconds. If your home has a lead service line (which you can determine by asking your local water utility), you should flush water for an additional 2 to 3 minutes to make sure you are getting fresh water from the water main. Be sure to flush standing water before using any water for drinking or cooking purposes.

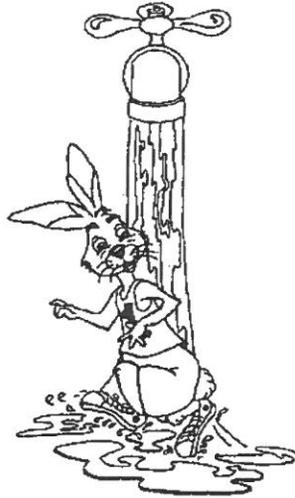
#### ***Tips for flushing:***

- 💧 Other household water uses will also help clear standing water from your home's plumbing. For example, you may want to establish a routine of doing household tasks that use water—such as showering, flushing the toilet, or running the dishwasher—first thing in the morning before using water for drinking or cooking. Keep in mind that you'll still need to flush individual faucets for a short time before using them for drinking water.
- 💧 The water you run from drinking water taps does not have to be wasted. You can use this water for cleaning purposes or for watering plants.
- 💧 You may want to keep a container of drinking water in your refrigerator, so you don't have to run water every time you need it.

***Use Only Cold Water for Cooking and Drinking.*** Hot water dissolves lead more quickly than cold water, so don't use water from your hot-water faucet for cooking or drinking. If you need hot water for cooking or drinking, take water from the cold tap and heat it. It is especially important not to use the hot water for making baby formula.

### **Will water treatment devices help?**

Some treatment devices can reduce the amount of lead in your drinking water. Reverse-osmosis and distillation units can be used for that purpose. A few types of water filters also remove lead. Check the product literature to be sure it has been certified for lead removal by NSF International (<http://nsf.org>). Also, you must follow the manufacturer's recommendations for operation and maintenance to ensure that the treatment equipment works correctly.



***Let it run!***

### **How can I get my water tested for lead?**

Testing for lead can help determine if there is too much in your drinking water. Many laboratories can test your water to see if there is a lead problem. Fees will vary between labs. Check your Yellow Pages under "Laboratories-Testing."



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